

Cone Ranch Environmental Advisory Panel
Recap of Meeting on October 23, 2009 2:00 - 4:00 PM
County Center
Environmental Advisory Panel Members

Heidi McCree, Chair
Rosanne Clementi, Vice Chair
Hugh Gramling
Vivienne Handy

Pamela Jo Hatley
Dr. Felix T. Haynes
Denise Layne

Technical Resource Group

Mark Adams
Jack Berlin
Will Bissett
Steven Blaschka*
Hank Ennis*
Susan Fernandez
Pete Fowler
Lucia Garsys*
Paula Harvey *

Ed Helvenston, Sr.
Mike Kelly
Renee Lee *
Mike Merrill
Richard Miller *
Jim Roberts
John Sheahen*
Tim Simon
Bob Stetler*

Edith Stewart
Eric Sutton*
Paul Vanderploog
Andrew Zodrow
Mark Barcelo*

* Not in attendance
** Late Arrival

The Chairman, Heidi McCree, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM at County Center in 26 B. Denise Layne asked that the names of the individuals who voted yes and no be added to the Recap. After proposing other additions relating to mitigation banking to the Recap of the August 24 meeting, the Recap was adopted as amended.

Mike Merrill, Utilities and Commerce Administrator, presented a graph which outlined the alternative methods for disposition of Cone Ranch. Additional presentations were made by each of the individuals listed on the agenda.

Denise Layne proposed that one of the Panel's recommendations to the BOCC should be for them to open discussions with Tampa Bay Water regarding the relinquishment of their water rights on Cone Ranch.

Discussion of Panel recommendations ensued with the Chairman suggesting that the Panel consider writing a letter to the BOCC which would include some basic recommendations such as the one proposed by Mrs. Layne. Ms. Clementi proposed that Panel members write down their thoughts and forward them to staff so that the comments could be posted on the Cone Ranch website so that an exchange of ideas could take place without the necessity for a meeting. Such a process would permit the public to submit their comments as well for posting. Ultimately, the Chairman proposed to the Panel that she would transmit a memo to the Board indicating that the Panel was not yet ready to submit recommendations.

Twelve citizens addressed the Panel.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM