

1 **MINUTES OF MEETING**
2 **SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

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4 A Regular Meeting of the Sunshine Water Control District's Board of Supervisors was
5 held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at Sartory Hall, located in Mullins Park,
6 10150 NW 29 Structural (Ben Geiger Drive), Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

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8 **Present at the meeting were:**

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10 Joe Morera President
11 Daniel Prudhomme Vice President
12 John Tornincasa Secretary

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14 **Also present were:**

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16 Cindy Cerbone District Manager
17 Al Malefatto District Counsel
18 Gene Schriner District Engineer
19 Orlando Rubio Craig A. Smith & Associates, Inc.
20 Jim Maguire Craig A. Smith & Associates, Inc.
21 Cory Selchan Field Superintendent
22 John McKune McKune & Associates
23 Juan Robby City of Coral Springs Assistant Director of
24 Public Works
25 Christine Price Resident
26 Tim Jones Resident
27 Peter Policastro Resident
28 Paul and Shannon Blomer Residents
29 Steve and Jean Schwartz Residents
30 Lachlan and Michelle Shiver Resident
31 Kyle and Inez Stottlemeyer Residents
32 Robert and JoAnne Romanowski Residents
33 Margaret Switzer Resident
34 Peter Lindsey Resident
35 Steve and Aimee Appelbaum Resident
36 Elizabeth and Anthony Piteo Residents
37 John Poffenbarger Resident
38 Warren Holck Resident
39 Mary Ann Holck Resident
40 Constance Sweeney Resident
41 David J. Smith Resident
42 Jim Ambrose Resident
43 Georges Lherisson Resident
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45 **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Call to Order**

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47 Ms. Cerbone called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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49 **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Roll Call**

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51 Ms. Cerbone called the roll. All Supervisors were present, in person.

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53 **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Pledge of Allegiance**

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55 All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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57 **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Recap: West Outfall Canal Presentation**
58 **and Discussion at the City of Coral**
59 **Springs Workshop on October 25, 2017**

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61 Ms. Cerbone gave a brief explanation of how tonight’s meeting would proceed and asked
62 Mr. Maguire to provide a recap of the West Outfall Canal Presentation, delivered on October 25,
63 2017, to the Coral Springs City Commissioners at their workshop.

64 Mr. Maguire stated that District Staff previously met with City Commissioners and other
65 entities and educated them on the West Outfall Canal project. Tonight’s goal was to educate
66 residents. He gave an overview of the Sunshine Water Control District (SWCD) and its projects
67 and pointed out that SWCD’s Mission was to provide stormwater drainage and flood protection
68 for 16,000 residents. The Coral Springs Bridge would benefit from the West Outfall Canal
69 project, as improvements would be made underneath the bridge to create better drainage.
70 Understanding that residents were impacted and inconvenienced by the project, the District was
71 doing its utmost to address residents’ concerns and provide answers as to why the improvements
72 were necessary. The project was split into four phases, would cost approximately \$6.2 million
73 and take four to five years to complete. The canal would be widened, in a few years, and the
74 Board was fiscally responsible and planned on completing the project without any outside
75 financing or need to raise money or increase assessments. A public relations firm was recently
76 hired to assist with the communication and coordination of the West Outfall project. Quest
77 Corporation of America (QCA) representatives were conducting site visits, circulating a letter
78 containing facts and options about the project and leaving door hangers for residents who were

79 not home. The goal was to educate stakeholders, receive feedback via the hotline and be of
80 service to residents. The Board thought it important to take a grassroots approach because it
81 understood the challenges and its members were Coral Springs residents, as well. Mr. Maguire
82 reported that packages were sent to residents on October 27 and, the next day, QCA
83 representatives went door-to-door and spoke to residents at approximately 21 of 58 homes;
84 approximately 37 door-hangers were left and 12 residents called and followed up.

85 Regarding the trees in the canal and the right-of ways (ROWs), as a result of Hurricane
86 Irma, Mr. Maguire stated that the total cost for tree removal was \$1.6 million and, if the Federal
87 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved reimbursement, the District would expend
88 approximately \$400,000 for FEMA to manage it. Today it costs \$700 to move a tree in the canal
89 and Staff was focused on restoring the canals to their previous states with nothing in the way.
90 Encroachments are defined as trees, shrubs and structures in the ROW and the original West
91 Outfall Project Plan was modified from four phases into two parts; Plan 1a and Plan 1b. Plan 1a
92 included removal of encroachments from areas outlined in Phases 1 and 2. District Staff hoped
93 to complete Plan 1a by April 2018, which should take six weeks. Plan 1b is to begin
94 construction on Phase 1, which would be Royal Palm Drive to 200 or 300 yards past Coral
95 Springs Drive, which entailed widening and deepening the canal and was slated for completion
96 by November 2018. Regarding impact to residents, a 5' buffer was created on each side of the
97 canal and, if it is agreed that a resident could plant one of the approved plantings in the buffer, an
98 agreement must be reached with the District, prior to planting in the buffer. In sum, various
99 approaches were offered including conferring with residents, removing encroachments at the
100 District's expense. In response to a resident's question, Mr. Maguire explained that the buffer
101 would be a 5' line from the property line into the District's property, where approved plants
102 could be installed. In response to a question regarding how many feet would be added on each
103 side of the canal, Mr. Maguire stated that it would vary from 8' to 25' and District Staff would
104 address that with each resident individually. The Board devised a detailed project plan to ensure
105 success and avoid the errors made with the Canal Z project. The District owned the project and
106 brought the City in and would address solutions together. Communication commenced in
107 October. By December, District Staff hoped to receive some of the Agreements.

108 Ms. Cerbone stated that the election forms were not binding Agreements but were a
109 means to convey what residents would like to discuss with the District Team. It contained three

110 options and, if residents were uncertain as to which option to choose, they could write a note on
111 the form, prior to submission. District Staff looked forward to receiving the forms, in writing,
112 and would try to accommodate each homeowner; if a form was not received, the District would
113 proceed with Option 2. . To recap, the Agreements would be compiled and the project would
114 commence in April; it was estimated that it would take up to six weeks to remove all
115 encroachments, followed by a five or six month break before the canal construction (phase 1b)
116 would begin. Stump grinding and stump removal would occur next, with trucks and other
117 machinery excavating the canal. There would be no impact to sprinklers in Plan 1a, all trees
118 would be cut to ground level and Plan 1b would commence approximately 5 to 6 months later.
119 Phase 2 would commence in two years and it was not certain yet whether Phases 3 and 4 would
120 be necessary. Mr. Maguire concluded that this was the presentation presented to the City and
121 other entities; the overall goal was to educate everyone on the West Outfall project, as the Board
122 cared about the community and its main focus was to provide solutions to avert potential future
123 flooding.

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125 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Public Comments [3-Minute Time Limit]
(Comments should be made from the microphone to ensure recording. Please state your name prior to speaking.)

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130 Mr. Morera stated that, many speakers would voice their comments during tonight's
131 meeting and urged speakers not to repeat similar questions or comments as their neighbors, in
132 order to speed up the process. All questions and concerns would be addressed.

133 Ms. Cerbone stated that Mr. Maguire's presentation was previously posted on the CDD
134 website and encouraged residents to download data from the CDD website or call the
135 communications line for information. She acknowledged Mr. Juan Robby, Assistant Director of
136 Public Works for the City of Coral Springs, was in the audience. All speakers should submit
137 speaker forms prior to participating in Public Comments and comments would be timed to ensure
138 that residents adhered to the three-minute allotted time. The District team would listen and any
139 clarification requests or questions specific to a property, such as a fence, a tree, or structure that
140 could not be addressed during the meeting, would be answered within a few weeks after the
141 meeting. It was important to communicate residents' needs on the election form so that the
142 Team could work with individual homeowners. Mr. Maguire stated that the District Team was

143 comprised of civil servants whose goal was to help residents; therefore, the District's Team
144 should be treated with respect.

145 Mr. John Poffenbarger, a resident, asked if the two bridges on the canal would be
146 replaced, as they had chuck points and would hold more water. Mr. Schriner stated that only the
147 section under the Coral Springs Drive Bridge would be deepened and widened. The remainder
148 of the Bridge would remain unchanged; Staff was working with the County. A Structural
149 Engineer would be consulted and the same concept would be used on the Coral Springs Drive
150 Bridge, to Riverside and further north. In response to Mr. Poffenbarger's next question
151 regarding whether water would be held or moved, Mr. Schriner stated that the project would
152 move water to the pump station more efficiently. Mr. Poffenbarger stated that he resided in his
153 home for over 20 years and had yet to experience any flooding issues and, during Hurricane
154 Irma, the water drained normally. Mr. Maguire attributed that to Mr. Selchan who drained the
155 lakes three days in advance of the hurricane. Mr. Poffenbarger asked if the District could take
156 land from the Cypress Creek Park and widen the canal into the park, as it was a free and clear
157 ROW for the SWCD and was untaxed. Mr. Maguire stated that, from an engineering
158 perspective, there was 100' of property and the canal would be in the center and, depending on
159 location, residents could lose anywhere from 5' to 20'. In response to Mr. Poffenbarger's
160 questions, Mr. Maguire confirmed that the District would re-landscape, sod and irrigate impacted
161 areas and the cleanup time frame would be addressed, during the Hurricane Irma cleanup
162 discussion, later in the meeting.

163 Ms. Christine Price, a resident, understood the need for flood control; however, she felt
164 that there needed to be common ground between protecting families from flooding, protecting
165 the rights of homeowners and taxpayers and protecting the environment. She voiced her opinion
166 that repeated errors were made with water, throughout Florida's history, such as the green toxic
167 slime in Lake Okeechobee. Ms. Price contacted Florida Fish and Wildlife (FFW), the South
168 Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Sun Sentinel regarding the canal project
169 and stated that they have questions of their own. She asked the following questions:

170 ➤ Why were residents' tax dollars being used to improve flood control when the system
171 worked well already? Residents experienced multiple storms since 2001 and the waters drained
172 within hours.

173 ➤ Was the system or the pump over-engineered? If it overheated, the District should
174 consider purchasing new pumps rather than going forward with the project.

175 ➤ How long would the West Outfall Canal project take to complete? Residents needed a
176 realistic timeline, as Canal Z took a lot longer than anticipated.

177 ➤ How long would the area take to recover from turbidity and sediment and how would the
178 District improve its processes and implement the lessons learned from the Canal Z project?

179 ➤ When would the District correct the information regarding her property line? Upon being
180 told that her fence must be moved, Ms. Price produced her property line and title documents,
181 prompting Ms. Ferraro, from QCA to retreat. She wanted to know that information would be
182 corrected.

183 ➤ Why not extend the buffer zone from 5' to 10'?

184 Ms. Price stated that there was no environmental ecological impact study for the project
185 and certain species use the canals as habitat and herbicides were recently applied, which
186 adversely impacted some species, including the Florida Wood Stork that resided in her backyard.

187 ➤ What would be done to protect the environment?

188 Ms. Price stated that local residents, officials from FFW and the Sun Sentinel wanted
189 answers that balanced the need of taxpayers, homeowners and wildlife. Mr. Maguire pointed out
190 that, although many residents did not have flooding issues, the District represented 16,000
191 residents and those who resided in Corporate Park and the Westchester area, near Coral Glades
192 High School, were regularly flooded. For better or worse, the West Outfall was the only main
193 drain that would prevent flooding in those areas.

194 Mrs. Aimee Appelbaum, a resident, asked how many Engineers were in attendance.
195 After learning that there were two Engineers present, she stated her buffer needed to coincide
196 with the fence line. She did not want her fence moved and stated that all residents on 104th
197 Terrace would like to keep the fence. She and her neighbors wanted the trees removed not three
198 months from now, followed by construction in three years, and residents needed the buffer not
199 only for protection and privacy but also as a shield from Taravella High School and other
200 sounds. She asked how wide the canal would be and stated that there would be new snakes and
201 snake fish in close proximity to her property. The pump station project left a lot of debris and
202 exposed residents to noise and dust. Regarding the West Outfall project, Ms. Appelbaum stated

203 that residents were asked to sign a form but there was no detail of construction. She posed the
204 following questions:

- 205 ➤ Was the Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) contacted?
- 206 ➤ Would the project work; was a mathematician contacted?
- 207 ➤ Can the pump station actually take the amount of water that the project would produce?
- 208 ➤ Can water management handle the large amount of water that would flow through the C-
209 14 Canal?

210 Ms. Appelbaum requested a formal report, as the stress of construction would be
211 unbearable, and a \$100 rebate for a cleaning service to remove debris and dust that would
212 accumulate in residents' homes. She stated that District Staff's assumptions were not good
213 enough and that cubic footage should be supplied to the Corps and mathematicians for
214 certification. Mr. Rubio stated that Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) applications were
215 submitted to the SFWMD and to Broward County's Environmental Resource Licensing Section
216 and District Staff would soon submit a permit request for the construction to the Corps, which
217 was aware of the project. An analysis on existing and proposed conditions was completed and,
218 when all of the improvements in the canal were completed, District Staff would lower the
219 backwater profile of the canal, which would help residents in the Westchester and Corporate
220 Park areas. Ms. Appelbaum replied that anyone could obtain a permit but she would prefer to
221 see a report on the statistics and the math to make sure that the canal would accomplish the cubic
222 footage that was estimated. Mr. Rubio stated that the SFWMD would have to agree with the
223 District's analysis, including the math and hydraulics, to issue a permit.

224 Ms. Inez Stottlemeyer, a resident, stated that she was a long-time resident of Coral Springs
225 and understood the need to improve the canals. She feared that the water would be taken and
226 wanted the City to understand the impact that would have on residents, as they maintained their
227 own properties and needed irrigation to maintain the vegetation that shielded them from noise
228 and trespassers. Residents needed the District's help to minimize the impact of costs to replace
229 sprinkler systems and avocado and mango trees that took years to mature and bear fruit; trees
230 that were there since she was a little girl and were now threatened by the project. Regarding the
231 resulting erosion from the project, Ms. Stottlemeyer asked if concrete seawalls would be erected
232 to guard against it. These were questions that needed to be addressed, as it was costly and time-

233 consuming to maintain properties and not all residents could afford it. She appreciated the tree
234 removals, as a result of Hurricane Irma; however, there were other issues to consider.

235 Mr. Robert Romanowski, a resident, recalled hearing that the canal would be widened
236 from a little bit to a pool. His property was located near the pump station and there was a flow
237 restriction from the bridge at Taravella High School. The District would be creating a restriction
238 by widening and making a pool to feed the pump station because it had the restrictions, so
239 residents' properties would be impacted, significantly, because of the plan to widen to a greater
240 extent than most of the properties along the canal. He posed the following questions:

241 ➤ Would a berm be installed?

242 If so, Mr. Romanowski felt that the area would flood, there would be drainage issues and
243 he would have to reinstate his flood insurance policy.

244 ➤ Who would pay to remove vegetation?

245 Mr. Romanowski stated that a line of palm trees blocked his view of Taravella High
246 School and he would like those palms moved back to the 5' buffer, which was in contention with
247 the fence line. The original fence erected in the area was improperly done and did not have a
248 permit and the remaining homeowners all applied for permits, which were approved and
249 inspected by the City. Subsequently, the City made an error when they reviewed the plans and
250 approved the fences but residents needed a remedy on that.

251 ➤ Can residents keep their 3.6' fence lines since it was 65' to the water?

252 Mr. Romanowski stated that this would minimize homeowner expenses. Mr. Maguire
253 urged Mr. Romanowski to fill out the election form and provide a copy of the permit so the
254 District could work with him. Ms. Cerbone stated that any homeowner with a fence permit
255 should provide the District Team with a copy, as it would be helpful in determining the
256 homeowners' options, and, if a fence permit was lost or misplaced, copies could be ordered on
257 the City's website.

258 Mr. Jim Ambrose, a resident, asked for the following items and voiced his concern:

259 ➤ Can an FAQ containing answers to tonight's questions and responses be posted on the
260 CDD website for all to see?

261 ➤ Can the District circulate renderings of what the canal will look like behind each home,
262 outlining where the new water line would be?

263 ➤ Where would the construction fence be?

264 ➤ What would the elevation change be like behind his home; would all of the fill be
265 removed or added to what was there?

266 ➤ Would there be a hill behind his home?

267 ➤ Would the elevation be changed in any of the area that would not be dredged out?

268 Mr. Ambrose did not want a berm behind his home, as that would cause drainage issues.
269 His home was located behind Taravella High School, which had no foliage on one side and
270 officials have done nothing to enhance school grounds; if anything, the structure was imposing
271 and provided no screening to shield residents’ from student activities. Since the District had full
272 control on the west side, Mr. Ambrose asked for the release of additional land, as there was an
273 access road with space near the school and a barbed wire fence and big gate.

274 Mr. Steve Schwartz, a resident, posed the following questions:

275 ➤ With regard to the easement, if residents did not know how their backyards would be
276 affected, how could they make reasonable statements on the election form and not have to go
277 back and change it upon learning that it was more land than originally thought or understood?

278 ➤ With regard to the excavation, how would equipment such as backhoes and tractors be
279 placed behind residential homes and in the canal? The sod would be destroyed.

280 ➤ Would the District re-sand and replace all the destroyed sod from the front, side and back
281 of residential homes involved in the dredging?

282 ➤ With regard to tree removal, would the trees be removed and replanted where residents
283 wanted them or would they be placed anywhere in their backyards? It was unclear what the
284 District meant by “moving and “removing” trees.

285 ➤ Regarding Phase 2, would it basically start exactly where Phase 1 ended; 300’ from the
286 Coral Springs Bridge?

287 Mr. Maguire clarified that the District would not enter into Mr. Schwartz’s or anyone
288 else’s private property. A temporary construction fence would be erected 5’ from residents’
289 backyards, on both sides of the canal. In response to Mr. Schwartz’s question regarding moving
290 versus removing trees, Mr. Maguire stated that only the trees on the approved list would be
291 moved into the 5’ buffer and residents who did not receive notices from QCA would not be
292 impacted by the project. Phase 1 would occur 200 yards south of Coral Springs Drive and Phase
293 2 would occur 200 to 300 yards north of Riverside Drive. In response to a resident’s question,
294 unapproved trees, vegetation and soil would be removed and loaded onto trucks in the ROW.

295 Ms. Cerbone stated that any vegetation in the District ROW that residents would like to retain
296 but was not on the approved list could be moved, by residents themselves, onto their properties;
297 non-approved vegetation would not be allowed in the buffer. A resident asked where copies of
298 the approved vegetation list were located. Ms. Cerbone stated that the list was posted on the
299 CDD website, could be emailed or mailed to residents, upon request. She distributed the few
300 copies that were available at the meeting. A resident asked when the answers to tonight's
301 questions would be made available. Ms. Cerbone stated that the recorded audio, along with her
302 notes, would be compiled and transcribed. Mr. Morera stated that anyone with questions,
303 whether answered or not, should include them in an email and forward it to Management. Since
304 most questions were similar in nature, all questions would be reviewed, answered and posted on
305 the CDD website, by Staff. In response to a question regarding when election forms were due,
306 Ms. Cerbone reiterated that the election form was not a binding Agreement but was an
307 opportunity for residents to communicate their levels of interest and discuss the different options
308 available with District Staff; all election forms were due by December 1. She shared that three
309 election forms were already submitted; one for Option 1, one for Option 2 and one for Option 3.

310 Ms. Elizabeth Giancarli Piteo, a resident, stated that she was the latest resident and had
311 her permit inspected by the City for the fence on the property line, which is supposedly not a
312 property line that belonged to residents, and, since residents were not surveyors, there was no
313 post there. She would like to arrange for a meeting so she could submit her permit and show that
314 it was all approved, as she would like her buffer to start from that point, and agreed to the fact
315 that all residents on her street would prefer a 10' buffer zone. She voiced similar concerns
316 regarding the berm and the resulting flooding. It seemed as though the project would help
317 residents a few miles up the road and hurt residents in her area. It was important for residents
318 whose homes were located behind Taravella High School to have sufficient foliage to block
319 student activities, etc. If vegetation and foliage were taken away, property values would
320 decrease, which was unfair to residents. Although Ms. Piteo recently moved to Coral Springs,
321 she has resided in South Florida for 22 years and fully understood the flooding problem and it
322 was worsening. She was a flooding victim, in the past, and lost a lot of money and did not want
323 to lose her investment again. Everyone in attendance wanted to protect their investments. She
324 felt that there should be more transparency. She stated that the election forms were not helpful
325 and every resident that she talked to had a different interpretation. There was nothing concrete

326 as far as what the project would look like upon completion or how everyone would be impacted.
327 She understood that Staff did not have all of the answers but questioned how residents were
328 expected to make decisions. Although the election forms were a non-binding Agreement, the
329 District would commence construction in April and residents had insufficient information, which
330 was unfair.

331 Mr. Maguire explained that residents received pictures, in Phase 1, which would be the
332 project, and Staff recently visited a resident and explained the project in detail and was prepared
333 to pay similar visits, upon request. The construction portion of Phase 2 was not fully established
334 but Staff provided residents an idea of what it would entail.

335 Mr. Tim Jones, a resident, moved into his home about one year ago and one of the selling
336 points of the home was the landscape beyond his property line. He was informed at the time that
337 the canal would be expanded and understood that; however, he did not investigate further to
338 learn what the expansion entailed. At this point, he had approximately \$30,000 worth of
339 landscaping and asked if he would be allowed to recoup some of the landscaping with a third-
340 party landscaper and extract it out, before being discarded, as it was not approved vegetation or
341 foliage. Mr. Maguire replied affirmatively. Mr. Jones also understood that he was in Phase 2;
342 his side was staked and residents on the other side were not staked. In response to Mr. Jones'
343 question, Mr. Maguire stated that Phase 2 would occur on both sides. Mr. Jones stated that, by
344 virtue of his address, he would be inconvenienced a few times because of Phase 3 and, whenever
345 it would start, his quality of life would be affected. Mr. Maguire confirmed again that the canal
346 would be widened on both sides, although the homes directly across from Mr. Jones' property
347 were not staked. Mr. Jones wanted to know who came up with the list of acceptable or
348 indigenous plants. Mr. Maguire stated the list was devised by an arborist, who worked with the
349 City and privately and was consulted during the Canal Z project. The approved plant list
350 included trees that would not infringe in the ROW, from a width and height standpoint; they
351 would not end up in a canal after a storm like those in the canal today, which would cost \$1.6
352 million to remove. As for the next step, Mr. Maguire confirmed that District Staff would visit
353 Mr. Jones.

354 Mr. Georges, Lherisson, a resident, recently relocated to the City and pointed out the
355 following items:

356 ➤ Regarding exposure and transparency, had he known that the project was going to
357 happen, he would not have purchased his property, as he had other options. There was no
358 disclosure in the contract regarding the project. He asked for more transparency in relation to
359 what was happening to the changes.

360 ➤ He was not a technical person and did not fully understand the materials distributed and
361 would rather have documents explained in layman's terms to better understand what was
362 happening. He recalled one resident's comment that everyone had a different interpretation of
363 the election form but he had no idea how to read it and did not know what the proposed changes
364 were. He requested assistance for a better understanding.

365 ➤ He was concerned about expenses, the property line and the fence. He spent a significant
366 amount of money on his property and has to expend more money upon learning that the fence
367 must be moved. He is worried about his investment and unsure that he is ready for this
368 unexpected expense. He requested more information about the fence and how it would be
369 handled.

370 ➤ The value of the property was now a concern; he was unsure that there would be potential
371 buyers and wondered if the house would sell as it was less property and the value would
372 diminish in the future. He heard that there were different options and changes and would like to
373 know what the changes will be to gain a better understanding of how to deal with the issues.

374 Mr. Maguire stated that Mr. Lherisson's property did not have a fence on District
375 property and one tree was co-owned. Mr. Malefatto stated that the District was just working
376 within its ROW and the private property would not be touched. Mr. Lherisson stated that,
377 although that seemed reasonable, he still questioned the changes and would like specific details.

378 Mr. Maguire stated that Ms. Ferraro and Mr. Dobens informed residents that the buffer
379 would be anywhere from 8 to 15', on an average, per Staff's direction; however, some homes
380 called for 5' and others for 20'. QCA was absolutely clear on the direction that Staff gave, from
381 a communications standpoint. A resident asked for Mr. Maguire's contact information, as
382 residents had additional questions. Mr. Maguire urged residents to call the hotline and Ms.
383 Ferraro would offer guidance and disseminate information.

384 Ms. Michelle Shiver, a resident, was concerned about the wildlife, as their habitats would
385 be disturbed by the project. It was obvious that much of the vegetation and the trees would be
386 gone. There was a large tree on her lot, by the canal, that holds up excellently during storms and

387 must now be removed and a lot of the wildlife would be affected by the tree removal process.
388 Ms. Shiver was very concerned about sinkholes and felt that her pool deck was sinking; there
389 were differences and dips in the grass, in her backyard, that have worsened over time and, now
390 that there would be digging to widen the canal, as per the drawing, she was very nervous about
391 the resulting erosion. She tried to get someone from the District to examine the area to no avail.
392 She hired a company to buttress and raise her deck and was worried that the sinkhole issue
393 extended beyond her property to neighboring properties. Mr. Maguire stated someone would
394 conduct a site visit. Ms. Shiver stated that she was previously told that the sinkhole issue would
395 not be addressed until November 2018. Mr. Maguire assured her that the issue would be
396 addressed, as it concerned the District ROW.

397 Ms. Margaret Switzer, a resident, stated that Mr. Selchan and Mr. Maguire recently
398 visited her and answered a lot of her questions; however, she had more. She has lived in her
399 home for 32 years and there were a lot of Australian Pines in the backyard when the house was
400 purchased. They were very messy and were taken down a few years later. The City told her that
401 the trees would need to be replaced, once they were removed, and she complied. At the time, it
402 cost \$5,000 to remove and replace the trees. The Queen Palms that were planted were great and
403 would now be removed by the City and she did not understand that, as the City had such strict
404 rules about keeping Coral Springs green and beautiful. She recently learned that the five cassia
405 flowering trees she planted the previous year might be removed because they were not on the
406 approved vegetation list and were under one year old. There was a back and forth with emails to
407 see if the trees could be approved and an answer was pending. There were several varieties of
408 cassia trees and the ones she planted stayed small and did not grow. Regarding irrigation, the
409 sprinkler system would not work for a minimum of six months; hence, it would be difficult for
410 long-term residents, with extensive landscaping, to keep landscaping alive during the dry season.
411 She asked if residents would be given discounts on their water and sewer bills or be charged full
412 price.

413 Mr. Morera thanked all residents for coming and closed the Public Comments section of
414 the meeting.

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416 **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Continued Discussion: Benefits Package
Renewal**

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419 Ms. Cerbone stated that AvMed information was not received in enough time to be
 420 reviewed and presented tonight. She suggested rescheduling the December 12, 2017 meeting to
 421 Monday, December 4, 2017, in order to consider the renewal and, in turn, allow for open
 422 enrollment. The agenda would include a West Outfall Update, Hurricane Irma Update and the
 423 District Engineer would present the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which the District
 424 was required to do on a periodic basis.

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 426 **On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr.**
 427 **Tornincasa, with all in favor, canceling the December 12**
 428 **Regular Meeting and rescheduling the meeting to Monday,**
 429 **December 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., at this location, were approved.**
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431 **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Continued Discussion: Hurricane Irma
Debris Removal**

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 435 Ms. Cerbone stated that an official filing was made with the Natural Resources
 436 Conservation Service (NRCS) and Staff submitted all written information, along with
 437 photographs. Officials were communicating directly with Mr. Selchan and copying Management
 438 on all memoranda. The District was assigned a number and was on the NRCS system. Staff also
 439 commenced filing for FEMA assistance, through Rostan Solutions LLC, a debris monitoring
 440 company servicing the District. Ms. Cerbone stated that, at some point, the District may
 441 withdraw from the NRCS and stay with FEMA, or vice versa. Mr. Selchan stated the District
 442 would prefer funding from the NRCS because a monitoring was not required, which would be
 443 costly. The Board was mindful that, if the wait for FEMA reimbursement was too lengthy, it
 444 might have to pay to remove the trees but, in the meantime, every aspect was covered.

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 446 **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Ratification of Public Involvement/
Community Outreach Agreement
Between Sunshine Water Control District
and Quest Corporation of America, Inc.**

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 451 Ms Cerbone presented the Public Involvement/Community Outreach Agreement with
 452 QCA, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,064, which was for manpower hours and expenses to be

453 billed at actual, not to exceed \$1,000, for any printed materials, such as door hangers and fact
454 sheets.

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On MOTION by Mr. Tornincasa and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, the Public Involvement/Community Outreach Agreement between the Sunshine Water Control District and Quest Corporation of America, Inc., in a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,064, was ratified.

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In response to Mr. Tornincasa’s question regarding insurance coverage and any litigation if something happened to QCA representatives in the field, Mr. Malefatto stated that QCA would be responsible.

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NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Unaudited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2017

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Ms. Cerbone presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2017.

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Total revenues were at 102%.

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On MOTION by Mr. Tornincasa and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2017, were approved.

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TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of minutes

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A. September 28, 2017 Rescheduled Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

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Ms. Cerbone presented the September 28, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes and asked for any additions, deletions or corrections. Changes submitted by the District Engineer would be incorporated.

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On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr. Tornincasa, with all in favor, the September 28, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended to incorporate the District Engineer’s previously submitted changes, were approved.

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491 **B. October 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

492 Ms. Cerbone presented the October 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and asked for any
493 additions, deletions or corrections. Changes submitted by District Counsel would be
494 incorporated.

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496 **On MOTION by Mr. Tornincasa and seconded by Mr.**
497 **Prudhomme, with all in favor, the October 11, 2017 Regular**
498 **Meeting Minutes, as amended to incorporate District Counsel's**
499 **previously submitted changes, were approved.**

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502 **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**502 **Supervisors' Communications**

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505 Mr. Prudhomme thought that the public comments portion of the meeting went well and
506 commended Staff for visiting residents, in advance of the meeting, to educate and address
507 complaints and thanked Ms. Cerbone for maintaining control of the meeting and keeping time.
508 He stated that this would be recorded as one of the most impressive moments for the District.

509 Mr. McKune stated that, although the residents were unhappy with the proposed project
510 and upset that the District was in their backyards, most were reasonable and professional. They
511 understood that the District must protect all residents; it was not just about them but about
512 voicing their displeasure which was part of the process. The District would do its utmost to work
513 with homeowners, to avoid residents involving City Commissioners in this process and, so far,
514 the District Team has managed that.

515 In response to Mr. Schriener's question regarding how the questions posed during
516 tonight's meeting would be managed, Ms. Cerbone would request expedited copies of the
517 minutes, stipulating that the questions be listed separately to formulate the FAQ for the CDD
518 website and asked the District Team to send her any and all notes taken during the Public
519 Comments portion of the meeting. Nothing would be posted without District Staff's review and
520 approval. Discussion ensued regarding the FAQ, the berm, site visits, property lines and borders.

521 Mr. Morera felt that the District Team did a fine job of managing expectations, keeping
522 answers short and treating everyone with respect. The residents, in turn, behaved in a well-
523 controlled manner. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked everyone for their
524 hard work during a very challenging year.

524 Mr. Prudhomme stated that, although the meeting was successful, a single troublemaker
525 could have disrupted the process; therefore, it might be a good idea to consider having an officer
526 at the next big meeting. Mr. Morera felt that having an officer present at the meetings would
527 create a more adversarial atmosphere. He doubted that there was a need for law enforcement's
528 presence and the Board should consider it meeting by meeting but, for the time being, it was
529 unnecessary.

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531 TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

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533 A. District Counsel: *Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A*

534 Mr. Malefatto gave a brief update on the IBI litigation. The motion to produce
535 documents would go before a judge on Thursday, November 9, 2017, after which, a trial date
536 would be set. He would provide a more detailed update at the next meeting, as there would be a
537 lot more to report.

538 District Counsel attended the Special Legislative Delegation meeting on October 18,
539 2017. The County-wide delegation approved moving the legislation forward. Mr. Morera asked
540 about the timeline and how it would affect the next Landowners' election. Mr. Malefatto stated
541 that elections could still be held in March 2018 but, starting next November, the whole process
542 could change and a new election could be held in November to elect a new Board. Mr. Malefatto
543 mentioned that a meeting for all Districts was scheduled for November 14 to discuss all four
544 Districts working together. Ms. Cerbone stated that, from a District Management standpoint, it
545 would behoove a Board Member to attend the meeting, listen and voice opinions, although no
546 action can be taken without Board approval. Mr. Morera would attend the meeting.

547 Regarding hiring a lobbyist to fight the legislation, District Counsel recommended that
548 another District hire the lobbyist and the SWCD should ride their coattails. Mr. Morera felt it
549 would be best to see what transpired at the November 14 meeting and make a decision at the next
550 meeting.

551 Mr. Malefatto corrected a statement made at the previous meeting regarding a process in
552 Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, where residents could come forward and petition the Board to
553 change the voting process. That was only applicable in multi-purpose districts and not in the
554 SWCD, which was a single-purpose district.

555 B. District Engineer: *Craig A. Smith & Associates*

- 556 • **Monthly Engineer’s Report: October 11, 2017 – November 8, 2017**

557 Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer’s Report.

- 558 • **SWCD Permit Application: Center for Med Arts – East Outfall Canal**
559 **Subaqueous Crossing, 8100-8200 Royal Palm Blvd.**

560 Mr. Rubio presented the Permit Application for the Center for Med Arts ROW for the
561 Board’s approval.

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563 **On MOTION by Mr. Prudhomme and seconded by Mr.**
564 **Tornincasa, with all in favor, the Center for Med Arts – East**
565 **Outfall Canal Subaqueous Crossing, 8100-8200 Royal Palm**
566 **Blvd., right-of-way permit application for a subaqueous**
567 **crossing installation of a 1-4” HDPE conduit with fiber optic**
568 **cable, subject to the special conditions, as set forth in the CAS**
569 **recommendation letter dated October 30, 2017, was approved.**

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572 **C. District Field Supervisor: *Cory Selchan***

573 Mr. Selchan stated that, since the last meeting, there was a lot of precipitation and the
574 SFWMD website reported record-breaking rainfall in the last couple of months. He felt that it all
575 averaged out, the District was in good shape and all of the canal levels were high, including the
576 east basin. He intentionally left the levels up, as the dry season was fast-approaching. Spraying
577 was completed and on track for the new fiscal year. Mr. Selchan thanked the District Team for
578 their hard work and extended Thanksgiving wishes to all.

579 **D. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***

580 **i. Letter from Mr. David J. Alden**

581 Ms. Cerbone presented a letter from Mr. David J. Alden, a resident, thanking Mr. Selchan
582 for his hard work and forethought in managing the canals.

583 **ii. NEXT MEETING: December 6, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.**

584 The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., at this
585 location, rather than Wednesday December 6. Mr. Tornincasa inquired about the District’s
586 employee holiday party. Discussion ensued regarding possible venues and dates.

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588 **THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Adjournment

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