

ENERGY & CLIMATE COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901

The committee is responsible for providing oversight on the Solar Ready II Grant project. The purpose of the grant is to promote solar best management practices that will allow more streamlined and standardized solar permitting regulations to be implemented. The committee will assist with engaging stakeholders in regional events as it pertains to Solar Ready II.

Attendees

Melissa Dickens, SWFWMD
Phil Flood, SWFWMD
Don McCormick, SWFRPC Gubernatorial Appointee

Conference Call

Jayson Uppal, Meister Consulting Group

Staff

Jennifer Pellechio, SWFRPC
Rebekah Harp, SWFRPC

Item #1 – Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McCormick at 11:45 a.m. He then introduced both Mr. Flood and Ms. Harp.

Item #2 – Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2014

Mr. McCormick asked for approval of the February 20th meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Flood to approve the meeting minutes of February 20, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and carried unanimously.

Item #3 – SM3 Request: Jurisdiction Scoring Summary Questionnaire

Mr. McCormick asked Ms. Harp to discuss the jurisdiction scoring summary questionnaire item.

Ms. Harp explained that the SWFRPC is disseminating this questionnaire to all local jurisdictions. Ms. Harp explained that data is currently collected for Charlotte County and the City of North Port.

Mr. McCormick asked how the document could be accessed.

Ms. Harp explained that it was available on the solarreadyflorida.com website, as well as linked to the agenda. Ms. Harp said she could also send out a separate email with this information.

Mr. Flood asked if this questionnaire was to rank local governments and their status. Ms. Harp confirmed the reasoning for the data collection.

Item #4 – Solar Best Management Practices – Meister

Mr. Uppal of Meister Consulting Group gave a presentation reviewing key points of Solar Best Management Practices. The presentation included how solar soft costs drive the costs in the United States. Also, how local government has a high impact on cost of solar.

Item #5 – Determining Solar Best Management Practices for SW Florida

Mr. Uppal discussed the two jurisdiction scoring summaries currently received and how there were probably farther ahead than other jurisdictions in the region.

Item #6 – Save the Date

Ms. Harp reminded the committee that the Stakeholders kick-off meeting will be held April 4th @ 10:00 AM at the SWFRPC office. Save the Date flyer had been created and an invitation email blast was sent.

Ms. Dickens indicated that she had a conflict with that date and requested that the meeting schedule be emailed to the members for future stakeholder meetings.

Item #7 – Revised talking Points Handouts

Ms. Harp explained that she handed out the talking points at the last meeting, however Meister made revisions and the updated versions are located on the website and are also linked to the agenda.

Item #8 – In-kind Services Contribution Form

Ms. Harp distributed the in-kind contribution form and explained that as a grant requirement all in-kind services needed to be captured.

Mr. Flood asked if he needed to fill out the form for each meeting. Ms. Pellechio explained that you do not need to track each of the meetings; however, for any additional research or work related to this project the in-kind form needed to be completed.

Item #9 – Next Meeting Scheduled for April 17, 2014

Ms. Harp announced the next scheduled meeting date and also suggested that the committee meet on a bi-monthly basis. The committee agreed.

Item #10– Release of Florida website: www.solarreadyflorida.com

Ms. Harp explained that the solarreadyflorida.com website had been released and encouraged everyone to visit the website. Ms. Harp then navigated to the website and gave an overview of where to find the resources and meeting information.

Item #11 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

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