

# Highlights of the February 16, 2011 COBWRA Meeting at Palm Chase Lakes

## Laura Corry, SFWMD

Laura Corry is the Intergovernmental Representative for the **South Florida Water Management District**. Ms. Corry spoke on "Proactive Measures Needed to Protect Water Resources." The mission of the SFWMD is:

- To protect the state's water resources
- Encourage conservation
- Plan for existing and future water use

A strong La Niña resulted in abnormally dry conditions. October 2010 was the driest on record since 1932. This resulted in great potential for wildfires and Lake Okeechobee's dropping to 2 feet below normal. Meteorologists predict it will get worse. SFWMD has issued a water shortage warning for the Lake Okeechobee basin. If conditions do not improve, emergency water shortage restrictions may be enacted to mitigate:

- Saltwater intrusion into wellfields
- Loss of crops
- Lack of water needed for fire protection
- Wildfires

Ms. Corry stated that half of all water used by HOAs and COAs is for irrigation. She asked everyone to reduce irrigation and plant watering to a minimum. Save water every chance you get. We will need it in the future. More information is online at [www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch](http://www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch).

## Officials' Reports

**Captain Martin Bechtel, Commander, District 6, PBSO**, reported the crime stats for January 2011:

- Residential burglaries: 51
- Vehicle burglaries: 43. Stolen Vehicles: 7
- Business burglaries: 13. Robberies: 4
- 128 domestic disturbances or assaults
- 422 residential false alarms
- 1 shooting on Super Bowl Sunday

District 6 continues to lead PBSO in recovery of truants with 227 truants so far this school year. He thanked the person who noticed men taking appliances from a house and loading them into a truck. Her description and the license plate number lead to the suspects' arrest.

## COBWRA Business Session

**Nominating Committee Report:** Nominating Committee Chair Lew Doctor presented this slate:

**President:** Ken Lassiter, Pipers Glen Estates  
**First Vice President:** Stuart Caine, Ponte Vecchio West  
**Second Vice President:** Dagmar Brahs, Tara Estates  
**Secretary:** Debbie Murphy, Cypress Creek  
**Treasurer:** Madelyn Saul, Palm Isles

**Eric Malkin, Boynton Waters**, was nominated from the floor for Second Vice President. **Election is March 16.**

**Proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws.** Bylaws Committee Co-Chair Myrna Rosoff presented the changes to the Bylaws Article by Article. There was much debate on some Articles. Several proposed Articles were defeated but most were accepted and a few were amended before acceptance. A few of the new provisions approved by the Delegates:

- Changed the **COBWRA area boundary** by making Lawrence Road the eastern limit between Hypoluxo and Lantana Roads (was I-95.)
- In the event that a COBWRA member community in good standing is **annexed** into the City of Boynton Beach, that community may choose to remain a member of COBWRA.
- Minutes shall be **distributed electronically** to all Delegates, Alternates and community Presidents. Those without email may request Minutes by post.

A revised copy of the Bylaws as approved will be prepared and distributed to the Delegates.

**Growth Management** Committee Chair Gerry Morrison presented two proposals for review:

**Bethesda West Hospital** requested replacing the approved 3-story 48,000 SF medical office building with 2 buildings, each 4 stories with 67,500 SF. The Delegates voted to recommend approval of two buildings but with the condition that each building have 3 stories with a height not to exceed 38 feet.

**Windsor Place Congregate Living Facility** will offer Independent Living, Assisted Living and Nursing Home Care. Located on the SW corner of Lyons and Hypoluxo, it was previously approved as a civic site with a Land Use for a CLF. The request is for two 2-story buildings for the Assisted Living and Nursing Home care and four 4-story buildings for Independent Living. COBWRA Delegates voted to recommend approval of the 2-story buildings and the four buildings for Independent Living with these conditions:

- That the 4-story buildings be limited to 3 stories with a height not to exceed 38 feet.
- That the site plan and architectural elevations be subject to review by COBWRA.
- That the developer enters into an agreement with Savannah Estates to provide enhanced landscaping for buffering between to two properties.

## Future Meetings (Open to the public)

**Mar 1, 6:30 pm:** Growth Management at PBSO Dist. 6  
**Mar 16, 9:30 am:** Delegates meeting at Valencia Shores. (Lyons Road between Boynton Beach Blvd & Hypoluxo.) Speaker: Ethel Isaacs Williams, FP&L