

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 14, 2026

A Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Tiseo, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Truex. Also, in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney David, and Minutes Clerk Gerace. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

Addition #1: Item 2, Discussion and direction on the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply bulk rate fees.

Requested by: County Administration

Change #1: Item 5, Added Attachment – Revised Presentation.

Requested by: Utilities

Change #2: Item 2, Added Attachment – Presentation.

Requested by: Utilities

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Public Input - None

1. City of Punta Gorda Utilities Update

Assistant County Administrator Claire Jubb highlighted Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting, introduced Tom Spencer, Punta Gorda Utilities Director, replied to contract scope, timeline, and rate agreement.

Tom Spencer, Punta Gorda Utilities Director gave a brief presentation on City of Punta Gorda Utilities System Evolution, City of Punta Gorda Utility Service Area and System Footprint, Water Statistics, Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) – Shell Creek, MFLs Impacts on Meeting Demands, City of Punta Gorda Water Supply, Water System Overview, Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant and Wellfield, RO Plant and Wellfield Expansion Plans, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) Interconnect – Phase 1 and Phase 1A, Projected Water Demand & Growth, Wastewater Statistics, Wastewater System Overview, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park (ECAP), ECAP Growth, Uncoordinated Growth – Real Consequences, Coordinated Growth Opportunities, Risks of Uncoordinated Growth, Key

Interlocal Coordination Priorities, responded to reclaimed water feasibility study, water supply sources and plan, additional elevated storage facilities, beverage facility, PRMRWSA Agreement, and lower purchasing cost.

Chair Tiseo discussed RO Plant and Wellfield Expansion Plans, ECAP Growth, Metro Forecasting, efficiency, joint efforts, high-end projects, larger entities interest, safeguard application process, infrastructure, availability letter, PRMRWSA Agreement, water supply expansion, and exchange Agreement. **Commissioner Constance** commented on Uncoordinated Growth – Real Consequences, City of Punta Gorda Utility Service Area and System Footprint, PRMRWSA Interconnect – Phase 1 and Phase 1A, Water System Overview, capacity demand, interconnect, joint efforts, commercial versus residential usage, PRMRWSA Executive Director Richard Anderson, supply codification, and prior agreement. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned Wastewater Treatment Plant.

(Addition #1) 2. Discussion and direction on the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply bulk rate fees

(Change #2) Added Attachment - Presentation.

Assistant County Administrator Jubb gave a brief presentation on Contract Terms, Interconnect Charge, 2013 Bulk User Charges, 2025 Bulk User Charges, Interconnect Charge Options, and Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Interconnect Charge.

Chair Tiseo spoke to PRMRWSA Meeting, rate options, Interconnect Charge Options, and Pool Water Rate Option. **Commissioner Constance** noted 2013 Bulk User Charges, 2025 Bulk User Charges, and Pooled Water cost. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed annual rate schedule, Interconnect Charge Options, and City of Punta Gorda usage. **Commissioner Truex** commented on coverage needs.

Richard Anderson, PRMRWSA Executive Director replied to budget document reflection, 2025 Bulk User Charges, and County established and bulk rates.

3. Fiscal Update

Richard Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager gave a brief presentation on Agenda, Financial Model Updates, Utility 101 Review, Utility Revenue Allocation, Utility Debt Service Funding, Historic Debt, Utility Debt by Financing Mechanism, Utility Debt by Repayment Source, Utility Uses of Debt, State Revolving Fund (SRF) Financing Review, State Revolving Fund (SRF) Financing, SRF Construction Loan Process, SRF Utilization, Current Outstanding SRF Loans, FY 2024 Project Tiering Process, and Two-Year Budget Process.

Commissioner Constance mentioned Utility Debt by Repayment Source and revenue source.

4. Utilities Update

Jeremy Frost, Utilities Operations Manager gave a brief presentation on Purchased and Produced Water, Average Influent Water and Reclaim Produced, Contractor-caused leaks, breaks and strikes, Water Distribution, Wastewater collection, Water Service Installs, Wastewater/Reclaim Events, Source of Sanitary Sewer Spills: Recent Quarter, Cause of Sanitary Sewer Spills: Recent Quarter, Customers Per Sewer System Type, Water Reclamation Facilities, Equivalent Residential Connections (ERCs): Water Reclamation Facilities, Water Treatment Plants, Connections Made, and Miscellaneous Data.

5. Projects Update

(Change #1) Added Attachment - Revised Presentation.

Kenneth Stecher, Utilities Operations Manager gave a brief presentation on Water and Sewer Improvements, Hillsborough Boulevard Water Main Project, Hillsborough Water Main: Segment 2, Segment 3, State Road 776 Wastewater Force Main, Water main looping projects, Ackerman - Water Quality Improvement, Lakeview/Midway - Water Quality Improvement, Water Quality Monitoring, Burnt Store Water Reclamation Facility Expansion, West Port Water Reclamation Facility Expansion, East Port Water Reclamation Facility Expansion, East Port Progress Pictures, and East Port Headworks Replacement.

Brandon Moody, Water Quality and Resiliency Manager gave a brief presentation on Water Quality Monitoring, sample collection timeline, potential nutrient removal, septic tank removal, water quality improvements, groundwater and surface water, responded to Florida State University (FSU) creation of instruction manual, community outreach, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Grant Funding.

Mr. Frost gave a brief presentation on Resuming account shut-offs, New Customer Payment Center, and replied to air conditioning issues.

Chair Tiseo spoke to Water Quality Monitoring, sewer expansion plan, water sampling sources, East Port Water Reclamation Facility Expansion, payment methods, air conditioning problems and landlord responsibility. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Water Quality Monitoring, system functionality, pollution sources, potable water, prioritization, and cost benefit. **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned Brunt Store Water Reclamation Facility Expansion, Resuming account shut-offs, and financial impacts. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Water Quality Monitoring, FSU model, and West Port Water Reclamation Facility Expansion.

6. Burnt Store Potable Water Treatment

Mr. Frost gave a brief presentation on About the plant, Reverse osmosis, Producing safe, reliable drinking water, Who we serve, to Cape Coral Agreement: Bulk Sale Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water, Lee County Agreement: Interlocal for Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water, Capacity, Interlocal agreement map, Water storage, Increasing capacity, and Metro Forecasting.

Chair Tiseo spoke to Cape Coral Agreement: Bulk Sale Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water, Lee County Agreement: Interlocal for Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water, Capacity, agreement termination, rate payer prioritization, April 27, 2026 Joint Meeting with Lee County, Lee County utility expansion, and Interlocal agreement map. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Cape Coral Agreement: Bulk Sale Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water, Lee County Agreement: Interlocal for Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water, Capacity, agreement termination and timeline, Burnt Store Marina, future expansion, Interlocal agreement map, Water storage, Mr. Spencer, City of Punta Gorda, and shared infrastructure. **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned RO, About the plant, revenue, and Lee County Agreement: Interlocal for Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on transition plan, Lee County Agreement: Interlocal for Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water, Punta Gorda Isles (PGI) development, and Burnt Store Marina. **Commissioner Truex** noted Lee County Agreement: Interlocal for Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water, Burnt Store Marina, future development, Lee County facility, and Water storage.

Assistant County Administrator Jubb replied to Lee County Agreement: Interlocal for Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water, future development, utility expansion, community partnerships, Cape Coral Agreement: Bulk Sale Water, Sewer and

Reclaimed Water, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), rate resolution, expansion timeframe, Water storage, interlocal agreement, and Utilities Director job posting.

County Attorney David remarked on agreement termination, state law, proper notice, and Interlocal agreement map.

Assistant County Attorney Alexander Villoria responded to Lee County agreement termination provisions.

AA. County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Hector Flores noted staff efforts.

BB. County Attorney Comments – None

CC. Commissioner Comments

Chair Tiseo commented on regional water supply meeting and Mr. Anderson attendance. **Commissioner Constance** discussed staff efforts and Mr. Spencer attendance. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned staff efforts, Mr. Spencer, Englewood Water District, Charlotte Harbor Water Association, brief presentation, understanding capacity, and meetings. **Commissioner Truex** spoke to staff efforts, ongoing improvements, West County utility providers, important updates, and county impacts.

ADJOURNED: 3:51 pm

Joseph M. Tiseo, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk