

Public Utilities

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Engineering – Director Roy Anderson

Responsible for all Public Utilities capital improvement projects, staff currently track over 200 projects involving water, wastewater and solid waste infrastructure and related initiatives. Capital improvement projects are identified by comprehensive master planning documents focused on remaining in regulatory compliance and meeting present and future demands. Staff reviews all new PUDs and rezoning petitions to ensure concurrency of water/wastewater/solid waste services. Capital improvement plan for FY06 - FY10 calls for more than \$348 million for water projects and \$301 million for wastewater projects.

Pollution Control - Director Ray Smith

Staff monitors and protects the county's ground and surface waters and air quality from various forms of pollutants. The department implements compliance programs designed to ensure the proper management, storage, treatment and disposal of potential pollutants such as petroleum products, sewage effluent, domestic sludge and hazardous materials, and provides assistance to businesses to achieve and maintain compliance with federal and state environmental rules and regulations. Staff responds to an average of 325 pollution complaints annually.

Solid Waste Management Director Dan Rodriguez

Staff administers the operation of two landfills and three recycling drop-off centers and is responsible to ensure airspace preservation to extend the useful life of the Collier County Landfill, and manages the development and implementation of an Integrated Solid Waste Management Strategy consisting of 32 individual projects. The department successfully increased the recycling rate among single family residences by over 50 percent. In FY06, 278,384 tons of municipal solid waste was disposed of in the Collier County Landfill – approximately .72 tons per capita.

Operations Department – Director Tom Wides Responsible for providings fiscal guidance of the division's operations and capital expenditure programs, staff manages the development of impact and user fee rate studies, administers vendor payments and the payment of various general overhead costs associated with the operation of the division, as well as provides support to customer service, meter reading, billing and accounts receivable management for water, wastewater and effluent customers, mandatory trash collection customers, MSBU special assessments, estoppels letters and code enforcement liens.

Utility Billing and Customer Service Dept. Director John Yonkosky

Staff provides accurate and timely billing and receivables management for water, wastewater and solid waste customers, collects approximately \$100 million in user fees and charges, and is responsible for processing approximately 68,000 water and sewer bills monthly. The department provides code education and enforcement for ordinances related to the division and staff processes an average of more than 20,500 telephone calls per month.

Wastewater – Director Dr. George Yilmaz The department's service area spans approximately 220 square miles. The department has the capacity to treat approximately 40 million gallons a day of wastewater and processes on average over six billion gallons of wastewater annually, returning over five billion gallons of high quality water to the community for irrigation use. Staff maintains a collection system that includes over 13,000 manholes, nearly 800 lift stations, 309 miles of force main and 562 miles of gravity main – a total of 871 miles of pipeline, approximately the driving distance between Naples and Nashville, Tenn.

Water - Director Paul Mattausch

The department's service area spans approximately 240 square miles. Staff has the ability to produce 40 million gallons a day of potable (drinking) water, and maintains a distribution system that includes over 6,500 system valves, more than 500 hydrants, over 800 control valves and nearly 765 miles of pressurized pipeline, approximately the driving distance between Naples, Fla., and Birmingham, Ala.