

## Response from Jean Calderwood to Questions Reviewing EPD

Thank you for the solicitation on input of Alachua County's EDP. I agree that a review is timely and your Committee is to be commended for this undertaking. Not only have there been policy and budgetary changes over the last 10 years, but hopefully there has been progress made in many of the EDP areas that should cause us to re-visit our priorities. ---Jean Calderwood

(1) Is EPD effective and efficient? *There are six Divisions listed for EDP, with sub-sets under each: Pollution Prevention, Natural Resources, Water Resources, Land Conservation, Hazardous Material Management and Hazardous Waste Collection. In my opinion, it has become too large and convoluted to be effective and efficient overall. The County does have some very dedicated and professional staff therefore this response is not directed at them but at the policy level.*

(2) Do any of its services duplicate services provided by other agencies? *Yes*

(3) Does EPD act appropriately in carrying out Commission policies in the enforcement of environmental and land development regulations and in other areas? *Public perception is that environmental and land development regulations have become over-burdensome and the enforcement is heavy-handed.*

(4) Should EPD's roles be changing given diminished budgets in other agencies (e.g. water management districts)? *Yes*

(5) What should EPD's future priorities be? *Establishment of EPD future priorities should be completed after November 2012 election and the hiring of the new County Manager.*