

SFWMD

Land Assessment

Everglades Region

SME (Subject Matter Expert) Comments

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: 6/12/13

Division Name: Federal Policy & Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - 8 1/2 SMA Component -152nd St. Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This 3.75 acre parcel is located within the boundaries of 8.5 SMA residential communities. However, the parcel is not located within the footprint of the 8.5 SMA Flood Mitigation Plan project features that were constructed by the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) after approval by Congress of the 2000 General Reevaluation Report. Project features included the construction of a perimeter levee around the area, a seepage collection canal through the middle of the area, and a 575 cfs pump station south of the residential area which will pump collected seepage into a detention area located southwest of the pump station. Therefore, this parcel is not needed to meet District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

The parcel is recommended for donation, exchange or surplus due to its location, the cost to maintain and the potential for illegal dumping.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

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Select Area Name: **ECB - 8 1/2 SMA Component - 202nd Ave. Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This 2.24 acre parcel is located within the boundaries of 8.5 SMA residential communities. However, the parcel is not located within the footprint of the 8.5 SMA Flood Mitigation Plan project features that were constructed by the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) after approval by Congress of the 2000 General Reevaluation Report. Project features included the construction of a perimeter levee around the area, a seepage collection canal through the middle of the area, and a 575 cfs pump station south of the residential area which will pump collected seepage into a detention area located southwest of the pump station. Therefore, this parcel is not needed to meet District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

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Select Area Name: **ECB - 8 1/2 SMA Component - 205th Ave. Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This 2.31 acre parcel is located within the boundaries of 8.5 SMA residential communities. However, the parcel is not located within the footprint of the 8.5 SMA Flood Mitigation Plan project features that were constructed by the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) after approval by Congress of the 2000 General Reevaluation Report. Project features included the construction of a perimeter levee around the area, a seepage collection canal through the middle of the area, and a 575 cfs pump station south of the residential area which will pump collected seepage into a detention area located southwest of the pump station. Therefore, this parcel is not needed to meet District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

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Select Area Name: **ECB - 8 1/2 SMA Component - 208th Ave. Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This 1.26 acre parcel is located within the boundaries of 8.5 SMA residential communities. However, the parcel is not located within the footprint of the 8.5 SMA Flood Mitigation Plan project features that were constructed by the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) after approval by Congress of the 2000 General Reevaluation Report. Project features included the construction of a perimeter levee around the area, a seepage collection canal through the middle of the area, and a 575 cfs pump station south of the residential area which will pump collected seepage into a detention area located southwest of the pump station. Therefore, this parcel is not needed to meet District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

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Select Area Name: **ECB - 8 1/2 SMA Component - 212th Ave. Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This 1.44 acre parcel is located within the boundaries of 8.5 SMA residential communities. However, the parcel is not located within the footprint of the 8.5 SMA Flood Mitigation Plan project features that were constructed by the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) after approval by Congress of the 2000 General Reevaluation Report. Project features included the construction of a perimeter levee around the area, a seepage collection canal through the middle of the area, and a 575 cfs pump station south of the residential area which will pump collected seepage into a detention area located southwest of the pump station. Therefore, this parcel is not needed to meet District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, all project features needed for the implementation of the 8.5 SMA Mitigation Plan have been constructed by the USACE.

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Select Area Name: **ECB - 8 1/2 SMA Component - 213th Ave. Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This 5.04 acre parcel is located within the boundaries of 8.5 SMA residential communities. However, the parcel is not located within the footprint of the 8.5 SMA Flood Mitigation Plan project features that were constructed by the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) after approval by Congress of the 2000 General Reevaluation Report. Project features included the construction of a perimeter levee around the area, a seepage collection canal through the middle of the area, and a 575 cfs pump station south of the residential area which will pump collected seepage into a detention area located southwest of the pump station. Therefore, this parcel is not needed to meet District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration.

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Subject Matter Expert (SME)

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Respondent: Marjorie Moore

Date: 6/14/13

Division Name: Field Operations and Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - 8 1/2 Square Mile Area**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property was previously approved by the Lake Belt Mitigation Committee as mitigation for wetland impacts from mining activities in Miami-Dade County however in December 2012 the LBMC voted to remove the previously approved acres from the mitigation ledger until the future direction of the project is determined. The Lake Belt Mitigation Committee will continue to evaluate whether this site provides appropriate mitigation for mining impacts in Miami-Dade County. Permits have been obtained for the restoration. The proposed use of the property as a mitigation site is consistent with the District's core mission of natural systems restoration and protection.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

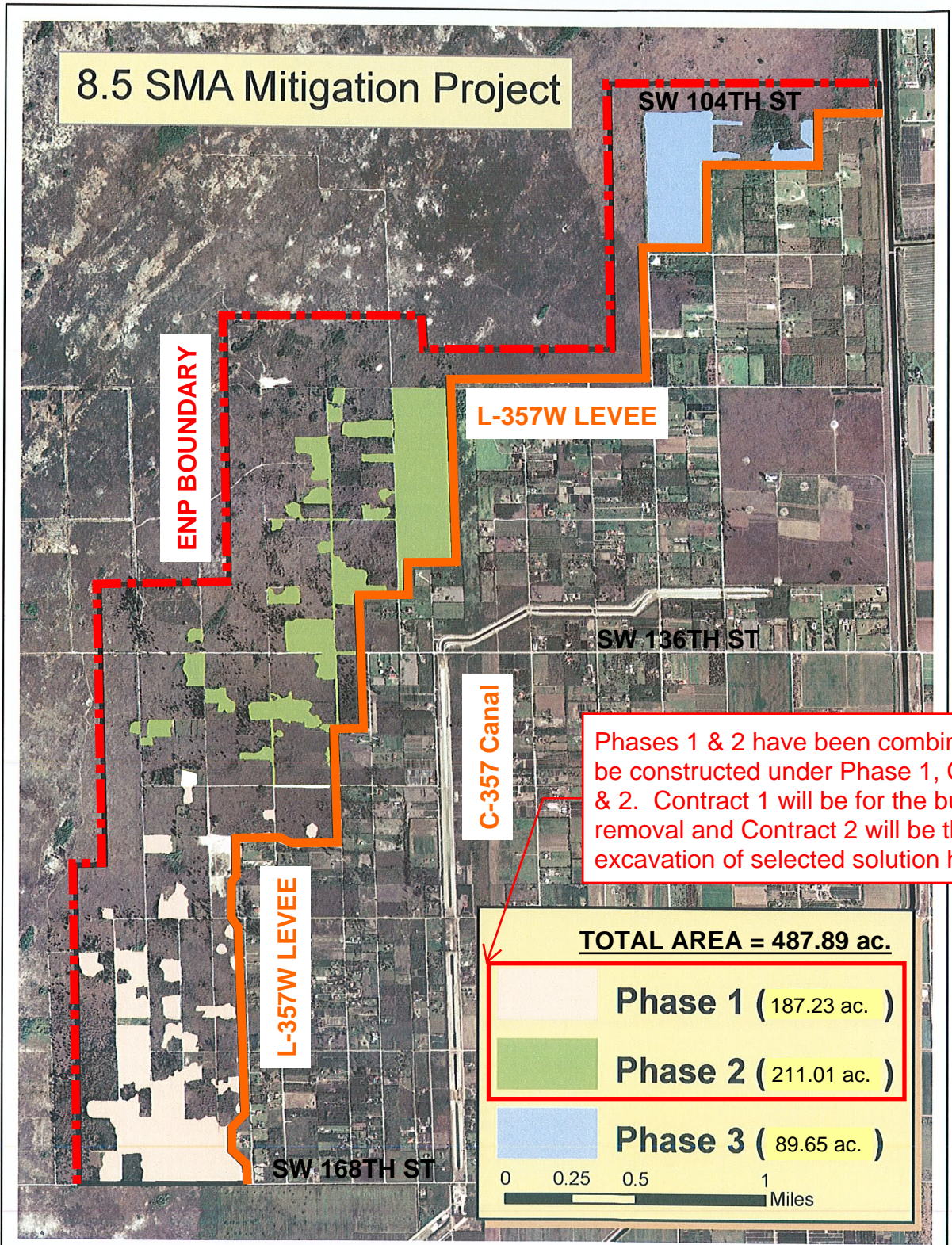
Restoration is an appropriate use; whether or not mitigation is deemed appropriate by the Lake Belt Mitigation Committee, will affect whether the site can be used for any other purpose. If the LBMC votes to utilize the site for mitigation and the District decides another use is more appropriate, then mitigation for the mitigation will need to be conducted.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

no

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Revised Figure 2
 Soil Removal Acreages of Project Phases

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Select Area Name: **ECB - Bird Drive Basin**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use of the property for natural systems protection and restoration is consistent with the current use of a portion of the property as a mitigation area. The SFWMD has accepted funds as a form of mitigation to offset impacts to wetlands in a 40-acre area of Bird Drive basin (see attached map). Mitigation funds have provided one-time funding for land acquisition, restoration and management activities of this 40-acre parcel.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The protection of the property is required in order to maintain the amount of mitigation that the SFWMD is obligated to provide, otherwise mitigation for the mitigation will need to be provided.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

no

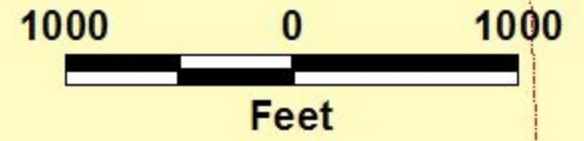
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Exotic Treatment Areas (Cell 28)

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EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

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Respondent: Thomas Kosier

Date: June 13, 2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **C-139 Annex -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current and proposed District managed and funded projects for this 17,904 acre site fully support the District's core missions. Approximately 14,500 acres of the site are currently being restored as mitigation for impacts associated with rock-mining activities to a predominantly wet prairie marsh with scattered cypress domes, tree-island hammocks, and many depression marshes and slough-ways from a commercial citrus grove. Design and preliminary construction are currently underway

The remaining acreage will be used to establish a Flow Equalization Basin (FEB) in support of the District's mandated Restoration Strategies Program. This FEB will serve the Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 5/6 complex and will function to attenuate stormwater flows to the STAs. Design and construction will begin in 2018.

In early 2010, the SFWMD, State of Florida, and USEPA began technical discussions to establish a Water Quality Based Effluent Limit (WQBEL) for TP in discharges from the Everglades STAs that would achieve compliance with state's numeric TP criterion in the EPA and to identify a suite of additional water quality projects to work in conjunction with existing STAs to meet the WQBEL. From these discussions, in 2012, the FDEP issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Watershed Permit (FL0778451) and an associated Consent Order (OGC File No. 12-1148) and an EFA Watershed Permit (0311207) and associated Consent Order (OGC File No. 12-1149) establishing the WQBEL and suite of water quality improvement projects to be constructed under the Restoration Strategies Program.

Overall, the planned strategies outlined in the permits and associated Consent Orders are intended to expand water quality improvement projects to achieve the phosphorus water quality standard established for the Everglades. Under these strategies, the SFWMD is implementing a technical plan that will create more than 6,500 acres of new STAs and 110,000 acre-feet (ac-ft) of Flow Equalization Basins (FEBs) and conveyance improvements. Design and construction of the Restoration Strategies projects is scheduled to be accomplished in three phases over a 12-year timeframe, with completion set for 2025.

With both projects in operation, all of the District core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvement, Water supply and Natural Systems protection and restoration are addressed.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No. As described above, the use of the property addresses all of the District's core mission elements.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No. As described above, the use of the property addresses all of the District's core mission elements.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

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N/A

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Respondent: Daniel Kelley

Date: 6/19/13

Division Name: Clewiston Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **C-139 Annex -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Clewiston Field Station will have interest in this property once the District finishes restoration, which is being phased-in in two major phases to coincide with the production of sufficient groundcover nurse-crops.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

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N/A

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Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 7-8-2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **C-139 Annex -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

C-139 Annex property provides habitat for a wide variety of wildlife in South Florida. Endangered and threatened species that likely utilize these areas as habitat include wood storks, Everglade snail kites, eastern indigo snakes, crested caracara, and multiple wading bird species. There is a known eagle's nest on the property.

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Respondent: Marjorie Moore

Date: 6/13/13

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

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Select Area Name: **C-139 Annex -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use for a majority of the property (15,000 of the 20,000 acres) is as a mitigation site for Lake Belt mining impacts in Miami-Dade County, which is consistent with the District's core mission of natural systems protection and restoration. Mitigation funds will provide funding for land acquisition, restoration and management activities of the site.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The protection of the property is required in order to maintain the amount of mitigation that the SFWMD is obligated to provide, otherwise mitigation for the mitigation will need to be provided.

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Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: 7/10/2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **C-139 Annex -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The C-139 Basin is a critical component of the STA system and is needed for the core missions of water quality protection.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

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n/a

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Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: 7/10/2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

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Select Area Name: **ECB - C-4 Impoundment**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The C4 Impoundment is needed for flood protection for the neighborhoods adjacent to the impoundment.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

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Respondent: Lisa Cannon

Date: June 14, 2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - Broward WPA Component - Miramar Pkwy parcels**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The District assumed ownership of these three parcels (46.63 acres) through its regulatory function as mitigation for impacts to other wetlands associated with road construction, which meets a core mission to protect and restore natural systems.

The easternmost parcel was used as wetland mitigation by private entities authorized by SFWMD through Consent Order #2012-025 to mitigate wetland impacts. The southern, rectangular parcel allowed private entities to provide wetland mitigation on District lands through an ERP permit.

The third, westernmost parcel is a wetland that doesn't appear to be currently committed to mitigation for road construction.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Two of the parcels are part of wetlands mitigation required as a condition of regulatory action; there are no other uses that would take precedent over these legal mandates.

If the third, westernmost parcel is not yet committed to mitigate for road construction, then there is potential for this parcel to be included in the mitigation plan for the CERP Broward County Water Preserve Areas (BCWPA) project.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Parcels that are not needed for road construction may be used to meet mitigation requirements for the BCWPA project. Mitigation within or near the project are optimal, however, there may not be sufficient acreage available. The use of a portion of the Miramar Pkwy parcels may reduce the need to seek offsite mitigation outside Broward County.

The BCWPA project completed the planning phase in 2012 when the Project Implementation Report was updated, the Chief's Report was signed and the Record of Decision was executed. Details of the mitigation plan will be worked out during the design phase of the project, which is awaiting Congressional authorization and funding.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

These parcels are not recommended for donation, exchange or surplus; some of the parcels are already committed to meet mitigation requirements associated with regulatory functions and the other parcel may be suitable for inclusion in the BCWPA mitigation plan.

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Division Name: Federal Policy & Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Bird Drive Basin**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Bird Drive Recharge Area (BDRA) is identified and defined in the Central and Southern Florida Project – Comprehensive Review Study (Yellow Book). Conceptually, this project included pumps, water control structures, canals and an above ground recharge area with approximately 11,500 ac-ft of storage capacity located in western Miami-Dade County. Preliminary analysis of the BDRA has indicated that this entire alternative as envisioned in the Yellow Book is not implementable. Modeling and more detailed physical analyses have also indicated that the design and operation of the BDRA alternative are not feasible. As such, the Project Delivery Team screened out the BDRA alternative from further consideration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Although the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has proactively acquired, 1,400 acres of land for project purposes, a significant amount of land is still required to complete public ownership in the BDRA project boundary. It is likely that many of the private landowners in the project area would be unwilling to sell their property. Considerations for exchange or sale should be considered when evaluating alternative FPL transmission line corridors and FDOT Krome Avenue expansion. Potential exchange considerations should also include consolidation of land interests.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Although the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has proactively acquired, 1,400 acres of land for project purposes, a significant amount of land is still required to complete public ownership in the BDRA project boundary. It is likely that many of the private landowners in the project area would be unwilling to sell their property. Considerations for exchange or sale should be considered to include consolidation of land interests and passive recreation.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Recommend exchange or sale for consolidation of land interests, potential passive recreation, and evaluation of potential FPL corridor alternatives and FDOT Krome Avenue expansion.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Lisa Cannon

Date: June 17, 2013

Division Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Broward County Water Preserves Area**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This package includes the lands identified for the CERP Site 1 project; Phase 1 is currently under construction by the USACE. Consider separating the Site 1 lands from the rest of the CERP Broward County Water Preserve Areas lands in this assessment component. The Site 1 and BCWPA projects are separate in terms of geography, restoration purpose, project cooperation agreements and phase of project implementation. The uncertainties about the features of and funding for Phase 2 of the Site 1 project remain unresolved and will be addressed separately from the BCWPA project. Disassociating Site 1 in Palm Beach County from BCWPA in Broward County will make it easier to track the decisions made about Phase 2 and evaluate any changes to the land requirements as necessary.

The rest of the description is associated with the CERP BCWPA, a project consisting of the C-9 and C-11 Impoundments and a strip of land along the WCAs known as the WCA 3A/3B Seepage Management Area. The BCWPA supports the environmental restoration goals associated with the decompartmentalization of WCA 3 by managing seepage losses and allowing for higher water levels in WCA 3. The impoundments capture water within the basin and hold it until it can be released with minimal impact to flood project or water quality. The seepage management area provides valuable habitat for wildlife and recreational components are planned to be incorporated within each of the components of the project.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The scope of the CERP BCWPA project addresses nearly all of the District's core missions. The BCWPA project will restore a more natural hydropatterns in WCA by managing seepage losses and by capturing water within the C-9 and C-11 basins. The flexibility to storage water and redirect it for restoration purposes also has the potential to improve the quality of water released to the WCAs and to minimize project impacts to flood protection.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The BCWPA project components are intended to restore hydropatterns and promote wildlife habitat in WCA 3A and 3B. Recreational facilities are to be designed for the seepage management area and for both impoundments and a cooperative agreement with Broward County provides county financial support toward operation and maintenance of the recreation facilities. There are no other restoration or recreation activities currently planned that would supersede the scope and benefits of the BCWPA project.

Construction is underway on Site 1 Phase 1; however, funding constraints make the design and construction of Phase 2 uncertain. Our commitment as local sponsor to provide lands needed for the project require the lands associated with Phase 2 to be retained until the design and funding of Phase 2 is finished and the land requirements can be finally determined and surplus lands can be identified.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

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These parcels are not recommended for donation, exchange or surplus because they are associated with two CERP projects, Site 1 and the Broward County Water Preserve Areas project. Construction is underway on Site 1, Phase 1 and lands associated with Phase 2 should be retained until funding and design issues are resolved. Consider separating lands needed for Site 1 from the BCWPA so that land requirements for Site 1, Phase 2 can be tracked directly.

The BCWPA project completed the planning phase in 2012 when the Project Implementation Report was updated, the Chief's Report was signed and the Record of Decision was executed by the Secretary of the Army. The project is awaiting Congressional authorization and appropriations to proceed to the design and construction phase. Lands currently identified for the project should be retained until more specific land requirements, or surplus, can be determined during the design phase.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Lisa Cannon

Date: June 14, 2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Broward WPA Component - Holly Lake parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Holly Lake Parcel is adjacent to the WCA 3B Seepage Management Area (SMA), a component of the CERP Broward County Water Preserve Areas project. The Holly Lake Parcel is hydrologically separated from the proposed seepage management area by a levee and ditch on the south. The other sides of the Holly Lake parcel are adjacent to a mobile home park, the Highway US 27 roadway and a ditch on the east. The Holly Lake parcel is not currently in the proposed seepage management area project footprint; however, the area may be impacted by the higher water levels that will result when the project is constructed.

The current CERP SMA design does not include this parcel.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The Holly Lake parcel should be retained until assessments of seepage and groundwater impacts performed during the design phase demonstrate that there will be no adverse impacts to the parcel.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

In its current condition, there is limited potential for other natural resource or public uses. The parcel was a wetland, but it is currently infested with exotic vegetation, providing minimal habitat value.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

The Holly Lakes parcel should not be considered for donation, exchange or surplus until studies to be performed during the design phase determine that the area will not be adversely impacted by proximity to the proposed BCWPA seepage management component. In 2012, Project Implementation Report was completed, Chief's Report was signed and Record of Decision was executed for the CERP BCWPA project. Congressional authorization and funding is needed to proceed to the design and construction phase.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Lisa Cannon

Date: June 14, 2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Broward WPA Component - Griffin Road parcels**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Griffin Road parcels are located due south and east of two components that are part of the Broward County Water Preserve Areas project; the C-11 Impoundment and the WCA 3A/3B Seepage Management Areas. These BCWPA components are intended to reduce seepage losses from the Water Conservation Areas by holding water levels higher along the eastern side of WCA 3.

The parcels will be separated from the BCWPA components by Griffin Road and U.S. Hwy 27. The Griffin Road parcels are part of a low area between these BCWPA components. Evaluations to be performed during the engineering and design phase of the project will prevent impacts from high water tables that will occur when the BCWPA project is implemented.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Roadways separate the Griffin Road parcels from the proposed C-11 Impoundment and the WCA 3A/3B Seepage Management Areas. These parcels will not be incorporated into the project footprint. Evaluations performed during the design phase will be conducted to ensure that these parcels will not be impacted by high water tables that will result when the project is implemented. There are no other via options for this property if it is not needed for the BCWPA project.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The BCWPA is an environmental restoration project that includes recreational components. If the Griffin Road parcels are not needed for the BCWPA project, the size and location of these parcels is not adequate to support natural resource or public uses on its own.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

The Griffen Road parcels are recommened for donation, exchange or surplus because they are not needed for the BCWPA project, and the size and location of the parcels are not adequate to support other District initiatives.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jeff Needle

Date: June 13, 2013

Division Name: Project Development Section

Bureau Name: Engineering and Construction

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - C-4 Impoundment**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property was developed for peak flood attenuation as an above-ground impoundment. Levees, inflow pumps and water control structures have been constructed to aid in reducing impacts of flood water in the C-4 Canal. This property successfully furthers the core mission objective of flood control. It was constructed to improve flood protection per the Flood Control Project, designed to provide the level of flood control service desired by the community.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jeff Needle

Date: June 13, 2013

Division Name: Project Development Section

Bureau Name: Engineering and Construction

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Central and Northern Lakebelt**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

There are several small parcels in this group. All the parcels west and southwest of US Highway 27 fall in the WCA 3B Seepage Management Area CERP component and should be retained. The CERP component has been authorized, and the PIR was recently approved and awaiting appropriations for design and construction. The remaining parcels fall in the CERP Lake Belt projects that have very long term planning horizons and high uncertainty of implementation.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Retain the parcels west and southwest of US 27. Consider for swap or surplus the parcels east of the US 27.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Retain the parcels west and southwest of US 27. Consider for swap or surplus the parcels east of the US 27.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

The practicality of the property east of the US 27 for previously identified projects is limited.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: June 12, 2013

Division Name: Federal Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Loxahatchee Mitigation Bank**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use of the property for natural systems protection and restoration is consistent with the current use of the property as a mitigation bank. The SFWMD is implementing the mitigation bank in public-private contract. A conservation easement has been filed over the property to protect the use and restoration is nearing completion.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The protection of the property is required in order to maintain the amount of mitigation that the SFWMD and TetraTech, the private mitigation banker, are obligated to provide. In addition to the contractual concerns with TetraTech if the property was not used as a mitigation site, mitigation would need to be provided.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, the parcel contributes to District's core mission of natural systems protection and restoration.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Not applicable, the parcel contributes to District's core mission of natural systems protection and restoration.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jeff Needle

Date: June 13, 2013

Division Name: Project Development Section

Bureau Name: Engineering and Construction

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Palm Beach County Ag. Reserve Reservoir**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The parcels consist of approximately a square mile of row crops and to the south a park facility and horse track. All parcels are currently under lease agreements. This area was previously identified as a CERP component under a long term planning horizon. The practicality of the implementation of this project is limited.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The property would better serve the District if used for surplus or swap.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Yes.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

The practicality of this property for previously identified projects is limited.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jeff Needle

Date: June 13, 2013

Division Name: Project Development Section

Bureau Name: Engineering and Construction

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Pennsuco**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Pennsuco ECB is the result of a large wetland restoration effort that has taken place over the last two decades under planning efforts from the Lake Belt Plan and CERP. Most of the land purchases that have allowed restoration, (up to this point mostly exotics removal) have come from rock mining mitigation funding. It supports the natural systems, restoration and regulatory mission objectives.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, the restoration project has increased the spatial extent of the "short hydroperiod" wetland system. With more complete hydrological restoration it could reduce seepage from Water Conservation Area 3B and parts of the remaining Everglades, at the same time providing a buffer between the Everglades and the areas drained for development to the east.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Paul Warner

Date: June 18, 2013

Division Name: Federal Policy & Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - L-31 N / Rocky Glades and Frog Pond**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The L-31N/Rocky Glades and Frog Pond lands fulfill the mission element Natural Systems Protection under two Federal Projects – both of which are designed to improve the hydrologic conditions with the Taylor Slough and Everglades National Park. The Frog Pond and Rocky Glades lands were acquired, and most have been certified to the Corps, under the 1995 Project Cooperation Agreement for the C-111 South Dade Project. SFWMD has constructed a detention area (impoundment) on a portion of the Frog Pond lands as an expedited feature of the C-111 Spreader Canal Western Project under the Comprehensive Everglades. The Corps and SFWMD have completed a Project Implementation Report for the C-111 Spreader Canal Western Project and are awaiting Congressional authorization for construction. After Congressional authorization and appropriation of funds for construction, the SFWMD and Corps will execute a Project Partnership Agreement under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan that will make the Frog Pond Detention Area a Federal Project feature.

Several detention areas have been constructed on the Rocky Glades lands under the C-111 South Dade Project to help improve hydrologic conditions in Taylor Slough.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A – Land must be managed and used in a manner that is consistent with the Federal Project.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A – Land must be managed and used in a manner that is consistent with the Federal Project.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jeff Needle

Date: June 13, 2013

Division Name: Project Development Section

Bureau Name: Engineering and Construction

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Strazzulla Wetlands**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use of the property provides a hydrological and ecological connection to the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and expands the spatial extent of protected natural areas. This land acts as a buffer between higher water stages to the west and lands to the east that must be drained. This increase in spatial extent will provide vital habitat connectivity for species that require large unfragmented tracts of land for survival. It also contains the only remaining cypress habitat in the eastern Everglades and one of the few remaining sawgrass marshes adjacent to the coastal ridge. This is a unique and endangered habitat. This area provides an essential Everglades landscape heterogeneity function.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

SFWMD and the Department of the Interior are in the process of developing an agreement to implement a land swap. If the swap occurs, Strazzulla Wetlands may become part of the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge providing effective protection for the property. The swap would be a parcel called the Snail Farm in the EAA that the District would convert to a Stormwater Treatment Area helping meet stormwater treatment/Water Quality mission objectives.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jeff Needle

Date: June 13, 2013

Division Name: Project Development Section

Bureau Name: Engineering and Construction

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Chingos Parcels**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The property is located adjacent to a bigger wetland area owned by Palm Beach County. The property was originally envisioned to become part of a larger wetland system just north, called the Strazzulla Wetlands, a proposed CERP project. Strazzulla provides a hydrological and ecological connection to the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and expands the spatial extent of protected natural areas. It contains the only remaining cypress habitat in the eastern Everglades and one of the few remaining sawgrass marshes adjacent to the coastal ridge. The Strazzulla Wetlands property was removed from CERP and is under consideration for a land swap with the U.S. Department of the Interior. If the swap occurs Strazzulla Wetlands may become part of the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

The Chingos Parcel is infested with exotics. The area is mostly Brazilian pepper but still has some cypress.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

It may be possible to swap or surplus the property to Palm Beach County to complete the County holdings of wetlands in the area.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 7/3/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - Chingos Parcels**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station performs no maintenance to this property and it is not associated with any current operations.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 7-8-2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - Loxahatchee Mitigation Bank**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The Loxahatchee Mitigation Bank property provides habitat for a wide variety of wildlife in South Florida including many bird species. Confirmed protected species that have utilized these areas as habitat include wood storks, bald eagles, and multiple wading bird species. The property falls within the core foraging areas of multiple wood stork rookeries.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Marjorie Moore

Date: 6/13/13

Division Name: OMC

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - Loxahatchee Mitigation Bank**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use of the property for natural systems protection and restoration is consistent with the current use of the property as a mitigation bank. The SFWMD is implementing the mitigation bank in public-private contract, a conservation easement has been filed over the property to protect the use and restoration is nearing completion.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The protection of the property is required in order to maintain the amount of mitigation that the SFWMD and TetraTech, the private mitigation banker are obligated to provide. In addition to the contractual concerns with TetraTech if the property was not used as a mitigation site, mitigation for the mitigation would need to be provided.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

no

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 7/3/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - Loxahatchee Mitigation Bank**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station performs no maintenance to this property and it is not associated with any current operations.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 7/3/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - Palm Beach County Ag. Reserve Reservoir**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station performs no maintenance to this property and it is not associated with any current operations.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 7/3/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - Strazzulla Wetlands**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station performs no maintenance to this property and it is not associated with any current operations.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: July 10, 2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Flow Equalization Basins -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The future use of these properties as Flow Equalization Basins is a critical component needed to regulated flows to the STAs, which in turn will help the District meet downstream STA discharge water quality compliance standards.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jennifer Leeds

Date: June 11, 2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **Flow Equalization Basins -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Flow Equalization Basins (FEB's) have become an integral and critical component to the District's core missions as identified in the Restoration Strategies Regional Water Quality Plan which is currently being implemented. An FEB's primary purpose is to attenuate peak storm water flows then deliver those flows to the downstream Everglades STAs at a rate optimized to improve treatment performance of the STA. These operations contribute to the ultimate goal of attaining the WQBEL.

Everglades STAs are typically subject to large and sustained flow pulses due to the hydrological and land use characteristics of south Florida. Detention time and phosphorus removal performance are generally less than optimal when the volume of the flow pulses is large. Recent DMSTA modeling demonstrated that an FEB operating as described can reduce the required STA expansion area by thousands of acres. Based on more than twenty years of STA operational experience, best professional judgment of District engineers and scientists, and the information summarized above, the operation of FEBs reducing flow pulses to Everglades STAs meets key objectives of the District's water quality projects.

In early 2010, the SFWMD, State of Florida, and USEPA began technical discussions to establish a Water Quality Based Effluent Limit (WQBEL) for TP in discharges from the Everglades STAs that would achieve compliance with state's numeric TP criterion in the EPA and to identify a suite of additional water quality projects to work in conjunction with existing STAs to meet the WQBEL. From these discussions, in 2012, the FDEP issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Watershed Permit (FL0778451) and an associated Consent Order (OGC File No. 12-1148) and an EFA Watershed Permit (0311207) and associated Consent Order (OGC File No. 12-1149) establishing the WQBEL and suite of water quality improvement projects to be constructed under the Restoration Strategies Program.

Overall, the planned strategies outlined in the permits and associated Consent Orders are intended to expand water quality improvement projects to achieve the phosphorus water quality standard established for the Everglades. Under these strategies, the SFWMD is implementing a technical plan that will create more than 6,500 acres of new STAs and 110,000 acre-feet (ac-ft) of Flow Equalization Basins (FEBs) and conveyance improvements. Design and construction of the Restoration Strategies projects is scheduled to be accomplished in three phases over a 12-year timeframe, with completion set for 2025.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, the FEB's reduce the pulse flow volumes of water to the Everglades STAs and improve the STAs overall treatment performance. This improvement to STA treatment performance is critical to meet state water quality standards in the Everglades Protection Area. Current use is critical and legally mandated.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, FEBs are the first facility of their type to be designed and constructed by the District and provide new technology to assist in improving water quality.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

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Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 7-8-2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Flow Equalization Basins -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The Flow Equalization Basin properties provide habitat for a wide variety of fish and wildlife in South Florida. Endangered and threatened species that have utilized these areas as habitat include wood storks, Everglade snail kites, eastern indigo snakes, least terns, crested caracara, and multiple wading bird species. Thousands upon thousands of migrant birds travel through these areas annually and there are some species, such as common nighthawks, killdeer, black-necked stilts, night-herons, and least terns that use these properties as nesting areas.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Daniel Kelley

Date: 6/19/13

Division Name: Clewiston Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **Flow Equalization Basins -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Clewiston Field Station has interest in these properties because they support the District's water quality, flood control, water supply, and natural systems restoration core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Marjorie Moore

Date: 6-13-2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - Broward WPA Component - Griffin Road parcels**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

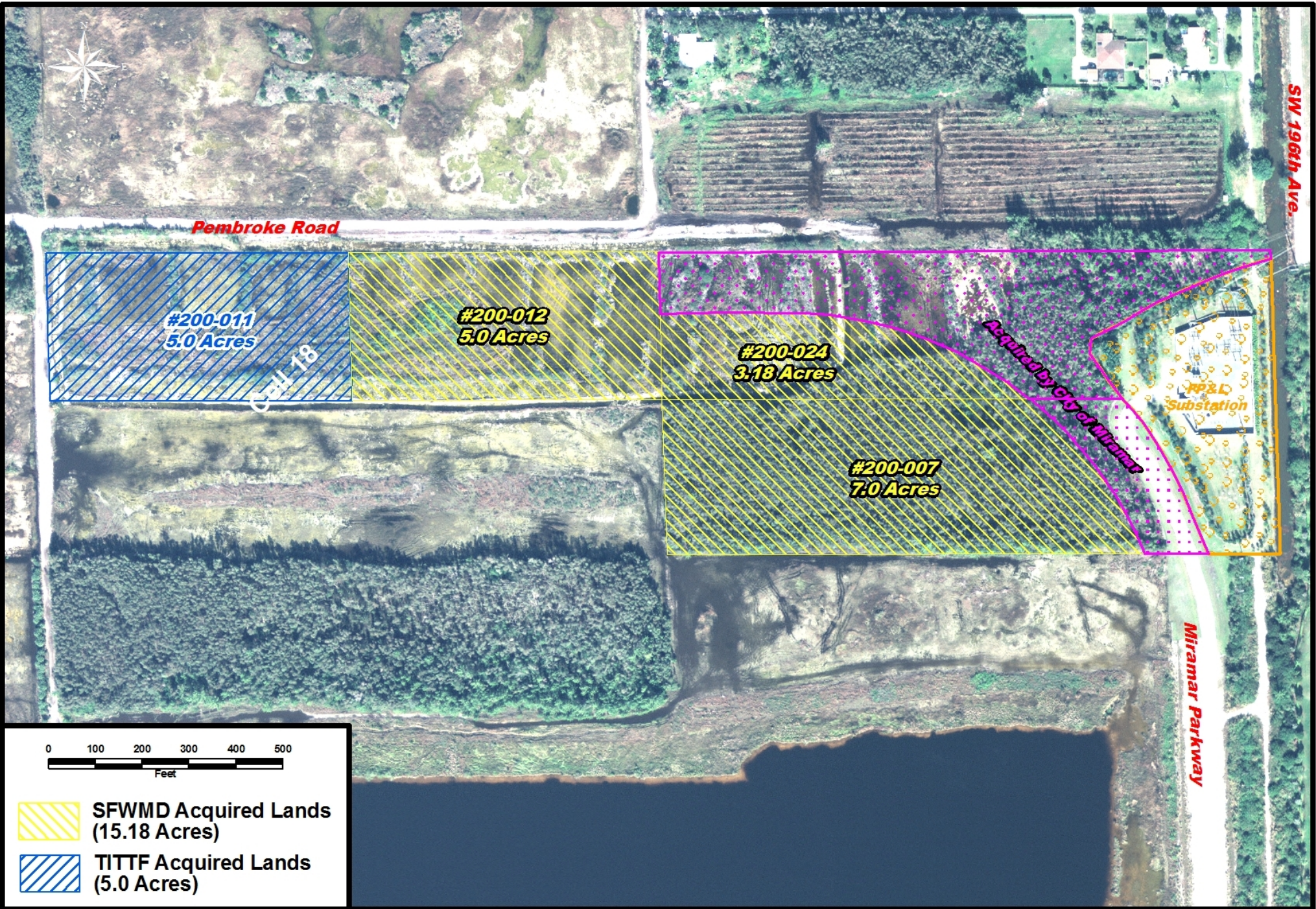
The current use of the three tracts (200-012, 200-024 and 200-007) as a mitigation area (Century Prestige) is consistent with the use of the site for natural systems protection and restoration. The SFWMD has accepted funds as a form of mitigation to offset impacts to wetlands in this 15-acre area (see attached map). Mitigation funds have provided funding for management activities of this 40-acre parcel.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

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East Coast Buffer - Cell 19 - Offsite Mitigation Area

(With 2009 Broward County 1 Foot Resolution 'Natural Color' Aerial Photography)

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 7/3/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels - L-8 EAA Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station performs no maintenance to this property however, any portion of the property which falls within 15 feet of the toe of the L-8 Levee is required for compliance with USACE inspection protocols.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Marjorie Moore

Date: 7/5/13

Division Name:

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **South Dade Wetlands - Model Lands**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Within the Model Lands area a developer provided the fee title to 80-acres, more or less, of marsh wetlands in section 9, township 59S and range 39E as mitigation for wetland impacts. The protection of this land is consistent with the use of the land for natural systems.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The protection of the property is required in order to maintain the amount of mitigation that the SFWMD is obligated to provide as the long-term management entity of the parcel, otherwise mitigation for the mitigation will need to be provided.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Marjorie Moore

Date: 6/13/13

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **ECB - Pennsuco**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The current use of the property for natural systems protection and restoration is consistent with the current use of the property as a regional mitigation area. Since 1995 the SFWMD has accepted funds as a form of mitigation to offset impacts to wetlands in the Pennsuco area. Mitigation funds have provided funding for land acquisition, and various restoration and management activities over the years.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The protection of the property is required in order to maintain the amount of mitigation that the SFWMD is obligated to provide, otherwise mitigation for the mitigation will need to be provided.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

no

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 7-8-2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - L-31 N / Rocky Glades and Frog Pond**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

These properties provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife in South Florida including many bird species. Protected species that have utilized these areas as habitat include wood storks, Everglade snail kites, and multiple wading bird species. The property falls within the core foraging areas of multiple wood stork rookeries.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 7-8-2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **South Dade Wetlands - Southern Glades**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

This property provides habitat for a wide variety of wildlife in South Florida including many migratory bird species. Protected species that have utilized these areas as habitat include wood storks, Florida panthers, American crocodiles, Cape Sable seaside sparrows, Everglade snail kites, and multiple wading bird species. These properties fall within the core foraging areas of multiple wood stork rookeries. The area is known to host nesting Cape Sable seaside sparrows.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: June 12, 2013

Division Name: Federal Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **South Dade Wetlands - BBCW Component - SW 107th Ave. Parcels**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This 134.35 acre parcel is predominately covered by invasive exotic Brazilian Pepper and Australian Pine. This parcel is located outside of the BBCW Phase I Project boundary, but resides within the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) BBCW Watershed Plan boundary defined by Alternative O in the BBCW Integrated Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project (BBCW) is planned to provide regional benefits that include groundwater recharge, redistributing freshwater flow, minimizing point source discharges, preserving and restoring coastal glades habitat, increasing connectivity between coastal and adjacent wetlands and improving near shore salinity regimes in Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project (BBCW) is planned to provide regional benefits that include groundwater recharge, redistributing freshwater flow, minimizing point source discharges, preserving and restoring coastal glades habitat, increasing connectivity between coastal and adjacent wetlands and improving near shore salinity regimes in Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Although this parcel does contribute to the District core mission, considerations for potential exchange or surplus should be considered due to Federal Aviation Regulation Part 139 – Airport Operations – Wildlife Hazard Management.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: June 12, 2013

Division Name: Federal Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **South Dade Wetlands - BBCW Component - SW 184th St. Parcels**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This 209.81 acre parcel is predominately mangroves and includes some transitional uplands on the western portion of the property. This parcel is located outside of the BBCW Phase I Project boundary, however resides within the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) BBCW Watershed Plan boundary defined by Alternative O in the BBCW Integrated Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project (BBCW) is planned to provide regional benefits that include groundwater recharge, redistributing freshwater flow, minimizing point source discharges, preserving and restoring coastal glades habitat, increasing connectivity between coastal and adjacent wetlands and improving near shore salinity regimes in Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project (BBCW) is planned to provide regional benefits that include groundwater recharge, redistributing freshwater flow, minimizing point source discharges, preserving and restoring coastal glades habitat, increasing connectivity between coastal and adjacent wetlands and improving near shore salinity regimes in Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Although this parcel contributes to the District core mission, it should be considered for exchange or donation with Miami-Dade County.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Temperince Morgan

Date: June 12, 2013

Division Name: Federal Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **South Dade Wetlands - Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Cutler and L-31E Flow Way parcels are located within the BBCW Phase I Project boundary and are included in the real estate appendix of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) BBCW Integrated Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement. The parcel located adjacent to the C-103 and L-31 Canals reside within the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) BBCW Watershed Plan boundary defined by Alternative O in the BBCW Integrated Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project (BBCW) is planned to provide regional benefits that include groundwater recharge, redistributing freshwater flow, minimizing point source discharges, preserving and restoring coastal glades habitat, increasing connectivity between coastal and adjacent wetlands and improving near shore salinity regimes in Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project (BBCW) is planned to provide regional benefits that include groundwater recharge, redistributing freshwater flow, minimizing point source discharges, preserving and restoring coastal glades habitat, increasing connectivity between coastal and adjacent wetlands and improving near shore salinity regimes in Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Not applicable, parcels contribute to the District core mission.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Paul Warner

Date: June 14, 2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **South Dade Wetlands - Model Lands**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Model Lands will fulfill the Natural Systems Protection mission element under two future Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Projects - C-111 Spreader Canal Project and Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands – Phase 2. Phase 1 of the C-111 Spreader Canal Project will begin to improve hydroperiods on some of the Model Lands. The second phases of the C-111 Spreader Canal Project and the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project will restore more natural quantity, quality, timing and distribution of freshwater flows to the remainder of the Model Lands. These two projects will be the subject of a future detailed planning efforts and Project Implementation Reports. At some future date, SFWMD will certify the Model Lands to the Corps for the Federal Projects, and will receive credit toward the 50-50 cost-share under CERP for the fair market value of these lands as of the date of certification.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, these wetlands will be restored/enhanced under future Federal Projects and once the Project Cooperation Agreements are signed, these lands will need to be managed and used in a manner that is consistent with the Federal Projects.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

These lands should not be surplus or donated because they will be certified and credited under future Federal Projects.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Paul Warner

Date: June 14, 2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **South Dade Wetlands - Southern Glades**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Southern Glades lands fulfill the mission element of Natural Systems protection under one or more Federal Projects – all of which result in enhancement and protection of the natural wetland features within the Southern Glades, as well as improving the hydrologic conditions with the Taylor Slough and Everglades National Park. Currently, the SFWMD and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are discussing the potential for certification and crediting of these lands under an Amendment to the 1995 Project Coordination Agreement for the C-111 South Dade Project. Approximately 1/3 of the Southern Glades lands are included in the Recommended Plan for the C-111 Spreader Canal Western Project under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project. The remaining lands are planned for inclusion in the second Project Implementation Report (PIR) for the second phase of the C-111 Spreader Canal Project. In summary, these lands are highly likely to be needed for a Federal Project. If the USACE does not support certification and crediting of the Southern Glades under the C-111 South Dade Project, then the land will be necessary for the C-111 Spreader Canal Project.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A – Land must be managed and used in a manner that is consistent with the Federal Project.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A – Land must be managed and used in a manner that is consistent with the Federal Project.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Marjorie Moore

Date: June 27, 2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **South Dade Wetlands - Southern Glades**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Southern Glades area provides mitigation for several parcels including: 1) the 100-acre portion of a tract adjacent to the east of the C-111, 1.25 miles south of Ingraham Highway; 2) the 5.0 acre Doral Grande mitigation site and, 3) the 15-acre Vintage Estates parcel. The Doral Grande and Vintage Estates parcels were both transferred to SFWMD as mitigation for development impacts. These two parcels are located 1.8 miles north of the C-111 and .25 miles west of US1. Within this same area there is another tract pending for transfer to SFWMD as mitigation for development impacts.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The protection of the property is required in order to maintain the amount of mitigation that the SFWMD is obligated to provide as the long-term management entity of the parcels, otherwise mitigation for the mitigation will need to be provided. □

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

no

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Lawrence Gerry

Date: June 14, 2013

Division Name: Office of State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **Stormwater Treatment Areas - STA-1W Outparcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This approximately 39 acre parcel is located 750 feet north of STA-1W, 160 feet east of the Cross Canal, and 300 feet south of the C-51 canal. It is currently leased and farmed in sugar cane and vegetables. Because of its proximity to STA-1W it could potentially be used in the future for the storage of material scraped from the flowways to maintain the hydraulic capacity of the STA. The parcel has also been considered for water storage and sediment removal to improve water quality in the basin.

The property was once considered as a potential sub-regional source control project as part of the Restoration Strategies Program. However, due to the high volume of seepage this parcel experiences and the problems that creates for agricultural use, the land may be turned over to the county for some future non-agricultural use as it is adjacent to a Palm Beach County parcel. If the land is turned over to the County, it is anticipated the seepage issues associated with this parcel would be fixed by the County.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The property may have potential future use for soil or water storage/treatment and its location is ideal because of its proximity to several District works but this has not been determined nor is it currently being evaluated. It may be more beneficial if used in a land trade.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

At this time, a better use is not evident, but the potential exists for future uses that would further the District's core missions.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

At this time, a better use is not evident, but the potential exists for beneficial future uses per the District's missions.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 7/3/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Stormwater Treatment Areas - STA-1W Outparcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station performs no maintenance to this property and it is not associated with any current operations.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Dan Cotter, Public Use Section

Date: 6/2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Mgt. Div

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **Stormwater Treatment Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Consistent with District policy, statutory requirements, and the purposes for which the property were acquired, the STAs have provided a great resource for providing nature-based recreation. Partnerships with entities such as FWC and Audubon should continue which provide additional support of public use.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 7/3/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Stormwater Treatment Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station has an ongoing interest in this property and performs regular maintenance and operations activities

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Daniel Kelley

Date: 6/19/13

Division Name: Clewiston Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Stormwater Treatment Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Clewiston Field Station has interest in STAs 3/4, 5 & 6 because they support the District's water quality, flood control, water supply, and natural systems restoration core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Lawrence Gerry

Date: June 14, 2013

Division Name: Office of State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **Stormwater Treatment Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The STAs are critical to our water quality and natural resources protection mission and are required by the Everglades Forever Act. The STA are highly managed and monitored to ensure good phosphorus removal performance and will be expanded under the recently approve Restoration Strategies.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No. The construction and operation of the STAs is critical to the District's water quality mission. Continued operation and maintenance is legally mandated by the Florida Legislature in Chapter 373.4592 FAC. The legislature identified funding in the form of a 0.1 mill ad valorem tax for the Okeechobee Basin, and Agricultural Privilege Taxes in the Everglades Agricultural Area Basin and the C-139 Basin to fund continued operation and maintenance of the STAs.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No. Current use is mandated by state law and is essential to District's water quality mission.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 7-8-2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Stormwater Treatment Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The Everglades Stormwater Treatment Areas provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife in South Florida including over 200 species of migratory birds. Several of these migratory birds are known to nest within these wetlands. Endangered and threatened species that have utilized STAs as habitat include Florida panthers, wood storks, crested caracaras, Everglade snail kites, least terns, Florida sandhill cranes, and multiple wading bird species. Bald eagles are commonly observed within STA and there is a record of an eagle nesting in STA-2 for several years until the snag it was nesting upon fell during a hurricane. Portions of the STAs fall within the core foraging areas of multiple wood stork rookeries.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: 7/10/2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Stormwater Treatment Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Stormwater Treatment Areas are a critical component used to reduce phosphorus levels in surface water necessary in order to meet water quality compliance discharge levels into the Everglades Protection Area.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 7-8-2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **ECB - Strazzulla Wetlands**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The Strazzulla wetlands property provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife in South Florida including many bird species. Endangered and threatened species that have utilized these areas as habitat include wood storks, Florida sandhill cranes, and multiple wading bird species. The property falls within the core foraging areas of multiple wood stork rookeries.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Jennifer Leeds

Date: June 11, 2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels - L-8 EAA Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The EAA L-8 Parcel was purchased by the District in 2010. During the negotiations for the Restoration Strategies Regional Water Quality Plan, the parcel was identified for potential use if needed. Currently, the EAA L-8 parcel is not part of a Restoration Strategies project footprint, but may be necessary for the expansion project of STA-1W: either as part of a land swap to attain the parcels necessary for the STA-1W expansion, or a potential shallow storage feature.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

The L-8 parcel is still being considered as part of a land trade for the STA-1W expansion.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Currently the parcel is in active sugar cane production and provides little to no wildlife habitat and no public use.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Thomas Kosier

Date: June 13, 2013

Division Name: State Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels - Deer Fence Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In its current form, this land serves a minor flood control benefit to the District's core missions as a flood plain and a minor role as a water quality improvement feature. Prior to purchase by the District, this land was previously used as a cattle grazing pasture. Elimination of the cattle grazing and conversion to non-cattle grazing flood plain has improved the water quality of the surface stormwater runoff to the L-3 canal from this parcel.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

Potentially, yes. This parcel is somewhat unique in that it is located immediately adjacent to, and just west of the Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 5/6 complex, and immediately adjacent to, and just north of the proposed Restoration Strategies Programs' Flow Equalization Basin (FEB) project slated to begin design/construction 2018. It could be used to augment either of these projects which would serve to enhance all of the District's core missions.

In addition to the above, this site has been considered as a potential location of a small STA/Nutrient Binding facility to treat stormwater flows from the S&M canal prior to discharge to the L-3 canal. This would represent an improvement in Water Quality to the L-3 canal.

Again, given its' unique location, it also has potential to be a site for a Dispersed Water Management (DWM) project, sited on District lands, designed to detain/retain stormwater runoff from the S&M and/or Deer Fence Canals prior to discharge to the L-3 Canal yielding both flood control and Water Quality benefits.

In light of the above, it is highly recommended that this parcel be retained until further evaluation of its potential contributions to the District's core missions can be made.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

Yes. Implementation of any of the projects described above would enhance the value of this land in contributing towards the District's core missions.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Lawrence Gerry

Date: June 14, 2013

Division Name: Everglades Policy and Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels - SR 827 parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The parcel is critical to achieving our water quality goals as defined in Restoration Strategies and as required by a consent order with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This parcel is anticipated to be incorporated into the STA-1W Expansion Phase II. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2020.

In early 2010, the SFWMD, State of Florida, and USEPA began technical discussions to establish a Water Quality Based Effluent Limit (WQBEL) for TP in discharges from the Everglades STAs that would achieve compliance with state's numeric TP criterion in the EPA and to identify a suite of additional water quality projects to work in conjunction with existing STAs to meet the WQBEL. From these discussions, in 2012, the FDEP issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Watershed Permit (FL0778451) and an associated Consent Order (OGC File No. 12-1148) and an EFA Watershed Permit (0311207) and associated Consent Order (OGC File No. 12-1149) establishing the WQBEL and suite of water quality improvement projects to be constructed under the Restoration Strategies Program.

Overall, the planned strategies outlined in the permits and associated Consent Orders are intended to expand water quality improvement projects to achieve the phosphorus water quality standard established for the Everglades. Under these strategies, the SFWMD is implementing a technical plan that will create more than 6,500 acres of new STAs and 110,000 acre-feet (ac-ft) of Flow Equalization Basins (FEBs) and conveyance improvements. Design and construction of the Restoration Strategies projects is scheduled to be accomplished in three phases over a 12-year timeframe, with completion set for 2025.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No. This water quality mission is critical and is required by consent order with the Florida Department of Protection.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

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EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Daniel Kelley

Date: 6/19/13

Division Name: Clewiston Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Unassociated Parcels - Deer Fence Parcel**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Clewiston Field Station has interest in the Deer Fence Parcel because it supports the District's water quality, flood control, water supply, and natural systems restoration core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: DeBold/Quigley

Date: 7/3/13

Division Name: WPB Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Water Conservation Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The West Palm Beach Field Station has an ongoing interest in this property and performs regular maintenance and operations activities

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Daniel Kelley

Date: 6/19/13

Division Name: Clewiston Field Station

Bureau Name: North Field Operations

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Water Conservation Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

Clewiston Field Station has interest in the Water Conservation Areas because they support the District's water quality, flood control, water supply, and natural systems restoration core mission.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

N/A

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

N/A

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

N/A

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Matthew Morrison

Date: June 13, 2013

Division Name: Federal Policy & Coordination

Bureau Name: Everglades Policy & Coordination

Region Being Reviewed: **Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels**

Select Area Name: **Water Conservation Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Water Conservation Areas (WCAs) were established in the early 1900s by the Everglades Drainage District on state lands that were patented to the State by President T. Roosevelt in 1904. The Central and South Florida Flood Control District expanded the size of these areas during the development of the Central and South Florida Flood control project in the 1950s and 1960s. The acquisition during this time was accomplished through both fee simple and through easements. Additional lands were acquired in the 1990s as a Save Our Rivers project. Current use of the lands is critical to the District core missions of water supply, flood control, natural systems protection and environmental restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No, these project lands support all of the District's mission functions. They are critical components of south Florida's water management system, and a principal beneficiary of Everglades restoration.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No, the area is world renowned for its biodiversity, unique natural character and is highly valued for their recreation opportunities. The northernmost portion is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a National Wildlife Refuge, the remainder is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Not applicable, parcels contribute to the District core mission.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Brian Garrett

Date: 7-8-2013

Division Name: Field Operations & Land Management

Bureau Name: Land Resources

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Water Conservation Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

The Water Conservation Areas provide habitat for a wide variety of fish and wildlife in South Florida. Endangered and threatened species that have utilized these areas as habitat include Florida panthers, wood storks, Everglade snail kites, and multiple wading bird species. The tree islands contained within the WCAs are extremely important areas in the WCAs for birds, reptiles, and mammal species and they attract hundreds of species of wildlife. The WCAs are a major portion of the critical habitat established for Everglade snail kites. The WCAs fall within the core foraging areas of multiple wood stork rookeries.

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: 7/10/2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **Water Conservation Areas -All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

The Water Conservation Areas are the heart of the Everglades ecosystem and are needed for the critical core District missions of water supply, water quality, and resource protection.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

Please attach maps, photos, etc., if needed, to provide additional support for your response.

EVERGLADES ASSESSMENT REGION

Subject Matter Expert (SME)

Comment Submission Form

Respondent: Linda Crean

Date: 7/10/2013

Division Name: Water Resources

Bureau Name: Water Quality

Region Being Reviewed: Flow Equalization Basins, Stormwater Treatment Areas, Water Conservation Areas, C-139 Annex, East Coast Buffer, South Dade Wetlands, and Unassociated Parcels

Select Area Name: **South Dade Wetlands - All**

In your opinion, how well does the current use of the property further the District's core missions of Flood Control, Water Quality protection/improvements, Water Supply, and Natural Systems protection and restoration?

This is a very important component of CERP. Increasing fresh water flows into the Bay will help protect natural systems.

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide more effective support for the District's core missions?

No

In your opinion, is there a better use of the property that would provide support for other important natural resource or public use issues?

No

If the parcel does not contribute to the District's core mission, and has no recommended alternative use, explain why the parcel should be recommended for donation, exchange or surplus.

n/a

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