

Final Meeting Notes
Special Session of the Technical Oversight Committee
Tuesday, January 25, 2005 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

South Florida Water Management District
Headquarters, B-1 Building, Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680

Introductory Comments: Additions or modifications to the agenda.

Garth Redfield (TOC Chair), SFWMD.

No additions or modifications to the agenda were requested.

The Principals requested a Progress Report on remedial measures addressed in their April 2, 2004 agreement. This Special Session of the TOC reviewed, edited and composed a working draft of this Progress Report. The Report must be completed at the February 24, 2005 Quarterly TOC meeting. Paula Moree provided editorial support and a court reporter documented the meeting. Anyone wanting a verbatim transcript from the court reporter may contact Rufino Osorio (561 682-6261; rosorio@sfwmd.gov) in the District's Office of Counsel for information on ordering TOC transcripts.

1. 'Progress Report on Remedial Measures to Control Phosphorus Inputs to the A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge'. Garth Redfield, SFWMD, discussion leader for pages 1 and 2 of the draft report.

The TOC reviewed and made several editorial changes to the first three paragraphs of the Progress Report.

2. 'A. Controlling Phosphorus Loads to the Refuge'. Garth Redfield, SFWMD, with Gary Goforth, Consultant to the District, discussion leaders for pages 3 to 8 of the draft report.

Minor changes were made in the Introduction to the Progress Report on page 2. Detailed review and revision followed for all fifteen projects described in under topics A.1. through A.4. The section on Recent Initiatives was moved up to page 8 and additions were made for clarity.

3. 'B. Enhancing Monitoring of the Refuge'. Matt Harwell and Mike Waldon, USFWS, discussion leaders for pages 8 and 9 of the draft report.

The first two paragraphs of this section were approved without changes and the third and fourth paragraphs were deleted along with the bullets on monitoring status.

4. 'C. Modeling of the Refuge'. Mike Waldon, USFWS, discussion leader for pages 9 and 10 of the draft report.

The first paragraph of section C.1. was rewritten and bullets were reformatted and some were deleted. Likewise, section C.2. was shortened and reformatted.

The section 'Future Report to Principals' was added to clarify how the Principals request for recommendations on water management activities for water quality will be handled through a report to be delivered in June, 2005.

5. 'Additional Measures to Reduce Phosphorus Loads'.

Gary Goforth, Consultant to the District on Acceler8, page 11

Mike Waldon, USFWS, on water management practices, pages 12 – 14

Topics for future deliberation were compiled in a separate document titled: ‘TOC Recommendations for Further Investigations of the Relationship between Water Management and Water Quality in the Refuge’. The editorial time needed to add explanatory material to the draft Progress Report precluded any deliberation of these topics at the January 25, 2005 meeting; they are a main item on the agenda for the February 24, 2005 Quarterly TOC Meeting.

6. Action and Follow Up Items for TOC

Use of the Webboard, Trudy Morris, SFWMD.

There was no discussion of this item because the Webboard is not currently needed. All recommended changes to the Progress Report will be discussed and approved at the February 24, 2005 TOC meeting.

Items for discussion at the February 24, 2005 TOC meeting.

In addition to routine quarterly agenda items, there will be status reports on at least five topics or projects, revision and approval of the Progress Report, and discussion of water management and water quality in the Refuge.

7. General Public Comment (20 minutes or as requested).

There were no requests for additional public comment. There were comments received from representatives of the Miccosukee Tribe on several items in the draft Progress Report during the TOC revision of the Report.

8. Next quarterly TOC meeting dates (B-1 Auditorium): Thur. Feb. 24, 2005

Proposed quarterly TOC meeting dates (B-1 Auditorium)

Tues 5/17/05; Tues 5/24/05; Thur 5/26/05; Tues 5/31/05

Tues 8/2/05; Tues 8/16/05; Tues 8/23/05; Thur 8/25/05

Thur 11/10/05; Tues 11/22/05

* Items for consideration and possible action by the Technical Oversight Committee.