

**Quarterly Meeting of the
Technical Oversight Committee (TOC)**

Tuesday, February 27, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

South Florida Water Management District
Headquarters, B-1 Building, Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

TOC Representatives:

Garth Redfield, TOC Chair, SFWMD
Nick Aumen, NPS/ENP
Paul DuBowy, USACE

Frank Nearhoof, FDEP
Mike Waldon, USFWS/Refuge

Note: This meeting was recorded by a court reporter and copies are available for purchase; Contact Rufino Osorio in the District's Office of Counsel (561-682-6261). Handouts and presentations are also available on the TOC website (<http://www.sfwmd.gov/org/ema/toc/index.html>).

10:07 a.m. **TOC Meeting began**

10:07 a.m. **Modifications to the agenda and announcement of documents available on the TOC website** Garth Redfield (TOC Chair), SFWMD

- Chair requested changes to the agenda (**Attachment 1**). No changes were requested.
- Chair announced that documents for presentations at the TOC meetings will be posted on the TOC website if provided within a reasonable time and briefly described those available for this meeting.
- Paul DuBowy, USACE TOC Representative, announced that he is leaving the Jacksonville District Army Corps of Engineers.

10:13 a.m. **Agenda Item #1. *Approval of TOC meeting notes from December 20 and October 3, 2006 meetings (Attachments 2 and 3)** Garth Redfield, SFWMD

- Chair announced that per Kelly Brookes' request, the meeting notes for December 20, 2006 meeting were changed to reflect the actual wording of the proposed motion and include the results of the vote.
- No additional changes to either of the meeting minutes – both sets approved by the TOC.

10:15 a.m. **Agenda Item #2. Presentation of the Settlement Agreement Report (Attachment 4)** Pamela Lehr, SFWMD

Pam's provided graphics from the Settlement Agreement Report, as posted prior to the meeting.

Action Items:

- District will follow up on Mike Waldon's suggestion that DCS values be included in DBHYDRO. **Answer:** Staff feels there is too much variability in DCS values to be meaningful for the database. Values are available in log books for those interested.

10:33 a.m. **Agenda Item #3. Discussion of the 2nd Annual Report on Expanded Monitoring and Modeling of the Refuge (Attachment 5, link)** Matt Harwell, USFWS

Matt Harwell announced that the 2nd Annual Refuge Report is available using the link on the TOC website. He noted that peer review comments and responses also are available on the Sophia website.

Action Items:

- As suggested by Frank Nearhoof, the District proposed that the Principals meet and discuss how they want to proceed with a follow-up workshop to discuss the Annual Report. Chair to email announcement when follow-up workshop date is set.

11:08 a.m. **Agenda Item #4. *Alternative Method for Assessing the Load Reduction Expectations to the Everglades Protection Area and Refuge: Draft Straw-man Proposal from the State Parties (Attachments 6, 8 and 8a)** Gary Goforth, consultant for the SFWMD

Gary presented a summary (**Attachment 6**) of the State's draft proposal (**Attachment 7**). An Excel spreadsheet is also available with supporting data (**Attachment 8a**).

Action Item:

- Nick Aumen indicated that a Federal proposal may be presented using a different load-reduction method. The Chair will add to the May agenda.

11:55 a.m. [Short Break, TOC reconvened at 12:05 p.m.]

12:05 p.m. **Agenda Item #5. TOC Updates**

A. Update on STAs and Related Projects (Attachment 9) Tracey Piccone, SFWMD

Tracey presented an update on STA-performance data, STA enhancements and other STA-related projects.

12:25 p.m. **B. Update from Work Group on the Water Needs of the Refuge** Mike Waldon, USFWS

Mike provided a brief update on water needs for Refuge and indicated that the goal is to provide a report at the May TOC meeting.

12:28 p.m. **C. Update of the S-1D Dredging Project (Attachment 10)** Greg Coffelt, SFWMD

Greg presented an update on the S-12D Dredging project and key dates:

- The Notice To Proceed – Issued on December 11, 2006
- Substantial Completion Date – May 17, 2007
- Final Completion Date – June 18, 2007

12:36 p.m. **Agenda Item #6. Topics for Future TOC Meetings**

- Bill Walker to present different load-reduction method at April or May TOC meeting.
- A possible technical follow-up meeting on Refuge Report to be decided upon by Principals.

A. Updates on PSTA projects in STA 3/4 and STA-1E: SFWMD and USCOE

Paul DuBoway stated that the PSTA project will be operational by March.

B. Research Programs under the Consent Decree Fred Sklar, SFWMD

Fred will present a research summary this summer.

12:38 a.m. **Agenda Item #7. Public Comment**

There were no general comments from the public.

12:39 a.m. **Agenda Item #8. 2007 TOC Meeting Dates**

Special Meetings (as needed)

- Tuesday March 20 (to be decided)
- Tuesday April 17
- Tuesday, June 19
- Tuesday, July 17

Quarterly Meetings 11/20 or 11/27

- Tuesday May 22 (Chair not available)
- Tuesday August 28

Proposed Spec. Meetings (as needed):

- Tuesday, September 18, 19 or 21
- Tuesday, October 23 or 30
- Tuesday, December 18, 19 or 21

Proposed Quarterly Meetings 11/20 or 11/27

- Tuesday, August 28
- Tuesday, September 18, 19 or 21

12:41 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

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