

**Notes from the Quarterly Meeting of the
Everglades Technical Oversight Committee (TOC)
August 21, 2012**

**South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406**

TOC Representatives:

Garth Redfield, TOC Chair, SFWMD
Stacey Feken, FDEP (by phone)
Melissa Martin, Refuge

Nick Aumen, NPS/ENP
Sean Smith, USACE (by phone)
John Barkett, Special Master (by phone)

Note: This meeting was recorded by a court reporter and copies are available for purchase; for more information, contact Florida Court Reporting (561-689-0999). Handouts and presentations are also available on the TOC website (www.sfwmd.gov/toc).

10:15 a.m. **Meeting called to order by TOC Chair**

Agenda Item 1. TOC opening business – Garth Redfield, SFWMD

Agenda Item 1A. Welcome and identification of those on the phone

Garth Redfield welcomed attendees, discussed technical difficulties with the TOC website, and asked those on the phone to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 1B. Agenda modifications and documents available on the TOC website

Garth Redfield asked if any changes to the agenda (**Document 1**) were required. None were requested.

Agenda Item 1C. Approval of May 30, 2012 draft meeting notes and review of action items

Garth Redfield asked if the TOC members had any changes to the notes from the previous TOC meeting (**Document 2**). None were requested.

Associated online documents

1. [Agenda for August 21, 2012, TOC Meeting](#)
2. [TOC Meeting Notes from May 30, 2012](#)

10:25 a.m. **Agenda Item 2. Presentation of the Settlement Agreement Report** – Stuart Van Horn, SFWMD

Stuart Van Horn presented the Settlement Agreement Report for April–June 2012 (**Documents 3** and **4**). All results were in compliance and alternative calculations are no longer shown in the tables to avoid confusion. Footnotes in the report tables mark where these data were previously shown.

Associated online documents

3. [Settlement Agreement Report, April - June 2012](#)
4. [Settlement Agreement Report Presentation, April - June 2012](#)

10:45 a.m. **Agenda Item 3. Discussion of TAMBR105 monitoring requirements** – Pete Rawlik, SFWMD

Pete Rawlik gave a presentation detailing monitoring at TAMBR105 and the District's request to remove the station from the TOC's purview (**Document 5**). Nick Aumen, NPS/ENP, described the long history of the site and asked to wait to have further discussion after he could discuss the proposal with staff at Big Cypress National Park, NPS attorneys, and members of the Miccosukee Tribe. Nick also stated that he thinks a summary of monitoring changes from the past few years would be beneficial to keep track of the results of the District's monitoring optimization efforts.

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- ® **Action Item #1:** The TAMBR105 monitoring requirements will be discussed again at the next TOC meeting.

Associated online documents

5. [Tambr105 Monitoring Requirements](#)

- 11:00 a.m. **Agenda Item 4A. Update on annual compliance reporting for the TP criterion rule –**
Stacey Feken, FDEP

FDEP has been exploring options for making four-part test data available quarterly. However, it looks like it is most appropriate to release these data annually as is done currently. Stacey will make a presentation on this at the next TOC meeting.

- ® **Action Item #2:** Stacey Feken will give a presentation on the four-part test at the next TOC meeting.

- 11:10 a.m. **Agenda Item 4C. Update on resampling of Settlement Agreement sites –**
Garth Redfield, SFWMD

Garth Redfield asked for clarification on how the TOC wants resampled data handled. The District will likely want to stop sampling if these data are not going to be used for compliance calculations. The discussion focused on when resampling is done and the resampling guidelines from 2009. The consensus is that it is up to the District to determine whether to resample on a case-by-case basis and TOC will evaluate resulting data for compliance.

- 11:25 a.m. **Agenda Item 4B. Update on STA-related projects –** John Mitnik, SFWMD

John Mitnik gave a presentation on the status of Compartments C and B. Pump stations at both are nearly complete and will soon be turned over to Operations and this will likely be the last presentation on this to the TOC. Discussion focused on when these new sections of STA-5/6 and STA-2 will be treating water. If all goes well with permitting, vegetation growth, and weather, the target for treatment beginning is the 2013 wet season.

Associated online documents

6. [STAs and Related Projects Update - Part 2 for August 21, 2012, TOC Meeting](#)

- 11:40 a.m. **Agenda Item 5. Public comment**

No public comments were requested.

- 11:40 a.m. **Agenda Item 6. TOC closing business**

Discussion of proposed future TOC agenda items

Melissa Martin, Refuge, asked to have a discussion of the Water Supply Augmentation Plan at a future TOC meeting when appropriate, but before final decisions are made.

- ® **Action Item #3:** A presentation on the Water Supply Augmentation Plan will be made by the SFWMD at a future TOC meeting.

TOC meeting dates

The next quarterly meeting will be held on **November 27, 2012.**

Additional supporting documents available online:

[Refuge's Enhanced Water Quality Program Monthly Sampling, April - June 2012](#)

[Quality Assessment Report for Water Quality Monitoring, April - June 2012](#)