

**Notes from the Special Meeting of the
Everglades Technical Oversight Committee (TOC)**

March 26, 2013

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

TOC Representatives:

Garth Redfield, TOC Chair, SFWMD	Frank Powell, FDEP <i>(by phone)</i>
Nick Aumen, NPS/ENP	Sean Smith, USACE
Melissa Martin, Refuge	Camila Tobón, Representing Special Master <i>(by phone)</i>

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 available on the TOC website (www.sfwmd.gov/toc). A video of the meeting is available online at <http://sfwmd.ig2.com/Citizens/Media.aspx>.

1:00 p.m. **Agenda Item 1. TOC Opening Business** – Garth Redfield, SFWMD

Agenda Item 1A. Welcome and Identification of Those on the Phone

Garth Redfield called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees, and asked those on the phone to introduce themselves. The next quarterly TOC meeting is set for May 14th. A future quarterly meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2013.

Agenda Item 1B. Agenda Modifications and Documents Available on the TOC Website

Garth Redfield asked if any changes to the agenda were required. There were no changes requested.

Associated online documents:

[Agenda for March 26, 2013, TOC Meeting](#)
[Central Everglades Planning Project](#)

1:15 p.m. **Agenda Item 2. Central Everglades Planning Project Water Quality to Everglades National Park (ENP) Presentation** – Kim Taplin, USACE, and Matt Morrison, SFWMD

Kim Taplin and Matt Morrison presented an overview of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP), goals and objectives, alternatives considered, the tentatively selected plan (TSP), and an evaluation of the TSP and its potential effect on water quality compliance for inflows to ENP. The presentation closed by questioning whether Appendix A is the appropriate methodology for determining water quality compliance given these future changes to water management.

There was a discussion and acknowledgement by the TOC representatives that these changes in direction, location, and quantity of flows may affect how compliance is measured. Then the group discussed the need to establish a technical sub-group to evaluate the various aspects of the Appendix A methodology in light of these and other anticipated changes to the system. The technical sub-group will first discuss a process and scope for their evaluation and bring that back to the TOC, and then will move forward in the coming months with conducting an evaluation pursuant to the scope and process. Frank Powell (FDEP) suggested that FDEP take the lead in organizing the process and the TOC representatives assigned the following action items:

- **Action Item #1:** TOC representatives will recommend that their respective agencies appoint one or more staff to be part of a technical sub-group. TOC representatives will contact Frank Powell (FDEP) with their staff appointments by Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

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- **Action Item #2:** FDEP will take the lead on scheduling meetings and bringing the technical sub-group together.
- **Action Item #3:** The technical sub-group will report to the TOC at the May 14th quarterly meeting on scope and process for the evaluation.

Associated online document: [Central Everglades Planning Project](#)

1:50 p.m. **Agenda Item 3. Public Comment (as requested)**

Clarification was requested on what the proposed technical working team would produce or determine.

It was recommended that the technical working team develop a way of comparing results of using the new measurement they develop with results of the former measurement so that a comparison can be made.

1:55 p.m. **Agenda Item 4. TOC Closing Business**

Garth Redfield summarized and confirmed the action items and adjourned the meeting.