

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

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

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

TOC Representatives:

Garth Redfield, TOC Chair, SFWMD

Nick Aumen, NPS/ENP

Trent Ferguson, 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>).

10:09 a.m. **TOC Meeting began**

10:07 a.m. **Modifications to the agenda and announcement of documents available on the TOC website.** - Julianne LaRock, SFWMD (Substituting for Garth Redfield, TOC Chair) **(Attachment 1)**

- Chair requested changes to the agenda. No changes were requested.
- Frank Nearhoof, FDEP TOC Representative, announced that he is stepping down from the TOC committee to work on the Water Quality Standards Program and other high profile programs. Ken Weaver will be his replacement. Frank indicated that he intends to stay involved with the TOC.
- The Committee introduced Trent Ferguson as the new USACE Representative.
- The Committee also noted that Mr. Mark Musaus was leaving the Refuge.

10:14 a.m. **Agenda Item #1. Approval of TOC meeting notes from February 27, 2007 meeting -** Julianne LaRock, SFWMD. **(Attachment 3)**

- Nick Aumen requested a modification to the 2-27-07 minutes where a response was noted concerning the DCS values under agenda Item #2.
- No other edits were requested.

10:15 a.m. **Agenda Item #2. Presentation of the Settlement Agreement Report -** Pamela Lehr, SFWMD **(Attachment 5-6)**

Pam provided graphic presentation of the report highlights as posted prior to the meeting.

- Mike Waldon requested that results from samples collected to determine compliance with the P Rule be included in the quarterly report.
- Kirk Burns indicated that the result could be recorded in the report.
- **Action Item:** The District will add this information to its presentations.

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10:28 a.m. **Agenda Item #3. Update from Working Group on the Water Needs of the Refuge - Mike Waldon, USFWS**

Mike gave an oral report on the status of the document. A discussion followed.

A workshop on Refuge Modeling is planned for June 18th at the South County Civic Center on Jog Road. This is the first of two workshops. The second one is tentatively planned for August. Presentations will be on water budget, water mass balance, simplified models, chloride models, TP and Sulfate, etc.

In August, the working group will focus on the 2-dimensional model.

11:01 a.m. **Agenda Item #4. Accelerated Invasive Species Control Plan for the A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge: 2007 – 2008 - Bill Miller, USFWS and LeRoy Rodgers, SFWMD. (Attachment 2 & 4)**

Bill Miller, USFWS provided a presentation on the Accelerated Invasive Species Control program at the Refuge. This was followed by a brief discussion and response to questions.

11:25 p.m. **Agenda Item #5. Northern Everglades Legislation - Tom Teets, SFWMD (Attachment 7)**

Tom Teets, SFWMD provided a presentation on the Northern Everglades.

11:36 p.m. **Agenda Item #6. TOC Updates**

11:36 p.m. **A. Update on STAs and Related Projects** Tracey Piccone, SFWMD **(Attachment 9)**

Tracey Piccone provided a presentation on the STAs update. Frank Nearhoof offered kudos to the District on the work. This was followed by a presentation from Jeff Kivett, SFWMD **(Attachment 10)** on the EPA Projects Update. A discussion followed.

12:25 p.m. **B. Update of the S-12D Dredging Project** Greg Coffelt, SFWMD **(Attachment 8)**

Greg Coffelt provided a presentation on the S-12 project.

12:40 p.m. **C. Update on the Drought of 2007** Susan Sylvester, SFWMD **(Attachment 11)**

Susan Sylvester provided an update on the drought situation with a Water Conditions Report.

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1:04 p.m. **Agenda Item #7. Topics for Future TOC Meetings**

Frank Nearhoof was asked to provide the Water Conservation Area Ambient P-criterion Monitoring Network document to post on the website. **(Attachment 12)**

Discussion on the resolution of adding the DCS values to the Database.

1:06 p.m. **Agenda Item #8. Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments.

1:07 p.m. **Agenda Item #9. 2007 TOC Meeting Dates**

The next Special meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2007

Future meeting dates were agreed to hold open: 7/17, 8/28 (regular meeting), 9/21, 10/23, 11/27

Juli LaRock asked Bill Walker to provide his materials for posting two weeks in advance of the meeting.

1:13 p.m. **The meeting adjourned.**

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