

## **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, 2A Bridge Conference Room)

West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference call at (561) 682-6700

Meet-me number (866) 433-6299 - Meeting ID #8774

**Wednesday March 02, 2011 – 9:00 AM**

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates, Acting Chair
  - a) Meeting began at 09:00 AM.
2. Attendees
  - a) Committee Members
    1. Janet Llewellyn, Chair, DEP (Teleconference)
    2. Terrie Bates, Vice Chair, SFWMD
    3. Eric Hughes, USEPA (Teleconference)
    4. Howard Hayes, BMMR (Alternate DEP - Teleconference)
    5. Leah Oberlin, USACE
    6. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
    7. Matt Davis, DERM (Teleconference)
  - b) Other meeting attendees
    1. Ray Sciortino, SFWMD
    2. Barbara Katz, SFWMD
    3. Anita Bain, SFWMD
    4. Bob Verrastro, SFWMD
    5. Lee Chitty, SFWMD Contractor
    6. Jeff Needle, SFWMD
    7. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
    8. Joan Lawrence, USDOJ
    9. Lourdes Elias, SFWMD

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Mike Spinelli, Miami-Dade DERM

3. Review minutes from 11/03/10 Committee meeting – Terrie Bates

Review minutes from 01/21/11 Technical Workshop – Terrie Bates

Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes, with no changes.  
Motion passed.

4. Opening Comments – None

5. Review Invoices between SFWMD and Miami-Dade LPA – Marjorie Moore

Marjorie explained that the SFWMD Governing Board approved the MDLPA agreement and that the law firm of Greenberg Traurig is the trustee for MDLPA-sponsored projects approved by the LBMC. The purpose of this arrangement is to facilitate the payment to vendors after the Committee has approved the project and the associated budget. Funds were transferred from the LBMC Trust Fund to MDLPA c/o Greenberg Traurig for different approved projects in the amount of \$107,515 + \$54,567 + \$141,200, totaling \$303,282. Of this balance, \$128,041 has been paid to contractors, leaving a balance of \$175,241 in the Greenberg Traurig trust account for payments on approved projects (see attached worksheet). The Committee reviewed the detailed invoices presented by Marjorie and discussed the invoice review and acceptance approval process for the trust account payments. It was agreed that SFWMD had the Committee's approval to sign off on invoices that were consistent with the overall approved cost estimates and that the Committee did not need to review/accept each individual invoice but could approve them collectively. Examples of additional sample shipping costs and allocation of labor costs for projects that were within the approved budget were discussed and it was agreed that the approved cost estimates were for the total project cost and not meant to be exact line-by-line project budgets. Leah made a motion to approve the discussed SFWMD approval process and the specific trust account payments on the SFWMD worksheet. The motion was seconded by Howard. Motion approved.

#### 6. Pennsuco Land Acquisitions – Barbara Katz

One 10 acre parcel was approved by the Governing Board in December, closed in January, and was listed in the 2010 LBMC Annual Report. Barbara is currently working with another seller, with a ten acre parcel, within Pennsuco. Barbara further indicated the current estimated ownership within Pennsuco is: Public Ownership 9,214 acres; Miner Ownership, 1,864 acres, and Private Ownership as 1,522 acres. **Action 1** - Barbara to report back at the next Committee meeting regarding Pennsuco land purchases.

#### 7. LBMC Annual Report – Jeff Rosenfeld & Lee Chitty

Jeff presented the 2010 LBMC Annual Report to the Committee. Leah made a motion to accept the annual report, motion was seconded by Janet. Motion approved. Report to be presented to the SFWMD Governing Board at their April meeting.

#### 8. L-31N Seepage Mitigation Project Update – Jeff Rosenfeld

Jeff presented an update to the Committee regarding the seepage mitigation project. Samples indicate the seepage wall is influencing groundwater flow into the L-31N Canal. Jeff presented a memo, attached to the agenda, on proposed Barrier Integrity Testing that was discussed with the technical sub-committee. He asked the Committee to approve a motion to utilize previously approved funding of \$10,064 to conduct the cone penetrometer testing and coring. Leah moved the motion, seconded by Eric. Motion approved.

#### 9. 8.5 Square Mile Restoration Project Update – Ray Sciortino

Ray Sciortino presented an update on the 8.5 Square Mile Area restoration project. SFWMD has obtained permits from DEP and ACOE, but additional information has been requested by the Miami-Dade Planning and Zoning Department on the proposed soil stockpiles. The major holdback on approving the permits is having a specific plan and time frame in place to remove the soil stockpiles. Given the delays, the project will need to be pushed back to next years' dry season. **Action 2** – Raymond Sciortino will report back at the next Committee meeting.

10. Public comment – None.

11. Next Meeting Date

To Be Determined

12. Meeting Adjourned

**Action Items For The Next Meeting:**

**Action 1** – Barbara to report back at the next Committee meeting regarding Pennsuco land purchases.

**Action 2** – Raymond Sciortino will report back at the next Committee meeting regarding the 8.5 Square Mile Restoration Project.