

# **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road, (Bldg. B-1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Storch Room)  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference call at (561) 682-6800

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**Friday, March 17, 2017 9:00 AM**

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates, Chair
  - a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM
  
2. Attendees
  - a) Committee Members
    1. Terrie Bates, Chairperson, SFWMD
    2. Mindy Hogan-Charles, USACE
    3. Ed Smith, DEP Alternate (Teleconference)
    4. Craig Grossenbacher, DERM (Teleconference)
    5. Ron Miedema, USEPA
    6. Robert Progulske, USFWS (Teleconference)
    7. Marissa Krueger, FFWCC Alternate (Teleconference)
    8. Jeff Rosenfeld, MDLPA (ex-officio)
  
  - b) Other meeting attendees
    1. Robert Hopper, SFWMD
    2. Lourdes Elias, SFWMD
    3. Olga Serrano, SFWMD
    4. Steve Krupa, SFWMD
    5. Tom MacVicar, MDLPA
    6. Joan Lawrence, USDOJ
    7. Martha Musgrove

c) Other teleconference attendees

8. Howard Hayes, DEP
9. Alan Whitehouse, DEP
10. Katy Collins, DEP
11. Maria MacFarlane, WASD
12. Alex Onisko, SFWMD
13. Scott Woolam, DEP State Lands

3. Approval of Minutes

LBMC Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2016 were reviewed by the Committee members. The minutes were moved for approval by Ron Miedema, with a second by Mindy Hogan-Charles. The minutes were approved by the Committee.

4. Update on Cemex Phase II Acquisition – Scott Woolam

One of the recommendations of the Lake Belt Plan was to authorize land exchanges of government-owned land in the mining portion of the Lake Belt for mining company-owned land in the Pennsuco wetlands. The Cemex Phase II exchange, which represents the last mining company-owned property in the Pennsuco wetlands, is being coordinated by State Lands. This acquisition is different from previous land exchanges in that the State-owned land is currently leased by Miami-Dade County for a park and the proceeds of the exchange will be used by the Florida Department of Education for funding the purchase of a leased school in Miami-Dade County. State Lands hopes to have the agreement finalized this year, so that the Cemex property can be acquired by SFWMD through funding from the Committee.

5. Submittal of Invoices for Acceptance by LBMC – Robert Hopper / Jeff Rosenfeld

Terrie Bates and Robert Hopper discussed the funding/escrow account/invoice approval process for the benefit of the new Committee members. Jeff Rosenfeld discussed the invoices submitted since the last Committee meeting and Robert Hopper presented a spreadsheet (copy

attached) summarizing the invoices to be accepted by the Committee. These invoices included: 1) six L-31N Phase II invoices totaling \$308,284.48, 2) three Dade-Broward Levee Phase 1 invoices totaling \$1,090,405.05, 3) six Dade-Broward Levee Construction Monitoring Phase 2 invoices totaling \$59,135.19, and 4) three Lake Belt Water Quality Monitoring invoices totaling \$165,379.06. Total invoices were \$1,623,203.78. Ron Miedema moved to accept the invoices and Mindy Hogan-Charles seconded the motion. The motion to accept the invoices was approved by the Committee.

#### 6. Approval of 2016 LBMC Annual Report – Jeff Rosenfeld

Jeff Rosenfeld presented a copy of the draft 2016 LBMC Annual Report to the Committee. Jeff discussed the financial aspects of the report in Appendix C and the summary tables indicating the amount of mitigation that has been approved by the Committee and the overall positive Lake Belt mitigation balance. Robert Progulske moved to approve the 2016 Annual Report and the motion was seconded by Craig Grossenbacher. The Annual Report was approved by the Committee.

#### 7. Project Status – L-31N Phase 2 and Dade-Broward Levee repair projects – Jeff Rosenfeld

Construction of the 3 additional miles of the L-31N seepage barrier was completed in April 2016. Jeff Rosenfeld showed some 2016 monitoring results. The results show increased water level differences across the seepage barrier after construction, but interpretation of the data is complicated due to a very wet 2016 dry season, S-356 back pumping, and emergency operations which raised the stage in the Tamiami Canal and increased deliveries to Everglades National Park.

The 7.5 miles of Dade-Broward Levee berm repair was completed in July 2016. The next phase of the project is construction of the two proposed water control structures in the Wellfield Protection Canal, which is expected to begin in 2017. Design and permitting have been completed and a cost proposal has been received from a potential contractor. Design of the repair/automation of the existing L-30 structure has started and has been discussed with District Engineering staff.

#### 8. Public Comment

None.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be scheduled later in the year for review of FY18 project funding requests and wet season L-31N monitoring results.

10. Meeting Adjourned