

# **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, Storch 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 #0936

**Friday July 29, 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)
    8. Tim King, FFWCC (Teleconference)
  - b) Other meeting attendees
    1. Ray Sciortino, SFWMD
    2. Olga Lopez, 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

10. Steve Loughlin, SFWMD
11. Les Bromwell, AMEC-BCI
12. Tom MacVicar, MFL
13. Scott Burns, SFWMD
14. Steve Krupa, SFWMD

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Mike Spinelli, Miami-Dade DERM
2. Marie Davis, ACOE
3. Greg Henderson, DEP
4. Virginia Walsh, MDWASD

3. Review minutes from 03/02/11 Committee meeting – 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 & Accept Pending Invoices – Marjorie Moore

Marjorie reviewed the following pending invoices for acceptance:

- 1) 4 L-31 N invoices totaling \$13,540.52
- 2) 2 Dade-Broward Levee invoices totaling \$107,100.00
- 3) 1 DBL additional drilling contingency invoice totaling \$5,005.00

All invoices were reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

6. 8.5 Square Mile Restoration Project Update – Ray Sciortino

Ray Sciortino presented an update on the 8.5 Square Mile Area restoration project. Considerable discussion ensued concerning the viability of this project. It has been several years since the project was originally considered and some permits have been very slow to be issued. DERM has requested additional soil samples for the proposed soil reuse plan. In addition, Miami-Dade Planning and Zoning has requested a specific plan and time frame for the

distribution of the stockpiles. Given the existing and potential delays, committee members discussed the idea of putting the project on-hold until a more definitive option (such as C-111 improvement project) is identified for the use of the soil. **Action 1** – Raymond Sciortino will report back at the next Committee meeting regarding the soil samples submitted to DERM and the request from Miami-Dade Planning and Zoning.

#### 8. L-31N Seepage Barrier Test Project – Tom MacVicar

Tom presented an update to the Committee regarding the Seepage Barrier Test Project and cost proposal for new slurry placement methodology. The original seepage barrier wall was designed for a depth of 18 feet. Based upon 13 cone penetrometer tests and borings at two locations along the test wall, the slurry mixture did not appear to harden below a depth of approximately 14 feet in a large portion of the wall. This result indicated that the test wall did not meet design specifications.

Considerable discussions followed concerning various options that may be undertaken to proceed with this project. The Committee identified three separate tasks to further review these issues: **Action 2** - Jeff Rosenfeld would provide the technical team with a summary of the modeling results for the different options; **Action 3** - Leah Oberlin would hold a regulatory team meeting to discuss the potential mitigation credits that could be earned based upon a limited construction of a new slurry wall, and 3) a Committee meeting would be scheduled for a later date to discuss the findings of the technical and regulatory teams.

#### 9. SFWMD FY 2012 Budget Items Approval – Jeff Rosenfeld

Jeff briefly discussed a new SFWMD budgeting procedure whereby funds are held in a “reserve” portion of the District budget and transferred to a budgeted line item as the Committee approves specific project expenditures. This item was tabled for further discussion until a following meeting.

#### 10. Public comment – None.

## 11. Next Meeting Date

The original proposed meeting date was later rescheduled to September 30, 2011, 9:00 AM at the SFWMD

## 12. Meeting Adjourned

### **Action Items For The Next Meeting:**

**Action 1** – Raymond Sciortino will report back at the next Committee meeting regarding the soil samples submitted to DERM and the request from Miami-Dade Planning and Zoning.

**Action 2** - Jeff Rosenfeld would provide the technical team with a summary of the modeling results for the different options. Jeff will report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

**Action 3** - Leah Oberlin would hold a regulatory team meeting to discuss the potential mitigation credits that could be earned based upon a limited construction of a new slurry wall. Leah will report back to the Committee at the next meeting.