

LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (Bldg. B-1, 3rd 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, August 25, 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 (Teleconference)
- 3. Ed Smith, DEP (Teleconference)
- 4. Craig Grossenbacher, DERM (Teleconference)
- 5. Ron Miedema, USEPA (Teleconference)
- 6. Robert Progulske, USFWS (Teleconference)
- 7. Jason Hight, FFWCC (Teleconference)
- 8. Jeff Rosenfeld, MDLPA (ex-officio)

b) Other meeting attendees

- 1. Robert Hopper, SFWMD
- 2. Lourdes Elias, SFWMD
- 3. Olga Serrano, SFWMD
- 4. Lisa Schneider, SFWMD
- 5. Ray Palmer, SFWMD
- 6. Dave Colangelo, SFWMD

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c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Howard Hayes, DEP
2. Orlando Rivera, SFWMD
3. Katie Collins, DEP
4. Eve Huggins, USACE
5. Steve Krupa, SFWMD
6. Ernie Barnett, MDLPA
7. Joan Lawrence, USDOJ
8. Scott Woolam, DEP

3. Approval of Minutes

LBMC Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2017 were reviewed by the Committee members. The minutes were moved for approval by Craig Grossenbacher, second by Robert Progulske. The minutes were approved by the Committee.

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

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) two L-31N Phase II invoices totaling \$8,473.13, 2) six Dade-Broward Levee Construction Monitoring Phase II invoices totaling \$61,794.86, and 3) two Lake Belt Water Quality Monitoring invoices totaling \$134,402.51. Total invoices approved were \$204,670.50. Robert Progulske moved to accept the invoices, Craig Grossenbacher seconded the motion. The motion to accept the invoices was approved by the Committee

6. Project Status – Pennsuco and C-139 Annex restoration projects – Robert Hopper

Robert summarized the status of the Pennsuco wetlands restoration and the 2016/2017 District land acquisitions. SFWMD completed the acquisition of the Cemex Phase 1 land swap (607 acres) in April 2017.

Robert detailed the status of C-139 Annex Phase 1 construction activities, the progress in wetland revegetation, and provided information on wildlife utilization and the next steps in the Phase I and II projects.

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 showed some preliminary 2017 monitoring results. The Dade-Broward Levee berm repair was completed in 2016. A contractor has been selected for the two proposed Dade-Broward structures and they estimate the structures will be completed approximately one year after the building permit has been issued. The L-30 structure is proposed to be rebuilt and automated so it can be operated remotely by SFWMD and is currently in design.

8. FY 18 Funding Requests – Jeff Rosenfeld / Ray Palmer

Three FY18 funding requests were considered by the Committee:

A. C-139 Annex restoration project: A motion was presented to “Approve the expenditure of \$3 million of additional funding for the C-139 Annex Restoration Project. At an estimated cost of \$15,248 per WRAP credit, this expenditure authorizes the award of 196.7 WRAP credits for 2017, subject to the final credit determination for the project.” It was discussed that this was the sixth annual payment (as proposed in the cash flow analysis discussed during the initial approval by the Committee in 2012) and that the LBMC funding was front-loaded to provide the original estimated \$35 million needed for the restoration of the project by 2017. The credit award is based on the WRAP scoring approved by the Committee, which has not yet been finalized through Corps permitting. Terrie Bates discussed how the project cost estimate is being updated based on the Phase 1 construction activities and that the District will be coming back to the Committee with an updated cost and mitigation credit estimate once the WRAP scores are finalized.

Bob Progulske moved to approve the motion and seconded by Ed Smith. The motion to fund the C-139 Annex Restoration Project was approved by the Committee. Miami-Dade County voted against approval, all others were in favor.

B. Water Quality Monitoring: A motion was presented to "Approve funding for the Lake Belt water quality monitoring program for October 2017 through September 2018 with a total estimated project cost of \$225,298." This estimate was based on the actual July 2016-May 2017 monitoring expenditures.

The motion was moved by Bob Progulske and seconded by Ed Smith. The motion was approved unanimously by the Committee.

C. Cemex Land Acquisition: A motion was presented to "Approve funding for the Cemex Phase 2 land acquisition at a not-to-exceed cost of \$6,480,000, subject to the land survey and final SFWMD negotiations." Scott Woolam of State Lands discussed the complicated nature of this land acquisition (associated school purchase with the Department of Education and County park lease) compared to the Phase 1 land swap (which has already closed). The SFWMD has recently received a new appraisal, which was significantly different than the original appraisal obtained by State Lands. The Committee was requested to give SFWMD flexibility in order to be able to go through their land acquisition process, without having to reschedule a Committee meeting. The not-to-exceed cost is based on the original State Lands appraisal, which was also used for the Phase 1 land swap.

The motion was moved by Bob Progulske and seconded by Jason Hight. The motion was approved unanimously by the Committee.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Next Meeting Date

If the Committee members are interested, a meeting will be scheduled later in the year for a site visit to the C-139 Annex Project.

10. Meeting Adjourned