

## **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, Storch 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 #5667

**Tuesday September 18, 2012 – 9:30 AM**

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates, Vice Chair

- a) Meeting began at 09:30 AM.

2. Attendees

a) Committee Members

- 1. Allen Webb, FWS
- 2. Terrie Bates, Vice Chair, SFWMD
- 3. Eric Hughes, USEPA
- 4. Howard Hayes, BMMR (Alternate DEP - Teleconference)
- 5. Jeff Rosenfeld, MCI
- 6. Matt Davis, M-D RER

b) Other meeting attendees

- 1. Samantha Rice, USACE
- 2. Alan Whitehouse, BMMR
- 3. Anita Bain, SFWMD
- 4. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
- 5. Joan Lawrence, USDOJ
- 6. Lourdes Elias, SFWMD
- 7. Tom MacVicar, MCI
- 8. Ron Peekstok, SFWMD
- 9. Trisha Stone, SFWMD
- 10. David Foote, SFWMD

11. Martha Musgrove, FWF

12. Boyd Gunsalus, SFWMD

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Calvin Alvarez, DEP

2. Terry Clark, Cardno Entrix

3. Approval of Minutes from August 23, 2012 meeting

a) Corrections included:

Terrie Bates requested that the questions raised in the field be documented in the minutes. These included the requirement of the existing ACOE permit to US Sugar relative to the panther biological opinion, District experience with carrying out similar types of restoration projects at this scale, adequacy of the proposed planting plan, and the provision for funding long term management of the restored site.

4. Opening Comments – None

5. Financial Approval of Invoices for L-31N Seepage Barrier Project – Marjorie Moore

Marjorie reviewed the following invoices for acceptance:

a) Five L-31 N Phase 1 invoices totaling \$2,108,689.14

All invoices were reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

6. Overview of Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure (WRAP) Scoring Methodology – Boyd Gunsalus

a) Boyd presented an overview of the WRAP scoring methodology and its value as a predictive habitat evaluation index. He also reviewed the basis for the six WRAP variables and the scoring tabulation process. Discussion ensued regarding appropriateness of a reference wetland versus a hypothetical optimal wetland for each of the representative habitat types.

7. Review of Representative C-139 Annex Polygons and WRAP Scoring – Ron Peekstok

a) Ron discussed several of the representative polygons in depth including the cultivated areas, and undeveloped areas. He provided the rationale for his scoring and answered questions

related to the scoring basis. There was also discussion on the optimal versus sub-optimal hydrology and its impact on the representative polygons.

8. Questions submitted in advance on the C-139 Annex Project – Terrie Bates

a) Committee members reviewed the six questions compiled thus far that were distributed as a hand-out for the meeting and offered several additional questions that they wanted addressed at a follow-up meeting. It was suggested that any additional questions be provided to Marjorie prior to the next meeting, so staff can compile answers and present to the Committee.

9. Public comment – None.

10. Next Meeting Date

The following meetings have been scheduled for the LBMC:

**October 16, 2012** – Discussion of Proposed C-139 Annex Mitigation Project; C-139 Draft Feasibility Report; Response to Committee Member Questions; Project Implementation Approach and Cash Flow Analysis - SFWMD Headquarters

**October 30, 2012** - If needed based on discussions at 10/16 meeting, Field Trip to C-139 Annex for WRAP Scoring - Hendry County

**November 9, 2012** - Committee consideration of Action Items

12. Meeting Adjourned