

LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, Everglades 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 #5618

Wednesday December 17, 2008

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates
 - a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM.
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
 - a) Committee Members
 1. Terrie Bates, Vice Chair SFWMD
 2. Veronica Fasselt, U.S. E.P.A
 3. Matt Davis, DERM (Teleconference)
 4. Leah Oberlin, Alternate USACE
 5. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
 6. Tim King, Florida Fish & Wildlife (Teleconference)
 7. Howard Hayes, BMMR (Alternate DEP)
 - b) Other meeting attendees
 1. Lee Chitty, Contractor SFWMD
 2. Barbara Katz, SFWMD
 3. Tom MacVicar, MFL
 4. David Black, SFWMD
 5. Susan Brown, SFWMD
 6. Bill Helfferich, SFWMD
 - c) Other teleconference attendees
 1. Donna Fries, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer
 2. Alan Whitehouse, BMMR (Bureau of Mining and Mineral Regulation)

3. Tom Lodge, MDLPA
4. Jason Smith, SFWMD, Miami
5. Mike Spinelli, Miami-Dade DERM

3. Review and Approve minutes from 10/24/08 meeting – Terrie Bates

Minutes were reviewed with no corrections. Motion to pass the minutes as prepared, was approved.

4. Update on Land Costs - 8.5 Square Mile Area & Southern Glades Parcel – Barbara Katz

Barbara discussed the various options for determining the values of the parcels within the 8.5 Square Mile Area. There is no readily available information for the cost per acre given the various parcels being considered for restoration and long term management. It may be necessary to develop a policy to determine the proportion of lift to be awarded for funding restoration and long term management. Barbara to receive appraisal figures for the Southern Glades Parcel in early January. **Action 1** – Barbara Katz to report the appraisal figures for Southern Glades Parcel at the next committee meeting.

5. Update on Southern Glades cost projections – Bill Helfferich

Bill provided an overview of proposed pilot projects to determine the best method for restoring the Southern Glades mitigation parcel. It was decided that instead of the proposed approach, the committee would prefer to have a cost estimate to mulch approximately 60 - 80 acres in the middle area of the Southern Glades parcel. **Action 2** – Bill Helfferich to provide the committee with a updated plan and cost estimates to mulch the central portion of the Southern Glades parcel.

6. 8.5 Square Mile Area Phase I Estimated Restoration & Maintenance Costs – David Black

David Black presented the restoration plan and cost estimates for the Phase I portion (approximately 179 acres) of the 8.5 Square Mile Area mitigation project. Terrie Bates made a motion to conceptually approve the implementation of 8.5 Square Mile Area Phase I mitigation plan for fiscal year 2008 subject to updated cost estimates and mitigation WRAP scores to be determined in a field trip in early January 2009. **Action 3** - Motion will be re-

visited at the January 2009 meeting for final approval. **Action 4** - Jeff Rosenfeld to organize a field trip to finalize WRAP scoring in the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Phase I Restoration.

7. Public comment – None.

8. Next Meeting Dates

Friday, January 30, 2009, 9:00 AM at SFWMD

9. Meeting Adjourned

Action Item Summary:

Action 1: Barbara Katz to report the appraisal figures for Southern Glade Parcel to the committee.

Action 2: Bill Helfferich to provide the committee with an updated plan and cost estimate to mulch the central portion of the Southern Glades parcel.

Action 3: Terrie Bates made a motion to conceptually approve the implementation of 8.5 Square Mile Area Phase I mitigation plan for fiscal year 2008 subject to updated cost estimates and the WRAP scores determined in the January 2009 field trip. Motion will be re-visited in January 2009 for final approval

Action 4: Jeff Rosenfeld to organize a field trip to finalize WRAP scoring in the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Phase I Restoration.