

# **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, 3B)

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 #9927

**Friday April 17, 2009**

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates
  - a) Meeting began at 09:00 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. Howard Hayes, BMMR (Alternate DEP - Teleconference)
    7. Tim King, FFWCC (Teleconference)
  - b) Other meeting attendees
    1. Lee Chitty, Contractor SFWMD
    2. Barbara Katz, SFWMD
    3. Tom MacVicar, MFL
    4. Susan Brown, SFWMD
    5. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
    6. Anita Bain, SFWMD
    7. Maura Merkal, SFWMD
    8. Tom Lodge, MDLPA

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Virginia Wolf, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer
2. Mike Spinelli, Miami-Dade DERM
3. Brandon Blue, Miami-Dade DERM

3. Review and Approve minutes from 03/06/09 meeting – Terrie Bates

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

4. Funding Requirements for the Seepage Mitigation Plan – Tom MacVicar

Tom discussed the overall plan for the upcoming Seepage Mitigation Project for the Southern Lake Belt. He indicated that Phase I would include approximately 1,000 ft. of a potentially seven mile partially-penetrating seepage mitigation barrier along the L-31N Canal from the Tamiami Trail to the G-211 structure. Phase I is proposed to begin in the summer of 2009. Tom indicated that approximately \$300,000 of the Phase I funding now exists in a seepage mitigation fund from the Krome Quarry (which the COE has been requested to release), and requested up to an additional \$200,000 from the Lake Belt fund to complete the project. No mitigation credit is being requested for the Phase I project and Everglades National Park staff have been asked to assist in developing an estimate of the full project lift from improvements in wetland hydroperiods. Leah Oberlin made a motion to fund up to \$200,000 from the Lake Belt Mitigation Fund for Phase I of the L-31N seepage mitigation project (approximately 1,000 feet of a shallow barrier), subject to Tom MacVicar presenting the final detailed budget for the project. Motion seconded and approved. **Action 1** – Tom MacVicar will provide the committee with a detailed budget of Phase I of the Seepage Mitigation Barrier.

5. Process for Paying Contractors Directly from Mitigation Fund – Terrie Bates

Terrie and Marjorie discussed the budgetary considerations and funding requirements for paying contractors from the Lake Belt Fund. Marjorie will request an initial \$100,000 budget amendment at the May Board meeting.

6. Public comment – None.

7. Next Meeting Dates

Friday, September 18, 2009, 9:00 AM at SFWMD

8. Meeting Adjourned

**Action Item Summary:**

**Action 1:** Tom MacVicar will provide the committee with a detailed budget of the funding requirements for Phase I of the Seepage Mitigation Project.