

LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1 2nd Floor East End)
West Palm Beach, Florida

This meeting will be conducted as a teleconference
Meet-me number 850-488-5776 (suncom 278-5776)
Friday, January 30, 2004 8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

- a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM.

2. Opening Comments / Attendees

a) Committee Members

- a. Janet Llewellyn, DEP, Committee Chair (Teleconference)
- b. Terrie Bates, SFWMD, Committee Vice Chair
- c. Mike Spinelli, Alternate, Miami-Dade County DERM (Teleconference)
- d. Stephen Lau, Florida Fish & Wildlife (Teleconference)
- e. Connie Ramsey, Alternate COE (Teleconference)
- f. Veronica Fasselt, U.S. E.P.A.\
- g. Linda Ferrell, US Fish & Wildlife (Teleconference)
- h. Jeff Rosenfeld, Alternate MF&L (Non-voting)

b) Other meeting attendees

- a. Tom Olliff, SFWMD
- b. Ruth Clements, SFWMD
- c. Beth McArdle, SFWMD
- d. Lee Chitty, SFWMD Contractor
- e. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
- f. Anita Bain, SFWMD

c) Teleconference attendees

- a. Bertha Goldenberg, Miami-Dade Water Sewer Dept.
- b. Bill Pitt, Miami-Dade Water Sewer Dept.

3. Janet Llewellyn opened discussions
 - a) Before discussion of the DRAFT LBMC Annual Report, Janet Llewellyn wanted everyone to have a clear understanding of the term “credit” as it is used in the report.
 - b) Jeff Rosenfeld stated that one credit is the equivalent of one acre of land, which is purchased, restored and maintained.
 - c) Terrie Bates stated that the word “credit” should be replaced with the word “acres” in the annual report for clarification purpose. Janet Llewellyn and Jeff Rosenfeld agree.
4. Review of the Minutes of November 14, 2003: (Terrie Bates)
 - a) Terrie Bates discussed the need to correct the November 14, 2003 minutes to properly reflect previous expenditures. It was determined, pursuant to the Committee’s previous expenditure authorization in July 2002 that the District had already transferred \$129,464 for the land acquisition costs associated with the 2003 purchase of 48.4 acres. Therefore, to be consistent with the Committee’s intent to authorize a total expenditure of \$6,607,977 for a total of 1075.9 acres of Lake Belt mitigation, the District shall transfer \$6,478,513 (\$6,607,977 - \$129,464 previously transferred) from the Lake Belt Mitigation Trust Fund for 1027.5 acres of mitigation (1075.9 acres – 48.4 acres acquired in 2003).
 - b) **Motion by Janet Llewellyn** to correct the November 14, 2003 meeting minutes based upon the discussion presented above from Terrie Bates. Motion seconded. Motion passes. (Minutes of 11-14-03 updated with revised wording)
5. Terrie Bates leads discussion on the LBMC Draft annual report.
 - a) Janet Llewellyn reiterated the need to replace the word “credit” with the word “acre” throughout the annual report. **Action #1**
 - b) On page 5 of 12 of the draft annual report, Terrie suggests changing the presentation in the annual report to reflect the language that is passed in the motion listed above in 4 (a) & (b). **Action #2**
 - c) Janet Llewellyn to draft a paragraph related to the future Committee purchase of State lands which were purchased by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Trustees) from Florida Rock for inclusion in Section 6 of the annual report. **Action #3**

- d) Janet Llewellyn to draft letter to Eva Armstrong, State Lands, formalizing the Committee's intent to purchase the former Florida Rock lands at a future date. This will allow the Committee to purchase more time sensitive land acquisitions with current Lake Belt Trust funds. **Action #5**
- e) Terrie Bates to draft letter for Janet's signature formalizing the Committee's intent to reimburse the SFWMD for already committed restoration and long-term management costs. The current amount of these costs is \$6,555,971, as listed on page 7 of the annual report. Upon final approval of the letter by Janet Llewellyn, it will be forwarded from the Committee's Chair to Tom Olliff at the SFWMD. **Action #6**
- f) **Motion by Janet Llewellyn** to approve the purchase of land in the Pennsuco, acquired by Florida State Lands from Florida Rock, for the appraised value of those acres (\$5,400/acre as listed on page 7 of the annual report). The funds for this purchase will come from the Lake Belt Mitigation Trust Fund at some future date. Motion seconded & passes.
- g) Jeff Rosenfeld brought up a discussion concerning the need to have an ongoing accounting of future commitments of the trust fund reserves. This may include purchases of the State Lands and the \$6.5 million reimbursement for SFWMD restoration and long-term management. Terrie agreed with Jeff indicating these "encumbrances" against future trust funds should be tracked and reported at each meeting. Terrie, or her designee, to develop a reporting model. **Action #4**
- h) **Motion by Steve Lau** to approve the Annual Report subject to a final review by Janet Llewellyn and the following changes included in the report. The changes are: 1) change the word "credit" to "acre", 2) with Terrie's correction regarding the presentation of amounts paid and acres purchased, and 3) the future purchase of State Lands bought from Florida Rock. Motion seconded. Motion passes

6. Model Lands site visit. (Terrie Bates)

- a) Scheduled Time & Date – 9:00 AM, March 3, 2004
- b) Meeting place - Homestead Field Station.

7. Terrie discussed a commitment of the District related to Pennsuco. This commitment relates to a water use permit issued to Miami-Dade Water & Sewer, which required that mitigation funds be spent for mitigation within Pennsuco. About 5 years ago, the District received about \$1.8 million. Terrie wants to look at different options as to how to account for this commitment and will report back to the committee at a later date. **Action #7**

8. Next Meeting

a) Next regular scheduled meeting is April 16, 2004, 9-12 AM at the SFWMD.

8. Public comment – None

9. Adjourn

ACTION ITEMS

Action #1 - Change word in annual report from “credit” to “acre”. Janet Llewellyn / Lee Chitty

Action #2 – Change wording in Section 4 of Annual Report to reflect wording used to amend minutes of the November 14, 2003 meeting. Terrie Bates / Lee Chitty

Action #3 – Janet Llewellyn to draft paragraph for Section 6 of the annual report discussing the future purchase of State Lands, bought from Florida Rock, with Lake Belt Mitigation Trust funds.

Action #4 – Report to be developed that reflects ongoing “encumbrances” against future Lake Belt Trust funds. The report would include future land purchases, funding of SFWMD restoration activities and long-term management. Report should be designed and maintained by an appointed member of the committee. Terrie Bates

Action #5 - Janet Llewellyn to draft letter to Eva Armstrong, State Lands, formalizing the Committee’s intent to purchase the former Florida Rock lands at a future date.

Action #6 - Terrie Bates to draft letter for Janet’s signature formalizing the Committee’s intent to reimburse the SFWMD for already expended long-term enhancement costs, listed on page 7 of the annual report. The amount of these costs is \$6,554,000.

Action #7 – Terrie Bates to investigate different options that may be used to account for \$1.8 million of funds received from a water use permit issued to Miami-Dade County about five years ago. These funds were for acquisition and mitigation within the Pennsuco.