

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 #1577

Friday January 30, 2009

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates
 - a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM.
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
 - a) Committee Members
 1. Janet Llewellyn, Chair, DEP (Teleconference)
 2. Terrie Bates, Vice Chair, SFWMD
 3. Veronica Fasselt, U.S. E.P.A
 4. Matt Davis, DERM (Teleconference)
 5. Leah Oberlin, Alternate USACE
 6. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
 7. Tim King, Florida Fish & Wildlife (Teleconference)
 8. 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
 7. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
 8. Anita Bain, SFWMD
 9. Maura Merkal

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. Mike Spinelli, Miami-Dade DERM

3. Review and Approve minutes from 12/17/09 meeting – Terrie Bates

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

4. Update on Land Costs - Southern Glades Parcel – Barbara Katz

Barbara discussed the Southern Glades and C-110 parcels appraisal. The appraisal considered five sales between May 2005 and June 2008 and determined an appraised value of \$7,000 per acre.

5. Update on Southern Glades cost projections – Bill Helfferich

Bill provided updated cost estimates for mulching, treating and long-term maintenance for approximately 100 acres in the central portion of the Southern Glades parcel, as well as treating and long-term maintenance for the southern 60 acres. After some discussion, it was decided that the District would reevaluate the restoration and land acquisition associated costs and bring the project back to a future Committee meeting.

6. 8.5 Square Mile Area Phase I Implementation – Terri Bates

Terrie discussed the agency precedents for utilizing a 30% discount for mitigation projects conducted on publicly-owned land and that it may be appropriate for the Committee to consider this approach for the 8.5 SMA because of various site-specific reasons that significantly impacted land acquisition costs (Corps project, unwilling sellers, variety of land uses for the different parcels [homes/nurseries/undeveloped land]). The committee members discussed this approach for the 8.5 SMA, as well as the restoration plan, recent updated WRAP scoring and cost estimates for the Phase I Implementation. Leah made a motion to

approve the 175.5 acre Phase I Implementation project with a cost of \$20,424 per acre or a total expenditure of \$3,584,412. Motion was approved.

The mitigation plan approved for the 8.5 SMA includes funding for implementation of the restoration activities and long term management, not for land acquisition. The amount of mitigation credited for the project was reduced by 30% to account for the work being conducted on publicly-owned land. The Committee requested the meeting minutes reflect that it believed that such an approach was appropriate given the site-specific circumstances of this particular mitigation project, but may not be applicable to other future mitigation projects on publicly-owned land.

7. Annual Report – Lee Chitty & Jeff Rosenfeld

Action 1 - Lee and Jeff will draft the 2008 annual report and present at the next committee meeting. Report to be presented at the April 2009 SFWMD Governing Board Meeting.

8. Other Lake Belt Permit Holders – Matt Davis

Matt discussed that there were two permit holders in the Lake Belt (Lowell Dunn and Concrete Structures) who were not members of the MDLPA and whose wetland impacts were not included in the Lake Belt Annual Report. It is not an issue yet because they have not yet begun mining activities, but a process needs to be developed so that their impacts are included in the mitigation accounting for the Committee. The agencies will have further discussions on the issue.

9. Public comment – None.

10. Next Meeting Dates

Friday, March 6, 2009, 10:30 AM at SFWMD

11. Meeting Adjourned

Action Item Summary:

Action 1: Lee and Jeff will draft the 2008 annual report and present at the next committee meeting.