LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, 3A Bridge Conference Room)
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406
This meeting was conducted as a teleconference

Friday February 16, 2007

Meet-me number (866)-433-6299 Meeting ID #8887

- 1. Call to Order by Janet Llewellyn
 - a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM.
- 2. Opening Comments / Attendees
 - a) Committee Members
 - 1. Janet Llewellyn, DEP Committee Chair (Teleconference)
 - 2. Terrie Bates, SFWMD
 - 3. Veronica Fasselt, U.S. E.P.A
 - 4. Howard Hayes, Alternate DEP (Teleconference)
 - 5. John Studt, COE (Teleconference)
 - 6. Leah Oberlin, Alternate COE
 - 7. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
 - b) Other meeting attendees
 - 1. Maura Merkal, SFWMD CERP
 - 2. Lee Chitty, Contractor SFWMD
 - 3. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
 - 4. Barbara Katz, SFWMD
 - 5. Nilda Lutter, SFWMD
 - c) Other teleconference attendees
 - 1. Alan Whitehouse, DEP
 - 2. Donna Fries, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer
 - 3. Craig Smith, Everglades Nat. Park
 - 4. Mike Spinelli, Miami-Dade DERM

5. Lucia Perez, Miami, SFWMD

3. Review and Approve minutes from 12/15/06 meeting – Janet Llewellyn

Minutes were reviewed with minor changes. Motion made to approve minutes as corrected.

4. Follow-Up Pennsuco Letter Status – Barbara Katz

All letters were mailed out on February 1, 2007 with an expiration date of March 3, 2007. Three verbal agreements have been received but nothing in writing.

SFWMD is trying to acquire the previously approved lands DEP obtained through the land swap with Florida Rock, but has not been able to work out the necessary procedures to receive the deed to the lands. **Action 1** – Janet to contact the DEP Division of State Lands and try to resolve the transfer issues.

5. Everglades National Park – Craig Smith

Craig Smith developed and presented a listing of potential mitigation projects in ENP. He discussed estimates of potential restoration benefits for each project. The Committee discussed several of the projects and asked if DERM could review the mitigation needs of the Bird Drive Basin (out to the current urban development boundary) as compared to the available credits at Hole-in-the-Donut. **Action 2** – Michael Spinelli will review the mitigation needs for the Bird Drive Basin vs. available credits at Hole-in-the-Donut.

6. 8.5 Square Mile Area COE Project Status – Leah Oberlin attended a meeting between the COE, SFWMD & ENP on the plans for restoration activities in the 8.5 Square Mile Area. A document should be forth coming that provides more details on the restoration plan and the different participants' responsibilities. Once the plan is complete, the Committee will be able to better evaluate what activities might be available for Lake Belt mitigation.

7. 2006 Committee Annual Report – Jeff Rosenfeld

Jeff gave an overview of the report. The committee indicated that all years earlier than 2005 should be dropped from the Appendix C of the report and discussed a few minor changes to

the report. Jeff & Lee will make the necessary changes and forward the report to the committee and to Nilda for inclusion in the March SFWMD Board Agenda.

- 8. Public comment None.
- 9. Next Meeting Dates

Friday, June 15, 2007, 9:00 AM at SFWMD

10. Meeting Adjourned

Action Item Summary:

- 1. Janet to contact the DEP Division of State Lands and try to resolve the transfer issues.
- 2. Michael Spinelli (DERM) will review the mitigation needs for the Bird Drive Basin vs. available credits at Hole-in-the Donut.