

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 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference
Meet-me number (850)-488-5776; Suncom: 278-5776

Friday February 24, 2006

1. Call to Order by Terri Bates
 - a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM.
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
 - a) Committee Members
 1. Terrie Bates, SFWMD, Committee Vice Chair
 2. Matt Davis, Miami-Dade DERM (Teleconference)
 3. Veronica Fasselt, U.S. E.P.A
 4. Tim King, Florida Fish & Wildlife (Teleconference)
 5. Leah Oberlin, Alternate COE
 6. Howard Hayes, Alternate DEP (Teleconference)
 7. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
 - b) Other meeting attendees
 1. Maura Merkal, SFWMD CERP
 2. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
 3. Beth McArdle, SFWMD
 4. Maxine Cheesman, SFWMD
 5. Barbara Katz, SFWMD
 6. Anita Bain, SFWMD
 7. Lee Chitty, Contractor SFWMD
 - c) Teleconference attendees
 1. Donna Fries, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer
 2. Alan Whitehouse, DEP

3. Review and Approve minutes from 01/27/06 meeting – Terrie Bates

Minutes were reviewed with the following changes: 1) delete Howard Hayes as meeting attendee, & 2) correct spelling of Veronica Fasselt on page 3. Motion made to approve minutes with changes noted above.

4. Pennsuco Land Acquisitions/Responses to Letters – Barbara Katz, SFWMD Real Estate

a) Barbara provided a discussion of boundaries of the Lake Belt as it was written in the original state legislation and how the proposed new legislation would change the boundaries.

b) Barbara indicated that Section 13 was not part of the original legislation, nor part of the proposed legislation. Terrie said she did not think it was within the scope of the committee to take a position one way or the other on the proposed boundary changes, but rather something for each individual agency to handle. She relayed that the District's CERP staff had reviewed the proposed change and indicated that staff felt it was premature to make a determination on whether including section 13 would be consistent or inconsistent with CERP plans. Terrie indicated the miners could independently propose changes to the existing legislation if they wanted to include Section 13 in the bill.

c) DEP invoice payment was discussed by Marjorie Moore indicating that the District would like to receive a duplicate copy of the original invoice. Terrie asked Howard Hayes to follow up on locating the DEP invoice and providing a copy to the District. Terrie will send Howard an email with further information regarding the invoice and sending to the attention of Art Rosenfeld. **Action #1**

5. Clarify language in 2005 Lake Belt Annual Report defining "Expedited Mitigation"

a) On page 7, at the end of paragraph 1, the report uses the language "expedited mitigation". Jeff Rosenfeld suggested that an additional sentence be added stating; "Through expedited mitigation the Committee has been attempting to spend the mitigation fee on mitigation projects in the same year as the fee is collected, rather than at the slower rate anticipated in the original permit tables". There was no further discussion and the additional sentence would be added to the Annual Report.

6. Final review of Lake Belt Mitigation Committee Annual Report.

a) Terrie stated that she had reviewed the annual report and had no further changes before it goes to the SFWMD Governing Board for final approval.

b) Howard Hayes and Jeff Rosenfeld discussed the use of Table A in the Annual Report and the need to update projections on the table. Jeff indicated that the original Table A was included in the Committee Annual Report just for background information on estimated fee collections. Updated versions of the permit tables were included in the Permittees' Annual Report and were probably less confusing as a part of that report. No further discussion.

c) With no further corrections or discussion and based upon prior committee approval, the report will be sent to the SFWMD Governing Board.

7. Action Item

Terrie Bates of SFWMD will send Howard Hayes of DEP an email requesting a duplicate copy of the invoice from DEP that was going to be paid from the Lake Belt fund (\$864,000 already approved for payment by the LBMC). Duplicate invoice to be sent to Art Rosenfeld at SFWMD.

8. Public comment – None.

9. Next Meeting

Scheduled for June 23, 2006 at 9:00 AM at the HQ of SFWMD.

10. Meeting Adjourned