

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 call at (561) 682-6700

Meet-me number (866)-433-6299 - Meeting ID #7580

Friday, May 2, 2008

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, 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
 - b) Other meeting attendees
 1. Susan Brown, SFWMD
 2. Lee Chitty, Contractor SFWMD
 3. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
 4. Barbara Katz, SFWMD
 5. Tom MacVicar, MFL
 6. David Black, SFWMD
 7. Maura Merkal, SFWMD CERP
 - c) Other teleconference attendees
 1. Donna Fries, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer
 2. Howard Hayes, Alternate DEP

3. Review and Approve minutes from 02/08/08 meeting – J. Llewellyn

Minutes were reviewed and amended. Motion to pass minutes, as amended, was approved.

4. Near-Term Mitigation Options and Costs – David Black

David discussed the proposed restoration of the South and North portions of Southern Glades Parcel #1. Parcel #1 South is approximately 100 acres of moderately dense exotics with no scraping recommended. Parcel #1 North is approximately 240 acres of dense exotics where scraping would be beneficial to the proposed restoration. A proposed restoration plan and estimated restoration and long-term management costs were discussed.

David suggested using a forestry mower/shredder to clear access pathways through the dense Ardisia and Brazilian Pepper, to allow access for surveying. The survey information would help in developing a more accurate restoration cost estimate. Terrie Bates made a motion to expend up to \$37,000 for the initial clearing and surveying activities at Parcel #1. Leah seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Marjorie Moore said the project had been discussed with the District's CERP group and they told her that there was a low probability of CERP construction on the site and that if there was CERP construction in the future, that CERP would take responsibility for offsetting any impacts to the proposed mitigation project.

At the next meeting the following topics will be discussed to determine if the restoration of the Southern Glades Parcel is feasible given the updated information. **Action #1** - The following individuals will report on the following areas:

- a) Surveying – David Black
- b) Land Ownership & Acquisition – Barbara Katz
- c) WRAP Scoring – Leah Oberlin
- d) Mitigation Costs – David Black

5. Update on 8.5 Square Mile Area – Leah Oberlin

Leah indicated that there was a need to wait for the approval of the Land Management Plan to determine the extent of restoration/long-term management responsibilities for the Corps and the District. No scoring was developed after a recent field trip due to these uncertainties. Paul Linton has been working on this project but due to a change in job duties, a new person would need to be assigned the lead on the project. Maura Merkal will follow-up on the status of this item and report back at the next meeting.

6. Public comment – None.

7. Next Meeting Dates

Friday, August 8, 2008, 9:00 AM at SFWMD

8. Meeting Adjourned

Action Item Summary:

Action 1: The following individuals will report on the following areas:

- a) Surveying – Marjorie Moore & David Black
- b) Land Ownership & Acquisition – Barbara Katz
- c) WRAP Scoring – Leah Oberlin
- d) Mitigation Costs – David Black

Action 2: Maura Merkal will follow-up on the status of the Land Management Plan for the 8.5 Square Mile Area and the continuation of the work previously completed by Paul Linton.