

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

**Friday, June 15, 2007**

1. Call to Order by Anita Bain
  - a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM.
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
  - a) Committee Members
    1. Anita Bain, Alternate SFWMD
    2. Veronica Fasselt, U.S. E.P.A (Teleconference)
    3. Howard Hayes, Alternate DEP (Teleconference)
    4. Tim King, Florida Fish & Wildlife (Teleconference)
    5. Matt Davis, DERM
    6. 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
    6. Susan Brown, SFWMD
  - c) Other teleconference attendees
    1. Evan Skornic, Miami Service Center, SFWMD
    2. Donna Fries, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer

3. Review and Approve minutes from 02/17/07 meeting – Anita Bain

Minutes were reviewed and Tim King was added to list of teleconference attendees. Motion made to approve minutes as corrected.

4. Update on DEP Division of State Lands Transfer – Barbara Katz

Contract in final stages of preparation and should be completed and signed off within several weeks.

5. Update on Mitigation Needs – Matt Davis

Matt Davis from DERM reviewed the mitigation needs of the Bird Drive Basin as compared to the available credits at Hole-in-the-Donut. There are approximately 2700 acres still available at Hole-in-the-Donut and 550 acres could be needed for the Bird Drive/North Trail basins. DERM has other applications under review which could need approximately 300 acres of mitigation.

6. Update on Pennsuco land acquisitions – Barbara Katz

Barbara provided an update on the letters mailed and responses from land owners. Seven landowners have agreed to sell and the District is still waiting to hear back from two more. The purchase of 110 Pennsuco acres was approved at the June Governing Board meeting. If all of the contracts are finalized, about another 36 acres would be purchased.

7. Mitigation – Jeff Rosenfeld

Jeff gave an overview of the current finances of the Lake Belt Mitigation Fund. He mentioned that since the District is at the end of the current willing seller window, it seems appropriate that the Fund payoff the outstanding encumbrances. The District is owed \$3,785,199 and DEP is owed \$3,209,000 as documented in the 2006 Annual Report. Jeff asked for a motion to payoff these encumbrances. Veronica so moved and was seconded by Matt Davis. **Action 1** – Howard Hayes (DEP) & Barbara Katz (SFWMD) will coordinate a Buy/Sell agreement for the Tarmac Property. **Action 2** – Marjorie Moore (SFWMD) to coordinate transfer of funds from the Lake Belt Mitigation Fund to the District's Pennsuco restoration/long-term management funds.

8. Public comment – None.

9. Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, September 20, 2007, 9:00 AM at SFWMD

10. Meeting Adjourned

**Action Item Summary:**

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