

LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, 3B Bridge Conference Room)
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference
Meet-me number (850)-245-5725; Suncom: 205-5725

Friday November 17, 2006

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates
 - a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM.
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
 - a) Committee Members
 1. Terrie Bates, Vice Chair, SFWMD
 2. Matt Davis, Miami-Dade DERM
 3. Veronica Fasselt, U.S. E.P.A
 4. Howard Hayes, Alternate DEP (Teleconference)
 5. Leah Oberlin, Alternate COE
 6. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
 - b) Other meeting attendees
 1. Maura Merkal, SFWMD CERP
 2. Anita Bain, SFWMD
 3. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
 4. David Black, SFWMD
 5. Tom MacVicar, MFL
 - c) Teleconference attendees
 1. Alan Whitehouse, DEP
 2. John Eichner, SAIC
 3. Monica Spillman, SAIC

3. Tom MacVicar of MFL discussed the need to identify future mitigation options (beyond the current Pennsuco restoration) for the Lake Belt Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) evaluation that is being conducted by the Corps of Engineers. In addition to the two mitigation banks currently operating in Miami-Dade County, discussions have started with both the SFWMD and Everglades National Park to identify future mitigation opportunities. The purpose of this meeting is to explore the alternatives that may be available from the SFWMD.

4. Marjorie Moore provided handouts and an electronic distribution to the teleconference attendees as background information on SFWMD mitigation options in southern Miami-Dade County. The areas presented included the 8.5 Square Mile Area, K-31N, Southern Glades, the Fish Farm, and Aerojet. Marjorie discussed opportunities for exotic treatment and hydrologic restoration at the various sites. Leah Oberlin of the COE, raised concerns about whether the 8.5 Square Mile Area mitigation would supplant the current public project; she agreed to follow up with the COE in determining the status of the project. **Action Item 1**

The time frame for furthering the mitigation alternatives plan and the need for a site visit by Committee members were discussed. Marjorie said she would continue developing the plan and provide additional information at the next meeting focusing on the 8.5 Square Mile Area. A site inspection was set for December 12th at 9 am, meeting at pump station S-331. The purpose will be for the agency representatives to review the potential sites and for Ron Peekstock with SFWMD Natural Resource Management to begin developing the WRAP scores for the different mitigation options.

5. Public comment – None.

6. Next Meeting Dates

- a) LBMC full committee (SEIS discussions as agenda item) on December 15, 2006 at 9:00 AM
- b) Mitigation Options Specific (SEIS) January 12, 2007 at 9:00 AM
- c) LBMC full committee (SEIS discussions as agenda item) on February 16, 2007 at 9:00 AM.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Action Items:

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