

**Quarterly Meeting of the  
Technical Oversight Committee (TOC)  
Tuesday, December 15, 2009**

**South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406**

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**TOC Representatives:**

Garth Redfield, TOC Chair, SFWMD  
Nick Aumen, NPS/ENP  
Sean Smith, USACE (by phone)

Mike Waldon, USFWS/Refuge  
Ken Weaver, FDEP (by phone)

**Note:** This meeting was recorded by a court reporter and copies are available for purchase; contact Florida Court Reporting (561-689-0999). Handouts and presentations are also available on the TOC web site ([www.sfwmd.gov/toc](http://www.sfwmd.gov/toc)).

10:00 a.m.      **TOC Meeting Called to Order by TOC Chair**

10:05 a.m.      **Modifications to the Agenda and Announcement of Documents Available on the TOC Web Site** – Garth Redfield, SFWMD,

Agenda Item #1, Approval of June 30, 2009 TOC minutes, delayed to end of meeting. No other agenda modifications requested.

Garth Redfield, SFWMD, mentioned the SFWMD has restructured its web site and gave steps to get to the TOC page. It is also available at [www.sfwmd.gov/toc](http://www.sfwmd.gov/toc). If a user has problems with a file on the TOC site, he or she should contact Trudy Morris Stein ([tstein@sfwmd.gov](mailto:tstein@sfwmd.gov)) or Nathan Yates ([nyates@sfwmd.gov](mailto:nyates@sfwmd.gov)).

10:10 a.m.      **Agenda Item #2. Presentation of the Settlement Agreement Report** – Pam Lehr, SFWMD.

Pam Lehr, SFWMD, presented the Settlement Agreement Report for the Third Quarter of 2009. Copies of the report and presentation were distributed and are available on the TOC web site.

→ **Action Item #1:** At the next TOC meeting, a representative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present a time line of construction projects and how they have affected water flow in the ENP.

11:15 a.m.      **Agenda Item #3. Everglades Restoration Transitional Plan and Water Quality: Initial Discussion** – Eric Bush, USACE

Eric Bush, USACE, made a presentation describing the first steps in developing the Everglades Restoration Transitional Plan (ERTP). Copies of the presentation and associated material are available on the TOC web site. The ERTP is necessary because the current Interim Operational Plan is based on a biological opinion that expires in November 2010. The aim is to create a plan that increases operational flexibility while improving multi-species management. The plan is in the early stage and will go through the NEPA process.

→ **Action Item #1:** Garth Redfield will add ERTP to the agenda for the next TOC meeting for an update and further discussion.

11:30 a.m.      **Agenda Item #4A. Update on STAs and Related Projects** – Tracey Piccone and Alan Shirkey, SFWMD

Tracey Piccone and Alan Shirkey, SFWMD, presented an update on the STAs and related projects. Copies of the presentations are available on the TOC web site.

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- 11:40 a.m.      **Agenda Item #4B. Update on Refuge Monitoring and Modeling** – Mike Waldon and Matt Harwell, USFWS
- Mike Waldon, USFWS, provided an update on modeling efforts being performed by the Refuge. A workshop on the modeling science will be held in January.
- Data from the Refuge's enhanced water quality program were provided by Matt Harwell, USFWS, and are available on the TOC web site. Reports are also available on the SOFIA web site.
- 11:45 a.m.      **Agenda Item #7. 2010 TOC Meeting Dates** – Garth Redfield, SFWMD
- The next quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 2, 2010; a meeting room at the District will need to be identified. At this time, there is no need for a special meeting to occur before the next quarterly meeting.
- The second quarterly TOC meeting of 2010 is scheduled for May 18, 2010.
- 11:40 a.m.      **Agenda Item #5. Request to Discontinue Project HGOS** – Mark Gabriel, SFWMD
- Mark Gabriel, SFWMD, made a presentation (copies provided and available on the TOC web site) to follow up on the District's request at the June 30, 2009, TOC meeting to discontinue Project HGOS. After further review upon request by the TOC, the District recommends discontinuing sampling at all HGOS locations except stations P33 and P34. The TOC approved the change.
- 12:10 p.m.      **Approval of June 30, 2009, TOC Draft Meeting Notes** – Garth Redfield, SFWMD
- Nick Aumen, NPS/ENP, had a question regarding Action Item #12. Peter Rawlik, SFWMD, clarified that he requested TOC members review data he presented at the previous meeting to see if they reach the same conclusions he did. The TOC approved the meeting notes.
- 12:15 p.m.      **Public Comment** – none
- 12:15 p.m.      **Meeting Adjourned**