

# **Status Update of 9/2010 Land Acquisition Audit Recommendations**

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# **2010 Land Acquisition Audit**

- **Audit resulted in 6 recommendations**
  - **Align Staff With Annual Work Plan**
  - **Complete Surplus Land Process**
  - **Reassess Appraisal Staff**
  - **Compete Appraisal Services**
  - **Establish Land Oversight Committee**
  - **Scrub Approved Appraisal List Every 2 Years**
- **Real Estate agreed with all recommendations**

# Recommendation Implementation

## ALIGN STAFF WITH WORK PLAN

- Staff has been reduced by 25%
- Focus redirected from acquisition to:
  - Lease Management
  - Land Surplus
  - Corps Crediting of Project Lands
  - Corps Land Certifications
  - Environmental Remediation
  - Resolution of FPL Project Issues

## **COMPLETE SURPLUS LAND PROCESS**

- **Broad issue was to increase transparency and accountability**
- **Governing Board approved surplus process which requires series of public meetings**
  - **WRAC sub-committee**
  - **Full WRAC**
  - **Project and Lands Committee**
  - **Full Governing Board**
- **Successful implementation began last year with first set of 10 surplus properties**

## **REASSESS APPRAISAL STAFF**

- Appraisal staff reduced from 3 to 1
- Removed any potential conflict by transferring appraisal function from Real Estate supervision to Corporate Resources

## **COMPETE APPRAISAL SERVICES/SCRUB APPROVED APPRAISAL LIST ROUTINELY**

- All appraisal services to be competed
  - SFWMD utilizes FDEP list of approved appraisers
  - Solicits bids on each task
  - If sole source required, must be documented and approved through Real Estate Oversight Committee

## **ESTABLISH REAL ESTATE OVERSIGHT TEAM**

- **Purpose: Improve Accountability/ Transparency**
- **Internal Committee**
  - **Office of Counsel**
  - **Chief Financial Officer**
  - **ERCP Business Services Director**
  - **ERCP Policy/Planning Representative**
  - **Land Management**
  - **Real Estate Director**
  - **ERCP DED/ADED (Decision Maker)**

- **Functions**

- **Develop workflow to manage budgeted acquisitions and opportunity purchases**

- **Review Acquisition Strategy**

- **Timeline**

- **Funding sources**

- **Appraisal Scope of Work/Assist in selection of appraisers**

- **Proposed offers**

- **Use of condemnation**

- **Review Annual work plans**
  - **Acquisition**
  - **Lease**
  - **Surplus**
- **Interaction with USACE on certification and crediting**

**Questions?**