

LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, 2A 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 #3043

Friday August 27, 2010 – 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates, Acting Chair
 - a) Meeting began at 09:00 AM.
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
 - a) Committee Members
 1. Janet Llewellyn, Chair, DEP (Teleconference)
 2. Terrie Bates, Vice Chair, SFWMD
 3. Tim King, FFWCC (Teleconference)
 4. Evan Skornick, Alternate DERM (Teleconference)
 5. Leah Oberlin, USACE
 6. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
 7. Matt Davis, DERM (Teleconference)
 8. Howard Hayes, BMMR (Alternate DEP - Teleconference)
 9. Eric Hughes, USEPA (Teleconference)
 - b) Other meeting attendees
 1. Ray Sciortino, SFWMD Contractor
 2. Barbara Katz, SFWMD
 3. Tom MacVicar, MFL
 4. Sue Brown, SFWMD
 5. Lee Chitty, SFWMD Contractor
 6. Jeff Needles, SFWMD
 7. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
 8. Jeff Needles, SFWMD

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Mike Spinelli, Miami-Dade DERM
2. Allen Whitehouse, DEP
3. Donna Fries, Miami-Dade WASD
- 4 Johnathan Taylor, Everglades National Park
5. Kerri Barsh, MDLPA

3. Review minutes from 07/16/10 meeting – Terrie Bates

Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes, with no changes. Motion passed.

4. Administrative Support – Terrie Bates

Terrie discussed a proposed contract from Lee Chitty to provide administrative support for FY 2011. She recommended that the committee approve \$10,000 for continuing the contract with Lee Chitty for FY2011 with hourly charges as needed for committee administrative support. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the contract. Motion passed.

5. Proposed Agreement for Disbursement of Funds – Terrie Bates & Frank Bartolone

The draft “Cooperative Funding Agreement” between the District and MDLPA, which was forwarded to the Committee with the meeting agenda, was discussed. The District plans to finalize the Agreement and schedule it for either the September or October Governing Board meeting, so that it can be utilized for FY11 MDLPA-directed projects.

6. 8.5 Square Mile Restoration Project Update – Ray Sciortino

Ray Sciortino presented an update on the contract bidding for restoration with within the 8.5 Square Mile Area. All permits to begin work on this project and the bidding specifications are expected to be completed by early September. The Miami-Dade zoning requirement on the size of allowable soil stock piles is still an outstanding issue. Raymond is working with SFWMD

Office of Counsel to obtain an exemption / variance for this requirement. **Action 1** – Raymond Sciortino will report back on the bid progress for the 8.5 Sq. mile mitigation project.

7. Purchase of Property within Pennsuco – Barbara Katz

Barbara discussed that she had been contacted by two land owners, with 10 acres each, within the Pennsuco who were willing to sell their land. The committee reaffirmed its prior approval of Pennsuco property purchases at values consistent with previous purchases. **Action 2** - Barbara will proceed with the property purchases and report back at the next Committee meeting.

8. Miscellaneous Items

a) Johnathan Taylor, ENP, reported that mitigation credits were available from the Hole-In-The-Donut mitigation bank and that they were about 500 credits ahead as a result of recent clearing activities.

b) Terrie discussed the need for Committee members to be aware of the requirements of the Sunshine Law and not communicate directly with other Committee members outside of a formal committee meeting. She further cautioned that Committee members need to be careful not to use the option “Reply All” when responding to an email, but rather to respond to Susan Brown and Marjorie Moore about Committee requests.

9. Public comment – None.

10. Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 9:00 AM at SFWMD

11. Meeting Adjourned

Action Items For Next Meeting:

Action 1 – Raymond Sciortino will report back on the bid progress for the 8.5 Square Mile mitigation project.

Action 2 – Barbara Katz will report back to the committee concerning the purchase of 20 acres in the Pennsuco.