

Summary of Decisions and Action Items
July 14, 2010 LATT Meeting
South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Land Acquisition Task Team
Wednesday, July 14, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
South Florida Water Management District Headquarters
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL
Building B-1; 3-B Bridge Conference Room

Read-ahead material posted at:

http://www.sfrestore.org/issueteams/latt/documents/handouts_latt.html

Attendees

John Outland	DEP
Theresa Woody	Task Force
Wanda Caffie-Simpson	SFWMD
Frank Razem	SFWMD
Sheryl Jones	DEP
Sally Jue	FNAI
David Gillings	Palm Beach County
Jim Muller	Muller and Associates, Inc

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting commenced at 9 a.m. Co-Chair John Outland welcomed all participants. Co-Chair Sylvia Pelizza could not be present.

Review Draft Land Acquisition Strategy

Theresa Woody reported that that the July 12, 2010 draft of the 2010 Land Acquisition Strategy had been provided to the Task Force and to the Working Group for review at the July 14 meeting.

Theresa provided the team with the July 12, 2010 draft of the Strategy. She said the draft does not include updated county summary data; the counties are in the process of providing their information. The Natural Habitat and Species Land Acquisition Update table ("DSL table") also needs to be updated. NRCS will provide shape files this year for NRCS projects.

The team reviewed the draft; all changes from the 2009 version of the Strategy were highlighted in red and will be revised to reflect data for the 2010 version. Most of the numbers will also need to be updated.

Theresa reported that that Greg May, Task Force Executive Director, has allocated funds to have Sunshine Communications produce a punchy stand-alone executive summary for the Land Acquisition Strategy. The summary will focus on new aspects of

the Strategy, progress made during the last year, and partnerships. She has met with Sunshine twice on this summary.

The S FL Ecosystem Restoration Land Acquisition Update (“Graham”) map in some form will be integrated into the summary in some fashion. The team discussed whether to include a series of maps showing the major layers for the Graham map, or maybe just one map in four colors to represent the major data layers – state/WMD, federal, local, tribal land acquisitions/ownerships.

Summary of Map and DSL table issues

Sheryl Jones, Sally Jue, Wanda Caffie-Simpson, Frank Razem and Jim Muller reported on the progress made during the July 13 subgroup meeting regarding the Graham map and DSL table issues.

Some of the revisions decided during the July 13 meeting:

DSL table changes

- Atlantic Ridge – **DECISION:** the boundary revisions will not be included in this year’s Strategy – the Board of Trustees has not yet approved the changes
- Belle Meade – **ACTION:** The CERP label will be removed, and Sheryl Jones will check on acreages for the project
- Biscayne Coastal Wetlands – **ACTION:** boundaries and acres acquired will be updated
- Bomb Range Ridge – **ACTION:** reduced size because double counting with Sumeca acreages
- Catfish Creek - **ACTION:** removed Rolling Meadows acquisition because it is already included in Kissimmee Chain of Lakes
- CREW – **ACTION:** this is now a composite project boundary with a size change
- East Coast Buffer Natural Lands – **ACTION:** the boundary will be adjusted to use the GIS data from SFWMD
- Fakahatchee Strand – **ACTION:** Sheryl Jones will talk with Greg Brock about project size. The project will probably not be put in the completed section because still need to acquire lands for pump station
- Indian River Lagoon Blueway – **ACTION:** Sheryl Jones will incorporate Harbor Branch acquisition information, and Jim Muller will adjust FCT figures to make sure the Harbor Branch acquisition is not double-reported. Indian River Lagoon Blueway is also a composite project.
- Lake Hatchineha Watershed – **ACTION:** remove this project as a separate entry in the table; it will be included in the Lake Marion Creek project and its name included in the project name. Lake Marion is a composite project.
- Lake Wales Ridge – **ACTION:** add Henscratch Ranch to the Lake Wales Ridge name; this is now a composite project.
- Pal Mar – **ACTION:** this is a composite project and should be represented as such
- Save Our Everglades/Picayune Strand – this project went through an extensive data review by DEP. **ACTION:** revise project size, acres acquired, and show tribal lands as still needing to be acquired

- WCA 2, 3 – **ACTION:** this now has a new project size, add C&SF as a descriptor. Check into Sally’s question re whether we said this was CERP in previous meeting summaries
- Critical CREW – Critical Crew and Lake Trafford are CERP projects according to Frank – both are in the CERP Guidance Memoranda. **DECISION:** wait until Wanda Caffie-Simpson receives an authorization memo from Ken Ammon to include Critical CREW as CERP. L Trafford is not a natural lands project, so it won’t be on DSL table.
- Triple Diamond FFBOT project – **ACTION:** add this project to DSL table
- Frog Pond Natural Lands project – **ACTION:** remove CERP label from this project
- ARM Loxahatchee NWR – **ACTION:** check with Sylvia Pelizza for numbers on this project
- FCT, Parks and WMA section
 - **ACTION:** Investigate the overlap of the projects portions and the State Park lands portion of the DSL table. J Muller to get information on State Park lands acreages and whether they include the inholdings and additions list, and also information on non-Florida Forever expenditures.
 - **ACTION:** J Muller will check with FWC on updating the FWC entry on the DSL table.
 - **ACTION:** J Muller will call Ken Reecy regarding the status of the FCT GIS project, and will let Sally Jue know the status. J Muller will get the current FCT numbers.
- **ACTION:** prepare the overlapping projects table and the composite projects table to be presented with the DSL table (J Muller, S Jones, S Jue)

Maps

ACTION: Sally Jue asked everyone to review the draft maps and provide comments to her

ACTION: Sally Jue will review p 66 of the draft Strategy, “Land Acquisition Update Map and State/Federal Cost Share Table” to ensure the explanation is correct

INFORMATION: Sally Jue is waiting for county shape files and shape files for WRP and WREP from NRCS

ACTION: Theresa Woody will check to make sure there are no mapping changes for the tribal lands

ACTION: In the Graham map legend, add “WREP” to the “WRP or FRPP Conservation Easement” entry

Sally Jue reported that the mitigation map will require many changes but the CERP map is pretty much up to date.

Project Profile Sheets Status

Theresa Woody sent files and requests for updates to all reporting agencies. She expects to have all project profiles by July 23 except for SFWMD. Jim Muller, Wanda Caffie-Simpson and Theresa will continue to work on those profiles as the District has the bulk of the project profiles and Wanda vets all project profiles with the project managers.

County Data Status

Theresa Woody updated the team on the status of county data submission. She has received feedback and data from one county, and has communicated with the others. She believes all counties will submit data

ACTION: Theresa Woody will coordinate with Palm Beach County on information for Winsberg Farms.

Unresolved issues

Jim Muller led this portion of the discussion. SFWMD and FDEP are generating new numbers for the DSL table. SFWMD is conducting an internal check between GIS representation and SFWMD tabular data for their projects. SFWMD will use the FNAI-produced Florida Managed Areas (FLMA) coverage in the review process.

Benchmarks for Strategy-revisions

Theresa Woody led the team through the review of the schedule to produce the 2010 Land Acquisition Strategy as a read ahead by mid-September. .

DECISION: The team agreed that the Strategy production was on track. The Task Force may meet in October rather than in September, but the team agreed to keep the existing benchmarks to produce the Strategy by mid-September. The July 12 draft was provided to the Task Force; comments are due by the end of July.

Logistics

John Outland announced that the next LATT meeting is August 10 at the SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach. The next draft of the Strategy will be on the agenda for the August 10 meeting and will be updated based on comments received through July 30.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 pm