

**Northern Tampa Bay Phase II Local Technical Peer Review Group  
SWFWMD Tampa Service Office, Hwy 301N, Tampa**

**Meeting 14  
September 4, 2002 - 9:30AM**

## **Summary**

The following were in attendance: Peter Owens, Hillsborough County EPC; **Gordon A. Leslie, Jr.**, Hillsborough County EPC; **Dave Slonena**, Pinellas County; Patty Fesmire, Tampa Bay Water; Chris Shea, Tampa Bay Water; Jeff Geurink, Tampa Bay Water; Kathleen Coates, Tampa Bay Water; **R. Warren Hogg**, Tampa Bay Water; **Ralph Craig**, City of St. Petersburg; **Andy Smith**, Hillsborough County; Scott Emery, EHI for Hillsborough County; Mario Cabana, Hillsborough County; **Cliff Harrison**, Schreuder, Inc. for WRWSA; **Michael Hancock**, SWFWMD; Adam Munson, SWFWMD; **Ted Rochow**, SWFWMD; **Doug Leeper**, SWFWMD; John Emery, SWFWMD; Mark Barcelo, SWFWMD; David Carr, SWFWMD; Terry Johnson, SWFWMD; Robert Peterson, SWFWMD, and Mikel Renner, SWFWMD. Names in bold are designated representatives for the LTPRG.

Doug Leeper gave the group an update on the Category III Lake Minimum Level adoption process. Public meetings to discuss the proposed minimum lake levels will be held in October. The LTPRG and interested parties will be notified via email when specific dates are known. Staff plans to move forward with the specific levels that have been discussed previously. Of note, the originally proposed minimum levels will be proposed for Lake Hobbs, and the alternative levels will be proposed Lakes Raleigh and Rogers.

Michael Hancock reminded the group that the public meeting for the District's annual Minimum Flows and Levels Priority List Update would be at 6:30 PM on September 4 in the Tampa Service Office.

Mr. Hancock gave an overview of the District's current and proposed projects for the Northern Tampa Bay Phase II Program. Although an update to the original 1999 Scope of Work has not yet been published, project summary documents have been kept up to date. The September 2002 version of the project document is available for download on the NTB II website. The projects presented were divided into three categories, based on the main objectives described in the Scope of Work: 1) expansion and improvement of data collection, 2) evaluation of existing MFL methods and development of new MFL methods, and 3) evaluation of alternative management methods. Several projects were discussed in detail, and group representatives were invited to share any ideas for improvement on proposed projects. Mr. Hancock asked if there were any other related projects being

performed in the area, and Peter Owen briefly discussed a project involving Hog Island Lake, in which flood waters may be pumped to other lakes or systems in the area.

As part of the projects discussion, David Carr gave a brief overview of the District's new WAP database. The District would like to use the data base format as a standard for both the District and Tampa Bay Water. Mr. Hancock repeated his request from the July 2002 meeting that Tampa Bay Water and their consultants begin gathering copies of all WAP forms (period of record) for all wetlands, any electronic databases of the forms, and information on the specific methods used for determining normal pools in individual wetlands. Once collected, the information should be submitted to the District. The District would like to work further towards the common database format, as well as perform an evaluation of the existing WAP methodologies. A subcommittee will be formed soon to work on these issues.

Mr. Hancock began a discussion on recovery analysis. The District has felt that the highest priority in the process is to make sure that the data network is in proper order, and has been working toward that goal for the past two years. However, since wellfield cutbacks are scheduled to begin by the end of the year, now is an appropriate time to begin discussing issues related to recovery assessments, and to begin developing methods. Warren Hogg suggested that we dedicate our next meeting to this topic, and begin by trying to identify the many issues related to recovery analysis. Once that is done, we would have an organized outline to continue work. Other attendees identified several issues for further discussion, including the role of the IHM model in the recovery analysis (Andy Smith), and the issue of existing users in the recovery area requesting additional water supply (Dave Slonena). Mr. Hancock agreed that these topics should be added to the list of discussion topics for the next meeting.

The next regular LTPRG meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on November 6, 2002. The main topic of discussion will be the recovery assessment process. The meeting will take place at the SWFWMD's Tampa Service Office.

# **AGENDA**

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1. July meeting follow-up
2. Miscellaneous updates
  - Category III lakes
  - MFL priorities
3. Overview of NTB II Projects (Michael Hancock)
4. Overview of data collection status, including discussion of WAP data (Michael Hancock, David Carr)
5. Recovery Assessment (Michael Hancock)
6. Other Issues
7. Issues for Next Meeting – November 6, 2002 (at the Tampa Service Office)