

**Northern Tampa Bay Phase II Local Technical Peer Review Group (LTPRG)
Brooker Creek Education Center, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs**

**Meeting 23
June 2, 2004 - 9:30AM**

Summary

The following were in attendance: **R. Warren Hogg**, Tampa Bay Water; Doug Keesecker, Tampa Bay Water; Patty Fesmire, Tampa Bay Water; Chris Shea, Tampa Bay Water; **Ralph Craig**, City of St. Petersburg; **Andy Smith**, Hillsborough County; Scott Emery, Hillsborough County; **Cliff Harrison**, Schreuder, Inc for WRWSA; Laura Morris, Question Ecology for WRWSA; **Annemarie Hammond**, Pasco County; **Michael Hancock**, SWFWMD; Jill Hood, SWFWMD; John Emery, SWFWMD; **Ted Rochow**, SWFWMD; David Carr, SWFWMD; Len Bartos, SWFWMD; B. Terry Johnson, SWFWMD; Robert Peterson, SWFWMD, and **Doug Leeper**, SWFWMD. Names in bold are designated representatives for the LTPRG.

Doug Leeper noted that three rule development public workshops were recently conducted for discussion of minimum and guidance levels proposed for several Northern Tampa Bay area lakes. The workshops were held on April 20, 2004 at the Land O' Lakes Community Center, on May 4, 2004 at the District's Brooksville Office, and on May 13, 2004 at the Keystone Civic Center. He indicated that District staff plans to present proposed levels for the twenty-four lakes discussed at the workshops to the Governing Board in August for approval to initiate the incorporation of the levels into District rules. The lakes include: Hunters, Lindsey, Mountain, Neff, Spring, Weekiwachee Prairie, Bell, Bird, Buddy, Clear, Green, Hancock, Moon, Padgett, Parker (Ann), Pasadena, Charles, Dan, Garden, Jackson, Mound, Platt, Reinheimer and Strawberry. He further noted that proposed minimum levels for Lakes Taylor, Wimauma, Crescent, Horse, Pretty and Middle will probably be presented to the Board for adoption in October 2004.

Michael Hancock, Dr. Ted Rochow, and Jill Hood gave a presentation on the preliminary results of the field test for the proposed revisions to the Wetland Assessment Procedure (WAP). The presentation and draft WAP procedure are available on the NTB II website. Mr. Hancock explained that the results of the test showed that there was still too much variability in the results of the revised WAP, and that further assessment and testing were needed before the revision can be considered final and brought to Tampa Bay Water's Board for approval. A schedule for further meetings on the subject will be forthcoming.

Mr. Hancock also gave a presentation on the state of the Minimum Flows and Levels in the NTB area for 2003. The presentation is available on the NTB II website. The assessment included the recently adopted lakes. In brief, only one lake (Lake Maurine)

was found to be meeting its minimum level, while eleven lakes are meeting their high minimum level. Nine wetlands were found to be meeting their minimum levels, seventeen were not, and fifteen did not yet have enough data. Of the seven aquifer levels, five were meeting their minimum levels, while two were not. The details of the results will be presented in a forthcoming document.

The next regular LTPRG meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM on August 4, 2004 at the Brooker Creek Education Center, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

AGENDA

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1. April meetings follow-up
2. Miscellaneous updates
 - Lake MFL Update
 - Future presentation/field trips
3. Preliminary WAP Test results and updates
4. 2004 MFL evaluation
5. Issues for Next Meeting – August 4, 2004 (at Brooker Creek)