

Approved Minutes
South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Meeting
Naples FL, August 4, 1997

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Secretary Patricia Beneke opened meeting at 1:35 p.m. Ms. Beneke introduced David Guggenheim from the Conservancy of SW Florida. Mr Guggenheim welcomed all of the Task Force members to the facility. She introduced Sally Ericsson who replaced Tom Jensen at the Council on Environmental Quality. Patty Beneke recognized: Julia Hathaway from Senator Bob Graham's office; Pamela Landi from Congressman Clay Shaw's office; Commissioner Barbara Berry, Vice Chair of the Collier County Commission; John Albion Lee County Commissioner. {Note: Task Force members were presented with a briefing binder prior to the meeting (Enclosure 1)}. The minutes from the January meeting were approved. Task Force members were asked to vote on topics that they wished to hear during the lightning round session.

The Following Task Force Members Were In Attendance:

Clarence Anthony, Mayor, City of South Bay

Patricia Beneke, Assistant Secretary of the Interior - Task Force Chair

Peter Coppelman, Deputy Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice

Mike Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

T. Niles Glasgow for Tom Hebert U.S. Department of Agriculture

Dexter Lehtinen, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians

Dana Minerva for Robert Perciasepe, U.S. EPA

Alex Penelas, Mayor Metropolitan Dade County

Terrence "Rock" Salt, Executive Director

Jim Shore, Seminole Tribe of Florida

Joseph Westphal for Robert Perciasepe, U.S. EPA

Virginia Wetherell, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Estus Whitfield for Task Force Member Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay

Frank "Sonny" Williamson, Vice Chairman, SFWMD

Sally J. Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce

DISCUSSION OF TASK FORCE "PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS"

Principles and Operating Guidelines

Rock Salt presented the revised Guidelines document (Enclosure 2). Dexter Lehtinen presented his proposed amendments (Enclosure 3a) to the Guidelines document and described a number of his concerns including, the characterization in the document of the scope and mission of the Task Force.

Rock Salt clarified that this document was created to serve as a transition from the old Task Force to the new one. The substance of the document was developed by the Working Group in November 1996 and is presented here as their recommendations. Patricia Beneke noted that the intent is merely to "codify" what the Task Force has been doing and not necessarily change anything.

Working Group Charter

Rock Salt presented the proposed Working Group Charter (Enclosure 4). Dexter Lehtinen presented proposed amendments (Enclosure 5) to the Charter.

Patricia Beneke suggested this be deferred until the next day and instructed those Task Force members who were interested on working on these documents to notify Rock Salt during the break.

DISCUSSION OF DESIGNATION OF GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION

Estus Whitfield welcomed the Task Force members on behalf of the Governor and Lt. Governor. He noted that the Commission was established in March 1994 by Executive Order to facilitate and coordinate the protection and restoration of the Everglades and a sustainable economy. Governor Chiles extended the Commission until June of 1999. The success of the federal-state effort in South Florida is of the highest priority to this state. He added that the Governor and Lt. Governor are committed to this cause.

Patricia Beneke noted that WRDA provides that the Task Force may select as an advisory body any entity such as the Commission.

Sally Yozell commended Dick Pettigrew and the Commission for their work that stated that they have been a valuable resource to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. Dana Minerva stated that the U.S. EPA would welcome the Commission being an advisor to the Task Force.

The Task Force approved without objection, the designation of Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida as an advisory body to the Task Force. Patricia Beneke signed a formal resolution (Enclosure 6) designating the Governor's Commission as an advisory body to the Task Force and Working Group. Dick Pettigrew recognized the Commission members who were present. He noted his "pleasure" at continuing this partnership formally and stated that the Commission was looking forward to working with the Task Force.

WORKING GROUP'S 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

COL Rice presented the 1996 Annual Report (Enclosure 7) to the Task Force, which is the third report which has been produced since 1994. He highlighted Section IV which summarizes the accomplishments, initiatives and future goals for the ten Subregions. Four of the major renovation projects are the Kissimmee, C-111, Modified Water Deliveries and the Everglades Construction Project. The Working Group is about trying to achieve a "unity of effort". He noted the impacts of WRDA 1996 and the Farm Bill to the Working Group. He also highlighted the Working Group's current task of getting the general public to understand "ecosystem degradation problems". Patricia Beneke commended the Working Group on this report noting that it "provides an overview of what we are all about".

RECEIPT OF WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING the TRANSFER OF HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE TO DADE COUNTY

Rock Salt stated that the Working Group was asked to identify conditions as part of the Federal action dealing with the transfer of the base to Dade County. He noted that the transmittal letter to the Task Force was unanimously approved by the Working Group at its July meeting and presented the Recommendations to the Task Force on behalf of the Working Group (Enclosure 8). Patty Beneke thanked the Working Group and the Issue team for their work. The re-use of the base is an important economic redevelopment initiative and the effort to take a hard look at how we can facilitate this transfer and at the same time ensure that appropriate environmental safeguards are put in place is essential. She commended the issue team and the Working Group for their work and noted that this report reflects public input.

Comments

Alex Penelas asked for clarification on the expectations of the Task Force. Patty Beneke noted that these documents could be forwarded to those officials involved in this issue as a tool in evaluating aspects of the transfer and that it would be up to the Task Force to decide how it wanted

to proceed.

Rock Salt stated that Katie McGinty from CEQ (as part of their statutory role) will complete the review of the sufficiency of the Air Force's EIS by September/October. He clarified that this represents the ideas from people in the field on how the transfer of the base can be conditioned.

Alex Penelas described this issue as a "complicated maze". He expressed his frustration and begged the Task Force not to further delay the process. "Move it up the chain and give folks in the decision making arena some *real* recommendations." The county is faced with a serious issue of running out of space at Miami International Airport. Planning needs to be done now especially if other alternatives need to be considered. He stated that he will not allow any further expansion of the Urban Development Boundary line. Patty Beneke echoed Mr. Penelas' concerns and assured that the administration feels the same with respect to the base.

Dexter Lehtinen noted that these recommendations have no legal "force and effect" and questioned the legality of the Working Group being asked to come up with recommendations.

Dick Ring noted that recommendations were asked to be made to the Task Force and not the Department of Interior. Sally Yozell agreed that document should be sent forward. Peter Coppelman noted that the transfer of the base has been held up by the review of the EIS. There will be no delay as a result of the Working Group and agreed that this document should be sent forward.

Estus Whitfield stated that the Task Force has the responsibility for the results of the Working Group and noted that if the transfer of the base is contingent upon the implementation of these recommendations "we are a long way from the transfer of Homestead Air Force Base" because of the complexity of the buffer and noise issues.

Patty Beneke stated that the Task Force will forward these documents to the appropriate officials with the intent to expedite. Alex Penelas asked what exactly would be forwarded, who would it be forwarded to, would it be under separate cover and whether the transmittal would be one recommendation or consensus recommendations with minority view points.

Patty Beneke clarified that the suggestion is to transmit the work product of the Issues Team and the Working Group on to the appropriate officials. Sonny Williamson agreed that this document should be provided to the decision-makers and he recommended this be sent for appropriate use as an information document.

Rock Salt suggested that a drafting group could be put together to deal with additional items or issues that the Task Force may have. Sonny

Williamson stated that the Task Force will experience this issue over and over again because of the different entities that it represents.

Peter Coppelman noted that the Working Group spent hundreds of hours on this document. He recommended sending this forward without adding any comments.

Alex Penelas added that a notation in the letter stating that the Task Force did not discuss substantive issues, and that they do not consist of a formal recommendation from the Task Force.

Alex Penelas noted the following corrections:

Page 10 of Enclosure Two - Issue Team Report sets forth recommended language by the County on the buffer and phasing issues are not included on pages 2, 3 and 4 of Enclosure One - Drafting Sub Committee Report. He requested that all the documents be consistent and that the County's position on the buffer and phasing be included in all the documents as well as the County's position on the issue of noise, where the County feels the FAA noise standards should be adopted.

T. Niles Glasgow asked whether other people will have an opportunity to add their comments. Rock Salt stated that the Working Group through its process allowed for public comment and various different views have been already been appended to the report.

Alex Penelas noted for the record his support for "expediting the process" regardless of whether the transfer goes through or not. Dexter Lehtinen added that the Task Force can state "recommend that action be taken expeditiously pursuant to law". Frank Williamson suggested adding the phrase "with due process in accordance to the law" when using the word expeditious.

Peter Coppelman stated the Task Force should not support expeditious transfer of the base, but merely "expeditious consideration". He was not comfortable with using the word "expedite" which could be interpreted as taking a position. Patty Beneke suggested adding the words "mindful of both economic and environmental factors involved" after "expeditious consideration".

FARM BILL UPDATE

Bill Leary noted that Congress in April of 1996 enacted a provision that provided \$200 million to the Secretary of the Interior to be used for ecosystem restoration projects to include land acquisition. There was also a provision that surplus federal properties that were identified could be sold and the proceeds used for additional restoration projects. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Atlanta region have been managing the funds.

A framework agreement between DOI, DEP, SFWMD and USACE was signed in October 1996. Grant agreements with the SFWMD totaling \$40 million have been approved for land acquisition in the EAA and East Coast Buffer and a grant agreement with DEP for \$25 million was also approved for the acquisition of lands in South Golden Gate Estates, Fakahatchee Strand and Belle Meade. Sixty-five million dollars have been committed to date with \$135 million remaining. All expenditures to date have been in the top nine priority items of the Task Force.

Dexter Lehtinen expressed concern that some Farm Bill money was not spent on lands directly related to saving the Everglades. He asked how much was spent on the Everglades Agricultural Area and East Coast Buffer. Bill Leary stated that \$3 million and \$37 million were spent respectively. Dexter Lehtinen expressed concern the number two priority, EAA lands, were being overlooked. Ginger Wetherell noted that more than half of the water that goes into the park comes from Big Cypress. She noted that Golden Gate Estates was number 4 on the list.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Richardson - (First National Bank of Homestead) - encouraged the Task Force to contact the President's Council on Economic Council of Economic Advisors, the experts on Base Reuse to seek their input. He encouraged the Task Force members to be cognizant of the secondary and cumulative effects of government policy in the South Dade area. He urged the Task Force to consider the "human side of the equation" to make his priority an integral portion

Ann Hauck - (Council of Civic Associations) - noted that in Lee County, five wetland areas were identified in 1992 as eligible for acquisition by the State of Florida with Federal matching funds under the Emergency Wetlands Resource Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-645). Estero Bay which was included in the list has not received any of the funds. She added that FDEP has requested \$12 million of Federal matching grant money for the next three years to complete acquisition of the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve, Pippiuin (sp) Strand State Forest and Belle Meade. She requested that the Department of the Interior keep SW Florida in mind and appropriate money for Estero Bay through the Farm Bill or through the Emergency Wetlands Resource Act of 1986.

John T. Mitchell (National Audubon) - expressed his support for the Everglades Construction Project - 404 Permit. National Audubon believes that the Corps permit, as issued, translates the "letter and the spirit of the law". He encouraged the Task Force to maintain an interest in the progress of the permit and felt it was important as a benchmark of Everglades restoration.

Joette Lorion - (Everglades Coalition - Friends of the Everglades) - read

the statement from the members of the Everglades Coalition regarding the Homestead Air Reserve Base (Enclosure 8) and requested that the Working Group recommend a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). She noted that the document which is being forwarded by the Task Force shows that there are many outstanding issues.

Tim Williams - (Dade County Agriculture Council) - stated that as a potato farmer he has reduced harsh pesticide use in the last three years. He addressed the language contained in the Issue Team Report for Homestead AFB and noted that the recommended action states that 75% of existing agricultural lands be used. He requested that specific language be incorporated specific to the Biscayne National Park Land Bank Buffer Trust Working Group since the group is already doing the work.

Patti Webster - (Natural Resource Advocate - Broward County) - she applauded the Task Force for the dedication to the restoration of the Everglades ecosystem. She read a statement from Broward County (Enclosure 10) requesting that Broward County be represented on the Working Group. She noted Broward County's concern over the reduction in funding for FY98 Critical Projects.

Manley Fuller - (FL Wildlife Federation/Everglades Coalition) - stated that the Coalition wished to remain as a partner in the restoration process. He encouraged the Task Force to stand by its commitment to complete the Comprehensive Plan on time.

Tom Adams (National Audubon) - stated Audubon's support that the remaining Farm Bill funds be used on the EAA, East Coast Buffer and other lands outside of the Parks. He also noted Audubon's proposal of auctioning the sale of sugar import quotas as noted in the Naples Paper (Aug 4).

Mike Collins (FL Keys Fishing Guides) - encouraged the Task Force to be accountable and to "complete the loops to fulfill goals" in regards to Homestead Air Force Base.

David Guggenheim - (Conservancy of SW FL) - provided a letter of support (Enclosure 11) to COL Rice and the Corps efforts to conduct a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. He noted how correct COL Rice's *report card* was on urban issues and added that there is "a severe disconnect" with what happens at the Task Force level compared to what happens at the local level.

Don Chinquina (Tropical Audubon Society) - noted that Tropical Audubon has never been against the redevelopment of HAFB but against the decision the decision to move ahead on the project before completion of the studies to determine impacts on Biscayne National Park. He stated that the solution is to support the SEIS.

John Albion - (Lee County Commissioner) - thanked everyone for coming to SW FL and noted that Lee County will continue to be with the Corps' in regards to the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

Patty Beneke after hearing the public comments made the following decision regarding the Working Group recommendation about Homestead based on previous suggestions by the Task Force members: to send a transmittal letter from the Task Force clearly stating that "the substantive issues were not addressed by the Task Force as a group and the documents do not contain formal recommendations of the Task Force" along with the following documents:

July 29, 1997 transmittal letter from Ron Smola to Patty Beneke;

Enclosure One: Drafting Sub Committee Report;

Enclosure Two: Issue Team Report and Minority Report;

Enclosure Three: Comments to the Issue Team from Environmental Groups; and

Enclosure Four: South Dade Property Rights Association letter

to the appropriate federal, state and local officials to include the heads of departments currently engaged in the EIS review, the Chairperson of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the Governor and any other appropriate officials. Peter Coppelman clarified that the Working Group was not asked whether or not a SEIS should be done but instead what conditions might be imposed on the transfer if the transfer goes ahead.

Patty Beneke decided to move the 404 Permit Update discussion on the next day.

FIELD TRIP BRIEFING

Ernie Barnett, Sally Yozell, Gary Lytton and Ilene Barnett briefed the Task Force on the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve which is jointly managed by the State of Florida and NOAA with third party participation by non profit organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Naples FL, 5 August 1997

WELCOME

Secretary Patricia Beneke opened meeting at 8:35 a.m. She extended her thanks to Ernie Barnett, Sally Yozell and the staff at Rookery Bay for the field trip the evening before. She acknowledged Bonnie R. McKenzie (City Council member, City of Naples).

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION GOALS

Rock Salt briefed Task Force on the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) which was passed by Congress requiring Federal agencies to lay out their goals and plans which is used as a basis for Federal appropriations. The Secretary of the Interior wanted to include the goals of the Task Force into his submission as part of the Dept's submission. The Working Group has created the document and is provided for information to the Task Force. Clarence Anthony offered an amendment (Enclosure 12) and suggested that urban sustainable issues be included as a goal. Mike Davis explained that every Federal agency has to submit a strategic plan to Congress and OMB by September 1997. Dexter Lehtinen noted that this is being provided for information purposes only. Patricia Beneke took Mr. Anthony's proposed amendment under advisement.

404 PERMIT UPDATE for STA's in EAA

COL Rice briefed the Task Force on the activities concerning the permits for the 6 stormwater treatment areas which are designed to remove phosphorous from the Everglades Agricultural Area. STA's will be constructed in wetlands under 404 of the Clean Water Act the Corps had to review the permit. Sonny Williamson noted that the Everglades Forever Act and the Consent Decree are parallel. The SFWMD was faced with two issues: funding would be required for a project that the SFWMD would not be authorized to do; and the timing required under the Everglades Forever Act. He emphasized that the SFWMD is not letting this stop the timetable of the project.

DISCUSSION OF TASK FORCE "PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS"

Bill Leary stated that a group of lawyers (Joan, Lloyd Pike, Neal McAliley, Shannon Cunniff, Richard McNeer) which met last evening reached general agreement that 1) the Task Force should have its own letterhead; 2) the Working Group meet in FL except for extraordinary circumstances; 3) the word "consensus" as used in the principles document; 4) the Task Force members should appoint the Working Group member. Patty thanked the group who worked on these documents. Dexter added that any delay on these documents will not "inhibit the work" of the Task Force or Working Group. Estus Whitfield also advocated waiting until the next meeting before adopting these documents.

Dexter Lehtinen objected to the way the Task Force has been operating and to these documents because " they incorporate prior Task Force behavior" he added that he didn't want them cleared by the Solicitor's office at Interior. Jim Shore suggested putting these documents to a vote and amending them a later date if they don't work.

Sally Yozell clarified that the discussion is about developing a process to circulate written material. Joseph Westphal agreed that the Task Force has to set up an orderly process to address amendments, etc. Rock Salt added that it is the responsibility of the Office of the Executive Director to organize the Task Force meetings. The Principles and Operational Guidelines and the Working Group Charter will be deferred and to the next Task Force meeting.

Task Force Charter

Patricia Beneke provided the signed Task Force Charter (Enclosure 13) which parallels WRDA which has been signed by the Secretary of the Interior. Dexter Lehtinen presented his objections (enclosure 14) to the Task Force Charter. Patricia Beneke recommended that the Task Force members review and propose modifications they feel are in order. Comments to this document will also be addressed at the next Task Force meeting. Patricia Beneke stated that the next Task Force meeting would be scheduled in October and instructed Rock Salt to notify members of an informal meeting to "iron out details".

CRITICAL PROJECTS UPDATE

COL Rice reviewed that list of critical projects and the schedule of events. He noted that the five projects with one (*) are those projects Congress said are good examples of critical projects. The FY 98 budget does not include full funding as requested by the President. Sponsors are requesting credit prior to the signing of PCA. The U.S. Department of the Army is requesting an extension of the deadline. The Task Force needs to keep this high on the agenda to make sure we don't lose the advantages gained here. Michael Reed stated that he has not seen any indication of there being a problem with extending the authority. He felt it was premature for the

Task Force to get involved at this point but the Task Force and the Working Group needs to figure out how to use the \$10 million for 1998.

Frank Williamson noted that he would like the funding to stay on schedule with one additional year given to qualify and get the projects completed. Mike Davis stated that there is no plan within the administration to put this on a five year track. Mayor Penelas added that the 50% credit is critical for non-Federal partners. COL Rice agreed that this is critical to what "we want to accomplish" but nothing can be done until January 1998. Rock Salt noted that it is the normal policy of the Corps not to give credit to work done prior to the signing of the Project Coordination Agreement, except on an exception basis. He noted that this is a special case. Mayor Penelas proposed that the Task Force send a letter or a resolution indicating the need for non-Federal partners to receive credit for work done prior to the signing of the PCA. Rock Salt noted that the Working Group sent a letter (dated July 15, 1997). Virginia Wetherell suggested that the Task Force send a letter in support of this effort similar to the letter of July 15, 1997. It was agreed without objection. Alex Penelas agreed to prepare a draft and send it to Patricia Beneke's office.

Dick Ring presented a "River of Life - River of Grass" video to Chairwoman Patty Beneke and Commemorative pins celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Everglades National Park to all the Task Force members.

C&SF RESTUDY UPDATE

Stu Appelbaum reviewed the background of the Central and Southern Florida Restudy project. The reconnaissance phase was completed in 1994. The Restudy is presently in the detail feasibility phase. Once the feasibility study is completed, and Congressional authorization is received, the next phase would be detailed design, construction and monitoring. Congress established a 50/50 cost share for projects arising out of the restudy. The Draft Plan and EIS will be published in October 1998 followed by public meetings in November 1998. The final report will be completed in April 1999 so that the Congressionally required deadline of July 1999 can be met.

WATER QUALITY OVERVIEW

Ernie Barnett presented an overview (Enclosure 15) of water quality issues. He noted that the greatest threat to restoration of the everglades ecosystem is to separate hydro-pattern restoration from the natural systems and good water quality. The "common thread" of all the restoration projects is the best timing, delivery and quality of water. The strategy is to investigate ecosystem health and reach agreement on remediation options. He stated that in the Southern Everglades the agricultural community is

being encouraged to participate and "be part of the solution and not the problem". Water quality concerns will be identified and addressed early. DEP will continue to work closely with all affected third parties for future permits. He stressed the importance of an integrated effort to water quality protection, management and restoration efforts.

Dexter Lehtinen stated that the permit dealing with the eastern and western structures south of the EAA has been challenged. He noted his Everglades protection concerns (Enclosure 14). He encouraged those Task Force members who live in Florida to go to the legislature about the lack of funding and commitment for the SFWMD.

LIGHTNING ROUND

Status of Everglades Construction Project - Jennifer George (SFWMD)
Other Land Acquisition - Ernie Barnett (FDEP) briefed Task Force.
Multi-Species Endangered Species Recovery Strategy - COL Rice (USACE) and Craig Johnson (USFWS) briefed Task Force. The Multi-Species Recovery Strategy schedule (Enclosure 17) was provided.
SERA Model Lands - Joan Lawrence (SFWMD) briefed Task Force.
Programmatic EIS - COL Rice (COE) briefed Task Force.
Eastward Ho/Sustainable Communities - Ben Starrett (DCA) briefed Task Force and provided the July 1997 newsletter (Enclosure 18).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clara Anne Graham Elliott (League of Women Voters) -voiced the belief of the League that the water needs of the environment and public must be considered first in order to ensure that the natural system functions well and meets the needs of the people. The League supports setting minimum flows and levels of lakes, rivers and aquifers to know how much water is available before granting permits. The League is concerned with the permitting process which does not address the relationship between water and land use and the impacts on Lee County. The League encourages the Corps to consider upgrading the proposed PEIS to a Carrying Capacity Study and urges the Task Force and the Working Group to support Lee County residents in their efforts to address sustainable benchmarks.

Joette Lorion (Everglades Coalition - Friends of the Everglades)- encouraged the Task Force and the Working Group to continue with the Public Outreach Partnership as a priority.

Richard Weiskoff (Univ. of Miami) - addressed the conflicting economic projections done by the Regional Planning Councils, the State, the Federal and local governments. He urged the Task Force to do an economic account model of the region in order to avoid future problems.

David Guggenheim (The Conservancy of SW FL) - urged the Task Force to address urban issues and note the Everglades ecosystem's vulnerability to climate changes. He also encouraged the Task Force to make recommendations to Congress.

Brad Cornell (Collier Audubon Soc.) - noted his support for a PEIS for Southwest Florida.

Tim Williams (Dade County Agriculture Council) - Buffer Zone - Effect of restudy to agriculture.

Nanciann Regalado (National Audubon) - noted the involvement of NGO's in the Restudy which is an effort of unprecedented size and scope. National Audubon intends to participate to help mold the plan.

RECOGNITIONS

1. During the meeting Task Force awards were presented by the Chairwoman to: a) Dick Frost, b) Julio Fanjul, c) Ted Pruett, d) Ben Starrett and e) COL Terry Rice.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next Task Force meeting is to be held in October 1997. {Post meeting note: Task Force meeting held in December}.

Attachments:

Agenda

1. Briefing Binder
2. Proposed Principles and Operational Guidelines
3. Dexter Lehtinen's Proposed Amendments
 - a. (Motion E)
 - b. (Motion C)
 - c. (Motion B)
4. Proposed Working Group Charter
5. Dexter Lehtinen's Proposed Amendments (Motion D)
6. Resolution (Designation of Governor's Commission)
7. 1996 Annual Report

8. Working Group letter and report on Homestead Air Reserve Base
9. Statement of Members of the Everglades Coalition regarding Homestead Air Reserve Base
10. Statement of Broward County
11. Letter of Support from Everglades Coalition to Corps (PEIS)
12. Clarence Anthony's Proposed Amendment to GPRA
13. Task Force Charter
14. Dexter Lehtinen's Everglades Protection Concerns (8/4/97)
15. Water Quality Overview
16. Multi-Species Recovery Strategy schedule
17. The Eastward Ho! Quarterly Newsletter (July 1997)

NOTE--This meeting was recorded on video and audio tape which are on file at Florida International University library.