

DOCUMENTATION OF MEETING WITH REGISTERED LOBBYIST

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MEETING TITLE: Everglades Restoration, Several Subjects

DATE: 4/28/2009
1230 hours

PLACE: Headquarters, USACE
441 G Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20014

ATTENDEES: Larry Prather, USACE
Steve Kopecky, USACE
Mr. Nathaniel Reed, Board of Directors, Everglades Foundation
Mr. Kirk Fordham, CEO, Everglades Foundation
Mr. Richard Innes, Consultant representing Audubon
Mr. Fowler G. West, Registered Lobbyist, Clark & Weinstock
representing the Everglades Trust

SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION: Mr. West requested this meeting so that attendees could meet Mr. Kopecky, recently assigned Everglades Program Manager. Coincidentally, the Corps had posted the listing of ARRA funds to the agency web site at 1200 hours immediately prior to the meeting at 1230 hours. At their request, the attendees were given the ARRA construction projects listing for Everglades Restoration. There are several Everglades Restoration projects on this list. Mr. Kopecky answered technical questions from the attendees about expected restoration outputs of these projects as well as their basic descriptions. There was no discussion of policy related to the overall ARRA or of other ARRA projects. Attendees also engaged in very productive and useful discussions on renewing the Federal partnership for the overall restoration effort in the Everglades.

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