

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Jacksonville GRR2 Public PDT Meeting

**Summary:** This is a recurring public meeting between the PDT, the agencies, and the public. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the status of the study, familiarize the public with the study process, and receive public comments throughout the study path.

**Meeting Attendees:**

Jacksonville District PDT (Project Delivery Team): Jason Harrah, Samantha Borer, Amanda Ellison, Phil Sylvester, Mike Hollingsworth, Steve Myers, Steve Conger, Steve Bratos, Amanda Tancreto, Glenn Landers, Lynn Zediak, Paul Stodola, Ray Wimbrough, Barbara Cintron, Tim Humphrey, David Neumann,

Jaxport: Joe Miller

Federal Agencies: EPA: Eric Hughes, NPS: Shauna Allen, Barbara Goodman, NOAA: Kyle Ward

State Agencies: FDEP: Kristina Evans, Roxane Dow, FWC: Laura DiGruttolo, SJRWMD: John Hendrickson

Office of the Lt. Governor Carroll: Glow Smith

Other Participants: Members of the Public

**Discussion:*****Overview of the Study***

Project Manager, Jason Harrah, provided a status of the study as follows:

- Engineering: The team has finished the geotechnical analysis estimating the quantities of rock within the project footprint. The shoaling rates are being computed. There is a potential for blasting which will be discussed further at the upcoming public meeting in March. The team is working on the Draft Engineering Appendix. In the fall the ecological modeling was completed for 3 depths. The national economic development (NED)<sup>1</sup> depth and potentially a locally preferred plan (LPP) depth will be modeled as well.
- LPP Discussion: Jaxport spoke to the viability of a LPP. The port may have a complementary plan that would take into account their future business.
- Economics: The draft report is ongoing.
- Environmental: The preliminary analysis indicates there is effect to SAV, particularly eelgrass and wetland systems. We will continue to prepare the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS). Section 7 coordination has been initiated. The next public meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> ER 1105-2-100 defines the NED plan as the alternative plan that reasonably maximizes net economic benefits consistent with protecting the Nation's environment.

- Plan Formulation: The tentatively selected plan (TSP) milestone meeting is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is when we brief the vertical team on the results of the tentatively selected plan. The goal of the meeting is to get permission to release the report to the public. We continue to prepare the draft report.
- Project Management: Upcoming key milestones as follows:
  - March 12, 2013: Public meeting on blasting. The meeting will be held at the Main Library at 6:30pm.
  - April 2013: Draft GRR and SEIS
  - May 2013: Reviews (Public, Independent External Peer Review, Agency, Policy)
  - April 2014: Chief's Report

### *Agency Comments*

FDEP (Kristina Evans): Will the pending interagency teleconference cover the mitigation options?

- Yes we will go over ways to best formulate mitigation.

### *Public Comments*

David Bauerlein (Florida Times Union): Mr. Bauerlein asked about the LPP. He asked if the LPP is greater than the NED plan. He stated that in the past Jaxport stated that they needed to go to 47-48 feet to remain competitive.

- At this time the team cannot comment on the tentatively selected plan (NED or maybe a LPP) as it has not been briefed to the vertical team.

David Jaffe (UNF Professor): Professor Jaffe asked what could change in the analysis for the recommended depth to change. He if there would be an analysis to show the hierarchy of ports.

- The team will brief the vertical team on the recommended plan. The team works with the Deep Draft Center of Expertise and the vertical team on the assumptions that are used to compute the benefits. This process has been ongoing. There will be a multi-port analysis in the Economics Appendix. This will cover effects of the project on other ports and if there are any shifts from other ports as a result of the project.

### **Next Meeting**

The next teleconference meeting is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is a Blasting Public Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Jacksonville Main Library