

**ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT GROUP (ADG)
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
MEETING #1, APRIL 16-17, 1998**

MEETING NOTES

FINAL

The notes provided below document the main points and meeting progress that were offered during the meeting on April 16 and 17. The notes are meant to highlight and summarize the key issues that were discussed at the ADG meeting. The following section provides an overall summary of the meeting, and the remaining sections summarize each of the agenda items as they occurred in the meeting. Selected attachments are provided in this document. Any comments on accuracy of these notes are welcome and will be reflected in a subsequent version of this meeting report. Note that copies of this document were provided electronically either through e-mail, facsimile, or at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/permit/projects.htm>. Attachments are included in the electronic version when reasonably possible. Otherwise, the full version with all attachments will be distributed at the next ADG meeting.

Meeting Overview

The Alternatives Development Group (ADG) met on April 16 and 17, 1998 at the Lee County Electric Cooperative building. Twenty-six ADG members or alternates and other interested parties attended the meeting. The roster of attendees is presented in Attachment A. The purpose of the two day meeting was to (1) introduce the ADG members, (2) define the ADG charge, (3) identify the study area issues, and (4) identify information needs and sources.

The meeting began the morning of April 16 with administrative announcements followed by opening remarks by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) representative. Members of the ADG introduced themselves to the group. The facilitation team, Planning and Management Consultants, Ltd. (PMCL), introduced themselves and the role they will play in the ADG meetings. The Corps representative presented the Charge of the ADG to the members. The Charge defined the study area as well as items that must be addressed by the ADG during this process.

The ADG members developed individual lists of issues that represent their respective organization's issues. The ADG then broke into small groups to present these issues to the other members. All issues were presented to the ADG as a whole. The list of over eighty issues was reviewed by the group for commonality. A list of twelve issue categories was then identified by the ADG.

The ADG identified initial information needs and sources. Given the identified needs, the ADG requested presentations regarding the permit process, study area base maps, and Lee and Collier County Comprehensive Plans at the next meeting.

Administrative Announcements

The meeting was brought to order on day one by Dale Brown, lead facilitator for PMCL, at 9:05 a.m. Mr. Brown addressed administrative issues regarding facilities, lunch, and other logistical items. The group was reminded to (1) pick up handouts being distributed, (2) check contact information on mailing list for correctness, and (3) identify the media by which each member would like to receive meeting notes.

Opening Statement

John Hall, of the Corps Regulatory Branch, opened the session by thanking the members of the ADG for their participation and commitment to the goal of the ADG. To achieve the goal, the group must follow the process being presented by PMCL, an unbiased neutral contractor hired to facilitate and record the meetings of the ADG. Mr. Hall concluded his opening statement by describing the uniqueness of this endeavor and that there is much hard work to be done to achieve the goal of the ADG.

Introductions

Dale Brown opened the introduction of the ADG members with a quick icebreaking exercise. Mr. Brown then asked the members/alternates, observers, and remaining members of the facilitation team to introduce themselves and the group(s) they represent. Attachment A presents the attendees of the first meeting (1)members/alternates, (2) observers, (3) facilitation team members, and (4) those ADG members not represented at the first meeting. The members represent a range of perspectives on the issues at hand.

In order to accommodate these differing representations, Mr. Brown addressed ground rules to be adhered to in this meeting and future meetings. These rules were agreed upon by the ADG.

- Volunteer timekeeper agreed upon by group (adhere to times for breaks).
- Thumbs up (method to show agreement or not).
- Equal opportunity to hear and be heard.
- Open to sharing with ADG Team.

- Forward moving process.
- Alternate member allowed but must be present at meeting prior to attendance. The selection of this alternate is made by the respective ADG member.
- If members or alternates of a group miss two consecutive or three total meetings, the organization's representation will be discontinued in the ADG.
- Summary information of the meeting will be available to the Southwest Florida Issues Group (SWIG), public, and press via a summary presentation by the ADG and ghost written by PMCL.
- Commitment to sharing information and the goals of the ADG.
- Members agree to meet 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day of the meeting and for whatever time is necessary to complete the meeting agenda.
- Working lunch (exception if member announces his or her need to leave to the group prior to lunch).

An issue concerning alternate selection was raised by a member. The member wanted to know whether or not an alternate can be a different member of the ADG. It was agreed by the group that members are encouraged to use outside alternates (non ADG members) but this does not preclude the use of inside alternates (ADG members).

A member of the ADG asked how the group will handle legal discussions and terminology. It was pointed out that the group was not assembled to argue the legality of the issues (i.e., Clean Water Act, section 404) and any legal discussions should be made in layman's terms. However, there will be discussions that require technical expertise for the group's understanding.

Members of the ADG stated that since the meeting is open to the public that no rules be made specific to addressing the media. It was asked by an ADG member whether the group was subject to the Sunshine Law. John Hall stated that the Corps doesn't legally have to abide to the Sunshine Law but will try to adhere to it. Discussion among members outside the meetings is encouraged.

ADG Charge

John Hall presented the Charge of the ADG which is fully defined in the document titled *Charge of the Alternatives Development Group: Southwest Florida Environmental Impact Statement* presented in Attachment B. The ADG will help the Corps develop alternatives and assess the consequences of these alternatives as part of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process.

Mr. Hall observed that citizens and local agencies and entities are aware of the water flow and quality issues in South Florida. He also stated that a starting point of this group in the development of alternatives is the Lee and Collier County Comprehensive Plans.

The items to be addressed by the ADG are defined in the document titled *Charge of the Alternatives Development Group: Southwest Florida Environmental Impact Statement* presented in Attachment B. Further definition of the scope is organized under four topics:

- Geographic Area and Available Information
- Alternative Development Items
- Impact of Alternatives
- Permit Review Options

The mission of the ADG is to identify (HS) what the Charge of the ADG will include in consensus on an alternative. While consensus is not an absolute requirement, the ADG will do whatever possible to seek consensus. Tim Feather, member of the facilitation team, stated that the ADG members come here with many issues respective to the groups they represent and if the ADG leaves these sessions with the same issues and does not find areas of consensus, the group has made no progress.

Geographic Area and Available Information

John Hall provided a USGS map with the boundary of the study area delineated for the ADG. The USGS map is displayed in Attachment C. The bold solid line of the map delineates the study area boundary. The dotted line delineates the Estero-Imperial Integrated Watershed boundary. There is a portion of the watershed that is not included in the study area located in Hendry County. It was stated that this property is primarily used for agricultural purposes and is stabilized but it is recognized that it does impact the study area. A member asked whether the runoff of that portion of Hendry County would be addressed since it is not in the study area but does impact the study area. It was stated that runoff of this area will be addressed during this process.

A member asked whether the ADG would assess the boundary of the study area. Mr. Hall stated that the boundary of the study area was drawn based upon the scoping process. He also stated that it was suggested that Pine Island be included in the study area. He acknowledged that Pine Island is important but was not identified during the scoping process. To change the boundary at this point would only add to the current confusion over the study area boundary.

Alternative Development Items

The alternative development items are presented in Attachment B. Items to be addressed by the ADG include runoff, flooding, pollution loads and impacts on water bodies, habitat fragmentation, and wetland mitigation.

There was some confusion on wetland mitigation and the banking of wetlands. Is the goal in wetland mitigation the no net loss of wetlands or the no net loss of functional wetlands? There is a guidebook being written and soon to be released that provides policy guidance in establishing mitigation banks. Mr. Hall stated that the Corps strives for the replacement of wetlands' functions and values.

Impact of Alternatives

There are a number of concerns to be addressed by the ADG in the development of alternatives. These concerns are the impacts of alternatives on economic diversity, rights of property owners, threatened and endangered species, and eco-tourism. These concerns are a result of the scoping process and thus are included in the ADG Charge document presented in Attachment B.

The only question at this time regarding the concerns to be addressed was whether endangered species included both federal and state endangered species. It was stated that for the purpose of the NEPA document that both must be considered by the ADG.

Permit Review Options

There are a number of permit review options that must be considered by the ADG; (1) current process, (2) regional general permit, (3) permit decision criteria, and (4) South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) basis of review. The ADG is not limited to these options but they must be considered by the group. A more detailed description of these options is presented in Attachment B.

There was concern by the group regarding the terminology of an option presented in the Charge. The option was presented as follows: "Use of regional general permits to streamline certain permit decisions." It was argued that the use of the word streamline was not appropriate. A number of substitute words were provided by the group. It was agreed upon by the group to strike the streamline portion of this option. This change to the document is reflected in Attachment B.

The discussion continued about the option of a regional general permit. Reference was then made to the latest draft version of the *Memorandum of Understanding: Environmental Impact Statement, Southwest Florida* (September 26, 1997). There is a brief discussion of the use of regional general permits. It was decided that documentation defining regional general permits would be provided to the ADG.

ADG Tasks

Tim Feather introduced the process that will be followed throughout the ADG meetings. This presentation as well as an overview of the ADG Charge can be viewed in Attachment D. The result of these meetings will be a final report that will be incorporated into the EIS. The process begins with the group's commitment followed by the identification of issues, development of alternatives, analysis of alternatives, and reporting of results. These activities are restricted within the bounds of the ADG Charge and the information/data currently available to the ADG.

Mr. Feather described how PMCL would serve many purposes for the ADG throughout this process.

- ensure efficiency and effectiveness of activities
- neutral facilitation
- ghost writer (meeting notes and final report)
- ensure consensus driven process in which all opinions are honored

There is a number of activities that are operating parallel to this process such as the Corps EIS, Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (ABM), and the Southwest Florida Issues Group (SWIG). There was a question concerning the ADG's role to the ABM and SWIG. Mr. Feather stated that the ADG will present their progress to the SWIG. John Hall stated that both the SWIG and ABM were identified as helping the ADG identify necessary information. The SWIG will serve as a public forum for the ADG. A number of the ADG members are members of the ABM. It was agreed that they would identify a liaison to present the ADG's progress to the ABM. There is a subcommittee of the ABM for the EIS.

The product to be completed by the ADG is a report that will be incorporated into the Corps EIS. An anticipated outline of the report is as follows;

- scope/purpose
- overview of process
- issues considered
- alternatives developed
- analysis of alternatives
- conclusions/recommendations

The report will be written by PMCL on behalf of the ADG.

Calendar Review

A calendar of tentative meeting dates and times was presented to the group. The group members evaluated these dates to determine if their organization would be represented by either members or alternates at all meetings. There were no major conflicts identified by the members. The calendar is presented in Attachment E. There was a question of the Thursday and Friday meeting days for each meeting. John Hall stated that these particular days of the week are in coordination with the SWIG meetings that are conducted on Wednesday.

There were also concerns about meeting locations. The Corps has established meeting locations throughout the study area. This issue was addressed during the discussion of meeting times, 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will not impact the time of the meetings.

ADG Vision

Dale Brown led the ADG through a visioning exercise. Each member of the ADG was given two index cards. On the first card, they were to list the key issues to consider in this process according to the group they represent. On the second card, they were to list the same key issues as they did on the first card. The larger group was then randomly divided into four sub-groups.

Each member of the sub-group introduced himself/herself to the group and presented their key issues to their respective sub-group. A different member of that sub-group would present that member's key issues to the larger group. The sub-groups reconvened into the larger group for the presentation of issues.

Over eighty issues were introduced to the group (see Attachment F). There were many common issues among the ADG members. The sub-groups reconvened to identify the ADG's key issues. Each group developed categories of key issues common to the larger group (see Attachment G). A spokesperson of each sub-group then presented their sub-group's identified key issues to the ADG.

Dale Brown led the ADG through the summarization of the four sub-group's key issues. The ADG began by identifying common issues presented by each sub-group. After identifying all common issues, the group discussed remaining issues to determine if these were separate issues or issues addressed by those already identified by the group.

The ADG identified twelve key issue categories. How these issues were developed is presented in Attachment H. These issues, in random order are as follows;

1. property rights
2. water management
3. water quality
4. maintain ecological integrity
5. regulatory efficiency
6. economic sustainability
7. local land use policy
8. mitigation
9. cumulative/secondary impacts
10. restoration/retrofit
11. avoidance of wetland impacts
12. public lands management/use

restoration/retrofit. It was first proposed to fit this issue under the umbrella of mitigation. However, a number of members argued that it remain its own issue since it had its own very specific implications. It was clear that the group needs additional information concerning restoration/retrofit.

Information Needs

Tim Feather started the session to identify the specific information needs of the ADG. Throughout the meetings, the ADG will need data and information to make informed decisions with regard to alternative development. This is an opportunity for the group to identify available information that would aid the group in their decisions. However, this is not an opportunity to develop new models or derive new data. Mr. Feather identified two types of information that may need to be brought to the ADG; (1) general information (i.e., permit process) and (2) specific information (i.e., hydrology study).

Given this direction, the group began to generate a list of data and information sources. Initial sources identified by the groups are as follows;

- Identified public issues
- “Citizens Guide to Protecting Wetlands”
- Charlotte Harbor studies

- Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management: comprehensive bibliography
- Cumulative impacts situations (i.e., Clam Bay System, Naples, Florida)
- GAPS plan
- Identified critical wetlands both state and federal
- Natural resource database
- Research database at Big Cypress website
- USGS website with flow data for Southwest Florida
- Estero Watershed study
- Naples Bay studies
- Rookery Bay studies
- Florida Panther Recovery Team (USFWS)
- Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) information on Indian Manatee
- Collier County sheet flow
- Lee and Collier County Comprehensive Plans
- GIS map data for Collier County completed by the Conservancy
- Permit process presentation
- County standards for land use
- Department of Environmental Protection information on historic flowways at Rookery Bay

It is stated by a member of the group that the County Comprehensive Plans are good starting place to understanding projected county growth. It is argued that Lee and Collier Counties do not follow their comprehensive plans and that they are subject to interpretation. Comprehensive plans are not static documents. The existing comprehensive plans represent the approved state plans that direct growth of the counties. These plans provide a visual depiction of economic growth and public investment strategies. The ADG should at least be familiar with the sections of the plans that are applicable in this case.

Next Meeting

After reviewing information sources it was decided to have four presentations at the next meeting. These presentations will include;

- map and aerial photograph review of study area
- permit process
- Lee County Comprehensive Plan
- Collier County Comprehensive Plan

A presentation was offered for cumulative/secondary impacts. This was not added to the agenda for the next meeting but will be addressed by the group. Tim Feather concluded the meeting with a summary presentation written by PMCL on behalf of the ADG for presentation to the SWIG. This summary presentation of the first ADG meeting is provided in Attachment I.

ATTACHMENT A

**ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT GROUP
MEETING #1 ATTENDEES**

LIST OF ATTENDEES
ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT GROUP
MEETING #1, APRIL 16-17, 1998

Members Represented:

Robert S. Baker
Council of Civic Associations

Rick Barber
Chief Executive Officer
Agnoli, Barber & Brundage, Inc.

John Cassani
Lee County Hyacinth Control District

Wayne Daltry
Executive Director
SW FL Regional Planning Council

Claudia Davenport
Big Cypress Basin Board

Clay Carithers (Alternate for Tim Durham)
Wilson, Miller, Barton & Peek, Inc.

Clara Anne Graham-Elliot
League of Women Voters of Lee County

Edward Griffith
Director of Planning
WCI Communities

David Guggenheim
The Conservancy of Southwest FL

Chip Merriam (Alternate for Bill Hammond)
South Florida Water Management District

Kim Dryden (Alternate for Bradley J. Hartman)
Director, Office of Environmental Services
Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission

Mark Miller (Alternate for Peggy Highsmith)
Department of Environmental Protection

Wallace Kain
Mayor
City of Sanibel

Earl Kegg

Al Lucas
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Karen Johnson (Alternate for Chip Merriam)
Director, Fort Myers Service Center
South Florida Water Management District

Matt Noble (Alternate for Paul O'Conner)
Planning Division Director
Lee County

W. Tom Olds
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Robert H. Roth, P.E.
Barron Collier Partnership/Silver Strand Division

Fran Stallings

Mark P. Strain
Gulf Bay Communities, Inc.

Kris Thoemke
Director, Everglades Project
National Wildlife Federation

Matthew D. Uhle
Economic Dev. Coalition of Lee Co.

Whit Ward
Collier Building Industry Association, Inc.

David Douglas
David Douglas Assoc., N Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce

John R. Hall

Department of the Army, Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division

Members Not Represented:

John Folks

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Ronald Inge

Harper Bros., Inc.

Richard Klaas

Florida Real Estate Consultants

Bonnie Kranzer

Governor's Commission for Sustainable South Florida

Neale Montgomery

Pavese, Garner, Haverfield, Dalton, Harrison & Jensen

Charles Pattison

Department of Community Affairs

Observers:

Bob Barron

Department of the Army, Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division

Karie Partington

Naples Daily News

Brenda Chalifour

Dr. Terry L. Rice/SAIC/EPA

Tracy L. Hayden

Harper Bros., Inc.

Michael Simonik

The Conservancy

Jan Goldman-Carter

National Wildlife Federation

Jami McCormick
Lee Co. Port Authority (SWFL Intl' Airport)

Paul Szerszen
SAIC/EPA/RICE

Kevin Lollar
"News-Press"

David Bruner
SWPRPC

Robert Duane
Chairman SWIG

Lukas Hill
Lee County Division of Planning

Facilitation Team:

Timothy Feather
Program Manager
Planning and Management Consultants, Ltd.

Dale Brown
Lead Facilitator
Planning and Management Consultants, Ltd.

Michael Beezhold
Meeting Recorder
Planning and Management Consultants, Ltd.

ATTACHMENT B

CHARGE TO THE ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT GROUP

CHARGE TO THE ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT GROUP SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

April 16, 1998

The Alternatives Development Group (ADG) shall report on alternatives for improving the regulatory processes to: (1) protect natural environmental values; (2) provide for sustainable economic growth; (3) avoid changes in water flows and quality; and (4) respect public involvement and private rights. The ADG will collectively develop alternatives, evaluate the merits of each and seek consensus on recommendations.

The geographic area for the report is defined in subparagraph "a." Since information is not available to the same level of detail in the entire area, the group will develop alternatives using best available information, for example, the recent hydrologic study that redefined the Estero Bay watershed.

- a. The geographic area is defined as follows: the north boundary being the south shore of the Caloosahatchee River from its mouth at San Carlos Bay to the Hendry County line; the east boundary being the Hendry County line to Immokalee, then along State Road 29 south to the Ten Thousand Island Area; the south boundary being the Ten Thousand Islands and Marco Island; the west boundary being the coastline along the Gulf of Mexico.
- b. The group's report will span the entire geographic area.
- c. There are recent and ongoing studies of hydrology, wildlife, permitting, and other information for Estero Bay and its watershed, driven in part by the intensity of recent and near-term prospective permitting decisions. Therefore, it is anticipated the group may give the Estero Bay the more intense analysis.
- d. It is understood that the group's analysis for the Estero (or any other) watershed cannot be directly extrapolated to the broader geographic area, but that completion of the analysis will improve the group's understanding for its discussions of the remainder of the geographic area.
- e. Any recommendation developed on one watershed shall also include a discussion of: the consideration given to interrelationships between adjacent areas; and, whether the recommendation could apply to the broader area.

The report shall develop alternatives to describe regulatory processes to address the following.

- a. Changes in runoff and capacity for storage of runoff. Evaluations include the potential for flooding impacts.

- b. Changes in pollution loads and the timing and quantity of freshwater flows. Evaluation include the impact on the receiving waterbodies.
- c. Fragmentation or reduction of spatial extent of wildlife habitat. Evaluation include wildlife corridors.
- d. Quantification of appropriate quantity and location of compensatory wetland mitigation. Evaluations include functional assessment procedure, effect of melaleuca infestation, and regional mitigation banking.
- e. Impacts on wetlands that protect and provide water supply. Evaluations include limits imposed by and impacts on wetland from water supply drawdowns.

The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following general concerns.

- a. Impact of implementing an alternative on development of economic diversity in region.
- b. Impact on implementing an alternative on the rights of the property owners.
- c. Impacts of implementing an alternative on Federally listed Threatened or Endangered Species.
- d. Protection of eco-tourism.

Permit review options that will be considered, but not limited to, the following processes.

- a. Continue permitting decision using current process (no change.)
- b. Use of regional general permits ~~to streamline certain permit decisions.~~
- c. Development of permit decision criteria, such as for mitigation ratios.
- d. Adoption of SFWMD Basis of Review for ERP Applications.

The influence of the Caloosahatchee River on downstream estuaries is linked to the operation of the C-43 which in turn is linked to the operation of the overall C&SF system. This direct concern will be addressed as part of the EIS to be prepared under the Restudy effort. However, the evaluations of the alternatives will be coordinated with the Restudy team.

ATTACHMENT C

STUDY AREA

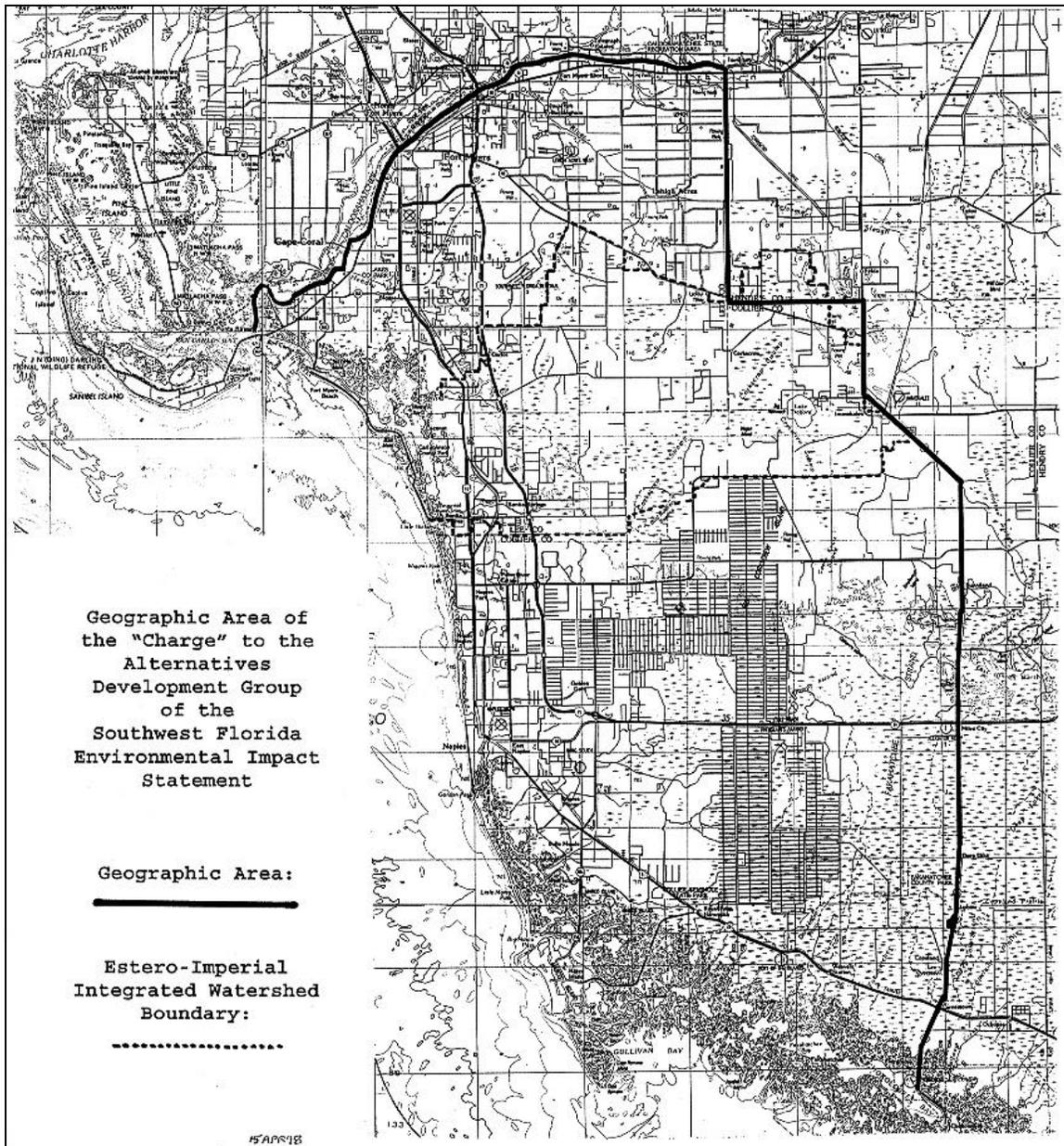


Figure 1

Study Area

ATTACHMENT D

PROCESS PRESENTATION

ATTACHMENT E

ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING CALENDARS

**ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT GROUP
CALENDAR
as of April 15, 1998**

SWIG = Southwest Florida Issues Group (SWIG meeting times vary based on agenda)

ADG = Alternatives Development Group

(ADG meetings are 9:00 am – 5:00 pm both days unless otherwise decided by the group)

SWIG	ADG	LOCATION OF ADG MEETING
15-Apr-98	Mtg#	
	1 16-Apr-98 17-Apr-98	Lee County Electric Cooperative (see note)
	2 30-Apr-98 01-May-98	TBA
		Note: The first meeting of the ADG will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 16 and 17, in Room 4B of the Lee County Electric Cooperative building, 4980 Bayline Drive, North Fort Myers. Locations for the remaining ten meetings have been identified in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, and Naples and will be proposed for group confirmation during the first ADG meeting.
20-May-98	3 21-May-98 22-May-98	TBA
	4 04-Jun-98 05-Jun-98	TBA
17-Jun-98	5 18-Jun-98 19-Jun-98	TBA
	6 09-Jul-98 10-Jul-98	TBA
15-Jul-98	7 16-Jul-98 17-Jul-98	TBA
	8 30-Jul-98 31-Jul-98	TBA
	9 13-Aug-98 14-Aug-98	TBA
19-Aug-98	10 20-Aug-98 21-Aug-98	TBA
16-Sep-98		
21-Oct-98		
Publish Draft EIS = 16-Oct-98?		
Public Hearing on Draft EIS = 16-Nov-98?		
18-Nov-98	Public Hearing	
Close of Comment Period = 30-Nov-98?		
16-Dec-98		

Calendar prepared by Bob Barron, Corps, 904-232-2203.

ATTACHMENT F

ADG MEMBER ISSUES

ISSUES

1. Linking of land use and water use
 - land use zoning issues (local)
 - water issue (state and federal)
2. Sustainable communities (social, ecological, etc.)
3. Streamlining the process; less ambiguity (time)
4. Economic growth
5. Protection of private property rights
6. Mitigation guidelines
7. Alternatives that are realistic and obtainable
8. Wetlands
9. Target preservation of habitat
10. Water quality
 - identification of pollutants and sources
11. How development can occur and minimize water quality problems
12. Providing adequate habitat for fish and wildlife
13. Recover endangered species
14. Look at process of permitting on a landscape basis as opposed to isolation
15. Quality of life (humans and creatures)
16. Water quality
17. Wetlands
18. Flooding

19. Economic well being of all groups
 - fisheries and tourism (those not of strong voice)
20. Representing people interested in having natural functional ecosystems throughout watersheds
21. Conformance of Corps permitting to follow statutes (Clean Water Act/ESA)
22. Do actions in the field fit what is stated in law (Corps permits)
23. Dishonorable consultants in the field
24. Less is more
25. Fragmentation sheet flow
26. Health of estuaries
27. Flooding
28. Developments at too low an elevation (public expense after destroyed)
29. Mitigation
30. Cumulative and secondary impacts of permitting on wildlife
31. Protection of large species (panthers)
32. Mitigation banking
33. Buffer zones (clarification)
34. Coastal wetlands loss
35. Freshwater isolated wetlands
36. Public funds to manage public lands
37. Impacted species (ESA)
38. Property rights (large land owners/agriculture/adjacent land owner respect)
39. Equitable distribution of water rights (Lake Okechobee)

40. Surface water drainage (sheet flow)
41. Environmental considerations important (believes private is doing a good job)
42. Water quality /tributaries and habitat loss and fragmentation
43. Hydrology restoration
44. Protect threatened and endangered species
45. Sustainability
46. Time and cost savings of permitting
47. Harmony and quality environment
48. Private property rights (taking immediate and fair compensation)
49. Permitting process (less \$/less arbitrary/speeded up)
50. See permitting process impact on other agencies (unification/standardization)
51. Sustain economic growth
52. Sustain quality of the environment
53. Justice/property rights
54. Podium in which truth is spoken and we speak the truth
55. Recognize that development is inevitable
56. Recognize property rights
57. Keep an eye on quality of life (long-term view)
58. Predevelopment and post development runoff quantity and quality
59. Doesn't want to see payment for past – now
60. Doesn't want double jeopardy (pay for past - now)
61. Water/hydrology (impacts of water runoff)

62. Endangered species habitat (what habitats/what species)
 - hydrologic regimes
63. Water resource management (flexibility in all issues)
64. How EIS will address land use and implications on land use
65. Streamline permit process
66. Flooding issues in Bonita Springs
67. Concern of surface water management
68. Final product and barriers to recommendations of ADG
69. Implementation of ADG results on local jurisdiction
70. Comprehensive land plan
71. Cumulative impacts hydrological/ecosystem
72. Minimize impacts to wetlands
73. Flowways preserved and restored
74. Flooding
75. Water quality
76. Wetland preservation/restoration
77. Habitat preservation
78. Information on permitting
79. Preserve property rights
80. Consensus environment vs. development
81. Consideration of Lee and Collier County
82. Mine raw materials
83. Review of economic impacts of alternatives

ATTACHMENT G

GROUP ISSUES

GROUP 1: KEY ISSUES

- 1.1 Water Resources Management
 - a. Quality
 - b. Quantity
 - c. Maintenance of natural flowways
 - d. Rights
 - e. Wetlands
 - f. Drawdown
 - g. Estuaries
- 1.2 Uplands
 - a. Fragmentation
 - b. Habitat loss
 - c. Threatened and endangered
- 1.3 Economic sustainability
 - Development, ecotourism, fisheries, agriculture
- 1.4 Regulatory Process
 - a. Permitting process – time/cost, consist
 - b. Property rights
 - c. Mitigation guidelines
 - d. Cumulative impacts

GROUP 2: KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Water quality
- 2.2 Wildlife habitat protection – emphasis on endangered species
- 2.3 Property rights
- 2.4 Surface water management – including flooding, sheetflow, timing, and drainage
- 2.5 Mitigation – including banking
- 2.6 EIS conflict with local land use decisions
- 2.7 Increase predictability of permitting

- 2.8 Cumulative impacts of growth
- 2.9 Effects of EIS on sustainable economic development
- 2.10 Avoidance of wetland impacts

GROUP 3: KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Holistic long term approach to resource management
- 3.2 Economic viability
- 3.3 Sustainability
- 3.4 Property rights
- 3.5 Water management
- 3.6 Maintain ecological integrity
- 3.7 Regulatory efficiency
- 3.8 Mitigation – where, how much, type, cost
- 3.9 Cumulative/secondary impacts
- 3.10 Restoration/retrofit
- 3.11 Higher standards throughout – quality
- 3.12 Public lands – purchase, management, use

GROUP 4: KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Property rights – present/future
- 4.2 Permitting continuity/agency linkage
- 4.3 Water management

- a. Water quality
- b. Quantity manage
- c. Flowways
- d. Proposed development
- e. Receiving water bodies
- f. Flooding issues

4.4 Species habitat preservation

4.5 Compliance plan/land use compatibility

4.6 Wetlands

- a. Quality mitigation

4.7 Information

ATTACHMENT H

CATEGORIZED ISSUES

Categorized Issues	
Issue Category	Identified Group Issues
Property rights	1.4b, 2.3, 3.4, 4.1
Water management	1.1, 2.4, 3.5, 4.3b
Water quality	1.1a, 2.1, 4.3a
Maintain ecological integrity	1.1a, 1.1b, 1.2, 2.2, 3.6, 4.4
Regulatory efficiency	1.4a, 2.7, 3.7, 4.2
Economic sustainability	1.3, 2.9, 3.2, 3.3, 4.5
Local land use policy	2.6, 4.5
Mitigation	1.4c, 2.5, 3.8, 4.6a
Cumulative/secondary impacts	1.4d, 2.8, 3.9
Restoration/retrofit	3.10
Avoidance of wetland impacts	1.1e, 2.10, 2.6, 4.6
Public lands management/use	3.12

APPENDIX I

SUMMARY PRESENTATION: MEETING No. 1