

South Carolina Mitigation Association

Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order July 18, 2017 in Charleston, SC (and via Conference Call) by Jack Smith.

Present

Jack Smith
Ryan Smith
Blair Wade
Daniel Johnson
Adam McIntyre
Allen Conger

USACE / SCMA Meeting

- Attendance: Ross, Tara, Adam
 - Minutes being drafted by attendees
- Continued conversations with USACE recommended
 - Did not establish regular meetings in future
- IRT meetings focused on project, not open to the public
 - USACE has not had interest in attending IRT meetings from industry
- Discussed PRM vs Banking
 - USACE accepts proposals from permit applicant and makes mitigation decision with IRT input
 - Banking used more than PRM
 - Our industry not aware of PRM proposals that are denied by USACE
 - Sometimes prioritize PRM in areas where mitigation bank credits are limited so bank credits are available for smaller projects
- Staffing / availability still at concern at USACE
 - More effort involved in review of mitigation bank site vs. PRM
- Large PRM proposals (i.e. Volvo, Boeing) typically have lots of time and data invested in them compared to initial Bank Prospectus documents.
- Some USACE representatives unfamiliar with SCMA: asked about mission, membership, etc.
 - Generally receptive to organization
- USACE attendance at future membership meeting
 - Discuss having USACE attend
 - No conflict with USACE attending

SCDOT / SCMA Meeting

- Ross, Allen, Ryan, [Kevin Williams \(HDR|ICA\)](#) SCMA attendees
 - [SCDOT attendees: Sean Connolly, Tucker Creed, Russell Chandler, Tony Sheppard](#)
 - Minutes being drafted
- SCDOT requesting mitigation bank credits regarding Black River / Andrews Bypass RFP – cannot discuss RFP at this time b/c solicitation is out
- Potential projects as a result of recently approved gas tax
- SCDOT leadership review of forecasting tool
 - Russell Chandler leading tool and data collection
- SCDOT and regulatory agency coordination
 - ACE Meeting – project specific
 - AMP – Advanced Mitigation Partnership – since June 2016
 - SCDOT, regulatory / resource agencies
 - Potential opportunity for limited SCMA involvement in this partnership
 - SCDOT to consider and present to AMP
- Best way to present mitigation forecasting data to industry
 - Show data on watershed or ecoregion scale instead of individual project data
 - Present range of projections and timeframe
- Mitigation Best Practices document forthcoming
 - SCMA review prior to SCDOT leadership review
- Design Build Mitigation
 - Limited understanding of mitigation and effects on schedule
 - Mitigation workshop to educate design build contractors
 - Potential joint sponsorship of workshop
- Next Meeting October 12th

Website

- Blair sent Digico Agency and Silicon Harbor proposals for review
- Provide comments by July 21st
- Make recommendation by July 28th

Action Items

- Next Membership Meeting – Speaker / Agenda
- Outreach to Membership

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned by Jack Smith.
- Minutes submitted by: Blair Wade

- Approved by: [Name]