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September 24, 2008

Ms. Marie Huber
USACE
CESAJ-RD-PE
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019

Re: Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB) Credit Debit Request

Dear Marie Huber,

Greetings and I hope you are doing well. I find myself in need of your counsel and assistance in determining the appropriate avenue to accomplish the referenced credit debit from our Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank. A total of 56.90 federal credits are currently available at the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB). These available credits are apportioned as Hydric Flatwoods – 23.54 credits, Mixed Forested Wetlands – 27.80 credits, and Herbaceous – 5.56 credits. The NFWFMD requests a minor modification to USACE Permit SAJ-2002-5061(NW-DEB) to debit 1.04 federal Mixed Forested Wetlands credits from the federal credit ledger to comply with USACE Permit SAJ-2008-1195 (IP-AWP).

Although Special Condition #4 of SAJ-2008-1195 (IP-AWP) specifies the withdrawal of 1.09 credits from the SHLMB credit ledger, the wetland impacts were assessed using UMAM (Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method) whereas the federal credit ledger at the SHLMB was permitted using WRAP (Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure). For debiting purposes at the SHLMB for previous permits (see attached letter from Mr. Kevin O'Kane), the USACE has recognized that "1 UMAM credit = 0.9518 WRAP credit, or 1 WRAP credit = 1.0506 UMAM credits" as applied specifically to this mitigation bank. Thus 1.09 UMAM credits as referenced in SAJ-2008-1195 (IP-AWP) would be equivalent to 1.04 WRAP units as pertains to the mitigation bank permit, SAJ-2002-5061(NW-DEB). In light of the efficiency and timeliness that is facilitated by this specific conversion, it is hoped that this approach meets your approval and that of the USACE.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this credit debit request.

Sincerely yours,


Duncan Jay Cairns
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Enclosure: USACE SHLMB Credit Withdrawal Letter of 6/28/07

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June 28, 2007

REPLY TO
 ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division
 North Permits Branch
 SAJ-2002-6011 (MB-DEB)

Northwest Florida Water Management District
 C/o Duncan Cairns
 81 Water Management Drive
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Dear Mr. Cairns:

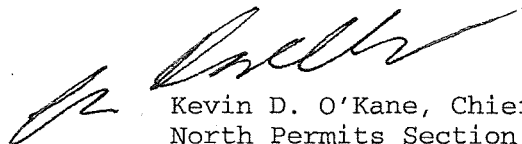
Reference is made to your letter received on June 20, 2007 requesting withdrawal of mitigation bank credits from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB). As a condition of the Department of Army (DA) permit(s), the following number and type of bank credits must be withdrawn to offset wetland impacts associated with Florida Department of Transportation projects:

DA Permit #	WRAP Credits			
	Freshwater Herbaceous	Hydric Flatwoods	Mixed Forested	Total
SAJ-1991-60607 (IP-GAH)	1.75	4.52	8.42	14.69
SAJ-2000-1798 (IP-GAH)	2.75	7.11	13.25	23.11
SAJ-2001-6577 (IP-GAH)	5.23	13.96	24.86	44.05
SAJ-2006-4624 (IP-DEB)	0	15.32	2.14	17.46
Total >	9.73	40.91	48.67	99.31

Your request for withdrawal of the above credits from the SHLMB has been approved. An updated credit ledger reflecting withdrawal of these credits is attached. The attached ledger recognizes that 1 UMAM credit = 0.9518 WRAP credit, or 1 WRAP credit = 1.0506 UMAM credits.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Dale Beter in writing, at the above letterhead address, or by telephone at (850) 763-0717, extension #57.

Sincerely,



Kevin D. O'Kane, Chief
 North Permits Section

Enclosures

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