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RE: Sale of Mitigation Credits from Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank
(SAJ-2002-5061 NW-DEB)

Dear Vivian,

This letter shall serve to fulfill the sponsor's obligations, detailed at 33 CFR 332.3(l)(3) and 332.8(p)(1), to notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of the sale of federal credits from the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB). In support of this, the following information is provided, and a copy of the special condition of the Department of the Army (DOA) permit requiring the credit purchase is attached:

- Project Name: SR 79 Segment 5 from Potters Spring Road to CR 284
- DOA Permit #: SAJ-2011-03324 SP-AAK
- Number of Credits: 0.89
- Type of Credits: Palustrine Forested Wetlands

Special Condition #8 of SAJ-2011-03324 (SP-AAK), issued 9/12/2012, specifies withdrawal of 0.94 mitigation credits from the SHLMB federal ledger. However, 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, the USACE has recognized that 1 UMAM credit = 0.9518 WRAP credit, as applied specifically to this mitigation bank. Thus, 0.94 UMAM credits as referenced in SAJ-2011-03325 (SP-AAK) is equivalent to 0.89 WRAP credits as pertains to the mitigation bank permit SAJ-2002-5061 (NW-DEB).

The federal credits noted above have been paid in full and we have deducted them from the Federal ledger for SHLMB. By action of this sale, the sponsor for the SHLMB accepts responsibility for providing the compensatory mitigation required by Special Condition #8 of the DOA permit noted above. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 850-539-5999

Sincerely,

Duncan Jay Cairns
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