

## FDOT District-3 / NFWWMD Mitigation Planning and Coordination

### Meeting Minutes<sup>1</sup>

February 5, 2026 (THU)  
1:30 PM CST / 2:30 PM EST  
FDOT District-3 Headquarters  
Chipley, FL

Attendees	
FDOT District-3	NFWWMD
John Whittington Environmental Administrator	Danny Layfield Director, Asset Management Director
Alan Vann Environmental Permits Coordinator	Carol Bert Bureau Chief, Asset Management Administration
Hannah Pettis Environmental Permits	Robert Lide Senior Environmental Scientist
	Philip Garrett Environmental Scientist IV

### Summary Points

- It was reaffirmed that in accordance with section 373.4137(3)(e), FS, when FDOT District-3 opts to mitigate through the NFWWMD, funding will be based on the number of acres of direct wetland impact, not on the number of mitigation credits provided. Legal counsel for the NFWWMD interprets section 373.4137(3)(e), FS, as being unambiguous that funding amounts are based on acres, not credits.
- For impacts outside of a private mitigation bank service area and inside a NFWWMD ILF site service area, FDOT District-3 may explore the possibility of purchasing out-of-service area credits from a private bank (with application of appropriate Proximity Factors) if doing so would result in cost savings as opposed to mitigating through the NFWWMD

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting minutes compiled by NFWWMD staff.

program under section 373.4137, FS. Whether such action would be allowed would be determined by state or federal permittees.

- Potential mitigation for a new interchange at I-10 and CR 99 / Beulah Road (FPID 433113-1) was discussed. No decisions have been made, although it appears likely that mitigation will ultimately go to the NFWWMD Dutex ILF. The impact is not within any mitigation bank service area. However, it is within the Dutex ILF service area which has ample in-kind credits available.
- Located within the NFWWMD Shuler ILF site service area, mitigation for CR 159 (Dover Road) at US 90 (FPID 449500-1) is expected to go to that ILF site. This impact is not within any mitigation bank service area.
- Mitigation for FDOT District-3 by the NFWWMD under section 373.4137, FS, is enabled by a 2019 agreement (NFWWMD Contract No. 19-040). This contract expires on June 30, 2029, and should be renewed at that time.
- In the past, annual (or more frequent) meetings were held between the NFWWMD, FDOT District-3, and representative of other relevant entities (e.g., USACE, FDEP, FWC, USFWS, NMFS) to discuss FDOT mitigation needs and the status of various NFWWMD mitigation projects. The consensus was that these annual meetings should be resumed.
- Specific details of the sequencing and process of mitigating through the NFWWMD were discussed.