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DATE: July 10, 2002

TO: File

FROM: *PHM* Pete Hillmann, Construction Coordinator

RE: Meeting with Stacy Wenger (OPDR) on Smith Lake Project

1. John van Staveren (PHS), Dennis O'Neil and Pete Hillmann (Metro) met with Stacy regarding plans for the Smith Lake Project at 1100 on July 9, 2002.
2. Stacy had a file containing the record of the Pre-Application Conference. She noted that the record indicated that a Type III Environmental Review was required. John told her that Jessica Wilcox had checked with the legal department after the meeting and came to the conclusion that our project met the requirements of the Smith and Bybee Lakes N.R.M.P. John will send her the e-mail from Jessica.
3. Our plans to connect the flood storage basin with the adjacent wetlands will require removal of several large 12" – 18" cottonwoods. Stacy told us that would have to be justified.
 - a. Demonstrate other alternatives and tell why they were not selected.
 - b. The selected trees represent only a small percentage of the cottonwoods in that area.
 - c. Replacement trees, although smaller, will create more diversity in species.
 - d. Value added is worth the removal of these trees.
 - e. Use photos to enhance.
4. John showed Stacy a proposed plan which would give us the needed 7,500 cy to offset past fill on the North Slough at St. Johns Landfill. The slopes were uniformly steep.

John then discussed the possibility of excavating the "knob" near the entrance to the property. This could provide an excavation volume which could be used to offset "benching" and other landform modifications to make the flood storage basin more wildlife friendly.

The trees on the "knob" are mostly cottonwoods, 2" – 8" in diameter and would be replaced with trees which would be that large in five years. These trees are not as much a problem to OPDR as the large trees on the west side of the access road. However, similar justification is necessary.

Materials from the "knob" will more then likely be unsuitable for slope restoration at St. Johns Landfill and will have to be disposed at other locations.

5. The Type II Environmental Review should include the design and be submitted as a package.

6. After the meeting it was decided that John would produce a draft of the “knob” excavation and the “benching”. Vigil-Agrimis will handle the connection to the wetland. Pete will have to let Ken Vigil know how to design the connection – bridge, CMP culvert, box culvert, etc.

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cc: Dennis O’Neil, Program Supervisor

Paul Vandenberg, Senior Solid Waste Planner

Elaine Stewart, Smith-Bybee Wildlife Refuge Manager

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