

Meeting Summary  
**South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group Sponsored Public Workshop**  
**Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP)**  
South Florida Water Management District  
February 13, 2013

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Ernie Marks called workshop to order at 9:05 a.m. He reminded everyone the workshop was being webcast and asked everyone to sign in. Allyn Childress, Kim Taplin, Matt Morrison, Barry Rosen also introduced themselves.

**2. Meeting Procedures and Ground Rules**

Allyn Childress instructed those watching on the web to e-mail questions to [achildress@sfrestore.org](mailto:achildress@sfrestore.org) or call in to the number provided on the website. Public comment via the call in number would be taken at 10:30 AM. All presentations and handouts available on the web at: [www.sfrestore.org](http://www.sfrestore.org)

**3. CEPP Overview**

Kim Taplin provided a presentation reviewing the goals of CEPP that include reducing undesirable discharges to east and west coast estuaries; delivering new sources of water to the Central Everglades and Everglades National Park; and restoring habitat in the Central Everglades and Everglades National Park, focusing on the River of Grass. She reviewed the comparison of alternatives, noting Alternative 1 provided the most benefits with the least amount of cost followed by Alternative 4. The tentatively selected plan (TSP) is Alternative 4R which includes components from Alternatives 1 and 4. They will be refining the amount of seepage to make sure they do not have issues with water supply and flows to Biscayne Bay. Policy issues still need to be worked out and the TSP has to go through the Corps' review process. Next steps include completing the savings clause/project assurance analysis, Implementation and Sequencing Strategy, Draft Preliminary Operating Manual, Adaptive Management and Monitoring Plan. Next major milestone is to put all work into a draft report for agency and public review in April 2013.

Public and Agency Staff Comments were provided by:

Freddy Fisikelli, Tom MacVicar, Joan Browder, John Rosier, Dawn Shirreffs, Barron Moody, John Marshall, Joel VanArman, Martha Musgrove, Susan Markley

**4. Adaptive Management (AM)**

Kelly Keefe provided a presentation and explained that AM is an organized way of learning to inform decisions and make improvements. AM will be used during the sequenced implementation and after implementation of the hydropattern restoration feature (HRF) to make sure CEPP continues to deliver the benefits they expect. She explained that the hands on configuration exercise allows individuals to

suggest what order they think things should happen and where they should step back and look at the data.

Public and Agency Staff Comments were provided by:  
Dawn Shirreffs, John Marshall, John Rosier, Freddy Fisikelli,

#### **5. Public Comment via call-in line and/or e-mail**

Allyn Childress read an e-mail from Pete Quasius asking about the start date of CEPP2.

Public and Agency Staff Comments were provided by:  
Adam Tarply, Donna Zoeller, Joan Browder, Drew Martin, Rosa Durando, Lisa Interlandi, Cara Capp, Joan Bausch, Paul Grey, John Rosier, Jerry Krenz, Fred Sklar, Susan Markley, Dennis Duke, Martha Musgrove, Joel VanArman, Agnes McLean, Michelle Gilken, Curtis Morgan, Laura Brandt, Nick Aumen, Melissa Martin, Shannon Estenoz

#### **6. Configuration Exercise**

Allyn explained that the exercise would focus on implementation: sequencing and adaptive management. They are not seeking to build consensus and purpose is to receive individual stakeholder input. Individuals were provided with a master list of components for sequencing, cards for each component and a configuration summary sheet. Participants were asked to complete the configuration exercise summary sheets with the components (what), reasoning (why) and Adaptive Management (how). A total of nine configuration sheets were completed and presented.

Public and Agency Staff Comments were provided by:  
John Rosier, Susan Markley, Pete Rawlick, Joan Bausch, Cara Capp, Dawn Sherriffs, Steve Davis, Shannon Estenoz, Drew Martin, Rosa Durando, Jonathan Ullman, Joan Browder, Inger Hansen, Martha Musgrove, Fred Sklar, Al Ovies

#### **7. Next Steps**

Allyn Childress asked everyone to provide their configuration sheets which will be scanned and posted on the web. Next WG Sponsored Public Workshop scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00 PM would focus on Adaptive Management. Matt Morrison thanked everyone who participated in these workshops noting they have come a long way. Looking forward to getting the PIR published in the federal register in April. Kim Taplin echoed the gratitude adding that the next milestone is to get the draft PIR published. She added that some key analyses are still ongoing. Shannon Estenoz noted they have held 15 public workshops to date and thanked everyone for participating. They Adaptive Management workshop on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> may be the last WG sponsored workshop. She reminded everyone that these WG Sponsored workshops are different from the workshops that the Corps host. The Corps will hold additional workshops as required under NEPA.

## **8. Closing Comments and Adjourn**

Barry Rosen thanked everyone who has participated in this process and adjourned the workshop at 3:05PM.