

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION WORKING GROUP SPONSORED PUBLIC**  
**WORKSHOP**

**CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT**  
South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road  
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
August 29, 2012  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Workshop Recreation Issues**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** Barry Rosen, Working Group Vice Chair and Allyn Childress, SFERTF

The workshop opened at 6:05 p.m. Barry Rosen invited everyone to introduce themselves.

**2. Meeting Procedures and Ground Rules**

Allyn Childress provided a brief overview of workshop and facility logistics.

**3. CEPP Overview** Kim Taplin

Kim provided a brief overview of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and the goals and objectives of the CEPP.

**4. CEPP Plan Formulation**

North of the Redline, EAA Storage and Treatment

Kevin Wittmann discussed the area North of the Redline. He talked about the 12 foot reservoir and the process of cost elimination. He noted that the 4 and 10 foot reservoirs did not provide additional water to the Everglades and were not as cost effective as the Flow Equalization Basin (FEB). He went over the conceptual plan briefly.

Public and Agency Staff Comments and Questions were provided by:

John Rosier, Kim Taplin, Tom Teets, Martha Musgrove, Al Ovies, Barry Rosen, Damon Carroll, Murika Davis, Dan Crawford, John Marshall, Rick Persson, Jerry Krenz

Adam Tarplee went over some recreation options including greenway/blueway trails, bike access, boat ramps, etc. and the likely areas for certain features.

Public and Agency Staff Comments and Questions were provided by:

Al Ovies, Kim Taplin, John Rosier, Kevin Wittmann, Rick Persson, Steve Davis

North of the Redline, Holeyland

Kevin Wittman went over the Holeyland and current conditions including loss of native vegetation, how exotics alter topography, and the hydrology in the area. He also discussed opportunities to make it act as flow through wetland, tree islands, and maintaining hunting and other public use. He mentioned the idea to send more water through the area and sending it to the WCAs. 28,000 acre feet of flows could be redirected through. He went over the new

proposed schedule from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He explained that it ties into the FEB and is part of North of the redline and totals 220,000 acre-feet of flow.

Public and Agency Staff Comments and Questions were provided by:

John Rosier, Mike Anderson, Kim Taplin, Inger Hansen, Tom Teets, Martha Musgrove, Barry Rosen, John Marshall, Rick Persson, Ernie Barnett

#### South of the Redline

Kevin Wittmann presented the hydropattern restoration feature (HRF), the Miami Canal, and the L-5 Diversions.

#### Conceptual Designs

Kim Taplin discussed conceptual designs South of the Redline including three options for the HRF.

Public and Agency Staff Comments and Questions were provided by:

John Rosier, Adam Tarplee, Damon Carroll, Kim Taplin, Dan Crawford, Al Ovies, Murika Davis

#### **5. Next Steps** Kevin Wittmann

Kevin Wittmann went over the meetings coming up.