SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

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South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406
June 29, 2016

Task Force Duties: To provide intergovernmental coordination, exchange information, facilitate the resolution of conflict, coordinate programmatic science, assist members, and promote public participation.

11:30 – 11:40	1. **Welcome, Goals for the Meeting and Administrative Items** ***Purpose:*** *The agenda and minutes from the November 2015 meeting will be presented.*	Michael Bean Drew Bartlett
11:40 – 11:50	2. **Task Force Member Introductions and Opening Remarks** ***Purpose:*** *Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks at this time.*	ALL
11:50 – 12:00	3. **Leadership of the Working Group** ***Purpose:*** *The Task Force will discuss and appoint the WG Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with the WG Charter.*	Shannon Estenoz
12:00 – 12:15	4. **2016 Strategy and Biennial Report** ***Purpose:*** *The Strategy is prepared in response to Congressional direction (House Conference Report 106-479) to outline how the restoration effort will occur and identify the resources needed. The Biennial Report is required by WRDA 96 to report biennially on Task Force activities and progress made towards restoration. The Task Force will be updated on the progress of the Strategy and Biennial Report (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016) including efforts to incorporate climate change and sea level rise in the report.*	Shannon Estenoz Nick Aumen
12:15 – 12:30	5. **Everglades Restoration.gov – Live Demo** ***Purpose:*** *Our new website www.Evergladesrestoration.gov was unveiled in November 2014. Since then continual improvements and enhancements have been made.*	Shannon Estenoz
12:30 – 2:30	6. **Everglades Restoration Briefing**	
	• *Part 1: Ecological and Water Conditions Brief* ***Purpose:*** *To brief the Task Force members on the current and projected water and ecological conditions in the Everglades including the Kissimmee Basin, Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, the Central Everglades, Everglades National Park, Biscayne Bay and Florida Bay.*	Terrie Bates

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Everglades Restoration Briefing - *continued*

- *Part 2: Short-term Actions: Emergency Declaration and Operations* — John Mitnik

Purpose: *To brief the Task Force members on steps taken to address ecological impacts caused by 2015 drought conditions in Florida Bay and 2016 El Niño conditions in the northern estuaries and central Everglades.*

- *Part 3: Long Term Actions: Restoration Program Update*
  - South Florida Water Management District — Ernie Marks

Purpose: *The SFWMD will provide an update on current programs and projects.*

  - Corps of Engineers — Michael Collis

Purpose: *The Corps will provide an update on current programs and projects.*

2:30 – 2:45 **Public Comment**

2:45 – 3:05 7. **Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation Natural Areas and adjacent portions of the Big Cypress** — Patty Power, Cherise Maples

Purpose: *The Seminole Tribe of Florida, at the December 2012 meeting, raised concerns with the hydrology in the western basins and flagged the lack of monitoring, modeling, planning, and project implementation in this region for many years. A subset of the Task Force member agencies has held nine meetings to discuss these issues and an update will be provided.*

3:05 – 3:25 8. **Implementing the Strategic Action Framework: Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) - Invasive Exotic Species** — Christina Romagosa

Purpose: *The Task Force, at its July 2013 meeting, requested the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) provide enhanced coordination support. The members will be briefed on a rapid response screening tool that is being developed.*

3:25 – 3:40 **Public Comment**

3:40 – 3:45 **Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments**

3:45 **Adjourn**

**Break will be taken an appropriate time during the agenda*

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