

Comments from John Arthur Marshall:

Regarding a TF call for updates to Subject TF Strategy Document, and as a follow-up to the Ref EvCo Resolution/Recommendation provided to the TF May 17, 2006, here is a suggestion:

Add to TF Goal 3 and Subgoal 3A, a new Objective 3-A.6 (in **bold** below).

On page xiii of the subject document, and starting at page 93, here is how TF Goals 3 and 3A read.

TF Goal 3: FOSTER COMPATIBILITY OF THE BUILT AND NATURAL SYSTEMS

TF Sub-Goal 3-A: Use and manage land in a manner compatible with ecosystem restoration

DRAFT Objective 3-A.6 proposed:

Consult and Coordinate with State and Local Governments to ensure that land use and management are compatible with long-term plans for ecosystem restoration, especially in the Everglades Agricultural Area. (or words to that effect)

Rationale: This is fully consistent with the approach indicated in the Executive Summary on page xi of the TF Strategy , which notes in part, paraphrased:

Ecosystem must be managed as a whole

Strategy describes how the restoration effort is being coordinated among many govt entities to achieve broad improvement

Facilitate the resolution of issues and conflicts as they arise

Action Plan to help restore ecological health of Lake OK and estuaries

Coordination and integration of hundreds of projects

Is consistent with TF Goal 3/3A [and WRDA 96 Section 528] The reason DRAFT Objective 3-A.6 is needed is numerous new issues and proposed economic developments in the EAA Region that have the potential to be incompatible with Everglades Restoration, and/or need integrated adaptive planning, not necessarily limited to:

Levee/Dike Situation

Near term Development out of harms way

20+ years/Flood Plan/Plain Controversy

- Lake OK Schedule, and need for

- Flow South

- Estuary Relief

- Flood Control

- ENP Restoration

- Litigation avoidance

- ASR Contingency Plan

- Water Budget – Quantity & Quality

- Lake OK Muck Removal

- Nutrient Levels

- Where to put the spoil?

- Artificial Islands?

- *New Landfill East of the Refuge

- Relation between ground water, reservoirs, STA's, ASR, canals & rock mines

- *Sustainable Agriculture

--muck soil regeneration?

- Need for Rock Mining Hazards T&E (Algal Blooms, Benzene?)
- *\$1.5M Boat Locks Study
- *Inland Port/Rail Access
- *Numerous Other Glades Economic Alliance projects (air cargo port, marinas, casino)
- *Infrastructure Creep
- FP&L Power Plant Impact
- *Global Warming/Sea Level Rise antidote (trees?)
- Pond apple forest restoration
- *Need for a Conceptual Ecological Model for the EAA Region
- EAA remains the most under-planned region
- *Torry Island Nature Center
- *Cumulative Impact = Development of Regional Impact?
- *Area of Critical State Concern designation?

These projects were discussed at a recent Environmental Action Committee (EAC) meeting with Dennis Duke, with the question: Who is connecting the dots? (.dot, .dot. .dot.) There appears to be consensus that adaptive planning is needed; Dennis Duke has indicated that some of it is ongoing.

More rationale: Please note that the suggestion is directly related to TF Goal 3 and TF duties defined by WRDA 96 Section 528.

One more rationale: Appears consistent with **Guidance for Consultation and Coordination with the SF Ecosystem Restoration Working Group and Task Force**, Three page DRAFT published 11 July 2006, which states in part:

**WG provides the forum and opportunity for Federal, State and local agencies to participate in the development, review, discussion, and recommendations on issues...*

**WG provides a central govt forum for interaction with other agency members.*

**At each WG meeting a brief overview of current activities in the SF Ecosystem, including detailed on timely issues... will be presented by the Corps...*