

**AGENDA**  
**SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE**  
Hilton Palm Beach Airport  
150 Australian Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
February 25 – 26, 2009

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

**Wednesday, February 25, 2009**

**Loxahatchee Impounded Landscape Assessment (LILA)  
Project (Tab 1)**

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| 1:00        | Depart Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel lobby   |                        |
| 1:30        | Arrive at Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge   |                        |
| 1:30 – 1:45 | Opening Remarks  | Rock Salt<br>Mike Sole |
| 1:45 – 3:30 | LILA Project Discussion<br><i><b>Purpose:</b> To hear and discuss the latest science for the LILA. The Lila is a working 80-acre model of the Everglades ecosystem on the grounds of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. This ‘living laboratory’ gives experts an opportunity to research and apply restoration techniques on a small, controlled scale before taking them into the 1.7 million-acre Everglades ecosystem.</i> | Fred Sklar             |
| 3:30 – 3:45 | Break at Visitor Center  |                        |
| 3:45 – 4:45 | Task Force Discussion  |                        |
| 4:45        | Depart Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge  |                        |
| 5:15        | Return to Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel lobby  |                        |
| 6:00        | No Host Social at Hilton   |                        |

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| 8:30 – 8:40 | <b>Welcome</b> (Tab 2)<br><i>The goals for the morning session and the December meeting minutes will be presented.</i>  | Rock Salt<br>Mike Sole |
| 8:40 – 9:00 | <b>Whiparound</b><br><i>Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks.</i>   |                        |
| 9:00 – 9:10 | <b>Working Group and Science Coordination Group Report</b><br><i>Purpose: The Working Group Chair will provide a summary of the joint Working Group and Science Coordination Group meeting held in January.</i>   | Dan Kimball            |
| 9:10 – 9:30 | <b>Principles and Guidelines (P&amp;G) Update</b> (Tab 3)<br><i>Purpose: The Principles and Guidelines guide national water resources planning for the Corps and other federal agencies. Congress directed the Secretary of the Army to revise the current guidelines (March 10, 1983) in Section 2031 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114). While section 2031 of the Water Resources Development Act applies specifically to Corps' water resources projects, the proposed Principles are being drafted more broadly to allow for their possible application by other federal water resource agencies currently covered by the P&amp;G. The Task Force will be provided with an overview of the ongoing revisions to the P&amp;G.</i>  | Becky Griffith         |
| 9:30 – 9:50 | <b>Programmatic Regulations (Pro Regs) Update</b> (Tab 4)<br><i>Purpose: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has initiated a review of the Programmatic Regulations (Pro Regs) for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) as required by the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. During the scoping phase of this review, the public was invited to provide comments on issues concerning the programmatic regulations, any items in the regulations that should be reviewed, or suggestions to improve the programmatic regulations. A review team is considering these comments and suggestions and developing a shared understanding of key concepts before drafting specific language. The Task Force will be provided with feedback on comments provided during the scoping phase and an outline of the process for completing the revised Pro Regs.</i> | Stu Appelbaum          |

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| 9:50 - 10:20  | <b>Procedures for Incorporating New Information into CERP</b><br>(Tab 5)<br><i><b>Purpose:</b> The Programmatic Regulations for the CERP provides a framework for updating the plan. The Task Force will be provided with an overview of the process to update the CERP.</i>   | Stu Appelbaum          |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | <b>Break</b>   |                        |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | <b>Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) Update</b> (Tab 6)<br><i><b>Purpose:</b> The goal of the IDS is to identify the optimum sequence of key hydrologic projects that will deliver meaningful restoration benefits as early as possible consistent with law and available funding. The IDS includes CERP and non-CERP projects, to include Foundation Projects such as Kissimmee River Restoration and Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park. It will also include system operating manuals which will be revised at key points. The current IDS will be presented.</i> | Stu Appelbaum          |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | <b>Consultation Schedule Update</b> (Tab 7)<br><i><b>Purpose:</b> To review the revised consultation schedule for 2009.</i>  | Brian Files            |
| 11:20 – 11:35 | <b>Public Comment</b>  |                        |
| 11:35 – 12:00 | <b>Next Steps, Closing Comments and Evaluations</b>  | Rock Salt<br>Mike Sole |
| 12:00         | <b>Adjourn</b>   |                        |

*Public Comment will be taken after each agenda item*

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