

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

March 7, 2012

Agenda

Coral Springs Marriott
11775 Heron Bay Blvd – Orchid Ballroom
Coral Springs, Florida 33076

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

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

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| 12:30 – 12:45 | Welcome, Goals for the Meeting, Member Introductions and Administrative Items (Tab 1)
<i>Purpose: The agenda and minutes for the October 2011 meeting will be presented.</i> | Rachel Jacobson
Greg Munson |
| 12:45 – 1:00 | Task Force Member Whiparound
<i>Purpose: Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks at this time.</i> | |
| 1:00 – 1:15 | USDA and Everglades Restoration (Tab 2)
<i>Purpose: USDA will highlight some of its investments in support of Everglades restoration.</i> | Ann Mills |
| 1:15 – 2:00 | Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Update (Tab 3)
<i>Purpose: The Corps and the SFWMD will provide a status update on the CEPP which was announced at the October 27, 2011 Task Force meeting. This fast-track planning effort will improve the habitats of the Central Everglades. The CEPP will incorporate updated science and maximize the use of publicly owned lands to focus the next phase of Everglades restoration in the Central Everglades.</i> | Kim Taplin
Matt Morrison |
| 2:00 – 2:45 | Working Group and Science Coordination Group Sponsored Public Workshops (Tab 4)
<i>Purpose: The Working Group has sponsored four public workshops to date for the CEPP. Public participation is a major component of the CEPP and the workshops are being sponsored to receive input from the public and keep them informed and engaged as active participants throughout the 18-month planning timeframe. The Science Coordination Group sponsored its first public workshop in February to discuss new science and how it may be applied during the CEPP. A report will be provided on the workshops.</i> | Shannon Estenoz
Dan Kimball
Nick Aumen |
| 2:45 – 3:00 | Public Comment | |

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3:00 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 3:30	Leadership of the WG and SCG (Tab 5) <i>Purpose: The Task Force will discuss and appoint the WG and SCG Chairperson and Vice Chairperson in accordance with the WG and SCG Charters. This item was tabled at the October 2011 meeting.</i>	Shannon Estenoz
3:30 – 3:45	2012 Task Force Reporting Requirements (Tab 6) <i>Purpose: To review the goals and schedule for updating the Task Force reports (the Strategy and Biennial Report, the Land Conservation Strategy, and the Plan for Coordinating Science) due in 2012. A brief summary will also be provided on the status of the recommendations from the October 2011 Task Force meeting related to the Stoplight Indicator piece of the Task Force's Biennial Report and monitoring needs of the CEPP.</i>	Shannon Estenoz
3:45 – 4:00	National Research Council Update (NRC) (Tab 7) <i>Purpose: Consistent with the requirements of WRDA 2000, an independent review panel, the Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress (CISRERP), was established through the NRC to provide a report every two years. CISRERP is in the writing phase of their Fourth Biennial Review and the key areas that will be covered in the report will be highlighted.</i>	Bob Johnson
4:00 – 4:15	Status of Northeast Shark Slough/L-31 N Shallow Seepage Barrier (Mining Industry) (Tab 8) <i>Purpose: The L-31 at Northeast Shark River Slough is one of two seepage control projects within the Lakebelt Environmental Impact Statement but the only one that is a wetlands enhancement project. The seepage management field test along the L-31N canal will test the viability of the concept to keep water in Everglades National Park (ENP) and out of the L-31N canal. This project will induce significant wetland benefits inside the ENP.</i>	Tom MacVicar
4:15 – 5:00	Restoration Program and Project Briefings (Tab 9) <i>Purpose: The Corps and the SFWMD will provide a program and project update to include an overview on the status of 1st Generation construction projects and 2nd Generation studies.</i>	Howie Gonzales Tom Teets
5:00 – 5:25	General Public Comment	
5:25 – 5:30	Closing Comments	
5:30	Adjourn	Revised 3/05/12