

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

December 7, 2012

DRAFT Agenda

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

Friday, December 7, 2012

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome, Goals for the Meeting, Member Introductions and Administrative Items (Tab 1)
<i>Purpose: The agenda and minutes from the June 2012 meeting will be presented.</i> | Rachel Jacobson |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | Task Force Member Remarks
<i>Purpose: Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks at this time.</i> | ALL |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Seven 50 Regional Prosperity Plan (Tab 2)
<i>Purpose: To brief the Task Force on the Seven 50, a blueprint for growing a more prosperous, more desirable Southeast Florida during the next 50 years and beyond. The plan is being developed to help ensure socially inclusive communities, a vibrant and resilient economy and stewardship of the fragile ecosystem. The Seven 50 project is funded by a three year, \$4.25 million grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.</i> | Jim Murley |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | National Research Council Report (Tab 3)
<i>Purpose: The goal of this agenda item is to present a summary of the findings of the National Research Council report “Progress Toward Restoring the Everglades, The Fourth Biennial Review, 2012”.</i> | Stephanie Johnson |
| 11:30 – 11:40 | Working Group Sponsored Public Workshops for the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) (Tab 4)
<i>Purpose: The Working Group and Science Coordination Group have sponsored 14 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. A report will be provided on the workshops.</i> | Shannon Estenoz
Barry Rosen |

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| 11:40 – 12:15 | Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Update (Tab 5)
<i>Purpose: The CEPP was announced at the October 27, 2011 Task Force meeting. 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. The Corps and the SFWMD will brief and receive feedback from the members on this fast-track planning effort.</i> | Kim Taplin
Tom Teets |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Public Comment | |
| 12:30 – 1:30 | Lunch Break | |
| 1:30 – 2:00 | Invasive Exotics Update (Tab 6)
<i>Purpose: The WG and staff of the Task Force will review recommendations made to the Task Force in 2010, update the members on the latest information regarding invasive exotics and may present draft recommendations for Task Force direction on future actions involving exotic species.</i> | Shannon Estenoz
Dan Kimball |
| 2:00 – 2:15 | Leadership of the WG and SCG (Tab 7)
<i>Purpose: The Task Force will discuss and may appoint the interim and/or permanent WG and SCG Chairpersons in accordance with the WG and SCG Charters.</i> | Shannon Estenoz |
| 2:15 – 2:30 | Restoration of the Western Everglades Natural System (Tab 8)
<i>Purpose: The Seminole Tribe of Florida would like to discuss how the overall South Florida Ecosystem restoration effort plans to address the problems with the hydrology in the western basins. The Tribe has flagged the lack of monitoring, modeling, planning, and project implementation in this region for many years.</i> | Seminole Tribe |

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2:30 – 2:45	Strategy and Biennial Report Approval (Tab 9) <i>Purpose: The Strategy and Biennial Report will be reviewed and presented for approval by the Task Force.</i>	Shannon Estenoz
2:45 – 3:20	Update on Northern Everglades (Tab 10) <i>Purpose: The FWS will provide status update on the Northern Everglades. A landowner perspective will also be provided.</i>	Charlie Pelizza Lefty Durando
3:20 – 3:40	General Public Comment	
3:40 – 4:00	Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments	
4:00	Adjourn	

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