

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

Draft Agenda

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center
151 Civic Center Way
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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.

- 8:30
- 1. Welcome, Goals for the Meeting and Administrative Items** Rachel Jacobson
Purpose: The agenda and minutes from the December 2013 meeting will be presented.
 - 2. Task Force Member Introductions and Opening Remarks** ALL
Purpose: Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks at this time.
 - 3. Task Force Vice Chair Nominations and Election** Shannon Estenoz
Purpose: The Task Force will elect a Vice Chair in accordance with the Task Force protocol.
 - 4. Membership and Leadership of the Working Group (WG) and Science Coordination Group (SCG)** Shannon Estenoz
Purpose: The Task Force will discuss the process for appointing new members to the WG and SCG to fill vacancies in accordance with the WG and SCG Charters. Task Force will also appoint the SCG Chair and Vice Chair.
 - 5. Residential Canal Restoration in the Florida Keys (Monroe County), One More Piece of the Puzzle in the Overall Water Quality Restoration of the South Florida Ecosystem** George Neugent
Mike Forster
Purpose: Representatives of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Protection Program's Residential Canal Restoration Subcommittee will brief the Task Force on residential canal restoration projects in the Florida Keys that are designed to increase water flow and improve water quality. The purpose is to bring the canal projects to the attention of the Task Force to remind them that they are important component of the South Florida Ecosystem restoration and to gain their support. An important goal would be to seek their support to expedite the required federal permits so the projects can move forward as soon as possible.

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6. Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP)

Kim Taplin

***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 will present the final project and highlight the path forward.*

7. Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation Natural Areas and adjacent portions of the Big Cypress (formerly known as Restoration of the Western Everglades Natural System) Update

Patty Power

***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 six meetings to discuss these issues and an update will be provided on the S-190 study and the Tribe's study of the groundwater-surface water interaction on Big Cypress, as supported by EPA funding.*

8. Miccosukee Restoration Priorities & the L-28 Canal System

James Erskine

***Purpose:** To provide a brief overview of the L-28 canal system, impacts to federal Reservation lands and to update the Task Force on support for water quality improvements within the L-28 canal system.*

9. Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework

Allyn Childress

***Purpose:** There was general consensus by the Task Force at its July 2013 meeting for the OERI to provide enhanced coordination support for the development of an Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework that includes a cross cut budget planning tool. A draft of the framework will be provided for review.*

10. Reporting and Other Requirements

Shannon Estenoz

***Purpose:** To review the goals and schedule for updating the Task Force reports (The Strategy and Biennial Report, System-wide Ecological Indicators and Integrated Financial Report). To discuss updating other planning tools such as the Integrated Delivery Schedule.*

Marsha Bansee
Carrie Beeler

11. General Public Comment

12. Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments

11:30

13. Adjourn

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