

# SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

## Draft Agenda

South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road, Building B-1  
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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.*

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| 10:00 – 10:05 | <b>1. Welcome, Goals for the Meeting and Administrative Items</b><br><i>Purpose: The agenda and minutes from the May 2014 meeting will be presented.</i>   | Michael Bean<br>Drew Bartlett    |
| 10:05 – 10:15 | <b>2. Task Force Member Introductions and Opening Remarks</b><br><i>Purpose: Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks at this time.</i>  | ALL                              |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | <b>3. National Research Council Fifth Biennial Review and Report to Congress</b><br><i>Purpose: Consistent with the requirements of WRDA 2000, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Interior and the Governor of Florida established an independent review panel through NRC. The Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress (CISRERP) was asked to present a report every two years on CERP progress. A summary of CISRERP's report 'Progress Toward Restoring the Everglades, The Fifth Biennial Review, 2014' will be provided.</i>   | Stephanie Johnson                |
| 10:45 – 11:05 | <b>4. Approval of the 2014 Strategy and Biennial Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Strategy and Biennial Report</b><br/><i>Purpose: The Strategy is prepared in response to Congressional direction (House Conference Report 106-479) to outline how the restoration effort will occur and identify the resources needed. The Biennial Report is required by WRDA 96 to report biennially on Task Force activities and progress made towards restoration. Report is being presented to the Task Force for approval.</i></li><li>• <b>System-wide Ecological Indicators</b><br/><i>Purpose: Ecological indicators are one of the means the Task Force uses to report the status of restoration and progress in the Biennial Report to Congress every two years. An update will be provided on the content of the System-wide Ecological Indicators section included in the 2014 Strategy and Biennial Report.</i></li></ul> | Shannon Estenoz<br>Marsha Bansee |

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- 11:05 – 11:35    **5. Corps Program and Project Update**    Howie Gonzales  
***Purpose:** The Corps will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction. The Corps will also seek member input on updating the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS). 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 Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park.*
- 11:35 – 11:45    **6. CERP 2015 Report to Congress**    Howie Gonzales  
***Purpose:** Section 601 of WRDA 2000 requires that the Secretaries of the Army and the Interior jointly submit a Report to Congress not less than every five years on the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). This will be the third Report to Congress detailing the progress made over the last five-year reporting period on the implementation of CERP. The goal of this agenda item is to update the Task Force on the process which is being kicked off by the Corps.*
- 11:45 – 11:55    **7. EvergladesRestoration.gov – Live Demo and Launch**    Shannon Estenoz  
***Purpose:** In accordance with the directive from OMB to retire the domains [www.sfrestore.org](http://www.sfrestore.org) and [www.evergladesplan.org](http://www.evergladesplan.org) within one year, DOI and the Corps have agreed to combine resources to undertake this important initiative. The new website will be unveiled.*
- 11:55 – 12:10    **Public Comment**
- 12:10 – 1:10    **Break**
- 1:10 – 1:25    **8. Chairman Colley Billie, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida**  
***Purpose:** The Chairman of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida will present the Tribe's priorities for Everglades restoration, including the need to comprehensively address the poor water quality of the L-28 canal system in order to restore the entire Everglades ecosystem.*
- 1:25 – 1:40    **9. Western Everglades Basins Interagency Coordination**    TBD  
***Purpose:** The Miccosukee Tribe, at the May 2014 Task Force meeting, raised water quality concerns associated with discharges from the L-28 canal system. The Task Force requested the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) to convene the interagency meetings to discuss the issue as well as possible next steps. A status update will be provided.*

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1:40 – 2:00	<b>10. 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</b> <i>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 eight meetings to discuss these issues and a progress update will be provided.</i>	TBD
2:00 – 2:30	<b>11. Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework</b> <i>Purpose: The Task Force, at its July 2013 meeting, requested the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) provide enhanced coordination support for the development of an Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework that includes a cross cut budget planning tool. The final draft Strategic Action Framework is being presented to the Task Force for acceptance.</i>	Allyn Childress Carrie Beeler
2:30 – 2:45	<b>12. Membership of the Working Group (WG) and Science Coordination Group (SCG)</b> <i>Purpose: The Task Force agreed at its May 2014 meeting to appoint new members to the WG and SCG and fill vacancies in accordance with the WG and SCG Charters. Task Force asked the WG and SCG to be provided with those names at this meeting for appointment.</i>	Shannon Estenoz
2:45 – 2:55	<b>General Public Comment</b>	
2:55 – 3:00	<b>Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments</b>	
3:00	<b>Adjourn</b>	

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