

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

DRAFT Agenda

South Interior Building Auditorium

1951 Constitution Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20240

May 20, 2015

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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| 12:30 – 12:40 | 1. Welcome, Goals for the Meeting and Administrative Items
<i>Purpose: The agenda and minutes from the November 2014 meeting will be presented.</i> | Michael Bean
Drew Bartlett |
| 12:40 – 12:50 | 2. Task Force Member Introductions and Opening Remarks
<i>Purpose: Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks at this time.</i> | ALL |
| 12:50 – 1:20 | 3. Everglades Endangered Species Update
<i>Purpose: Members will be briefed on listed species that stand to benefit from the Everglades restoration program.</i> | Larry Williams |
| 1:20 – 1:35 | 4. Review of Phosphorus Water Quality Trends
<i>Purpose: Provide an overview of current technical analysis of phosphorus trends in the Everglades Protection Area.</i> | Ed Smith
Melissa Martin |
| 1:35 – 2:20 | 5. Transitioning to a new operating regime in the Southern Everglades: Issues and Perspectives
<i>Purpose: To provide an overview of the Modified Water Deliveries (MWDs) to Everglades National Park Project: Increment 1 Field Test, which is anticipated to commence in July 2015. Water quality, south Dade flood protection, monitoring and endangered species in the southern Everglades will also be discussed.</i> | Eric Bush
Len Lindahl |
| 2:20 – 2:35 | Public Comment | |
| 2:35 – 2:50 | Break | |

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2:50 – 3:20	6. Congressional Perspectives Panel Discussion <i>Purpose: To foster a discussion among the Task Force members and South Florida delegation congressional staff on federal appropriations and authorization issues from a congressional staff perspective. This will assist all Task Force members in dealing with funding and authorization issues for Everglades restoration projects and programs.</i>	TBD
3:20 – 3:50	7. Corps Program and Project Update <i>Purpose: The Corps will provide a program and project update to include a status update on the 2015 Report to Congress.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kissimmee River Restoration• C-111 South Dade• CERP: WRRDA 2014 Authorized Projects• CERP: Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP)• Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS)• 2015 Report to Congress	Howie Gonzales
3:50 – 4:05	8. Invasive Exotic Species <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. An update will be provided on the leadership briefings that have been conducted as well as the Cross Cut Budget.</i>	Shannon Estenoz
4:05 – 4:15	9. 2016 Strategy and Biennial Report <i>Purpose: To discuss refining the sub goals and objectives for the Goal 3 section in the Biennial Report for the next reporting period (July 2014 to June 2016). 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.</i>	Shannon Estenoz Allyn Childress
4:15 – 4:25	General Public Comment	
4:25 – 4:30	Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments	
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