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South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

Event Title: South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group Sponsored Workshop: Western Everglades Restoration Project

Date: Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Background: A public workshop for the Western Everglades Restoration Project (WERP) is being sponsored by the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group to engage the public in an exchange of technical information related to hydrology and land cover in the study area. This Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project aims to improve the quality, quantity, timing, and distribution of water needed to restore and reconnect the western Everglades ecosystem.

The original CERP project identified to restore and reconnect the western Everglades ecosystem was called the Big Cypress/L-28 Interceptor Modification. The purpose of this project, as defined within the CERP, is to reestablish sheetflow from the West Feeder Canal across the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation and into Big Cypress National Park, maintain flood protection on Seminole Tribal lands, and ensure that inflows to the North and West Feeder Canals meet applicable water quality standards. Project features considered under CERP include modification of levees and canals, water control structures, pumps, and stormwater treatment areas with a total storage capacity of 7,600 acre-feet located within and adjacent to the Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Reservations in Collier and Hendry Counties. This CERP component will serve as the starting point for the WERP and will be refined through the planning process.

Description and General Purpose of the Meeting: The Working Group is sponsoring this public workshop to facilitate public participation in the WERP planning process.

Location: John Boy Auditorium
1200 S W C Owens Avenue
Clewiston, Florida 33440
For driving directions, please call the facility at 863-983-1492.

Parking: Complimentary onsite parking

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