

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA
Cooperative Extension Office/Woman's Club of Homestead*
February 6 – 7, 2001

Updated January 31, 2001

Note: The Corps and the local sponsors will have its scheduled Program Management Team meeting at the same location from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

February 6, 2001 (1:00 PM to 9:15 PM)

1:00 - 1:10 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Review and Ratification of Agenda, Administrative Announcements and Introduction of December Minutes, Ernie Barnett

Meat and Potatoes

1:10 – 1:30

- Gavel Passing Ceremony. Discussion and Election of New Vice Chair, Ernie Barnett and Wayne Daltry

Working Group will nominate and elect its new Vice Chair

1:30 – 1:50

- Executive Director's Report, Rock Salt (20 p)

Documents on the following are included in the read-ahead and will be summarized briefly. Working Group members should read the materials for a full update.

- Summary of January 8 Task Force Meeting
- Task Force Vice Chair
- Biennial Report
- Dispute Resolution
- 2001 Working Group Workplan
- Regional Forums
- Actions/Issues Tracking Chart
- Issue Team Tracking Chart (a)

Following this discussion the Working Group will be asked to consider dissolving the ISP.

1:50 – 2:10

- Dispute Resolution Task Team Directive, 1st Reading, Rock Salt (5 p, 15 d)

The proposed team will implement the expert panel recommendations and the draft directive is presented for initial Working Group discussion.

2:10 – 2:40

Restore, Preserve, and Protect the Natural Habitats and Species

- Land Acquisition Issue Team Directive, 3rd Reading, Ernie Barnett (5 p, 5 d, a)

Action is needed in order to comply with GAO's recommendations as well as Congressional interest in developing an Integrated Land Acquisition Strategy.

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- Exotic Plants Strategic Plan Implementation Team Directive, *2nd Reading*, Bob Doren (5 p, 10 d, a)

Proposed action will allow the strategy development team to shift emphasis to implementation. If approved, team will replace current Strategy team.

- Other

2:40 – 3:40

- Role of the Working Group

- Outputs for the year for the meetings during 2001

This session is a follow-up to the Lessons Learned Workshop and is intended to allow a full Working Group discussion on improving the value added of the Working Group to Everglades restoration.

3:40 – 4:00

Break

4:00 – 5:00

- Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow Issue Discussion

- Introduction, Rock Salt and Joan Lawrence

- Background

- General, Rock Salt
- IOP/ISOP, Dennis Duke
- Endangered Species Act (ESA), Steve Forsythe
- State, Mary Ann Poole
- Legal Summary, Dewey Worth
- Broader Systemic Issues, Rock Salt
- Next Steps, Joan Lawrence and Rock Salt

These briefings were requested by the Working Group in December to assist in framing this issue.

5:00 – 5:10

Foster Compatibility of the built and natural system

- Goal 3 Steering Committee Update, Linda Friar

This will be an update of initial work to date.

- Growth Management Commission Update, Linda Friar

5:10 – 5:20

Public Comment

5:20

Adjourn

6:00 – 7:30

*Community Dinner at the Woman's Club of Homestead located at 17905 SW 292nd Street Homestead, FL 33030

7:30 – 9:15

*Corps/WMD Public Workshop on South Dade Projects at the Woman's Club

All are invited to attend both the dinner and workshop. There will be an opportunity for Public Comment during the workshop.

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February 7, 2001 (10:30 AM to 1:00 PM)

Note: All are cordially invited to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Taylor Slough Bridges that will be held from 8:30 – 9:30 am at Everglades National Park. Due to lack of parking at the site of the ceremony, please park your cars in the main parking lot. ENP vans will provide shuttle service to and from the ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

10:30 – 10:40 Welcome, Administrative Announcements and Approval of December Minutes, Wayne Daltry

Meat and Potatoes

10:40 – 11:00 **Updates and Discussion**

- Science Coordination Team Report, John Ogden and Ronnie Best (10 p)
 - SCT Priorities
 - CROGEE, Brad Brown
 - ASR Report
 - Recent Meeting

This is an update of the team's activities.

- Litigation Update, Neal McAliley (5 p)

This item was requested by the WG as a regular agenda item.

- Open Discussion

11:00 – 12:00

Get the Water Right

- So. Florida Water Quality Protection Program Update, Melissa Meeker (15 p, 15 d)
- CERP Update, Dennis Duke
 - RECOVER, John Ogden

This is a status update from the Corps as well as review of key issues identified at the PMT meeting.

12:00 – 12:15

Public Comment

12:15 – 12:20

Review Working Group Requests/Follow-up Action Items

Sandy Soto will review for Working Group concurrence new actions resulting from this meeting.

12:20 – 12:30

Open Discussion/Current Events

12:30

Adjourn

Note: The Goal 3 Steering Committee will be meeting from 1:15 – 3:00 pm (following the Working Group meeting).