

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA
Archbold Biological Station
July 24 - 25, 2001

Updated July 20, 2001

Note: The Corps and the local sponsors will have its scheduled Program Management Team meeting at the same location from 8:00 am - 10:30 am. Casual attire recommended for the BBQ and the Walking Tour.

July 24, 2001 (10:45 AM to 5:45 PM)

10:45 – 12:45 **TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON BISCAYNE BAY**

Workshop is being sponsored by the Working Group.

12:55 – 1:00 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Review and Ratification of Agenda, Administrative Announcements and Introduction of May Minutes, Wayne Daltry

Meat and Potatoes

1:00 – 1:20 • Science Coordination Team (SCT) Summary of Technical Workshop Conclusions, Ronnie Best

1:20 – 1:35 • Biscayne Bay Watershed Team Charter, 2nd Reading, Billy Causey (5 p, 10 d)

Action Item *This will be the second reading of the proposed Issue Team Charter. The Working Group is being asked to approve the Charter.*

Get the Water Right

1:35 – 2:05 • Kissimmee Project Update, Paul Whalen (20 p, 10 d)

This is a status update from the SFWMD.

2:05 – 4:05 • Report on Water Projects and Initiatives, Dennis Duke (15 p, 10 d)

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

- RECOVER, John Ogden (20 p, 30 d, a)
 - Review of RECOVER Action Items and Results
 - Draft Partnership Agreement

Action Item *Working Group is being asked to review and comment on the document and to continue to guide the partnership agreement through to approval (signing by the participating agencies).*

- Programmatic Regulations (Water Resources Development Act - WRDA), Stu Appelbaum (30 p, 15 d)

This is a presentation and discussion on the programmatic regulations required by WRDA 2000 as well as the proposed process for developing the regulations/ next steps.

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4:05 – 4:20

- Break

4:20 – 4:35

- Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Team Update and Issue Team Charter, 2nd Reading, Fred Rapach (5 p, 10 d, a)

Action Item *This is an update on the team's work completed to date including the second reading of the revised team Charter for this Issue Team. Working Group is being asked to approve the Charter.*

4:35 – 4:40

- Water Shortage and Water Levels/Lake Okeechobee Update, Joan Lawrence (5 p)

This is the status update requested by the Working Group.

4:40 – 5:30

Restore, Preserve, and Protect the Natural Habitats and Species

- Land Acquisition Issue Team Update, Rick Smith (5 p, 5 d)

Team will be presenting an update of the team's work to date.

- NE Shark Slough Land Acquisition, Elaine Hall (2 p)

This will be a status update.

- Regional Forum Updates

- SW Florida Issue Team Charter, 1st Reading, Rock Salt (5 p, 10 d)

- Kissimmee Valley Forum Results, Catherine Johnson (5 p)

The results of the Kissimmee Valley Regional Forum will be presented.

- Kissimmee Valley Issue Team Charter, 1st Reading, Rock Salt (5 p, 10 d)

This will be a first reading of the proposed team charter. Approval will be scheduled at the September meeting.

5:30 – 5:45

Public Comment

5:45

Adjourn

7:00 – 9:30

Lake Annie Campfire Barbeque

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8:30 – 9:30

- Walking Tour of Archbold Biological Station, Hilary Swain
 - Scrub Ecosystem – Lake Wales
 - Fire Management Program
 - Research Programs

9:30 – 9:35

Welcome, Administrative Announcements and Approval of May Minutes, Wayne Daltry

Meat and Potatoes

Foster Compatibility of the Built and Natural System

9:35 – 9:45

- Goal 3 Steering Committee Update, Linda Friar (5 p, 5 d)

Update on Goal 3 Steering Committee's work to date on refining the sub-goals.

9:45 – 9:55

- Executive Director's Report, Rock Salt (10 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.

- 2001 Working Group Workplan
- Actions/Issues Tracking Chart
- Noxious Exotic Weed Task Team (NEWTT) / Noxious Exotic Animals Team (NEAT) – Next Steps
- Issue Team Tracking Chart
- Federal Appointments to Task Force
- Task Force/Working Group Meeting Schedule for 2001
- Biennial Report

9:55 – 10:10

- Break

10:10 – 10:30

- Dispute Resolution Protocol, *1st Reading*, Joan Lawrence (10 p, 10 d)

Team will present the proposed protocol for Working Group review. Approval will be scheduled for the September meeting.

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10:30 – 10:45

Updates and Discussion

- Legislative Update, Rick Smith (5 p)
- Federal Litigation Update, Neal McAliley (5 p)
- Governing Board Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC) Update, Julio Fanjul (5 p)

10:45 – 11:25

- Science Coordination Team (SCT) Update, Ronnie Best and John Ogden
 - Update on SCT Activities
 - Science Priorities
 - Committee on the Restoration of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem (CROGEE) Update, Brad Brown
 - Tamiami Trail Letter

11:25 – 12:40

- Discussion on the Working Group Role, Wayne Daltry
 - *What is the role of the Working Group? It's mission?*
 - *How does the Working Group best carry out its mission?*
 - *Coordinate restoration activities*
 - *Exchange information*
 - *Facilitate conflict resolution*
 - *Coordinate science*
 - *Prepare reports*
 - *How does the WG review expectations and needs and renew commitments among Task Force and Working Group members to assure adequate levels of engagement and support in the future?*

12:40 – 1:00

- Outreach, Participation and Environmental Justice, Thaddeus Hamilton, (5 p, 15 d)

This will include a presentation by the Coordinating Group followed by Working Group guidance on how to proceed to the next steps.

1:00 – 1:15

Public Comment

1:15 – 1:20

Review Working Group Requests/Follow-up Action Items

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

1:20 – 1:30

Open Discussion

1:30

Adjourn

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