

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION  
WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA  
Marco Island Radisson Hotel  
May 23 - 24, 2001

Updated May 22, 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***

May 23, 2001 (1:00 PM to 5:50 PM)

1:00 – 1:05                      Welcome, Opening Remarks, Review and Ratification of Agenda, Administrative Announcements and Introduction of March Minutes, Wayne Daltry

**Meat and Potatoes**

***Get the Water Right***

1:05 – 2:50                      • Report on Water Projects and Initiatives, Mike Ornella (10 p)

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

- Recover, John Ogden (10 p, 25 d)
  - Draft Partnership Agreement

*Working Group is being asked for help in guiding the partnership agreement through to approval (signing by the participating agencies).*

- Update on CERP Report Card and Monitoring and Assessment Plan, John Ogden (10 p)

*This is a status update on the development of the CERP Report Card and the Monitoring and Assessment Plan.*

- Minimum Flows and Levels/Assurances, Scott Burns (10 p, 10 d)

*This is an update from the SFWMD on its activities*

- Programmatic Regulations (WRDA), Stu Appelbaum (15 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.*

2:50 – 3:20                      • ASR Team Update, Richard Harvey (15 p, 15 d)

*This is an update on the team's work completed to date including a discussion of a revised team directive for this Issue Team.*

3:20 – 3:40                      • Water Shortage and Water Levels/Lake Okeechobee Update, Ken Ammon (10 p, 10 d)

3:40 – 4:00                      • Break

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4:00 – 4:10

***Foster Compatibility of the built and natural system***

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

*Update on the Goal 3 Steering Committee's work on refining the sub-goals approved in preliminary draft form at the March meeting.*

4:10 – 5:00

***Restore, Preserve, and Protect the Natural Habitats and Species***

- Land Acquisition Issue Team Update, Rick Smith (5 p, 10 d)

*Team will be presenting the Land Acquisition Plan Outline for Working Group discussion.*

- NEWTT Update, Kevin Burger (5 p)

*This will be a status update.*

- NE Shark Slough Land Acquisition, Allyn Childress (2 p)

*This will be a status update.*

- Multi Species Recovery Plan /MERIT Update, Dawn Jennings (5 p)

*Overview of the function of the Multi-species/Ecosystem Recovery Implementation Team and their efforts to date.*

- Panther Presentation, Randy Kautz (15 p, 10 d)

*Update on MERIT's Florida Panther Subteam efforts to develop a landscape conservation plan for the panthers in South Florida.*

5:00 – 5:15

- Biscayne Bay Partnership Initiative, Jim Murley (5 p, 15 d)

*The Policy Report prepared by the BBPI will be presented.*

5:15 – 5:35

- Biscayne Bay Watershed Team Directive, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Allyn Childress (5 p, 15 d)

*This will be a first reading of the proposed Issue Team directive. Approval will be scheduled for the June meeting.*

5:35 – 5:50

Public Comment

5:50

Adjourn

6:30 – 8:30

*Farewell to Steve Forsythe - Rookery Bay Boat Tour/ Dinner*

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9:00 – 9:05 Welcome, Administrative Announcements and Approval of March Minutes, Ron Smola

**Meat and Potatoes**

- 9:05 – 10:00
- Science Coordination Team Update, Ronnie Best
    - Science Priorities, Ronnie Best (10 p, 5 d)
    - CROGEE Update, Brad Brown (5 p, 5 d)
    - Big Cypress Basin Science Plan, Gary Lytton (15 p, 15 d)

- 10:00 – 10:20
- Executive Director's Report, Kevin Burger (15 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
  - Consider NEAT
- Issue Team Tracking Chart
- Federal Appointments to Task Force
- Next Task Force Meeting/ Calendar
- Biennial Report
- Regional Forum Results (5 p)
  - SW Florida Update, Mike Savarese

10:20 – 11:10

**Updates and Discussion**

- Dispute Resolution Task Team Update, Joan Lawrence (10 p, 10 d)

*This is an update on the team's activities to date.*

- Legislative Update, Rick Smith (5 p)
- Federal Litigation Update, Neal McAliley (5 p)
- Governing Board Water Resources Advisory Commission Update, Julio Fanjul (5 p)
- Museum of Discovery and Science, Ron Smola (5 p, 5 d)

*This is an update on the status of the Public Outreach Plan for the Museum Partnership. It includes a request for involvement and support from Working Group members.*

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11:10 – 11:30                      • Break

11:30 – 11:45                      Public Comment

11:45 – 11:50                      Review Working Group Requests/Follow-up Action Items

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

11:50 – 12:00                      Open Discussion

12:00                                  Adjourn

***Note: The Goal 3 Steering Committee will meet immediately following the Working Group meeting.***

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