

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA
September 9 – 10, 2002
Westin Key Largo
Key Largo, FL

Monday, September 9, 2002 (1:00 PM – 6:30 PM)

Note: The Corps and the local sponsors have scheduled the Program Management Team meeting in the afternoon of September 10 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM

- 1:00 – 1:10 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Review and Ratification of Agenda, Administrative Announcements and Introduction of July Minutes and August Summary, COL Greg May
Meat and Potatoes
- 1:10 – 1:25 • Working Group Members *Whip Around*
Introductory period to allow each member to inform the group of key items or raise potential issues.
- 1:25 – 1:50 • Science Coordination Team Update, Ronnie Best and John Ogden (10 p, 10 d)
The Team will provide an update on its work to date. The SCT will also present a proposal for the SCT/WG sponsored "Indicator Avian Populations Workshop: Science and Decisions in Greater Everglades Resource Management." The workshop will be designed to engage scientists, managers and policy makers on these issues.
- CROGEE Update, Peter Ortner (5 p)
- Get the Water Right***
- 1:50 – 2:50 • Water Quality Update and Discussion
This is intended to be a more detailed follow-on discussion from the July meeting on CERP water quality issues.
- Effects of CERP on the Everglades Protection Area, Tom Teets (10 p)
○ Integrating Water Quality into CERP Projects, Dennis Duke (10 p)
○ Water Quality Feasibility Study, Greg Knecht (10 p)
○ Open Discussion
- 2:50 – 4:05 • Programmatic Regulations, Stu Appelbaum (45 p, 30 d)
An overview will be provided of the proposed rule currently out for public comment.
- 4:05 – 4:45 • Update on Water Projects and Initiatives, Dennis Duke (20 p, 20 d)
This will be a review of ongoing projects.
- Flooding 101, Dennis Duke
An overview of flood protection will be presented..
- 4:45 – 5:00 Break

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Restore, Preserve, and Protect the Natural Habitats and Species

5:00 – 6:15

- Coral Reef Protection Program (45 p, 30 d)
 - Introduction, Billy Causey
 - Panel Presenters: Bill Kruczynski (EPA), John Hunt (FWCC), Jennifer Wheaton (FWCC), Peter Ortner (NOAA/AOML)

The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary has a comprehensive water quality, coral reef, seagrass and zone monitoring program in place to keep a pulse on the health of the southernmost part of the South Florida ecosystem. EPA, NOAA and the State of Florida have had a long-term monitoring program in place in the Sanctuary for over 6 years. The trends from this water quality monitoring program and the health of the marine communities will be presented to the Working Group.

6:15 – 6:30

- Public Comment

6:30

- Adjourn

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Tuesday, September 10, 2002 (8:30 PM – 12:30 PM)

8:30 – 8:40 Welcome, Administrative Announcements and Approval of July minutes and August Summary, COL Greg May

Restore, Preserve, and Protect the Natural Habitats and Species

8:40 – 9:15

- Land Acquisition Strategy: WRAC Comments, John Outland, Rick Smith and Julio

The proposed recommendations from WRAC will be presented and discussed.

9:15 – 9:45

- Open Discussion of land acquisition and permitting issues

Foster Compatibility of the Built and Natural System

9:45 – 10:45

- Population Projections, *The rest of the Story*, Bonnie Kranzer, Richard F. Ogburn and Oliver Kerr

This will be a panel presentation on different methods used to project population growth and how they are used by governmental agencies followed by Q & As.

10:45 - 11:00

- Break

11:00 – 11:25 ***Updates and Discussion***

- Biscayne Bay RRCT Update, Rhonda Haag (5 p)
- Outreach, Environmental and Economic Equity Coordination Team (OEEECT), Thaddeus Hamilton (5 p)
- CERP Outreach Update, Nanciann Regalado (10 p, 5 d)

11:25 – 11:40

- Update from the Working Group's Museum Coordinating Committee (MCC) and preparation for Ribbon Cutting event at the September 30 Task Force meeting (10 p, 5 d)

Ron Smola will provide an update on the work of the MCC and introduce Museum President/CEO, Kim Cavendish. They will jointly discuss the Museum/Task Force event at the Museum on September 30, in conjunction with the next Task Force meeting.

11:40 – 12:00

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

Documents will be summarized briefly. Working Group members should read the materials for a full update.

- 2002 Working Group Workplan
- Actions/Issues Tracking Chart
- SWRRCT Action Plan
- Issue Team Tracking Chart

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- Preparation for September 30 – October 1 Task Force Meeting
- 12:00 – 12:15
 - Public Comment
- 12:15 – 12:20
 - Review Working Group Requests/Follow-up Action Items

New actions resulting from this meeting will be reviewed for Working Group concurrence.
- 12:20 – 12:30
 - Open Discussion
- 12:30
 - Adjourn

Program Management Team meeting will follow from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, please refer to separate agenda

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{p – presentation, d – discussion, a – action needed}