

U.S. DOI OFFICE OF **EVERGLADES RESTORATION INITIATIVES**

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

Event Title: Working Group (WG)/Science Coordination Group (SCG) Meeting

Date(s): Thursday, January 31, 2013

Time(s): 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM - Joint WG/SCG Meeting

Background: The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force (Task Force) was established by Congress in 1996 to ensure consistent strategies among all the partners working towards Everglades restoration. The mission of the Working Group is to support the Task Force in its efforts to achieve the restoration, preservation and protection of the ecosystem while promoting a sustainable South Florida.

On October 27, 2011, the Task Force convened a meeting where senior policy officials from the Department of the Army, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Florida, including the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) announced a fast-track planning effort for the next generation of Everglades restoration. This effort, called the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP), when authorized by Congress, will improve the Central and Southern Everglades by putting more fresh and clean water into the River of Grass.

On December 7, 2012, the Task Force directed the Office of Ecosystem Restoration Initiatives (OERI), WG and SCG to conduct a comprehensive review of current efforts to combat invasive exotics and present to the Task Force an updated set of recommendations for how to improve our efforts and boost our effectiveness.

Description and General Purpose of the Meeting:

The Corps and the SFWMD will provide a briefing on the CEPP. The WG and SCG will begin its comprehensive review of current efforts to combat invasive exotics.

Public Comment Times: Agenda under development

Meeting

South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Headquarters
3301 Gun Club Road
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
For driving directions call: 561/686-8800

Lodging

There is no block of rooms associated with this meeting.

Driving directions from I-95

- **EXIT** at **SOUTHERN BOULEVARD** (#68).
- At the end of the ramp, turn **WEST** onto **SOUTHERN BOULEVARD** until you see a ramp in the far left lane for **CONGRESS AVENUE - SOUTH** (807).
- Take that ramp and turn left onto **CONGRESS AVENUE** and continue to the first light, which is **GUN CLUB ROAD**.
- Turn **RIGHT** on **GUN CLUB ROAD** and proceed for about one block.
- District Headquarters is on the **RIGHT** past the West Palm Beach Armory and before Lake Lytal Park. **Main buildings** (B-1 and B-2) **are at the back**.
- **B-1** is the three-story building at the back/north end of the grounds, facing Southern Boulevard. The auditorium and most public meetings are held in B-1.
B-2 is the three-story building closer to Gun Club Road with a white, quarter-round roof. The Palm Beach County Service Center is located in B-2.

A map is available on the SFWMD's website:

<http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xweb%20about%20us/service%20centers>

Parking Directions: Complimentary self parking

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Agenda: Currently being drafted