

AGENDA
SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
JOINT WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG)
South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
September 16, 2014

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| 10:00 – 10:05 | 1. Welcome and Introductions <i>Purpose: To present the goals for the meeting. The goals include conducting regular business (approval of draft minutes from the April 2014 meeting) and providing updates on current and planned WG/SCG activities.</i> | Ernie Marks Barry Rosen Nick Aumen Susan Gray |
| 10:05 – 10:25 | 2. WG Membership Discussion <i>Purpose: The Task Force, at its May 2014 meeting, agreed the WG has the capacity to add more local representation and asked for some names to be provided.</i> | Shannon Estenoz |
| 10:25 – 10:55 | 3. National Research Council (NRC) Report <i>Purpose: Consistent with the requirements of WRDA 2000, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Interior and the Governor of Florida established an independent review panel through NRC. The Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress (CISRERP) was asked to present a report every two years on CERP progress. A summary of CISRERP's report 'Progress Toward Restoring the Everglades, The Fifth Biennial Review, 2014' will be provided.</i> | Bob Johnson |
| 10:55 – 11:40 | 4. Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework <i>Purpose: The Task Force, at its July 2013 meeting, requested that the OERI provide enhanced coordination support for the development of an Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework that includes a cross cut budget planning tool. The draft Strategic Action Framework, prioritization process and outline of the Cross Cut Budget will be presented for discussion.</i> | Allyn Childress Carrie Beeler |
| 11:40 – 11:55 | Public Comment | |
| 11:55 – 12:25 | Break | |
| 12:25 – 12:55 | 5. EvergladesRestoration.gov – Live Demo <i>Purpose: In accordance with the directive from OMB to retire the domains www.sfrestore.org and www.evergladesplan.org within one year, DOI and the Corps have agreed to combine resources to undertake this important initiative.</i> | Shannon Estenoz |

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- 12:55 – 1:45 **6. 2014 Task Force Reports**
- *Reporting Requirements* Ernie Marks
Purpose: Members will be asked to identify staff contacts for Task Force Reporting requirements to the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI).
 - *Strategy and Biennial Report* Marsha Bansee
Purpose: To review and discuss the first draft of the Strategy and Biennial Report. The goal is finalize these reports at the October WG and SCG meeting and present them for Task Force approval at the November meeting.
 - *System-wide Ecological Indicators* Laura Brandt
Purpose: Ecological indicators are one of the means the Task Force uses to report the status of restoration and progress in the Biennial Report to Congress every two years. An update will be provided on the content of the System-wide Ecological Indicators section to be included in the 2014 Strategy and Biennial Report.
- 1:45 – 2:00 **7. Everglades Depth Estimation Network (EDEN) Update** Nick Aumen
Susan Gray
- Purpose:** The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) through the Corps and USGS' Greater Everglades Priority Ecosystem Sciences provides support for EDEN with the goal of providing consistent, documented, and readily accessible hydrologic and ground-elevation data for the Everglades. The possibilities of decreased funding for the operation of EDEN will be discussed.
- 2:00 – 2:20 **Public Comment**
- 2:20 – 2:30 **Next Steps and Closing Comments** Ernie Marks
Nick Aumen
- 2:30 **Adjourn**

Working Group Duties: To assist the Task Force in providing intergovernmental coordination, exchanging information, facilitating the resolution of conflict, assisting members, and promoting public participation.

Science Coordination Group Duties: To assist the Task Force in providing intergovernmental coordination of the programmatic scientific aspects of restoration of the South Florida Ecosystem.

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