

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

July 5, 2005

Honorable John Paul Woodley
Assistant Secretary of the Army
U.S Department of the Army
Office of Assistant Secretary Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force (Task Force) I am writing to convey a request from the CSOP Advisory Team (Team). The Team is requesting that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers consider additional input before proceeding with the development of the fifth alternative for CSOP. The request has been made in an effort to increase the probability of the Team's Performance Expectations being met.

The Task Force believes as a matter of principle, that maintaining schedules is a critical aspect of the successful implementation of the restoration of the South Florida ecosystem. The Task Force will work with its members to encourage them and to find creative ways of staying on schedule and keeping restoration moving forward. To that end the Task Force will work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Team to ensure that the implementation of the CSOP will not be delayed from the current schedule.

The Task Force looks forward to working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to bring this important effort to a successful conclusion. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Restoration Task Force