

AGENDA
SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE
Hilton Palm Beach Airport – Salons B,C, D
West Palm Beach, Florida
May 21 - 22, 2008

Task Force Duties: To provide intergovernmental coordination, exchange information, facilitate the resolution of conflict, coordinate programmatic science, assist members, and promote public participation.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

8:30 – 12:00 **Field Trip Highlighting Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA) 1 East and West**

Location and time: Meet inside the lobby of the Hilton Palm Beach Airport hotel for an 8:30 AM departure. The bus will return to the hotel around 12:00 noon.

1:00 – 1:05 **Introduction and Opening Remarks (Tab 1)** Kameran Onley
The goals for the meeting and the February meeting minutes will be presented. Mike Sole

1:05 – 1:35 **Whiparound**
Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks at this time.

1:35 – 2:35 **Tamiami Trail Modifications Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) (Tab 2)** Stu Appelbaum
***Purpose:** To discuss the current LRR status and next steps. The Corps will review the comments received during its Public Comment period (which closed on May 9) as well as feedback received from the Working Group at its April meeting and the Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC). The Modified Water Deliveries (MWD) project consists of structural features that will provide to the extent practicable more natural hydrological conditions in Everglades National Park and Water Conservation Area 3. Several key project features have been or will soon be completed such as the 8.5 Square Mile Area. The Task Force unanimously approved a resolution in September 2007 urging the expeditious completion of the modifications to Tamiami Trail.*

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| 2:35 – 5:35* | Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) Workshop (Tab 3)
<i>Purpose: To discuss the draft schedules for the \$200M and \$300M federal cash flows scenarios and updated information since the February Workshop. The goal of the IDS is to identify the optimum sequence of key hydrologic projects that will deliver meaningful restoration benefits as early as possible consistent with law and available funding. The IDS will include Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and non-CERP projects, to include Foundation Projects such as Kissimmee River Restoration and Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park. It will also include system operating manuals which will be revised at key points. Hydrologic or Goal 1 “Getting the Water Right” projects in south Florida can generally be divided into CERP and non-CERP projects. Some of the non-CERP projects were considered as precursors during the CERP planning process. These projects are sometimes referred to as Foundation Projects.</i> | Stu Appelbaum |
| 5:35 – 5:50 | General Public Comment | |
| 5:50 – 6:00 | Closing Comments for the Day | Kameran Onley
Mike Sole |
| 6:00 | Adjourn | |
| 6:30 | No Host Social | |

*A break will be taken during the IDS Workshop

Public Comment will be taken after each agenda item

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| 8:30 – 8:35 | Opening Remarks and Administrative Items | Kameran Onley
Mike Sole |
| 8:35 – 10:00 | Consultation Workshop (Tab 4)
<i>Purpose: To review the consultation schedule for the year and provide recommendations on two CERP projects as provided for in the Programmatic Regulations for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. Consultation on projects takes place at three stages during the development of a project: scoping phase, alternative formulation phase and final draft Project Implementation Report (PIR). The Task Force delegated consultation on scoping and alternative formulation phases to the Working Group. This workshop will include short project presentations followed by member discussion and public comment.</i> | |
| | Consultation Schedule for 2008
<i>Purpose: To review the tentative consultation schedule for 2008.</i> | Brian Files |
| | L-31N (L-30) Seepage Management Draft Pilot Project Design Report
<i>Purpose: The CERP Pilot Project is to identify, test, and determine the relative effectiveness of seepage management technologies in order to recommend features to control groundwater flow and levee seepage from Everglades National Park.</i> | John Shaffer |
| | Winsberg Farms Wetlands Restoration Draft Project Implementation Report (PIR)
<i>Purpose: This CERP Project will provide aquatic wildlife habitat through the creation of 114 acres of wetlands using treated reclaimed municipal wastewater. The treated wastewater will be returned to the natural system rather than being lost to deep-well injection, improving aquifer recharge and increasing the spatial extent of wetlands in the area. The first part of the project (72 acres) has been constructed by Palm Beach County, the local sponsor, and has been named Green Cay Wetlands.</i> | Robert Medlock |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Break | |

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- 10:15 – 11:15 **Dialogue with Working Group and Science Coordination Group** (Tab 5) Ken Ammon
Purpose: Highlights and recommendations from the April 28-29 Working Group and Science Coordination Group meetings will be presented. Both groups recommend to the Task Force that they develop options for streamlining the process for developing a Project Implementation Report.
- C-111 Spreader Canal Alternative Formulation Briefing** Michael Collis
Purpose: Highlights of the consultation with the Working Group on the C-111 Spreader Canal Alternative Formulation Briefing will be presented to keep members informed of its current status. This project will be implemented in two phases. The first phase focuses on increasing flow in Taylor Slough into Florida Bay, while evaluating structures and operations to improve sheet flow and hydrologic connectivity between natural areas in the Southern Glades and Model Lands of South Dade County, resulting in improved hydro patterns and a sustainable ecosystem. Specific phase 1 (western) project features include: an inflow pump and a detention basin at the Frog Pond, pumped discharge into the Aerojet canal, structures in the lower C-111 Canal, a plug at S-20A and operational changes at S-20.
- Strategies for Dealing with Invasive Exotic Species** Bob Doren
Purpose: An overview of current and future actions to help deal with invasive exotic animals will be presented. The Working Group has established several issue and geographical based teams to deal with specific issues. The Florida Invasive Animal Task Team (FIATT) was established to help organize, coordinate, and plan for invasive exotic animal issues and serves in an advisory capacity to member organizations and institutions. The FIATT membership is comprised of federal, tribal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and institutions that are part of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force and the Working Group.

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Task Force Reporting Schedule for 2008

Greg May

Purpose: *The schedule for the release of draft reports, due dates for comments, and scheduled discussions at meetings will be presented. The following reports will be reviewed and presented for approval by the Task Force in 2008: Strategy, Biennial Report, Plan for Coordinating Science and Land Acquisition Strategy.*

11:15 – 11:30 **Public Comment**

11:30 – 11:45 **Next Steps, Closing Comments and Evaluations**

Kameran Onley
Mike Sole

11:45 **Adjourn**

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