

DRAFT AGENDA
CONFERENCE CALL
SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE
May 20, 2009
2:00 – 3:00 PM

Call in number: 888-808-6959 and the conference code is 7564104

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 20, 2009

2:00 – 2:05 **Welcome and Administrative Items** Mike Sole

2:05 – 2:55 **Consultation with the Task Force Regarding the Extension of the Agreement with the National Academy of Sciences for Independent Scientific Review of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (see Tab 2)** Stu Appelbaum

***Purpose:** To consult with the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force regarding the proposed five-year extension of the interagency agreement with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to convene an independent scientific review panel to review the progress of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) toward achieving natural system restoration goals and to prepare a biennial report.*

***Procedures:** This consultation will consist of a short presentation followed by member discussion and public comment.*

***Background:** As required by the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2000 (see Tab 3), the Task Force was consulted on February 4, 2003 regarding the establishment of a five year agreement with the NAS to provide an independent scientific review panel for the CERP. The Programmatic Regulations (Pro Regs) for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (see Tab 4) provide for consultation with the Task Force regarding each five-year option to extend the agreement with the NAS.*

2:55 **Closing Comments** Mike Sole

3:00 **Adjourn**

Opportunities for public comment will be available during the call

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