

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

September 30 – October 1, 2009

Agenda

Doral Marriott
4400 NW 87th Avenue
Palms North and South – Second Level
Miami, Florida, 33406

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

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

1:00 – 5:00 **C-111 Spreader Canal Consultation Field Trip (Tab 1)** Tom Strickland
Mike Sole

Location and time: Meet inside the lobby of the Doral Marriott for a 1:00 PM departure. The bus will return to the hotel around 5:00 PM.

- **C-111 Spreader Canal Phase 1 Draft Project Implementation Report (PIR)**

Michael Collis
John Shaffer

Purpose: *The field trip participants will tour various locations along the southern part of the ecosystem to include the C-111 Spreader Canal Project. Consultation for the C-111 PIR will take place in the field and will consist of a short presentation, member discussion, public comment and a visit to several component sites.*

Project Benefits: *The C-111 Spreader Canal Western Features Project is intended to restore the quantity, timing, and distribution of water delivered to Florida Bay via Taylor Slough; improve water depths and durations in the Southern Glades and Model Lands; and return coastal zone salinities in western Florida Bay closer to pre-drainage levels. Specific project features include: a 590 acre detention area in the frog pond lands fed by a 225 cfs pump station, improvement to the existing Aerojet Canal to stage water levels higher via a second 225 cfs pump station, a new operable structure in the lower C-111, incremental operational changes at S-18C, a plug at S-20A and operational changes at S-20, and plugs in the C-110 canal.*

Background: *The Programmatic Regulations for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan provides for consultation with the Task Force on key elements of the plan. Consultation regarding projects takes place at three stages of development: scoping phase, alternative formulation phase and final draft Project Implementation Report (PIR). The Task Force delegated consultation on the scoping and alternative formulation phases to the Working Group.*

6:00 **No Host Social at Doral Marriott**

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8:30 – 8:50 **Opening Remarks, Member Introductions and Administrative Items (Tab 2)** Tom Strickland
Mike Sole
The June minutes will be presented for approval.

8:50 – 9:20 **Follow-up Actions from June Task Force Meeting (Tab 3) (10 p, 20 d)** Dan Kimball
Greg Knecht
Purpose: The leadership of the Working Group and Science Coordination Group will provide an overview of the status of the three assignments from the June Task Force meeting. The three assignments are to:

1. *provide a summary of the key species and actions necessary to help control invasive exotic animals in south Florida;*
2. *provide a synthesis of the types of climate change research and actions that are being planned or conducted by the various agencies relevant to the restoration of the South Florida Ecosystem; and*
3. *provide a plain language synthesis of the new scientific and technical concepts that have evolved since the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) was authorized in 2000.*

Making Progress

9:20 – 9:55 **Project and Program Updates (Tab 4) (10 p, 25 d)** Stu Appelbaum
Dan Kimball
Ken Ammon
Purpose: To provide a quick update on the status of key projects and programs since the June meeting and to address next steps. Updates will include the Modified Water Deliveries (MWD), Picayune Strand, Tamiami Trail planning, the River of Grass Initiative and the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2010.

9:55 – 10:15 **Break**

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Improving the Process

10:15 – 10:40 **Programmatic Regulations (Pro Regs) (Tab 5) (5 p, 20d)** Stu Appelbaum
Purpose: To provide the emerging concepts under consideration for revisions to the Pro Regs. Open discussion concerning the desired outcome for the revisions will follow. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has initiated a review of the Pro Regs for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) as required by the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

Coordinating the Overall Land Acquisition Picture

10:40 – 10:50 **Land Acquisition Strategy (LAS) (Tab 6)** Theresa Woody
Purpose: The 2009 Land Acquisition Strategy (LAS) will be presented for Task Force acceptance. The Task Force has asked that the Land Acquisition Task Team update the LAS every year.

Recreation and Restoration

10:50 – 11:15 **Final Draft Master Recreation Plan Consultation (Tab 7)** Shauna Allen
Purpose: To present the Final Draft CERP Master Recreation Plan (MRP) to the Task Force for consultation. The purpose of the MRP is to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing recreation needs within the C&SF project consistent with the project's authorized purpose. The MRP is a dynamic planning tool outlining recreational opportunities. It is not a decision document. It provides the framework and methodology for gathering and presenting existing recreation resources information for analysis, decision-making, planning and implementation. The draft MRP was presented for public review in August 2009.

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| 11:15 – 11:30 | Proposed Outdoor Recreation Park (Tab 8)
<i>Purpose: To present a proposed Outdoor Recreation Park within the Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport. The park would include a variety of outdoor recreation activities including, but not limited to camping, fishing, archery, wildlife viewing and designating trails for hiking, biking, and Off Highway Vehicles (OHV's). This project is intended to permit the authorized and safe use of certain non-sensitive areas by OHV riders in a manner compatible with the restoration and preservation of the ecosystem.</i> | Roman Gastesi |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Public Comment | |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments | Tom Strickland
Mike Sole |
| 12:00 | Adjourn | |

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