

# SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

## DRAFT Agenda

South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road  
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406  
April 26, 2019

**Task Force Role:** *The intergovernmental South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force was created by the Congress in 1996 to provide the long-term strategic coordination of efforts to restore the 18,000 square mile South Florida Ecosystem. Its duties are to provide intergovernmental coordination, review project plans for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), exchange information, facilitate the resolution of conflict, coordinate programmatic science, assist members in their restoration activities, report on restoration progress, and promote public participation.*

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| 9:00 – 9:10   | <b>1. Welcome, Goals for the Meeting and Administrative Items</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> <i>The agenda and minutes from the July 2018 meeting will be presented for approval. Administrative items will also be reviewed.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Andrea Travnicek,<br>Ph.D. |
| 9:10 – 9:30   | <b>2. Task Force Member Introductions and Opening Remarks</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> <i>Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ALL                        |
| 9:30 – 9:50   | <b>3. Corps of Engineers (CORPS) Program and Project Update</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> <i>The Corps will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction. An update on the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) will also be provided. The IDS provides the roadmap for sequencing, planning, design and construction of both federal and state projects related to Everglades restoration.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Howie Gonzales             |
| 9:50 – 10:20  | <b>4. South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Program and Project Update</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> <i>The SFWMD will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction. The update will include an overview of the 2019 South Florida Environmental Report (SFER) prepared by the SFWMD. The (SFER) documents a year of restoration, scientific and engineering accomplishments in the Kissimmee Basin, Lake Okeechobee, Everglades and South Florida coastal areas. The report also provides extensive peer reviewed research summaries, data analyses, financial updates and a searchable database of environmental projects.</i> | Megan Jacoby               |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | <b>5. National Academies Report Update</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> <i>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 the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress (CISRERP) was asked to present a report on CERP progress, every two years. An update will be provided by the National Academies on “Progress Toward Restoring the Everglades, The Seventh Biennial Review, 2018” released in the fall of 2018.</i>              | Stephanie Johnson          |



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- 2:30 – 2:40      **11. 2018 Biennial Report Update**      Kevin Burger  
***Purpose:** The Task Force will receive a status update on the 2018 Biennial Report (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018) prepared by the Department of Interior’s Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives. The Biennial Report is required by WRDA 1996 to report biennially on Task Force activities and progress made towards restoration.*
- 2:40 – 3:00      **Public Comment**  
***Purpose:** Opportunity for input and feedback on the preceding agenda items.*
- 3:00 – 3:30      **Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments**      Andrea Travnicsek,  
Ph.D.
- 3:30              **Adjourn**

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