



# SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE



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May 7, 2020 Task Force Meeting

# Director's Report

Adam Gelber, Executive Director

# Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives

- Hosted 2 Working Group/Science Coordination Group (WG/SCG) meetings since the October Task Force meeting
  - Next meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Upcoming issues will be provided by the WG/SCG Chairs during their report in Item 6 on today's agenda.
- Continued work on WG/SCG priorities; details will be provided under the next agenda item, "OERI Update"
  - Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework
  - System-wide Ecological Indicators
- Conducted regular business including reports underway:
  - Task Force Biennial Report to Congress
  - Will be brought for approval at the next Task Force meeting

# Task Force Action Items

- At the October 29, 2019 meeting, the Task Force requested that the WG/SCG identify “Action Items” for discussion at future Task Force meetings.
- The WG/SCG conducted a workshop session at their December 4, 2019 meeting and further refined these Action Items at the February 25, 2020 meeting.

# Task Force Action Items

- There were several common themes throughout both WG/SCG discussions.
- Each of these will be discussed in more detail later in the agenda.
  - The **interconnectedness of restoration efforts**, particularly in the southern end of the ecosystem where seepage management plays a key role.
    - The WG/SCG Chairs will touch on this under Item 6.
  - The continuing need for vigilance regarding **invasive exotic species (IES)** and that successful IES programs require a full toolbox and adequate and consistent funding.
    - Allyn Childress will report on our current IES Framework update under Item 5.
  - The role of science in restoration is paramount, specifically regarding **RECOVER**.
    - SCG members participated in an April conference call to further discuss.
    - Bob Johnson will report on the results under Item 7.

# Discussion

- Now: Discussion on Director's Report.
- Next Up: OERI Update