

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

Meeting

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May 7, 2020

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 | 1. Welcome, Goals for the Meeting and Administrative Items
<i>Purpose:</i> <i>The agenda and minutes from the October 2019 meeting will be presented for approval. Administrative items, including instructions for member and public comments, will also be reviewed.</i> | Dr. Timothy Petty,
Chair
Noah Valenstein,
Vice Chair |
| 9:10 – 9:30 | 2. Task Force Member Introductions and Opening Remarks
<i>Purpose:</i> <i>Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks.</i> | ALL |
| 9:30 – 9:40 | 3. Restoration in the time of COVID-19
<i>Purpose:</i> <i>This session will focus on delays and issues due to the Coronavirus.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)• South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)• U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) | Col Andrew Kelly
Drew Bartlett
Larry Williams |
| 9:40 – 9:55 | 4. Director's Report
<i>Purpose:</i> <i>The Director of the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) will provide report on activities since the last Task Force meeting.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Strategy and Biennial Report & the Report to Congress are being updated by staff and will be presented in the Fall</i>• <i>Identifying the 5 action items and ways to work through obstacles and issues</i> | Adam Gelber |
| 9:55 – 10:10 | 5. OERI Update
<i>Purpose:</i> <i>To provide a status update on those items OERI has been working on for the Task Force, to include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Improving the utility of the System-wide Ecological Indicators</i>• <i>Developing an alternative scenario for the Integrated Delivery Schedule</i>• <i>Updating the Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework</i> | Allyn Childress |

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10:10 – 10:25	6. Report on WG and SCG Activities <i>Purpose: A progress update will be provided by the Chairs of the WG and SCG on the priorities.</i>	James Erskine Bob Johnson
10:25 – 10:35	7. REstoration COordination & VERification (RECOVER) Briefing	Bob Johnson
10:35 – 10:45	8. Tamiami Trail Next Steps, Phase 2 <i>Purpose: A status update on the Tamiami Trail Next Steps Phase 2 will be provided. This project is a prerequisite of the Central Everglades Planning Project.</i>	Bob Johnson
10:45 – 11:00	9. The Western Everglades Restoration Project (WERP), Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) South and Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir <i>Purpose: A status update on these key Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects will be provided.</i>	Howie Gonzales
11:00 – 11:15	10. Curtain Wall as part of a Comprehensive Flood Protection and Restoration Strategy in South Dade <i>Purpose: Multiple efforts over the last several decades have attempted to address the seepage challenge in South Dade. This initiative focuses on incorporating curtain wall technology into the overall seepage management strategy to enhance both flood protection and restoration objectives while preserving regional goals.</i>	Akintunde Owosina SFWMD
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11:15 – 11:25	11. Interagency Agreement with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) for Independent Scientific Review of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) <i>Purpose: To consult with the Task Force on the five-year interagency agreement with the NAS to convene an independent scientific review panel to review the progress of the CERP toward achieving natural system restoration goals and to prepare biennial reports. The Programmatic Regulations (Pro Regs) for the CERP provide for consultation with the Task Force regarding each five-year option to extend the agreement with the NAS.</i>	Eva Velez
END of TASK FORCE CONSULTATION		
11:25 – 11:55	Public Comment	
11:55 – 12:00	Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments	Dr. Timothy Petty, Chair
12:00	Adjourn	Noah Valenstein, Vice Chair Updated 05/04/20