

2002 WORKPLAN

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE (November 2002)

WG Charter, Paragraph #	Task Description *	Status	Team Responsible	Working Group Products	Date
3.a	Assist the Task Force in its duty to consult with, and provide recommendations to the Secretary of the Army regarding the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (previously called the Restudy)		Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Management Team (PMT) linkage with Working Group • Assist the Corps as needed on Programmatic Regulations • Assist the Corps as needed on RECOVER • Schedule various Corps/WMD Workshops in conjunction with Working Group meetings to discuss CERP projects 	Ongoing
ASR Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assessment to Working Group and Task Force on ASR plans with regard to Issue Team and CROGEE recommendations 	Nov 02	
3.b.1	Establish procedures to coordinate development of consistent policies, strategies, plans, programs, projects, activities and priorities for achieving restoration, preservation and protections per Section 528 of WRDA		Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Assessment Reports 	Semi Annual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biscayne Bay • Kissimmee • SW Florida 			Jan/July 02 (complete)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kissimmee 			Apr/Nov 02		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW Florida 			July/Dec 02		
Land Acquisition Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comment Workshop 	Apr 02 (complete)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First draft of Land Acquisition Strategy for Working Group review 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Acquisition strategy information incorporated into Strategic Plan update for Task Force review 	May 02 (complete)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Acquisition strategy information incorporated into Strategic Plan update for Task Force review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final Land Acquisition Strategy for Working Group approval 	Jun 02 (complete)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final Land Acquisition Strategy for Working Group approval 		Jul 02 (complete)			

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final Land Acquisition Strategy for Task Force approval 	Dec 02
3.b.2	Develop an integrated strategic plan for restoring and sustaining the South Florida ecosystem describing the applications and linkages among governmental programs or projects to achieve shared ecosystem goals in the region.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group review initial draft of 2002 revision of the Strategy document, including new Goal 3 section • Working Group review first draft • Working Group present second draft for Task Force review • Working Group present recommendations for final Task Force approval 	<p>Jan 02 (complete)</p> <p>Apr 02 (complete)</p> <p>Jun 02 (complete)</p> <p>Aug 02 (complete)</p>
3.b.3	Develop a strategy to control and/or eradicate exotic species		Noxious Exotic Weed Task Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First draft of prioritized species list with schedule for individual species control plant development 	Jan 02 (complete)
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Draft of the Implementation Plan Project Team Matrix 	May 02 (complete)
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Request of Implementation Plan Coordinated Budget 	Dec 02
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First draft of early warning/rapid response plan 	Fall 02
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First draft on interagency standardization schema 	Spring 03
			SCT NEATT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a formal process for dealing with exotic animals (survey on Indigenous Animals) • NEATT directive approved by Working Group • Working Group designates members for NEATT 	<p>May 02 (complete)</p> <p>May 02 (complete)</p> <p>Dec 02</p>
3.b.4	Develop a strategy for public outreach and participation regarding the restoration activities of the Task Force and Working Group		OEEECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete survey of outreach plans • Present proposed strategy to Working Group • Final approval by Working Group 	<p>Sep 02</p> <p>Dec 02</p> <p>Jan 03</p>

3.c	Establish procedures for the effective exchange of information		OED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance electronic communication Develop improved home page package for the Task Force/Working Group Link up with CERP Zone 	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
3.d	Identify problems or differing agency positions that have a material or substantial impact on implementation of shared ecosystem restoration goals or programs.		OED/WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing to Task Force on Working Group recommendations to improve process Working Group develop plan to address Task Force concerns Final Task Force approval 	Jun 02 (complete) Jan 03 TBD
3.e	Prepare a prioritized, independently-reviewed science plan for the south Florida ecosystem which includes development of baseline scientific assessment and indicator monitoring program, special process-oriented and socio-economic studies, and appropriate biological and hydrological modeling to evaluate ecosystem restoration objectives and programs.	A	Science Coordination Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Initial Science Priorities 	
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> SCT actively interact with and provide periodic updates on the following water quality efforts: 1) DEP's South Florida Water Quality Protection Program; 2) CERP RECOVER Water Quality Team; 3) CERP water quality feasibility study development; and 4) AAT monitoring plan development (water quality performance measures) 	Dec 02
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assist CERP's RECOVER process by providing review of monitoring plans, performance measures, and adaptive assessment. 	Ongoing
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Present landscape hydrology paper to Working Group 	Jan 03
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Follow on schedule for Task Force briefings to be determined during Working Group presentation 	
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Science Forum/Conference 	April 2003
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Update Science Planning and Implementation and Beyond document 	July 02 (complete)
				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare revised science projects list for Appendix E of Task Force Strategy document 	July 02 (complete)

				8. Assist the Task Force/Working Group by serving as a liaison with CROGEE.	Ongoing
			ASR Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete review of CROGEE report on ASR 	Nov 02
3.f.1	Support agencies and governments represented on the Working Group in their responsibilities to promote water quality improvements in the South Florida ecosystem	A	WG Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop input for the Corps as it develops the Water Quality Feasibility Study 	Dec 02
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group briefing on Lake Okeechobee Improvement Plan 	July 02 (complete)
3.f.2	Support expedited implementation and provide timely support to the USACE, the SFWMD, and other responsible agencies in hydrological restoration projects and projects described in the Everglades Forever Act and in various water supply plans.		PMT and interagency teams outside purview of the Working Group - e.g., Recover Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly updates 	Ongoing
3.f.3	Support the USEPA and the USACE in the expedited development and implementation of a comprehensive conservation, permitting and mitigation strategy for wetlands and other sensitive areas.		USEPA/USACE		Action Complete
3.f.4	Support the USFWS in the implementation of a multi-species recovery plan for threatened and endangered species.		USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MERIT Chair briefs Working Group on MSR Implementation 	Nov 02
3.f.5	Provide additional assistance and support, when requested, to agencies and entities represented on the Task Force, Working Group or its subgroups in their restoration activities.	A	Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an update on coral reef protection programs Coral Reef Protection Program, in-depth presentation Develop protocol to monitor and coordinate implementation of programs protecting coral reefs. 	May 02 (complete) Sep 02 (complete) Dec 02

3.g.1	Develop an annual Integrated Financial Plan that reflects coordination of federal, state, Tribal and local government funding requirements for projects essential to ecosystem restoration.		OED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft revision to Appendix D (project sheets), presented to Working Group as part of Strategy document Working Group approve revised Appendix D 	<p>May 02 (complete)</p> <p>Aug 02 (complete)</p>
3.g.2	Develop recommendations for coordinated annual budget requests that reflects coordination of federal, state, tribal and local government funding requirements for projects essential to ecosystem restoration		OED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concept for Draft recommendations to Working Group Working Group approves recommendations Working Group provides recommendations to Task Force 	<p>Nov 02</p> <p>Mar 03</p> <p>May 03</p>
3.h.1	Prepare a biennial report for submission to Congress, Florida Legislature, the two Tribal Councils, and other appropriate entities designated by the Task Force that summarizes the activities of the Task Force, the policies, strategies, plans, programs, projects and priorities planned, developed or implemented for restoration of the south Florida ecosystem and progress made toward restoration.		OED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Strategic Plan to Working Group Revised Draft Strategic Plan to Working Group Final Draft to Working Group for endorsement Task Force approves Biennial Report as part of revised Strategic Plan 	<p>Jan 02 (complete)</p> <p>Apr 02 (complete)</p> <p>May 02 (complete)</p> <p>Aug 02 (complete)</p>
3.h.2	Prepare an Annual Report for the Task Force detailing achievements, ongoing activities and projected accomplishments of the Working Group and its member agencies.		Wayne Daltry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Annual Report Letter to Task Force 	<p>Jan 02 (complete)</p>
3.i	Develop procedures to facilitate public participation in the advisory process to the Task Force and its subordinate teams.		OED		<p>Ongoing</p>