

**Agenda**  
*South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group*  
*Radisson Resort Parkway, 2900 Parkway Blvd*  
*Kissimmee, Florida*  
*June 3 - 4, 2003*

**Tuesday, June 3, 2003 (12:30 PM – 5:30 PM)**

**Note: The Corps and the local sponsors have scheduled the Program Management Team meeting for 4th of June from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.**

12:30 – 12:40                      Welcome, Opening Remarks, Review and Ratification of Agenda, Administrative Announcements and Introduction of May Minutes, Maureen Finnerty

12:40 – 1:00                      • Working Group Members *Whip Around and Current Events*  
*Introductory period to allow each member to inform the group of key items or raise potential issues.*

1:00 – 1:30                      • Legislative Update (15 p, 15 d)

**Meat and Potatoes**

1:30 – 4:00\*                      • Continuation/Completion of Task Force/Working Group Re-look, Maureen Finnerty and Rock Salt  
*\*Only if needed*

*Rock Salt will summarize the guidance from the Task Force at its April meeting and present a draft options paper for review and comment in preparation for the July 29 - 30, 2003 Task Force meeting.*

- Working Group reforms
- Science Coordination
- Science Coordination Team Recommendations, Terry Rice

*SCT will provide their recommendation for improving effectiveness of scientific support to the south Florida ecosystem restoration.*

4:00 – 4:15                      • Public Comment

4:15 – 4:30                      • Break

4:30 – 4:50                      • Lake Okeechobee Adaptive Protocols Update, Karl Havens (15 p, 5 d)

*An update will be provided by the SFWMD in response to the Working Group members' request at the May meeting.*

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4:50 – 5:00

- CSOP Team Charter, *Second Reading*, Rock Salt (5 p, 5 d)

*The draft CSOP Team charter will be presented for review, endorsement and submittal to the Task Force for approval.*

5:00 – 5:15

- Florida Earth Foundation Presentation, Ron Smola and Stan Bronson (10 p, 5 d)

*The Florida Earth Foundation (FEF) is a new public-private partnership developed to initiate and/or fund natural resource education, outreach and research projects and programs in South Florida. Current programs have varying degrees of involvement with CERP education and outreach which includes over 70 federal, state and local agencies, universities, industries, not-for-profits and individuals partnering in the effort.*

5:15 – 5:30

- Public Comment

5:30

- Adjourn

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**Wednesday, June 4, 2003 (8:30 PM –12:15 PM)**

8:30 – 8:45

Welcome, Administrative Announcements and Approval of May Minutes, Maureen Finnerty

***Consent Agenda Items***

- 2003 Working Group Workplan
- Actions/Issues Tracking Chart
- Issue Team Tracking Chart

***Updates and Discussion***

8:45 – 9:00

- Arundo Donax Issue, Jay Slack (5 p, 10 d)

*Working Group letter will be discussed.*

***Get the Water Right***

9:00 – 9:35

- Update on Water Projects and Initiatives, Dennis Duke (10 p, 25 d)

*Hot Topics associated with ongoing projects will be reviewed.*

9:35 – 10:05

- RECOVER, John Ogden (15 p, 15 d)

*An update on the Monitoring and Assessment Plan currently out for public review will be provided as well as an update on the Interim Goals and Targets Report.*

10:05 – 10:45

- Minimizing Ecological Impacts during the Siting of CERP Projects, David Hallac (20 p, 20 d)

*The Fish and Wildlife Service has developed a multiple criteria planning approach using a GIS-based tool to evaluate alternative site locations for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project. The tool is currently being used to help minimize impacts to biodiversity, rare habitats, and threatened and endangered species during the alternative plan formulation phase of project planning.*

10:45 – 11:25

- Water Resource Protection Strategies for the Implementation of CERP Under Federal and State Law", Ken Ammon (15 p, 25 d)

*Follow-up to the presentation and discussion from the May meeting.*

11:25 – 11:40

- Public Comment

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- 11:40 – 12:00
- Executive Directors, Report, Rock Salt (20 p)
    - Preparation for July 2003 Task Force Meeting
    - Litigation Update, Joan Lawrence
- 12:00 – 12:15
- Open Discussion
- 12:15
- Adjourn

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***Reminder Program Management Team will meet after the Working Group meeting from 1:00 – 3:00 PM***

Updated June 2, 2003