

AGENDA
**JOINT MEETING OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG)**

Coral Springs Marriott
11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs, FL 33076
April 28 – 29, 2008

Working Group Duties: To assist the Task Force in providing intergovernmental coordination, exchanging information, facilitating the resolution of conflict, assisting members, and promoting public participation.

Science Coordination Group Duties: To assist the Task Force in providing intergovernmental coordination of the programmatic scientific aspects of restoration of the South Florida ecosystem.

Monday, April 28, 2008

Regular WG Meeting

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| 1:00 – 1:05 | Welcome and Introductions
<i>The October meeting minutes will be presented for approval.</i> | Ken Ammon |
| 1:05 – 1:35 | Member Whiparound and Current Events
<i>Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks during this time.</i> | |
| 1:35 – 3:00 | Modified Water Deliveries (MWD)/Tamiami Trail
<i>Purpose: The Corps will present its Tamiami Trail Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) for the MWD project for Working Group discussion and feedback. This discussion will take place during the public comment period for the LRR and build on the Task Force discussion at the February meeting. The MWD project consists of structural features that will provide to the extent practicable more natural hydrological conditions in Everglades National Park and Water Conservation Area 3. Several key project features have been or will soon be completed such as the 8.5 Square Mile Area. The Task Force unanimously approved a resolution in September 200 urging the expeditious completion of the modifications to Tamiami Trail.</i> | Stu Appelbaum |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | Break | |
| 3:15 – 5:00 | Consultation Information Updates
<i>Purpose: This session will include short information updates followed by member and public comment. The Programmatic Regulations require that Project Implementation Reports (PIR) be prepared in consultation with the Task Force. Consultation normally takes place during three points in the development of a PIR: Scoping phase, Alternative Development phase and Draft PIR. The Task Force has delegated scoping and alternative formulation consultation to the Working Group. Consultations with the Task Force and Working Group are supplemented with information updates at key points.</i> | |

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Winsberg Farm Wetlands Restoration Draft PIR

Robert Medlock

Purpose: This CERP project will provide aquatic wildlife habitat through the creation of 114 acres of wetlands using treated reclaimed municipal wastewater. The treated wastewater will be returned to the natural system rather than being lost to deep-well injection, improving aquifer recharge and increasing the spatial extent of wetlands in the area. The first part of the project (72 acres) has been constructed by Palm Beach County, the local sponsor, and has been named Green Cay Wetlands.

L-31 N (L30) Seepage Management Pilot Project Draft Report

Tiphanie Jinks
John Shaffer

Purpose: The L-31 North (L-30) Seepage Management Pilot Project is to identify, test, and determine the relative effectiveness of seepage management technologies in order to recommend features to control groundwater flow and levee seepage from Everglades National Park.

C-111 Spreader Canal Alternative Formulation Briefing

Michael Collis

Purpose: This project will reestablish sheet flow and hydrologic connectivity between natural areas in the Southern Glades and Model Lands of South Dade County, resulting in improved hydro patterns and a sustainable ecosystem. Specific project features include: 3,200-acre storm water treatment area; enlarging pump station S-332E from 50 cfs to 500 cfs; extending the originally proposed spreader canal to the Model Lands east of Card Sound Road; installing culverts under U.S. Highway 1 and Card Sound Road; backfilling C-111 below C-111N to S-197; removing S-18C and S-197; and backfilling C-110.

Expedited C-111 Spreader Canal Project

Dewey Worth

Purpose: This is a subset of the PIR and will focus primarily on increasing flows delivered to NE Florida Bay via Taylor Slough. This multi-component project includes the design and construction of new pump stations which will allow stormwater to be utilized to reduce seepage losses from Taylor slough, new canal plugs and/or structures to reduce over drainage of sensitive wetlands, and pilot studies to improve future operations and basin water quality. The project is on an accelerated schedule by the State.

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| 5:00 – 5:45 | Strategic Coordination and Documentation for 2008
<i>Purpose: The Working Group members will review the current status and plans for preparing the 2008 Strategy and Biennial Report. This review will include the sub-goals and objectives approved by the Task Force in December 2007.</i> | Greg May |
| 5:45 – 6:00 | General Public Comment | |
| 6:00 | Adjourn | |
| 6:30 | No Host Social | |

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| 8:30 – 8:35 | Opening Remarks and Administrative Items | Ken Ammon
Ken Haddad |
| 8:35 – 10:30 | Integrated Delivery Schedule Workshop
<i>Purpose: The purpose of the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) Workshop is for the Working Group to discuss and identify the optimum sequence of key hydrologic projects that deliver meaningful restoration benefits as early as possible consistent with law and available funding. This workshop follows an initial workshop with the Task Force in February. A final workshop with the Task Force is schedule for its May meeting. The IDS will include CERP and non-CERP projects, to include Foundation Projects such as Kissimmee River Restoration and Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park. It will also include system operating manuals which will be revised at key points. The goal of the IDS is to develop a schedule for achieving restoration benefits as soon as possible consistent with existing state and federal authorizations and funding.</i> | Stu Appelbaum |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Break | |
| 10:45 - 11:15 | System-wide Indicators
<i>Purpose: The Working Group will review the approach approved by the Task Force in February for reporting the status of the System-wide indicators in the Biennial Report. The indicators are one of the means the Task Force uses to report the status of restoration and progress every two years in the Biennial Report. At the request of the Task Force, the Science Coordination Group (SCG) in close coordination with RECOVER (Restoration Coordination and Verification – an interagency scientific and technical team for CERP) identified a recommended set of System-wide indicators that were scientifically based and peer reviewed. This suite of 13 System-wide indicators was included the 2006 Task Force Strategy. The SCG and RECOVER developed a joint approach for assessing and communicating the status of the System-wide indicators from a scientific perspective.</i> | Bob Doren |

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| 11:15 – 11:30 | Florida Invasive Animal Task Team (FIATT) Update
<i>Purpose: To update the Working Group on activities related to the python and to present an overview of planned future activities. The Florida Invasive Animal Task Team (FIATT) was established by the Working Group in 2004. The FIATT helps organize, coordinate, and plan for invasive exotic animal issues of interest to the Restoration Initiative and serves in an advisory capacity to member organizations and institutions. The FIATT membership is comprised of federal, tribal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and institutions that are part of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force and it's Working Group.</i> | Art Roybal |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team (BBRRCT) Membership
<i>Purpose: The Working Group will act to ratify the proposed membership list revisions for the BBRRCT. Chair Evan Skornick presented recommended revisions to the BBRRCT Charter to the Working Group at the July 19, 2007 meeting. Due to the substantial number of proposed changes to the charter, the Working Group deferred action to its October meeting. In October the Working Group accepted the proposed recommendations with some amendments. The Working Group asked that the revised membership list be brought to the next meeting for ratification.</i> | Evan Skornick |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Next Steps and Closing Comments | Ken Ammon
Ken Haddad |
| 12:00 | Adjourn | |

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Public Comment will be taken after each agenda item