

Draft AGENDA
JOINT MEETING OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG)
Marriott West Palm Beach
1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33076
October 21 – 22, 2009

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.*

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

WG/SCG Joint Session

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | Opening Remarks and Introductions | Dan Kimball
Ken Haddad |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Task Force Assignments
<i>Purpose: To provide the members with feedback from the October Task Force meeting regarding the three assignments (described individually below) and to provide an overview of the goals and procedures for the session.</i>

<i>Status: Three draft Information Briefs have been prepared and reviewed by the WG/SCG members. Based on comments, a revised draft of the science paper has been prepared and distributed. These drafts provide the basis for more advanced discussions.</i>

<i>Goals: To review the draft Information Briefs and discuss remaining issues with each topic today. This information will be used to refine the text and graphics, determine next steps and complete the assignments.</i> | Dan Kimball
Ken Haddad |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | New Science
<i>Purpose: To develop a plain language synthesis of the new scientific and technical concepts that have evolved since the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) was authorized in 2000.</i> | Ken Haddad |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Break for Lunch | |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | New Science <i>continued</i> | Ken Haddad |

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| 2:00 – 3:30 | Climate Change
<i>Purpose: To develop a synthesis of the types of climate change research and actions that are being planned or conducted by the various agencies relevant to the restoration of the south Florida ecosystem.</i> | Dan Kimball |
| 3:30 – 3:45 | Break | |
| 3:45 – 4:30 | Invasive Exotic Animals
<i>Purpose: To develop a summary of the key species and actions necessary to help control invasive exotic animals in south Florida.</i> | Dan Kimball |
| 4:30 – 4:45 | General Public Comment | |
| 4:45 – 5:00 | Next Steps and Closing Comments | Dan Kimball
Ken Haddad |
| 5:00 | Adjourn | |
| 6:00 | No Host Social | |

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| 8:30 – 8:45 | Welcome and Introductions
<i>The July meeting minutes will be presented for approval.</i> | Dan Kimball
Ken Haddad |
| 8:45 – 9:45 | Continued Follow-up From Task Force Assignments
<i>If necessary</i> | |
| 9:45 – 10:15 | Consultation Workshop
<i>Purpose: To provide an informational update on the Decomp Physical Model. Consultations with the Task Force and Working Group are supplemented with information updates on key items as necessary.</i> | |
| | Decomartmentalization “Decomp” Physical Model (DPM)
<i>Purpose: The Corps proposes to install and conduct a field-scale test, called the Decomp Physical Model (DPM), along a 3,000-foot stretch of the L-67A and C levees and canals in WCA 3A and 3B, to determine how best to design and formulate plans for future decompartmentalization of WCA 3, as visualized in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The DPM, a field-scale test, is designed to address scientific, hydrologic and water management uncertainties that require clarification prior to planning Project Implementation Reports. The Corps is releasing the Environmental Assessment, Engineering Report, and Science Plan for Public Review in October 2009. The Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) is anticipated to be signed in December 2009.</i> | Fred Sklar
Stephen Baisden |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Break | |

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| 10:30 – 10:50 | CERP Sea Level Change Guidance Update
<i>Purpose:</i> In July 2009 the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-211 titled “Water Resource Policies and Authorities Incorporating Sea-Level Change Considerations in Civil Works Programs”. This EC provides interim USACE guidance for July 2009 to July 2011 for incorporating projected future sea-level change projections into Planning, Engineering Design, Construction, and Operating USACE projects and systems of projects. The Corps is working with partner agencies to develop a series of technical reports focused on climate change. These technical reports are intended to facilitate collaborative information sharing related to climate change. Subsequent regional planning studies with extensive public involvement are anticipated to develop and evaluate climate change adaptation strategies for the Everglades and south Florida using scenarios with low, intermediate and high rates of sea level rise and related global change parameters. | Glenn Landers |
| 10:50 – 11:10 | Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team (BBRRCT)
<i>Purpose:</i> In response to a request from the Working Group, the BBRRCT will provide an update on subjects and concerns that have been especially important to the team over the past two years and remain so today. | Dick Frost |
| 11:10 – 11:25 | General Public Comment | |
| 11:25 – 11:30 | Next Steps and Closing Comments | |
| 11:30 | Adjourn | Dan Kimball
Ken Haddad |

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