

**SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE
WORKING GROUP AND SCIENCE COORDINATING GROUP**

JOINT PUBLIC WORKSHOP

APRIL 22, 2009

Crowne Plaza—1601 Belvedere Road—West Palm Beach, FL—561.689.6400

Workshop Objectives

- ✓ To Review Workshop Purpose and Objectives
- ✓ To Review Workshop Participation Guidelines
- ✓ To Identify and Discuss Key New Insights for Updated Ecological Science and Issues Regarding Application and Integration of Science to Future Restoration Efforts
- ✓ To Identify and Discuss Key New Insights for Updated Hydrological Science and Issues Regarding Application and Integration of Science to Future Restoration Efforts
- ✓ To Develop a Shared Understanding of Current Thinking and Related Issues
- ✓ To Identify Needed Next Steps

Workshop Agenda

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

- 1:00** Welcome, Opening Remarks and Overview of Workshop Purpose
- 1:10** Workshop Objectives and Agenda Review, and Participation Guidelines
- 1:20** Participant Introductions – *Name, Organization, Role (scientist, manager, other, etc)*
- 1:30** Identifications and Discussion of Key New Points and Related Issues for:
- Updated Ecological Science and Thinking Regarding Application and Integration of Science to Future Restoration
 - Updated Hydrological Science and Thinking Regarding Application and Integration of Science to Future Restoration
- 3:30** *Break*
- 3:45** Identification of Key New Points and Related Issues for Future Restoration Discussion—*Continued*
- 5:45** Workshop Summary, Evaluation, Closing Comments and Next Steps
- 6:00** *Adjourn*

Informal No-Host Social to Follow Workshop

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Since the mid 1990s there have been tremendous advances in our understanding of the South Florida Ecosystem and restoration. The purpose of this workshop is to provide managers, scientists, engineers and the public with the opportunity to informally discuss these new insights in plain non-technical language.

Two main questions will be used to help frame the workshop discussions:

1. Regarding ecological science:

- What are the key new points from updated ecological science and thinking?
- What is different from previous thinking?
- What issues do they raise for the application and integration of science to future restoration efforts?

2. Regarding Hydrological Science:

- What are the key new points from updated hydrological science and thinking?
- What is different from previous thinking?
- What issues do they raise for the application and integration of science to future restoration efforts?

To help ensure a non-technical and informal discussion, we will be using flip charts and not power point presentations. Everyone who wants to present information is asked to synthesize, translate and summarize key new points of scientific or technical findings or thinking using plain language.

This workshop is designed to begin to develop a **shared understanding of current thinking** and raise important issues that we will not be able to address fully during this workshop due to time constraints. These issues will be recognized and identified for future discussions.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION GROUNDRULES

PARTICIPANTS' ROLE

- ✓ The Workshop is an opportunity to explore possibilities. Offering or exploring an idea does not necessarily imply support for it.
- ✓ Listen to understand. Seek a shared understanding even if you don't agree.
- ✓ Be focused and concise—balance participation & minimize repetition. Share the airtime.
- ✓ Look to the facilitator to be recognized. Please raise your hand to speak.
- ✓ Speak one person at a time. Please don't interrupt each other.
- ✓ Focus on issues, not personalities. Avoid stereotyping or personal attacks.

FACILITATORS' ROLE

- ✓ Design and facilitate a participatory Workshop.
- ✓ Assist participants to stay focused and on task.
- ✓ Assure that participants follow guidelines.

GUIDELINES FOR BRAINSTORMING

- ✓ Speak when recognized by the Facilitator(s).
- ✓ Offer one idea per person without explanation.
- ✓ No comments, criticism, or discussion of other's ideas.
- ✓ Listen respectfully to other's ideas and opinions.
- ✓ Seek understanding and not agreement.

THE NAME STACKING PROCESS

- ✓ Determines the speaking order.
- ✓ Participant raises hand to speak. Facilitator(s) will call on participants in turn.
- ✓ Facilitator(s) may interrupt the stack (change the speaking order) in order to promote discussion on a specific issue or, to balance participation and allow those who have not spoken on an issue an opportunity to do so before others on the list who have already spoken on the issue.



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