

AGENDA
SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG)
Coral Springs Marriott
11775 Heron Bay Blvd – Great Cypress Ballroom
Coral Springs, FL 33076
May 16, 2012

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Joint WG and SCG Meeting

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | 1. Welcome and Introductions
<i>Purpose:</i> To present the goals for the meeting. The goals include conducting regular business (approval of draft minutes from the November 2011 and February 2012 meetings) and providing updates on current and planned WG/SCG activities. | Greg Knecht
Susan Markley |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | 2. 2012 Regional Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (REMAP)
<i>Purpose:</i> Everglades Ecosystem Assessment [R-EMAP] Phase IV: EPA will conduct a 4th iteration of its probabilistic, synoptic survey of the freshwater marsh flow-way. After a brief summary of earlier phases, the scope and timing of Phase IV will be discussed. | Nick Aumen
Peter Kalla |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | 3. Linking Hydrologic and Ecological Models
<i>Purpose:</i> To report on progress made linking ecological and hydrologic models, monitoring data that feed into ecological models, multi-agency collaboration for model development (through Joint Ecosystem Modeling), and tools developed to help decision makers visualize and interpret output from models. | Stephanie
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| 11:30 – 12:00 | 4. System-wide Monitoring
<i>Purpose:</i> To discuss ways to address the recommendations from the October 2011 Task Force meeting related to the System-wide Indicators and monitoring needs of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP). | Susan Markley
Dave Tipple |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | Public Comment | |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Break | |

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12:30 – 12:45 **5. Working Group Sponsored Public Workshops** Greg Knecht
Barry Rosen
Allyn Childress
***Purpose:** The Working Group will have sponsored four public workshops since the last Joint WG/SCG meeting in February 2012. Public participation is a major component of the CEPP and the workshops are being sponsored to receive input from the public and keep them informed and engaged as active participants throughout the 18-month planning timeframe. A report on the workshops will be provided.*

12:45 – 1:45 **6. Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Update** Kim Taplin
Matt Morrison
***Purpose:** The CEPP was announced at the October 27, 2011 Task Force meeting. The CEPP will incorporate updated science and maximize the use of publicly owned lands to focus the next phase of Everglades restoration on the Central Everglades. The Corps and the SFWMD will brief the members on the CEPP which is currently in the analysis phase.*

1:45 – 2:00 **Public Comment**

2:00 – 2:30 **7. Consultation Workshop** Howie Gonzales
***Purpose:** Consultation normally takes place during three points in the development of a Project Implementation Report (PIR): Scoping phase, Alternative Development phase and Draft/Final 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 informational updates.*

- **Broward County Water Preserve Area Final Project Implementation Report (PIR)**

2:30 – 2:45 **Public Comment**

2:45 **Next Steps, Closing Comments and Adjourn** Greg Knecht
Susan Markley

Notes:

***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.*

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