

U.S. DOI OFFICE OF **EVERGLADES RESTORATION INITIATIVES**

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

Event Title: Working Group (WG)/Science Coordination Group (SCG) Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:15 PM - Joint WG/SCG Meeting

Background: The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force (Task Force) was established by Congress in 1996 to ensure consistent strategies among all the partners working towards Everglades restoration.

On October 27, 2011, the Task Force convened a meeting in West Palm Beach, FL. At this meeting, senior policy officials from the Department of the Army, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Florida, including the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) announced a fast-track planning effort for the next generation of Everglades restoration. This effort, called the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP), when authorized by Congress, will improve the Central and Southern Everglades by putting more fresh and clean water into the River of Grass.

Description and General Purpose of the Meeting:

A status update will be provided by the Corps and the SFWMD on the CEPP. An update will be provided on the Decomp Physical Model field test conducted within a 5 square mile stretch between the L-67A and L-67C levees in WCA-3A and 3B. Testing will determine how best to operate, design and formulate plans for CEPP and future CERP projects; specifically their flow velocities and canal backfill requirements. Updates will also be provided on the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow, the Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework being developed and the Large Constrictor Workshop held in early November.

Public Comment Times: Agenda under development

Meeting

South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Headquarters
3301 Gun Club Road
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
For driving directions call: 561/686-8800

Lodging

There is no block of rooms associated with this meeting.

Driving directions from I-95

- **EXIT** at **SOUTHERN BOULEVARD** (#68).
- At the end of the ramp, turn **WEST** onto **SOUTHERN BOULEVARD** until you see a ramp in the far left lane for **CONGRESS AVENUE - SOUTH** (807).
- Take that ramp and turn left onto **CONGRESS AVENUE** and continue to the first light, which is **GUN CLUB ROAD**.
- Turn **RIGHT** on **GUN CLUB ROAD** and proceed for about one block.
- District Headquarters is on the **RIGHT** past the West Palm Beach Armory and before Lake Lytal Park. **Main buildings** (B-1 and B-2) **are at the back**.
- **B-1** is the three-story building at the back/north end of the grounds, facing Southern Boulevard. The auditorium and most public meetings are held in B-1.
B-2 is the three-story building closer to Gun Club Road with a white, quarter-round roof. The Palm Beach County Service Center is located in B-2.

A map is available on the SFWMD's website:

<http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xweb%20about%20us/service%20centers>

Parking Directions: Complimentary parking

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Agenda: Currently being drafted