

AGENDA
SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
JOINT WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG)
South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
April 2, 2014

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| 10:00 – 10:10 | 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 2013 meeting) and providing updates on current and planned WG/SCG activities. | Ernie Marks
Barry Rosen
Nick Aumen |
| 10:10 – 10:20 | 2. Leadership Discussion for the SCG
<i>Purpose:</i> To identify potential candidates for the Chair leadership position for the SCG. | Shannon Estenoz |
| 10:20 – 10:50 | 3. Corps Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose:</i> The Corps will provide a program and project update to include an update on ongoing CERP construction and FY 14 goals and objectives. A status update will also be provided on the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP). | Howie Gonzales |
| 10:50 – 11:20 | 4. RECOVER's 2014 System Status Report (SSR)
<i>Purpose:</i> The Restoration Coordination and Verification (RECOVER) is an interagency scientific and technical team for CERP. An update will be provided on the 2014 SSR. | Andy LoSchiavo |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | 5. Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework
<i>Purpose:</i> The Task Force, at its July 2013 meeting, requested that the OERI provide enhanced coordination support for the development of an Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework that includes a cross cut budget planning tool. Since then, four meetings with a diverse array of partners have been held with the express purpose of developing the Framework. The first draft of that document will be presented for discussion. | Allyn Childress |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | 6. 2014 Task Force Reporting Requirements
<i>Purpose:</i> To review the goals and schedule for updating the Task Force Reports due in 2014. Goal 2, Sub-Goal 2B Invasive Exotic Plants and Animals are being rewritten. | Shannon Estenoz
Marsha Bansee
Carrie Beeler |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | Public Comment | |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | Break | |

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| 12:45 – 1:10 | 7. System-wide Ecological Indicators
<i>Purpose: Ecological indicators are one of the means the Task Force uses to report the status of restoration and progress in the Biennial Report to Congress every two years. An update will be provided on the effort for the 2014 report.</i> | Laura Brandt |
| 1:10 – 1:25 | 8. Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team (BBRRCT) Update
<i>Purpose: The Team will provide an update on their activities to date.</i> | Phil Everingham
Pamela Sweeney |
| 1:25 – 1:55 | 9. Florida Bonneted Bat
<i>Purpose: The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) recently listed the Bonneted bats as Endangered. These bats occur in the Everglades footprint. Presentation will include an introduction to the bat's biology, an explanation of why it was listed and the conservation measures that the FWS is developing.</i> | Larry Williams |
| 1:55 – 2:25 | 10. Sampling Protocols for Rare Species
<i>Purpose: Many large monitoring programs in south Florida are aimed at estimating abundance of important fish or wildlife species, and many of these species are rare or hard to detect. These estimates provide a common benchmark for assessing the consequences of restoration decisions. During the past decade new approaches have been developed to improve both the design of large monitoring programs and the statistical methods for estimating abundance from these programs. The essential components of these new approaches will be described in simple terms, and the differences between these and more traditional approaches are illustrated using the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow program as an example. Researchers from USGS have played a leading role in developing these new approaches and can help agencies to incorporate these new approaches into new and improved monitoring programs.</i> | Bob Dorazio
Vic Engel |
| 2:25 – 2:55 | 11. Snail Kite Management and Research Priorities
<i>Purpose: Priorities have been developed by researchers, managers, and stakeholders for Everglades snail kite recovery. The state of knowledge and priorities for working toward kite recovery will be presented.</i> | Paul Gray
Stephanie Romanach |
| 2:55 – 3:10 | Public Comment | |

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3:10 – 3:15	Next Steps and Closing Comments	Ernie Marks Barry Rosen
3:15	Adjourn	Nick Aumen

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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