



# **South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force**

## **The Strategy and Biennial Report**

**Working Group/Science Coordination  
Group Meeting**

**October 23, 2014**



## Report Purpose

- **The Strategy:** Congressional direction (House Conference Report 106-479) to outline how the restoration effort will occur and identify resources needed. Organized by three **strategic goals\***.
- **Biennial Report:** Requirements of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to report biennially on Task Force activities and progress made toward restoration.
- **System-wide Ecological Indicators\*** are used to assess the current status of the ecosystem and to track how it will respond to the implementation of the suite of restoration projects and system-wide operational changes over time.

\*Combined, the strategic goals and system-wide ecological indicators provide a means of assessing restoration progress via both project implementation and ecosystem response.

## Four principal audiences:

- United States Congress
- Florida Legislature
- Seminole Tribe of Florida
- Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida



# Schedule

- **September 2, 2014:** First draft of the *Strategy and Biennial Report* was distributed to WG and SCG
- **September 30, 2014:** Final *Strategy and Biennial Report* distributed to WG and SCG for acceptance at the October 23, 2014 meeting
- **November 4, 2014:** Final Strategy and Biennial Report distributed to the TF for approval at the November 18-19, 2014 meeting

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# Next Steps

- Working Group/ Science Coordination Group acceptance today
- Send the Strategy and Biennial Report to the Task Force for approval at the November 19, 2014 meeting.

# Discussion

