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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
October 23, 2014

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| 10:00 – 10:05 | 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 September 2014 meeting) and providing updates on current and planned WG/SCG activities. | Ernie Marks
Barry Rosen
Nick Aumen
Susan Gray |
| 10:05 – 10:10 | 2. Update on EvergladesRestoration.gov
<i>Purpose:</i> In accordance with the directive from OMB to retire the domains www.sfrestore.org and www.evergladesplan.org within one year, DOI and the Corps have agreed to combine resources to undertake this important initiative. | Shannon Estenoz |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | 3. Membership Discussion
<i>Purpose:</i> The Task Force, at its May 2014 meeting, agreed the WG and SCG would benefit from additional local government representation. The goal for this meeting is to review the slate of names and provide recommendations to the Task Force at its November 2014 meeting. | Shannon Estenoz |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | 4. Corps Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose:</i> The Corps will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction. The Corps will also seek member input on updating the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS). The goal of the IDS is to identify the optimum sequence of key hydrologic projects that will deliver meaningful restoration benefits as early as possible consistent with law and available funding. The IDS includes CERP and non-CERP projects, to include Foundation Projects such as Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park. | Howie Gonzales |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | 5. CERP 2015 Report to Congress
<i>Purpose:</i> Section 601 of WRDA 2000 requires that the Secretaries of the Army and the Interior jointly submit a Report to Congress not less than every five years on the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). This will be the third Report to Congress detailing the progress made over the last five-year reporting period on the implementation of CERP. The goal of this agenda item is to update the WG and SCG on the process which is being kicked off by the Corps. | Natalie Garrett |

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- 11:20 – 12:00 **6. Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework** Allyn Childress
Carrie Beeler
Purpose: The Task Force, at its July 2013 meeting, requested 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. The goal is to finalize the framework and present it to the Task Force in November.
- 12:00 – 12:15 **Public Comment**
- 12:15 – 12:45 **Break**
- 12:45 – 1:15 **7. 2014 Task Force Strategy and Biennial Report** Marsha Bansee
Purpose: The Strategy is prepared in response to Congressional direction (House Conference Report 106-479) to outline how the restoration effort will occur and identify the resources needed. The Biennial Report is required by WRDA 96 to report biennially on Task Force activities and progress made towards restoration. The goal is to finalize the report and present it to the Task Force for approval at its November meeting.
- 1:15 – 1:45 **8. Manatee Recovery Update** Bob Progulske
Purpose: The Fish and Wildlife Service will provide an update on manatee recovery and the effort to determine if manatees should be re-classified from endangered to some other status. The presentation will cover the history of manatee recovery, current threats to the species, and the process the Service uses to determine if they should remain endangered, be reclassified as threatened, or be delisted altogether. Implications to Everglades Restoration will also be discussed.
- 1:45 – 2:00 **Public Comment**
- 2:00 – 2:15 **Next Steps and Closing Comments** Ernie Marks
Nick Aumen
- 2:15 **Adjourn**

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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