

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

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

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

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2014

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. The mission of the Working Group is to support the Task Force in its efforts to achieve the restoration, preservation and protection of the ecosystem while promoting a sustainable South Florida. The Working Group assists the Task Force in providing intergovernmental coordination, exchanging information, facilitating the resolution of conflict, assisting members, and promoting public participation. The mission of the Science Coordination Group is to assist the Task Force in providing intergovernmental coordination of the programmatic scientific aspects of restoration of the South Florida Ecosystem.

Description and General Purpose of the Meeting:

The final draft Strategy and Biennial Report to Congress will be reviewed. This report outlines how the restoration effort will occur, identifies resources needed and reports on the activities and progress made toward restoration. The final draft Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework will also be reviewed. The Task Force, at its July 2013 meeting, requested that the OERI provide enhanced coordination support for the development of a framework. The Corps of Engineers will provide a program and project update and also seek member input on updating the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS). The U.S. 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.

Meeting will be webcast.

Public Comment Times: Please refer to agenda

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 self-parking

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Agenda: Under development