

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
September 23, 2015

- 10:00 – 10:15 **1. Welcome and Introductions** Ernie Marks
Nick Aumen
Susan Gray
***Purpose:** To present the goals for the meeting. The goals include conducting regular business (approval of draft minutes from the April 2015 meeting) and providing updates on current and planned WG/SCG activities.*
- 10:15 – 10:45 **2. Corps Program and Project Update** Howie Gonzales
***Purpose:** The Corps will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction. An update will also be provided on the 5-year Report to Congress (RTC). 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.*
- 10:45 – 11:00 **3. Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS)** Kim Taplin
***Purpose:** 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 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and non-CERP projects to include Foundation Projects such as Kissimmee River Restoration and Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park.*
- 11:00 – 11:30 **4. Big Cypress Presentation** Bob Sobczak
***Purpose:** The Big Cypress Swamp of Southwest Florida has historically been perceived as a lower urgency subarea of the Greater Everglades Restoration effort. A more accurate assessment reveals an area where conservation alone has fallen short of achieving and sustaining the ecological health of the swamp ecosystem. Restoring hydrologic regimes represents the next vital stewardship step and an overarching plan is needed to bring the area's legacy drainage infrastructure up-to-date.*
- 11:30 – 11:45 **Public Comment**

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| 11:45 – 12:15 | 5. Developing a Management Approach to Tegus
<i>Purpose: Members will be briefed on the outcome of the recent workshop to include immediate next steps and research priorities.</i> | Christina Romagosa
Fred Johnson |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | 6. USGS Invasive Species Research Projects funded under the \$1 million plus-up
<i>Purpose: USGS will provide an informational update.</i> | Cindy Kolar |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | Public Comment | |
| 12:45 – 1:00 | Next Steps and Closing Comments | Ernie Marks
Nick Aumen |
| 1:00 | 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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