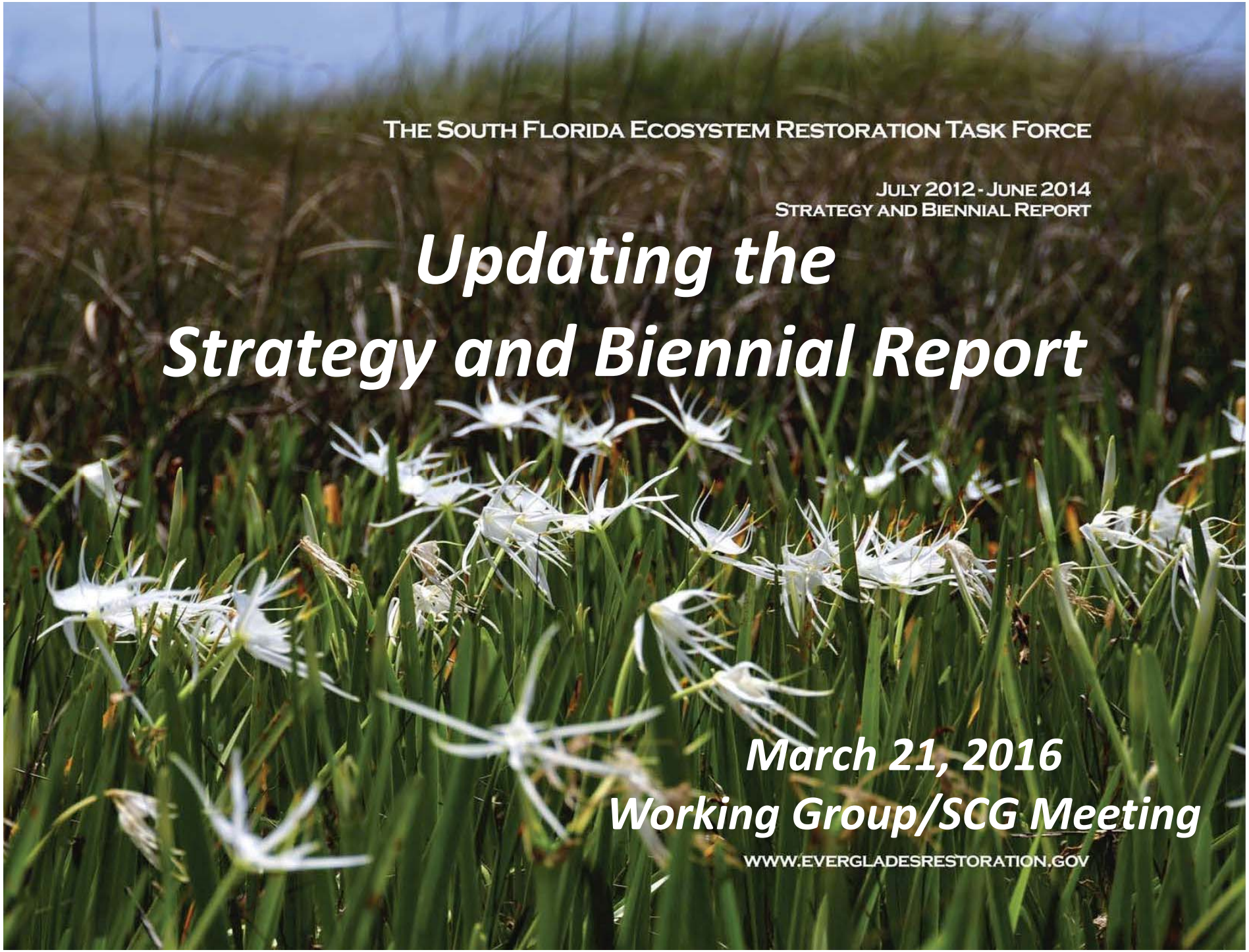
THE SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE
JULY 2012 - JUNE 2014
STRATEGY AND BIENNIAL REPORT
Updating the
Strategy and Biennial Report
March 21, 2016
Working Group/SCG Meeting
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Purpose and Audience

Strategy and Biennial Report

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016

Report Purpose

- ***The Strategy: Responds to 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: Fulfills requirements of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to report biennially on Task Force activities and progress made toward restoration.***
- ***Integrated Financial Plan (IFP): Fulfills requirements of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to report annually on the progress, status, and costs of individual restoration projects; contains detailed project sheets.***
- ***System-wide Ecological Indicators: Assesses current ecosystem health and provide a means to track ecosystem response to restoration.***

Four principal audiences:

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

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Strategic Goals

The Task Force organizes and tracks over 250 programs and projects by three strategic goals:

- ***Goal 1: Get the Water Right***
- ***Goal 2: Restore, Preserve, and Protect Natural Habitats and Species***
- ***Goal 3: Foster Compatibility of the Built and Natural Systems***

2014 Update

- ***Incorporated Invasive Exotic Species (IES)***
  - ***Modified the IES subgoal under Goal 2 to incorporate the Invasion Curve format of the IES Strategic Action Framework***
  - ***Added an IES subgoal and two measurable objectives to Goal 3***

2016 Update

- ***Incorporating climate change***
  1. ***Responding to CISRERP 2014 Report***
  2. ***Developing text for the 2016 Strategy and Biennial Report***
  3. ***Setting stage for the 2018 Strategy and Biennial Report***

2016 Update

- ***Incorporating climate change***
  1. ***Responding to CISRERP 2014 Report***
     - ***CISRERP incorporated new section in their report: Climate Change and Sea Level Rise: Implications for Everglades Restoration***
     - ***"Although they challenge restoration efforts, climate change and sea level rise also provide a strong incentive for accelerating restoration." (Report in Brief 2014)***
     - ***Identified several high-priority research needs***

2016 Update

- ***Incorporating climate change***
  2. ***Developing text for the 2016 edition***
     - ***For each of the three strategic goals***
     - ***Will include the following:***
       - ***Policy/Regulatory Framework***
       - ***Implementation Approach***
       - ***Discussion***

2016 Update

- ***Incorporating climate change***
  3. ***Setting stage for the 2018 edition***
     - ***Development of measurable objectives in 2017***
     - ***Inclusion of project sheets in 2018 report***

2016 Strategy and Biennial Report Timeline

March 11:	***The 2014 Strategy and Biennial Report distributed to POCs for updates***
March 21:	***Update process presented to Working Group/SCG; Climate Change themes distributed***
April 25:	***POC updates due for Strategy and Biennial Report***
May 2:	***Integrated Financial Plan sheets distributed to POCs***
May 13:	***Climate Change themes finalized***
June 6:	***First draft of the 2016 Strategy and Biennial Report distributed to Working Group and SCG for comments; Integrated Financial Plan project sheets due***
July 29:	***WG/SCG comments due on the Strategy and Biennial Report***
September:	***Final draft of the Strategy and Biennial Report distributed to Task Force, Working Group, and SCG***
November:	***Final Strategy and Biennial Report presented to the Task Force for approval***

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