

**DRAFT 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  
March 21, 2016

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | <b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Purpose: To present the goals for the meeting. The goals include conducting regular business (approval of draft minutes from the September 2015 meeting) and providing updates on current and planned WG/SCG activities.</i>   | Ernie Marks<br>Barry Rosen<br>Nick Aumen<br>Susan Gray |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | <b>2. SFWMD Program and Project Update</b><br><i>Purpose: The SFWMD will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction.</i>   | Jennifer Leeds   |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | <b>3. Corps Program and Project Update</b><br><i>Purpose: The Corps will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction.</i>   | Michael Collis   |
| 10:50 – 11:05 | <b>4. 2016 Task Force Reporting Requirements</b><br><i>Purpose: To review the goals and schedule for updating the Task Force reports due in 2016 to include the Strategy, Biennial Report, System-wide Ecological Indicators and the Integrated Financial Plan (IFP). Changes are being proposed for the Strategy to reflect work being done to address climate change and those changes will be reviewed.</i> | Allyn Childress  |
| 11:05 – 11:25 | <b>5. System-wide Ecological Indicators</b><br><i>Purpose: Ecological indicators are one of the means the Task Force uses to report the status of restoration and progress in the Biennial Report to Congress every two years. An update will be provided on the effort for the 2016 report.</i>   | Laura Brandt   |
| 11:25 – 11:40 | <b>Public Comment</b>  |  |
| 11:40 – 12:40 | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |  |

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| 12:40 – 1:20 | <b>6. Update on Current Management Measures in the Central and Southern Everglades</b><br><i>Purpose: To update the members on measures to lower WCA-3A and deliver more water to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay.</i>   | Cal Neidrauer<br>Jennifer Reynolds<br>Dave Rudnick |
| 1:20 – 1:35  | <b>7. Restoration Coordination and Verification (RECOVER) Interagency Team scope and development of a five year plan</b><br><i>Purpose: RECOVER is embarking on a five year comprehensive plan for FY17-FY21 aimed to support CERP planning and implementation efforts with the appropriate monitoring, evaluation tools, and assessments.</i>  | Patti Gorman<br>April Patterson                    |
| 1:35 – 2:50  | <b>8. Progress and findings of the Decompartmentalization Physical Model (DPM) sheet flow restoration experiments</b><br><i>Purpose: This presentation will highlight the effects of sheetflow and canal-backfilling on hydrology, water quality, sediment transport, and fish populations in the ridge and slough landscape, as documented in the Decomp Physical Model (DPM). It will also highlight the extent to which restoring historic levels of sheetflow has so far restarted the critical process of rebuilding high quality habitats. This presentation links the findings of experimental high-flow releases in the heart of the proposed flow-way in CEPP that connects WCA3 to ENP. Therefore it potentially serves as a model for managers and scientists to assess what future, large-scale restoration might look like, including the ecosystem benefits, uncertainties and limitations.</i> | Fred Sklar<br>Judson Harvey<br>Colin Saunders      |
| 2:50 – 3:05  | <b>Public Comment</b>   |  |
| 3:05 – 3:10  | <b>Next Steps and Closing Comments</b>  | Ernie Marks<br>Nick Aumen                          |
| 3:10         | <b>Adjourn</b>  |  |

*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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