

# DRAFT AGENDA

## SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION JOINT WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG) MEETING Virtual ZOOM

January 28, 2021  
9:00 – 3:00 PM

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| 9:00 – 9:15   | <b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> To present the goals for the meeting and review administrative and technical instructions.   | James Erskine<br>WG Chair<br>Lawrence Glenn<br>SCG Vice Chair |
| 9:15 – 9:45   | <b>2. Member Whip-Around</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> Each member will have the opportunity to provide brief introductory remarks and announcements.  |   |
| 9:45 – 9:50   | <b>3. Approval of Meeting Minutes</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> The minutes from the September 2020 meeting are being presented for member approval.   |   |
| 9:50 – 10:15  | <b>4. Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI)</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> To provide the members with a summary of the 2020 accomplishments with an emphasis on those activities that will continue into 2021 as well as new efforts that will be undertaken as a result of WRDA 2020 which amends WRDA 1996 to require the Task Force to develop a priority list for reducing, mitigating, and controlling invasive species within the south Florida ecosystem. | Adam Gelber<br>OERI   |
| 10:15 – 10:35 | <b>5. SFWMD Program and Project Update</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> The SFWMD will provide an update on restoration planning, design and construction projects including those within the South Florida Ecosystem Program as well as an update on the state's Restoration Strategies Program.   | Megan Jacoby<br>SFWMD   |
| 10:35 – 10:55 | <b>6. USACE Program and Project Update</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> The USACE will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction projects. The presentation will also include updates on the CISRERP Agreement, 2020 Report to Congress, Integrated Delivery Schedule, and FY2021 execution.   | Howie Gonzales<br>USACE                                       |

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| 10:55 – 11:15 | <b>7. Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (LOSOM)</b>   | Eva Velez<br>Jessica Mallett<br>USACE            |
|               | <i><b>Purpose:</b> The USACE will provide an update on the initial array of alternatives that has been developed for the LOSOM effort which is intended to re-evaluate Lake Okeechobee operations to coincide with the completion of the Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD) rehabilitation in 2022.</i>  |  |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | <b>8. Update on the SFWMD Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Program Science Plan</b>   | Jennifer Leeds<br>Bob Verrastro<br>SFWMD         |
|               | <i><b>Purpose:</b> The SFWMD will provide an update on the ASR component of the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, which has been accelerated as a result of recent state appropriations. Concurrent with implementation of ASR features, an “ASR Science Plan” has been developed to address remaining uncertainties about ASR technology that the National Research Council elucidated during their 2015 review of the CERP ASR Regional Study.</i> |  |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | <b>Public Comment</b>   |  |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | <b>Lunch Break</b>  |  |
| 12:45 – 1:05  | <b>9. REstoration COordination &amp; VERification (RECOVER) Update</b>  | Gina Ralph<br>USACE<br>Phyllis Klarmann<br>SFWMD |
|               | <i><b>Purpose:</b> The RECOVER team conducts scientific and technical evaluations and assessments for improving the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan’s (CERP’s) ability to restore, preserve and protect the South Florida Ecosystem. To better integrate RECOVER with the SCG, regular updates will be provided at WG/SCG meetings going forward.</i>   |  |
| 1:05 – 1:25   | <b>10. Curtain Wall Update</b>  | Jennifer Reynolds<br>SFWMD                       |
|               | <i><b>Purpose:</b> Several studies have identified curtain walls as part of a comprehensive flood protection strategy in South Dade. An update will be provided on the SFWMD’s initiative to implement a curtain wall project in south Dade.</i>  |  |

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| 1:25 – 1:45 | <b>11. Recreational Fisheries in the Everglades: Status, Trends, Values and Ties to Restoration</b><br><i>Purpose: To provide an update on the status and trends of recreational fisheries in the Everglades, their relationship to freshwater flows and restoration actions, their economic value and angler perspectives. The presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of the state of coastal fisheries integrating multiple data sources.</i> | Jennifer Rehage<br>FIU   |
| 1:45 – 2:05 | <b>12. Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow Conservation</b><br><i>Purpose: An update will be provided on a two-part course of action being developed by a group of agencies that includes water management and land management actions and ecological treatments that promote high quality habitat for Cape Sable seaside sparrows in the area of subpopulation A.</i>   | Larry Williams<br>FWC  |
| 2:05 – 2:45 | <b>Public Comment</b>   |  |
| 2:45 – 3:00 | <b>Next Steps and Closing Comments</b>  | James Erskine<br>WG Chair<br>Lawrence Glenn<br>SCG Vice Chair<br>Adam Gelber<br>OERI |
| 3:00        | <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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