



# SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

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# Report on WG/SCG Activities

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# WG/ SCG joint meetings

## Joint WG/ SCG Meetings

- Members discussion opportunities, current events, project updates, and technical presentation on topical subjects.
  - July 2022 and September 2022

## Task Force Sponsored Public Engagement Workshops

- Create opportunities for the public to engage with the scientists, planners, and technical teams in a public setting.
  - **Upcoming:** Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) Workshop

# WG/SCG joint meetings

## Topics covered

- South Florida ecosystem program and project updates
- Planning project updates
  - Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (LOSOM)
  - Western Everglades Restoration Project (WERP)
  - Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project (LOWP) - Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Program
- Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS)
- REstoration COordination & VERification (RECOVER)
- National Research Council – report progress update



# WG/SCG joint meetings

## Topics covered, continued

- **Ongoing:** Florida Coral Reef Coordination Team (FCRCT)
  - Charter approved
- **Continuing:** Invasive Species Risk Assessment Prioritization and Management
- Meeting structure and facilitation



# SCG - Mechanisms for Coordination

- Joint WG/SCG meetings
- Production of science and restoration reports
  - Science Coordination Plan: Tracks and coordinates programmatic level science and other research, identifies programmatic level priority science needs and gaps, and informs management decisions (2012)
  - Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework (2020)
  - Biennial Report
  - Integrated Final Plan
  - System-wide Ecological Indicators Report

# SCG - Mechanisms for Coordination

- Convenes scientific workshops on specific topics
- Participation in RECOVER activities
- Participation in independent scientific meetings and conferences
- Develops scientific tools (i.e. system-wide ecological indicators) to address restoration issues and questions
- Utilizes independent scientific panels and experts to review products
- Reviews independently developed scientific and policy reports to remain current on restoration science, planning, and policy

# SCG Past and Current Activities

## Past Activities

- Significance of flow to Everglades restoration
- Hurricane Irma impacts whitepaper
- CISRERP VIII
  - Role of SCG and RECOVER

## Current Activities

- Science integration
- Hurricane Ian impacts monitoring coordination

# Discussion

- Now: Discussion on WG and SCG Activities
- Next Up: Federal and State Program and Project Updates