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**SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
JOINT WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG) MEETING
South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
January 16, 2024**

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | 1. Welcome and Introductions
<i>Purpose: To present the goals for the meeting and review administrative instructions.</i> | James Erskine
WG Chair
Lawrence Glenn
SCG Chair
Adam Gelber
OERI |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | 2. Member Whip-Around
<i>Purpose: Each member will have the opportunity to provide brief introductory remarks and announcements.</i> | |
| 10:45 – 10:50 | 3. Approval of Meeting Summary
<i>Purpose: The summary from the September 2023 meeting is being presented for member approval.</i> | James Erskine
WG Chair |
| 10:50 – 11:10 | 4. Executive Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Task Force Reporting Requirements
<i>Purpose: The 2024 Biennial Report, 2024 Integrated Financial Plan and the 2025 Cross Cut Budget update efforts will kick-off this year. The Biennial Report will cover the reporting period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 and will be presented to the Task Force for approval at its Fall 2024 meeting.</i>
• Implementing Sec. 504, Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020 – Invasive Species Risk Assessment, Prioritization and Management
<i>Purpose: WRDA 2020 directs the Task Force to develop a priority list of invasive species that significantly impact the structure and function of ecological communities, native species, or habitats within the South Florida Ecosystem. Using guidance issued by the Task Force and the WG/SCG, the OERI is facilitating a team of experts to accomplish this task. The priority prevention species and prevention recommendations will be reviewed.</i> | Adam Gelber
OERI |

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| 11:10 – 11:40 | 5. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose: The USACE will provide an update on restoration planning, design, construction, and operations projects. A status update will also be provided on the Second Periodic Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Update.</i> | Eva Velez
USACE |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | 6. South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose: The SFWMD will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design, and construction.</i> | Mindy Parrott
SFWMD |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch Break | |
| 1:00 – 1:15 | 7. Florida's Coral Reef Coordination Team (FCRCT)
<i>Purpose: The FCRCT was created under the WG to coordinate management and restoration-related activities to conserve and restore Florida's Coral Reef and ensure enhanced integration with the water management and restoration activities taking place upstream in the watershed throughout the South Florida Ecosystem. An update on the team's activities will be provided.</i> | Erik Stabenau
FCRCT Vice Chair |
| 1:15 – 1:35 | 8. Restoration COordination and VERification (RECOVER)
<i>Purpose: RECOVER is a multi-agency team of scientists, modelers, planners, and resource specialists who organize and apply scientific and technical information to ensure CERP implementation is guided by the best available science. The presentation will focus the 2024 RECOVER System Status Report.</i> | Phyllis Klarmann
SFWMD |

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| 1:35 – 2:00 | 9. Open Discussion on Future Science Topics
<i>Purpose: The chairs would like input from the members on what science specific topics they would like added to the WG and SCG agendas in 2024.</i> | ALL |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | Public Comment | |
| 3:00 – 3:20 | Next Steps and Closing Comments | |
| 3:20 | 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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