

# DRAFT AGENDA

## 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  
March 14, 2023

- |               |  |   |
|---------------|--|---|
| 10:00 – 10:15 | <b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Purpose: To present the goals for the meeting and review administrative instructions.</i>  | James Erskine<br>WG Chair<br>Lawrence Glenn<br>SCG Chair<br>Adam Gelber<br>OERI |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | <b>2. Member Whip-Around</b><br><i>Purpose: Each member will have the opportunity to provide brief introductory remarks and announcements.</i>   | OERI  |
| 10:45 – 10:50 | <b>3. Approval of Meeting Summaries</b><br><i>Purpose: The summary from the September 2022 meeting and January 2023 planning session are being presented for member approval.</i>  | James Erskine<br>WG Chair   |
| 10:50 – 11:20 | <b>4. Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) Update</b><br><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 in accomplishing this task. The OERI will present the inaugural piece of WRDA 2020 implementation, the priority list for prevention for WG/SCG approval to send to the Task Force. A group of subject matter experts that have informed the process will be available during the presentation for discussion.</i><br><b>Subject Matter Experts:</b><br><i>Via Zoom: Wes Daniel, USGS- Marine, Sarah Funck, FWC - Terrestrial Animals, Deah Lieurance, UF – Rapid Risk Tool Developer</i><br><i>In Person: John Galvez, USFWS-Freshwater Fisheries, LeRoy Rodgers, SFWMD -Terrestrial Plants</i> | Adam Gelber<br>OERI<br>Carrie Beeler<br>OERI                                    |

## DRAFT AGENDA

Continued – March 14, 2023

- 11:20 – 11:35      **5. Florida’s Coral Reef Coordination Team (FCRCT) Update and Approval of Vice Chair**  
*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. The team will provide an update and ask the WG to approve the Vice Chair nomination.*
- Wes Brooks  
FCRCT Chair  
Erik Stabenau  
FCRCT Interim Vice  
Chair
- 11:35 – 11:50      **Public Comment**
- 11:50 – 12:50      **Lunch Break**
- 12:50 – 1:10      **6. USACE Program and Project Update**  
*Purpose: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will provide an update on restoration planning, design, and construction projects.*
- Kim Vitek  
USACE
- 1:10 – 1:30      **7. SFWMD Program and Project Update**  
*Purpose: The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design, and construction. In addition to moving forward with features within the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (SFER) Program, the SFWMD also manages the Restoration Strategies Program, a suite of projects created to improve water quality in America’s Everglades.*
- Mindy Parrott  
SFWMD
- 1:30 – 1:50      **8. Engineering with Nature (EWN) Program**  
*Purpose: The South Atlantic Division (SAD) recognizes that partnering with nature is vital to delivering bold solutions to combat uncertainty and achieve long-term, sustainable solutions. EWN is being included in planning and design efforts to compliment engineered solutions to increase resiliency in communities and allow for future adaptation. As a proving ground, EWN techniques will be shared across the USACE and identify new, innovative ways to apply EWN to Civil Works programs to build sustainable water resources infrastructure. They will leverage experience from partners and sister Districts, including application of Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge.*
- Gina Ralph  
Tim Gysan  
USACE

