

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

Tuesday September 28, 2021  
9:30 AM– 2:45 PM

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| 9:30 – 9:45   | <b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i><b>Purpose:</b> To present the goals for the meeting and review administrative and technical instructions.</i>   | James Erskine<br>WG Chair<br>Lawrence Glenn<br>Interim SCG Chair |
| 9:45 – 10:15  | <b>2. Member Whip-Around</b><br><i><b>Purpose:</b> Each member will have the opportunity to provide brief introductory remarks and announcements.</i>  |  |
| 10:15 – 10:20 | <b>3. Approval of Meeting Minutes</b><br><i><b>Purpose:</b> The minutes from the May 2021 meeting are being presented for member approval.</i>   |  |
| 10:20 – 10:35 | <b>4. Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) Update</b><br><i><b>Purpose:</b> To report on ongoing accomplishments and upcoming efforts to include the Tamiami Trail Next Steps Project.</i>  | Adam Gelber<br>OERI  |
| 10:35 – 10:55 | <b>5. SFWMD and USACE Program and Project Update</b><br><i><b>Purpose:</b> The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will provide an update on restoration planning, design, and construction projects.</i>   | Megan Jacoby<br>SFWMD<br>Jeff Couch<br>USACE                     |
| 10:55 – 11:15 | <b>6. Restoration Coordination and Verification (RECOVER) Reporting Integration</b><br><i><b>Purpose:</b> RECOVER ensures CERP implementation is guided by the best available science. A part of that is effective and efficient reporting. This presentation will initiate discussions between RECOVER and the SCG/WG on the potential for integration between SFERTF and RECOVER reporting on system-wide ecological indicators.</i> | Phyllis Klarmann<br>SFWMD<br>Laura Brandt<br>USFWS               |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | <b>7. Integrated Delivery Schedule</b><br><i><b>Purpose:</b> The IDS provides the roadmap for sequencing, planning, design and construction of both federal and state projects related to Everglades restoration. The current IDS will be presented for member input. The Virtual WG Sponsored IDS Public Engagement Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday September 29, 2021.</i>   | Eva Velez<br>USACE   |

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- 11:45 – 12:05      **8. Everglades Regional Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (R-EMAP) Update**      Dan Scheidt  
EPA  
*Purpose: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been assessing the Everglades' health since the 1990s. REMAP provides a snapshot of ecological and water quality conditions during a two-week window. REMAP is unique in that it combines multi-media sampling with a design that allows quantitative statements about conditions across space, and it samples all the Everglades. A brief report will be provided on the most recent results with comparisons to 2005 and 1995. Input will be sought on the need for another possible REMAP effort next year.*
- 12:05 – 12:25      **9. Coral Disease Response and Restoration Update**      Joanna Walczak  
DEP  
*Purpose: This presentation will provide a joint agency update on behalf of DEP, FWC, NOAA, and NPS and the collective efforts to lead the multi-faceted partner response to stony coral tissue loss disease including next steps into large-scale ecosystem restoration.*
- 12:25 – 12:40      **Public Comment**
- 12:40 – 1:10      **Lunch Break**
- 1:10 – 1:30      **10. WRDA 2020 Directives**      Adam Gelber  
OERI  
*Purpose: An overview of WRDA 2020, Section 504 "Invasive Species Risk Assessment Prioritization and Management" will be provided. This legislation amended section 528 of WRDA 1996 and added specific duties to the Task Force related to invasive species.*
- 1:30 – 1:50      **11. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Quarantine Facility/Bio Control**      Dr. Allen Dray  
USDA  
*Purpose: The USDA Invasive Plant Research Lab (IPRL) develops biological control agents for reducing impacts of invasive species in natural areas throughout the southeastern US. It focuses on weeds of the Everglades and related ecosystems. An overview of the IPRL mission, including examples of the biocontrol agents released in the CERP footprint and the resulting applications and management successes will be provided, as well as next steps for biocontrol.*

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## 12. Invasive Species Lightning Round

**Purpose:** A series of five “lightning round” presentations will be given to showcase a variety of invasive species activities related to restoration. The first presentation is programmatic and the final four presentations reflect each of the four goals from the Task Forces’ Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework document.

- Risk Screening and Assessment  
Christina Romagosa  
University of FL
- Prevention Overview (Goal 1, Prevention)  
Sarah Funck  
FWC
- Arapaima (Goal 2, EDRR)  
Kelly Gestring  
FWC  
John Galvez  
USFWS
- Conehead Termites (Goal 3, Containment)  
Sue Alspach  
FDACS
- Landscape Level Plant Monitoring (Goal 4, Long-term Management)  
LeRoy Rodgers  
SFWMD

2:20 – 2:40

## Public Comment

2:40 – 2:45

## Next Steps and Closing Comments

2:45

## 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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