

## Workshop Summary

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### SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE SPONSORED PUBLIC WORKSHOP

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#### INTEGRATED DELIVERY SCHEDULE

South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road, Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
September 29, 2019  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

#### Attendees:

Adam Gelber	Eva Velez	Kim Taplin
Allyn Childress	Geoff Mullins	LTC Todd Polk
Beth Ross	H.M. Ridgely	Mark Perry
Bop Progulske	Howie Gonzalez	Marsha Bansee-Lee
Cara Capp	James Erskine	Matt Morrison
Carrie Beeler	James Evans	Nick Aumen
Comm. Sarah Heard	Jennifer Hecker	Nyla Pipes
Craig Grossenbacher	Jennifer Leeds	Pete Quasius
David Rudnick	John Maehl	Rebecca Elliott
Dough Gaston	Karen Bohnsack	Robert Johnson
Edward Smith	Kathy Burchett	Roland Ottolini
Eric Stabenau	Kellie Ralston	Sandy Soto
Erica Skolte	Kevin Burger	Veronica Harrell-James

#### **Welcome and Introductions, 1:00 PM, Adam Gelber, OERI; James Erskine, Working Group Chair; and Allyn Childress, OERI.**

Adam Gelber, from the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI); and James Erskine, from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Chair of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group, welcomed everyone to the workshop.

#### **Workshop Procedures and Ground Rules, Allyn Childress, OERI**

[https://evergladesrestoration.gov/content/ids/meetings/091919/IDS\\_Welcome\\_and\\_Ground\\_Rules.pdf](https://evergladesrestoration.gov/content/ids/meetings/091919/IDS_Welcome_and_Ground_Rules.pdf)

Allyn Childress went over the workshop procedures. She reminded the group that a workshop on the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) was requested by the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) at the June 20, 2019 Working Group/Science Coordination Group meeting. The Working Group voted unanimously to provide the requested

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support to the Corps and the Chair requested that the Task Force sponsor the workshop. The Task Force subsequently voted and approved holding a single workshop on the 2019 IDS update. She reminded everyone of the formal feedback loop to the Corps and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). She requested everyone sign in to be part of the official record. She reminded participants that further information, and the ability to sign up for meeting reminders, is available at [www.EvergladesRestoration.gov](http://www.EvergladesRestoration.gov).

### **Overview, Eva Velez, USACE**

<https://evergladesrestoration.gov/content/ids/meetings/091919/overview.pdf>

Eva Velez gave the history, background, and purpose of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and noted that the IDS is a critical component of implementing CERP. She went over the document and explained that there was funding from several agencies in the coming fiscal year that allowed for work to move forward in advance of what was depicted in the 2018 IDS. The legend shows design, Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) execution, and real estate acquisition as a dashed line and construction as a solid line. Blue indicates that the work is being led by the SFWMD and black indicates that work is led by the Corps.

She explained that the Foundation Projects were also included in the IDS because CERP project components are dependent on them. The IDS placemat also includes a budget table including a snapshot in time of the creditable investments through Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 by several agencies on both foundation and CERP projects. The C&SF CERP cost-share credit ledger is \$1.3 billion federal and \$1.7 billion non-federal through FY 2018. She referenced the second page of the placement that showed implementation of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) broken down into three sections: North, South, and New Water. She noted that there would be some near-term project implementation from CEPP, including structures S633 and S631 in the L-67 levee and canal as a result of the proposed \$200 million for FY 2020. Several other projects will also advance due to the additional funding, such as Indian River Lagoon (IRL)-South, Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands, and the CEPP Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir.

### **Discussion**

Questions were raised about various topics including funding, future planning and construction efforts, water treatment, and water storage. Much of the discussion focused on how the IDS would/could change with different funding scenarios and if there are ways to display those different scenarios for comparison. For detailed information on the discussion, please refer to the workshop video, available under the

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September 19, 2019 workshop tab at  
<https://evergladesrestoration.gov/content/ids/idsw/>.

**Note:** Subsequent to the workshop, the Corps provided a link to a document that may help address some of the questions raised at the workshop. It can be found at  
<https://cdm16021.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16021coll6/id/2122/rec/36>

### **Next Steps, Allyn Childress, OERI**

Allyn reminded everyone of the feedback loop for the workshop transmittal. She noted that comments made today will be transmitted to the Corps and SFWMD as part of the official workshop transmittal. Any comments provided after today should go directly to Eva Velez at the Corps. She also mentioned that the video from the workshop would be posted as soon as possible.

### **Closing Comments and Adjourn, James Erskine, Working Group Chair, Adam Gelber, OERI**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.