

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

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South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406
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Task Force Duties: To provide intergovernmental coordination, exchange information, facilitate the resolution of conflict, coordinate programmatic science, assist members, and promote public participation.

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| 1:30 – 1:40 | 1. Welcome, Goals for the Meeting and Administrative Items
<i>Purpose: The agenda and minutes from the May 2015 meeting will be presented.</i> | Michael Bean
Drew Bartlett |
| 1:40 – 1:50 | 2. Task Force Member Introductions and Opening Remarks
<i>Purpose: Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks at this time.</i> | ALL |
| 1:50 – 2:20 | 3. Corps Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose: The Corps will provide a program and project update to include an update on the Herbert Hoover Dike.</i> | Michael Collis |
| 2:20 – 2:40 | 4. Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) Update
<i>Purpose: The goal of the IDS is to identify the optimum sequence of key hydrologic projects that will deliver meaningful restoration benefits as early as possible consistent with law and available funding. The IDS includes CERP and non-CERP projects to include Foundation Projects such as Kissimmee River Restoration and Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park.</i> | Kim Taplin |
| 2:40 – 2:50 | Public Comment | |
| 2:50 – 3:05 | 5. Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) 2014 - Project Deauthorizations
<i>Purpose: On Wednesday, 7 October, USACE announced in the Federal Register the publication of an Interim Deauthorization List of Civil Works water resources development projects, and separable elements of such projects, that are authorized for construction, are uncompleted, and are eligible for deauthorization in accordance with Section 6001(c) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, Public Law 113-121, 128 STAT. 1346-1347. The list is available to the public and other interests for a 90-day public comment period to end on 5 January 2016. Ms. Jo-Ellen Darcy (Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)) will provide a brief description of the criteria outlined in the WRRDA for these projects.</i> | Jo-Ellen Darcy |

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- 3:05 – 3:25 **6. CERP 2015 Report to Congress (RTC)** Michael Collis
Purpose: Section 601 of WRDA 2000 as well as the Programmatic Regulations for implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) require the Secretaries of the Army and Interior to jointly submit to Congress a report on the implementation of the Plan. Such reports shall be completed not less often than every five years. This will be the third RTC detailing the progress made over the last five-year reporting period on implementation of CERP. The Corps of Engineers will consult with the Task Force pursuant to WRDA 2000 and the Programmatic Regulations for CERP implementation.
- 3:25 – 3:35 **Public Comment**
- 3:35 – 3:50 **7. Implementing the Strategic Action Framework: Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR)** Shannon Estenoz
Purpose: Members will be updated on the need for and status of efforts to improve EDRR in the Everglades.
- 3:50 – 4:20 **8. Florida Bay Conditions Update** Bob Johnson
Purpose: To update Task Force members on ecological conditions in Florida Bay that are the result of excessively high salinity levels in the Bay. Possible management responses will be discussed including opportunities and constraints in the short and mid-terms. Lt. COL Reynolds
Jeff Kivett
- 4:20 – 4:40 **9. Everglades Restoration Communication Team Update and Six Month Outlook** Shannon Estenoz
Purpose: An interagency team has been working to help us communicate more succinctly, clearly and effectively with a range of key audiences including the executive and legislative branches of both the state and federal governments, stakeholders and the public. The Task Force will also be provided with an overview of milestones and events anticipated through May 2016.
- 4:40 – 4:50 **General Public Comment**
- 4:50 – 5:00 **Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments**
- 5:00 **Adjourn**
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