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SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION JOINT WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG) MEETING

South Florida Water Management District
Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406
November 28, 2018

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| 10:00 – 10:20 | 1. Welcome and Introductions <i>Purpose:</i> To present the goals for the meeting. The goals include conducting regular business (approval of draft minutes from the June 2018 meeting) and providing updates on current and planned WG/SCG activities. Each member will have the opportunity to provide some brief introductory remarks. | James Erskine, FWC Nick Aumen, USGS Susan Gray, SFWMD Bob Johnson, NPS |
| 10:20 – 10:30 | 2. 2018 Strategy and Biennial Report <i>Purpose:</i> A status update will be provided on the Strategy which responds to Congressional direction to outline how restoration will occur and the Biennial Report, required by WRDA96, that reports biennially on Task Force activities and progress made toward restoration. | Kevin Burger, OERI |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | 3. SFWMD Program and Project Update <i>Purpose:</i> The SFWMD will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction. | Megan Jacoby, SFWMD |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | 4. USACE Program and Project Update <i>Purpose:</i> The Corps will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction. | Howie Gonzales, USACE |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | 5. Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) Update <i>Purpose:</i> The IDS provides the roadmap for sequencing, planning, design and construction of both federal and state projects related to Everglades restoration. | Howie Gonzales, USACE |
| 11:15 – 11:35 | 6. National Research Council (NRC) Report <i>Purpose:</i> Consistent with the requirements of WRDA 2000, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Florida established an independent review panel through the NRC. The Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress (CISRERP) was asked to provide a report on CERP progress every two years. An update of CISRERP's report 'Progress Toward Restoring the Everglades, The Seventh Biennial Review, 2018' will be provided. | Bob Johnson, ENP |

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11:35 – 11:50 **Public Comment**

11:50 – 12:50 **Lunch Break**

12:50 – 1:10 **7. 2019 System Status Report**

Patti Gorman, SFWMD

***Purpose:** The 2019 System Status Report is the sixth system-wide report on the health of the Everglades Ecosystem published by the Restoration Coordination and Verification (RECOVER) team. This report will feed into the 2020 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Report to Congress. The 2019 report also includes for the first time a report card on the status of key indicators across the system. This high-level communication tool is designed to convey the complex and detailed science in a succinct way for use by high level managers, congressional aides and stakeholders.*

1:10 – 1:25

8. System-wide Ecological Indicators Report

Laura Brandt, FWS

***Purpose:** Ecological indicators are one of the means the Task Force uses to report the status of Everglades restoration and progress in the Biennial Report to Congress every two years. The information presented in the Biennial Report to Congress is supported by a more detailed report of scientific findings about eleven system-wide ecological indicators which were carefully selected to assess the success of the restoration program from a system-wide perspective. An overview of the 2018 System-wide Ecological Indicators Report for Everglades Restoration will be provided.*

1:25 – 1:45

9. Review and Assessment of the System-wide Ecological Indicators

Susan Gray, SFWMD

***Purpose:** To discuss the current suite of system-wide indicators to determine if they are still the most appropriate indicators and whether they will provide the information needed to assess progress as restoration moves forward.*

1:45 – 2:45

10. 2019 WG and SCG Priorities Discussion

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***Purpose:** The Chairs and Vice Chairs will present their proposed 2019 priorities for group discussion. The selected priorities will be presented to the Task Force at its first meeting in 2019.*

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2:45 – 3:00 **Public Comment**

3:00 – 3:15 **Next Steps and Closing Comments**

James Erskine, FWC
Nick Aumen, USGS
Susan Gray, SFWMD
Bob Johnson, NPS

3:15 **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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