

# AGENDA

## 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  
September 19, 2019

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| 9:15 – 9:25   | <b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> To present the goals for the meeting. The goals include conducting regular business (approval of draft minutes from the June 2019 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<br>Nick Aumen, USGS<br>Susan Gray, SFWMD<br>Bob Johnson, NPS |
| 9:25 – 9:35   | <b>2. SCG Leadership Discussion</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> To discuss the SCG leadership.   | Susan Gray<br>Adam Gelber   |
| 9:35 – 9:50   | <b>3. Priorities Update</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> A status update will be provided on the draft WG and SCG priorities that were presented at the June 2019 meeting.  | Allyn Childress   |
| 9:50 – 10:10  | <b>4. Tamiami Trail Next Steps (TTNS) and Combined Operating Plan (COP)</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> The Tamiami Trail Next Steps Phase 1 project began in 2016 and included 2.1 miles of additional bridging on the western side. Phase 2 will provide additional conveyance by raising the road roughly 1-mile to the west, 1-mile to the east and 4.5-miles in the middle. The COP will improve water deliveries into Everglades National Park to restore natural hydrologic conditions. | Bob Johnson   |
| 10:10 – 10:25 | <b>5. SFER Program FY20 Budget: Federal and Non-Federal</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> Information will be provided on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District's FY20 budgets.   | Howie Gonzales<br>Matt Morrison   |
| 10:25 – 10:45 | <b>6. Consultation on Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS)</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> To present the 2019 update of the IDS to the members in advance of the Task Force sponsored IDS public workshop scheduled for later in the afternoon. The IDS provides the roadmap for sequencing, planning, design and construction of both federal and state projects related to Everglades restoration.  | Eva Velez<br>Matt Morrison  |

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10:45 – 11:25	<b>7. Consultation on Project Implementation Reports (PIRS)</b> <i>Purpose: The Programmatic Regulations require that PIRs be prepared in consultation with the Task Force. This session will include short presentations followed by public comment and member discussion on PIRs that will be brought forward for Task Force consultation at its October 2019 meeting.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project (LOWRP)</b> <i>Purpose: The LOWRP will improve water levels in Lake Okeechobee; improve the quantity and timing of discharges to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries; improve water supply for existing legal users of the Lake Okeechobee Service Area (LOSA); and increase spatial extent and functionality of wetlands.</i></li><li><b>Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project (LRWRP)</b> <i>Purpose: The LRWRP aims to restore and sustain the overall quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of fresh waters to the federally designated “National Wild and Scenic” Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River.</i></li></ul>	Howie Gonzales
11:25 – 11:40	<b>Public Comment</b>	
11:40 – 11:45	<b>Next Steps and Closing Comments</b>	James Erskine, FWC Nick Aumen, USGS Susan Gray, SFWMD
11:45	<b>Adjourn</b>	Bob Johnson, NPS

**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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