

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
February 25, 2020

- 10:00 – 10:15 **1. Welcome and Introductions** James Erskine, FWC
Purpose: To present the goals for the meeting including: conducting regular business (approval of the draft minutes from the December 2019 meeting) and providing updates on current and planned WG/SCG activities. SCG members will be asked to consider serving as the SCG Vice Chair. Each member will have the opportunity to provide some brief introductory remarks.
- 10:15 – 10:45 **2. Task Force's Top 5 Action Items** Adam Gelber, OERI
Allyn Childress, OERI
Purpose: At its October 2019 meeting, the Task Force directed OERI to work with the WG and SCG to develop a list of top 5 Task Force action items and ways to work through obstacles/issues associated with those items. A workshop was held during the December 2019 WG/SCG meeting to identify those action items. The results of that brainstorming session are being presented for further refinement.
- 10:45 – 11:00 **3. Tamiami Trail Next Steps, Phase 2 Update** Bob Johnson, ENP
Purpose: A status update on the Tamiami Trail Next Steps roadway improvements will be provided. This project is a prerequisite of the Central Everglades Planning Project.
- 11:00 – 11:15 **4. SFWMD Program and Project Update** Megan Jacoby, SFWMD
Purpose: The SFWMD will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction. The presentation will include an update on a Seepage Analysis Study.
- 11:15 – 11:35 **5. USACE Program and Project Update** Howie Gonzales,
USACE
Purpose: The USACE will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction. The presentation will include updates on the: C-111 South Dade, Combined Operations Plan, Central Everglades Planning Project, Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, Western Everglades Restoration Project and the CERP Report to Congress.

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- 11:35 – 11:50 **6. Lake Okeechobee Operations and Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual** COL Kelly, USACE
Purpose: The USACE is re-evaluating Lake Okeechobee operations to coincide with the completion of the Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD) rehabilitation. An update will be provided.
- 11:50 – 12:00 **7. Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) alternative scenario** Allyn Childress, OERI
Purpose: The process for completing the alternative IDS will be reviewed.
- 12:00 – 12:15 **Public Comment**
- 12:15 – 1:00 **Lunch Break**
- 1:00 – 1:20 **8. Invasive Exotic Species** Carrie Beeler, OERI
Allyn Childress, OERI
Purpose: An update will be provided on the Strategic Action Framework which is being updated to reflect progress since 2015.
- 1:20 – 3:50 **9. System-wide Ecological Indicators – Interactive/Facilitated Session** Laura Brandt, FWS
Allyn Childress, OERI
Purpose: Preliminary interviews were conducted to assess the utility of the System-wide Ecological Indicators reported in the Task Force's Biennial Report to Congress. Based on those conversations, a series of discussion questions have been developed for use in this interactive discussion. Results from this session will be used to determine next steps for improving the system-wide ecological indicator reporting including a potential SCG sponsored workshop to be held in late spring/early summer.
- 3:50 – 4:05 **Public Comment**
- 4:05 – 4:10 **Next Steps and Closing Comments** James Erskine, FWC
- 4:10 **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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