

# AGENDA

## SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION JOINT WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG) MEETING Virtual ZOOM June 23, 2020

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| 9:00 – 9:10   | <b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> To present the goals for the meeting and approve the draft minutes from the February 2020 meeting.   | James Erskine, FWC<br>Bob Johnson, NPS |
| 9:10 – 9:30   | <b>2. Member Whip-Around</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> Each member will have the opportunity to provide brief introductory remarks and announcements.  |  |
| 9:30 – 9:45   | <b>3. Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) Update</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> To report on the May TF meeting. To also provide a status of the Task Force reports due in 2020 (Biennial Report, System-wide Ecological Indicators, Cross Cut Budget and the Integrated Financial Plan) as well as the Invasive Exotic Species work products (Strategic Action Framework and single year Cross Cut Budget) that are being updated.   | Adam Gelber, OERI                      |
| 9:45 – 10:00  | <b>4. SCG Vice Chair Nomination and Election</b>  | Bob Johnson, NPS                       |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | <b>5. SFWMD Program and Project Update</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> The SFWMD will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction projects.   | Megan Jacoby,<br>SFWMD                 |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | <b>6. USACE Program and Project Update</b><br><i>Purpose:</i> The USACE will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction projects. The presentation will focus on the status of EAA Central Everglades Planning Project, WRDA 2020 projects (Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, C-111 South Dade, C-43), Biscayne Bay Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration, Combined Operational Plan, Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual, CISRERP Contract Renewal and the Report to Congress. The USACE will request Task Force support for a workshop to review and discuss the 2020 update to the Integrated Delivery Schedule. | Howie Gonzales,<br>USACE               |

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- 10:40 – 11:00      **7. Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Resiliency Proposed Study**      Jason Engle, USACE  
Carolina Coelho  
Maran, SFWMD  
*Purpose: To provide an overview of the proposed C&SF review study being proposed.*
- 11:00 – 11:10      **Break**
- 11:10 – 11:30      **8. Miami Dade Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study**      Susan Layton, Norfolk  
District USACE  
Jim Murley, Miami Dade  
County  
*Purpose: The study will examine the impacts of and potential responses to storm-surge damage in Miami-Dade County. The study area includes the coastal and inland areas of Miami-Dade County that are at risk from coastal-storm flooding and sea-level rise.*
- 11:30 – 11:50      **9. Evaluating the Ability of Natural Features to Enhance Coastal Resilience in Southwest Florida**      David Kidwell,  
NOAA  
*Purpose: To provide an overview of an ongoing NOAA-funded project, led by the University of Florida. The project focuses on evaluating the ability of natural features to reduce coastal flood risk and mitigate impacts of sea level rise. A component of the project will incorporate watershed modeling outputs of inland water flows to enhance the evaluation of coastal flood risk.*
- 11:50 – 12:10      **10. Understanding Algal Blooms in Florida - An Educational Video Series**      John Baldwin, FAU  
Nick Aumen, USGS  
*Purpose: To present an overview of a free, online series of educational videos <http://www.ces.fau.edu/usgs/understanding-algae/> on the science and challenges related to harmful algal blooms in Florida. The series, created by FAU's Center for Environmental Studies in partnership with the USGS Greater Everglades Priority Ecosystem Sciences (GEPES) Program, is directed toward natural resource managers, but can be accessed and used by anyone.*

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| 12:10 – 12:20 | <b>11. RECOVER Restoration Science Update</b><br><i>Purpose: Follow-up from the May 2020 Task Force meeting. To continue the discussion on assuring that RECOVER can achieve its assigned role of providing programmatic level monitoring and evaluations of restoration success, as CERP implementation accelerates, and projects come online. Discussion of interagency efforts to support science synthesis and reporting under this expanding workload.</i> | Bob Johnson, NPS  |
| 12:20 – 12:40 | <b>12. WG/SCG Discussion Topics</b><br><i>Purpose: To continue the discussion from the February 2020 WG/SCG meeting on these topics identified during the priorities exercise.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Project linkages</b></li><li>• <b>Local Projects Supporting Everglades Restoration</b></li></ul>  | Adam Gelber, OERI<br>James Erskine, FWC<br>Bob Johnson, NPS |
| 12:40 – 1:30  | <b>Public Comment</b>   |   |
| 1:30 – 1:45   | <b>Next Steps and Closing Comments</b>  | James Erskine, FWC<br>Bob Johnson, NPS                      |
| 1:45          | <b>Adjourn</b>  |   |

**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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