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SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE MEETING

ZOOM Meeting

October 22, 2020

9:00 – 1:45PM

Task Force Role: *The intergovernmental South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force was created by the Congress in 1996 to provide the long-term strategic coordination of efforts to restore the 18,000 square mile South Florida Ecosystem. Its duties are to provide intergovernmental coordination, review project plans for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), exchange information, facilitate the resolution of conflict, coordinate programmatic science, assist members in their restoration activities, report on restoration progress, and promote public participation.*

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | <p>1. Welcome, Goals for the Meeting and Administrative Items</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> Administrative items, including instructions for member and public comments, will be reviewed.</p> | Dr. Timothy Petty
(USDOJ), Chair
Noah Valenstein
(FDEP),
Vice Chair |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | <p>2. Task Force Member Introductions and Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> Each member will have the opportunity to provide brief introductory remarks and announcements.</p> | ALL |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | <p>3. Approval of Meeting Minutes</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> The minutes from the May 2020 TF meeting are being presented for member approval.</p> | |
| 10:10 – 10:25 | <p>4. Director's Report</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> The Director of the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) will report on activities since the May Task Force meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everglades Restoration Website
<i>Purpose:</i> OERI has been working to upgrade the Evergladesrestoration.gov website and a live demo will be provided.
• Invasive Exotic Species Update
<i>Purpose:</i> To present the Strategic Action Framework, Case Studies, Priorities, Progress Report and 2019 Invasive Exotic Species Snapshot Budget which have been updated. | Adam Gelber
(OERI) |

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- **Approval of Task Force Biennial Report**

***Purpose:** The Biennial Report, required by WRDA 1996, reports biennially on Task Force activities and progress made toward restoration. The 2020 Biennial Report covers the July 1, 2018 to June 20, 2020 reporting period. The report is being presented for member approval.*

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| 10:25 – 10:55 | 5. Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS)
<i>Purpose: The Programmatic Regulations to implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) assures that the Task Force will be informed on significant matters and be given the opportunity to have meaningful and timely input. The IDS provides the roadmap for sequencing, planning, design and construction of both federal and state projects related to Everglades restoration.</i> | Eva Velez,
USACE |
| 10:55 – 11:15 | 6. 2020 Report to Congress (RTC)
<i>Purpose: The Task Force will be consulted on the 2020 RTC. Section 601 of WRDA 2000 requires that the Secretaries of the Army and the Interior jointly submit a Report to Congress not less than every five years on the implementation of the CERP. This will be the fourth RTC detailing the progress made over the last five-year reporting period (2015-2020) on the implementation of CERP.</i> | Eva Velez,
USACE |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Public Comment (consultation items only) | |

END OF TASK FORCE CONSULTATION

11:30 – 11:40 **Break**

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| 11:40 – 12:10 | 7. SFWMD Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose: The SFWMD will provide an update on restoration planning, design and construction projects including those within the South Florida Ecosystem Program as well as the State's Restoration Strategies Program. The update will focus on FY2020 accomplishments.</i> | Megan Jacoby,
SFWMD |
| 12:10 – 12:40 | 8. USACE Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose: The USACE will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction projects. The presentation will focus on the FY2020 execution.</i> | Howie Gonzales,
USACE |
| 12:40 – 12:55 | 9. Report on WG and SCG Activities
<i>Purpose: The Chairs will provide an update on the activities of the WG and SCG and will also highlight those activities they will focus on in 2021.</i> | James Erskine (FWC),
WG Chair
Bob Johnson (NPS),
SCG Chair |
| 12:55 – 1:30 | Public Comment | |
| 1:30 – 1:45 | Assignments, Next Steps and Closing Comments | Dr. Timothy Petty,
(USDOJ)
Chair |
| 1:45 | Adjourn | Noah Valenstein,
(FDEP)
Vice Chair |

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