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

September 17, 2020 1:00 – 5:00 PM

1:00 – 1:15 **1. Welcome and Introductions**

James Erskine, FWC Bob Johnson, NPS

Purpose: To present the goals for the meeting and review administrative and technical instructions.

1:15 – 1:45 **2. Member Whip-Around**

Purpose: Each member will have the opportunity to provide brief introductory remarks and announcements.

1:45 – 1:50 **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Purpose: The minutes from the June 2020 meeting are being presented for member approval.

1:50 – 2:15 **4. Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives** (OERI)

Purpose: To review the 2020 Task Force reporting requirements as well as other work products the OERI has been working on for the Task Force.

Biennial Report

Adam Gelber, OERI

Purpose: The Biennial Report, required by WRDA 1996, reports biennially on Task Force activities and progress made toward restoration. The report is being **presented for member acceptance**. The report will be presented to the Task Force for approval at its October 2020 meeting.

• Integrated Financial Plan (IFP)

Adam Gelber, OERI

Purpose: Required by WRDA 1996, the IFP provides detailed information in the form of project sheets for federal, state, tribal and local restoration projects. The report will be available on www.EvergladesRestoration.gov

Invasive Exotic Species

Purpose: To present the Strategic Action Framework, Case Studies, Priorities, Progress Report and 2019 Invasive Exotic Species Snapshot Budget which have been updated.

Allyn Childress, OERI Carrie Beeler, OERI

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2:15 – 2:35 **5. SFWMD Program and Project Update**

Megan Jacoby, SFWMD

Purpose: The SFWMD will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction projects. The presentation will focus on the C-43 project.

2:35 – 2:55 **6. USACE Program and Project Update**

Howie Gonzales, USACE

Purpose: The USACE will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction projects. The presentation will focus on the FY2020 execution, Biscayne Bay and Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration project, Report to Congress and the Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress (CISRERP).

2:55 – 3:15 **7. Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS)**

Eva Velez, USACE

Purpose: The IDS provides the roadmap for sequencing, planning, design and construction of both federal and state projects related to Everglades restoration. The current IDS will be presented for member input. A report out of the morning's Task Force sponsored workshop will also be provided.

3:15 – 3:25 **Break**

3:25 - 3:45

8. Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow Conservation

Larry Williams, USFWS

Purpose: A group of agencies are developing a course of action that will hopefully allow the S-12A and B, S343A and B, and S344 structures to remain open year-round. The course of action will include two parts. The first part will be water management actions that direct water away from the S-12A and B and/or encourage sheetflow across the Everglades landscape. The second part will be land management actions and ecological treatments that promote high quality habitat for Cape Sable seaside sparrows in the area of subpopulation A.

3:45 – 3:55 9. National Research Council Report

Bob Johnson, NPS

Purpose: 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 CISRERP was asked to provide a report on CERP progress every two years. A review of the early findings of CISRERP's report "Progress Toward Restoring the Everglades, The Eighth Biennial Review, 2020" will be provided.

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3:55 – 4:10	10. WG and SCG Discussion Topics Purpose: To continue the discussion on those topics (project linkages and local projects supporting Everglades restoration) identified by the WG and SCG as priorities as well as discuss how to better integrate RECOVER with the SCG.	James Erskine, FWC Bob Johnson, NPS
4:10 – 4:20	11. Preparation for Task Force Meeting Purpose: To review the logistics and topics for those items that will be brought before the Task Force at its October 22, 2020 meeting.	Adam Gelber, OERI James Erskine, FWC Bob Johnson, NPS
4:20 – 4:55	Public Comment Pre-registration instructions will be provided at a later date.	
4:55 – 5:00	Next Steps and Closing Comments	James Erskine, FWC Bob Johnson, NPS
5:00	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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