

DRAFT AGENDA
SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
JOINT WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG) MEETING
Virtual ZOOM
May 19, 2021
9:30 – 2:30 PM

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| 9:30 – 9:45 | 1. Welcome and Introductions
<i>Purpose:</i> To present the goals for the meeting and review administrative and technical instructions. | James Erskine
WG Chair
Nick Aumen
WG Vice Chair |
| 9:45 – 10:20 | 2. Member Whip-Around
<i>Purpose:</i> Each member will have the opportunity to provide brief introductory remarks and announcements. | Lawrence Glenn
SCG Vice Chair |
| 10:20 – 10:25 | 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
<i>Purpose:</i> The minutes from the January 2021 meeting are being presented for member approval. | |
| 10:25 – 10:45 | 4. Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI)
<i>Purpose:</i> To report on ongoing accomplishments and upcoming efforts to include a WRDA 2020 update. A live demo of the new and improved EvergladesRestoration.gov website will also be provided. | Adam Gelber
OERI |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | 5. SCG Chair and Vice Chair Nomination and Election
<i>Purpose:</i> The SCG will consider both the Chair and Vice chair leadership nominations. The SCG leadership recommendation will be sent to the Task Force for their consideration and approval. | Adam Gelber
OERI
Lawrence Glenn
SCG Vice Chair |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | 6. SFWMD Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose:</i> The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will provide an update on restoration planning, design and construction projects including those within the South Florida Ecosystem Program as well as an update on the state's Restoration Strategies Program. | Megan Jacoby
SFWMD |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | 7. USACE Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose:</i> The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design and construction projects. The presentation will focus on FY21 execution. | Howie Gonzales
USACE |

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| 11:40 – 12:00 | 8. Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (LOSOM)
<i>Purpose: An overview and look-ahead to upcoming project milestones will be provided.</i> | Tim Gysan
USACE |
| 12:00 – 12:20 | Public Comment | |
| 12:20 – 12:50 | Lunch Break | |
| 12:50 – 1:10 | 9. Restoration Coordination and Verification (RECOVER) Update
<i>Purpose: RECOVER ensures CERP implementation is guided by the best available science. Because there are opportunities for better interaction and engagement between RECOVER and the SCG this will be a standing agenda item. RECOVER will provide an overview of recent revisions to Conceptual Ecological Models and associated Hypothesis Clusters.</i> | Andrea Atkinson
NPS |
| 1:10 - 1:30 | 10. Biscayne Bay and Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration (BBSEER) Project
<i>Purpose: An overview and look-ahead to upcoming project milestones will be provided.</i> | April Patterson
USACE |
| 1:30 – 1:50 | 11. FWC Invasive Reptile Rule
<i>Purpose: The presentation will provide an overview of the recently passed rules that limit the possession of 16 nonnative reptiles in Florida.</i> | Kristen Sommers
FWC |
| 1:50 – 2:05 | 12. National Research Council (NRC) Report
<i>Purpose: The Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress (CISRERP) has completed their eighth Biennial Review and members will be briefed on the report's findings and recommendations.</i> | Bob Johnson
OERI |
| 2:05 – 2:25 | Public Comment | |

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2:25 – 2:30 **Next Steps and Closing Comments**

2:30 **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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