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

Register in advance for this webinar:

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MAY 2, 2023

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| 12:30 – 12:40 | 1. Welcome and Introductions
<i>Purpose: To present the goals for the meeting and review administrative instructions.</i> | James Erskine
WG Chair
Lawrence Glenn
SCG Chair
Adam Gelber
OERI |
| 12:40 – 1:10 | 2. Member Whip-Around
<i>Purpose: Each member will have the opportunity to provide brief introductory remarks and announcements.</i> | |
| 1:10 – 1:15 | 3. Approval of Meeting Summary
<i>Purpose: The summary from the March 2023 meeting is being presented for member approval.</i> | James Erskine
WG Chair |
| 1:15 – 1:40 | 4. Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) Update
<i>Purpose: WRDA 2020 directs the Task Force to develop a priority list of invasive species that significantly impact the structure and function of ecological communities, native species, or habitats within the South Florida Ecosystem. Using guidance issued by the Task Force and the WG/SCG, the OERI is facilitating a team of experts in accomplishing this task. The Director of the OERI will provide an update on the team's activities, criteria and list development, and next steps.</i> | Adam Gelber
OERI
Carrie Beeler
OERI |
| 1:40 – 2:20 | 5. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Program and Project Update
<i>Purpose: The USACE will provide an update on restoration planning, design, construction, and operations projects. Update will include an overview of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (SFER) program, Western Everglades Restoration Project, Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual, and the Integrated Delivery Schedule.</i> | Eva Velez
USACE |

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- 2:20 – 3:00 **6. South Florida Water Management (SFWMD)
Program and Project Update** Leslye Waugh
SFWMD
- Purpose: The SFWMD will provide an update on ongoing restoration planning, design, and construction. Update will include the Lake Okeechobee Component A Reservoir and the C-43 Schedule Update. In addition to moving forward with features within the SFER program, the SFWMD also manages the Restoration Strategies Program, a suite of projects created to improve water quality in America's Everglades.*
- 3:00 – 3:20 **7. Restoration COordination and VERification
(RECOVER)** Jenna May
USACE
- Purpose: RECOVER ensures Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) implementation is guided by the best available science. This presentation will focus on RECOVER's strategy to update the Monitoring and Assessment Plan and how this effort can be leveraged by the SCG for a South Florida Science Plan.*
- 3:20 – 3:25 **8. Florida's Coral Reef Coordination Team (FCRCT)
Update** Wes Brooks
FCRCT Chair
Erik Stabenau
FCRCT Vice Chair
- Purpose: The FCRCT was created under the WG to coordinate management and restoration-related activities to conserve and restore Florida's Coral Reef and ensure enhanced integration with the water management and restoration activities taking place upstream in the watershed throughout the South Florida Ecosystem. An update will be provided on the team's activities.*
- 3:25 – 3:35 **9. National Research Council (NRC) Update** Bob Johnson
OERI
- Purpose: Consistent with the requirements of WRDA 2000, the Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress has kicked-off the Progress Toward Restoring the Everglades, The Tenth Biennial Review, 2024.*
- 3:35 – 3:55 **Public Comment**
- 3:55 – 4:00 **Next Steps and Closing Comments**
- 4:00 **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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