

## Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress

### Subgroup Meeting

#### Adapting CERP Projects in Light of New Information: Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands and Picayune Strand Restoration Project

November 6, 2023

Draft agenda

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*All times Eastern Daylight Time*

11:00 am **Welcome, objectives**

Jim Saiers, Committee chair

11:05 pm **BBCW discussion: Focus on Deering Estate change in pumping from nighttime to 24 hrs (+other post-PIR changes as relevant)**

*Erik Stabenau, NPS*

*Nicole Niemeyer, SFWMD*

*Bahram Charkhian, SFWMD*

*Mindy Parrot, SFWMD*

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- What change(s) was made to the project (or is being investigated as a change)?
- What new information triggered the change?
- What level of authority approved the change?
- How long did it take between when the new information was first understood to be significant by the project team to the approval of the change? Were additional studies conducted? If so what?
- How was the information communicated to decision makers?
- What was the driver of the need to make a change (e.g., ESA, savings clause, restoration objectives, etc.)?
- Was the issue anticipated in the AM plan (if there was an AM plan)?
- Did the change require any additional authorization, NEPA, or other major steps?
- What was the effect of the change on the project budget?
- What lessons can be learned from this process to improve the ability to adapt to new information in future CERP projects?

11:50 am **Picayune Strand discussion—focus on change in road/spoil pile removal to protect red cockaded woodpecker**

*Steve Baisden, USACE*

*Tim Breen, FWS*

*Mike Duever, SFWMD*

*Amanda McKenzie, SFWMD*

*Mindy Parrot, SFWMD*

*Armando Ramirez, SFWMD*

*Mike Simmons, USACE*

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12:35 pm **General discussion/Q&A**

1:00 pm **Adjourn**