

Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress

First Meeting of CISRERP 2025 Biennial Review

April 14, 2025
Preliminary Draft Agenda

Background prerecorded overviews

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7beDhfKR7jc&list=PLi6VVotVxseB7jbq0En86TLZ5pKKfCQXx>) have been provided to the committee to watch asynchronously.

OPEN MEETING (all welcome)

10:00 pm **Welcome and introductory remarks**

Helen Regan, committee chair

10:10 pm **Feedback on recent National Academies reports**

- Sponsor feedback on the 2024 CISRERP biennial review
- What kinds of recommendations have been most useful and/or impactful to the restoration program? Did any findings or recommendations miss the mark?

Panel members:

*Tim Breen, FWS
Zulamet Vega Liriano, USACE
Jenna May, RECOVER
Jennifer Reynolds, SFWMD
Stephanie Romanach, USGS
Erik Stabenau, NPS*

10:50 pm **Discussion of new issues for the 2026 CISRERP Biennial Review**

- What currently important restoration activities or issues would it be helpful for CISRERP to explore in its 2026 review?

Panel members:

*Cassandra Armstrong or Stuart Van Horn, SFWMD
Laura Brandt, RECOVER
Tim Breen, FWS
Carlos Coronado-Molina, SFWMD
Tabitha Elkington, USACE
Adam Gelber, DOI
Jennifer Leeds, SFWMD
Melodie Naja, NPS
Stephanie Romanach, USGS*

12:00 pm **BREAK**

12:30 pm **Tribal perspectives on key challenges for Everglades restoration**

- Please share your priorities for restoration.
- From the Tribe's perspective, what are the key challenges for Everglades restoration moving forward?
- What issues are most in need of the committee's attention in its 2026 review?

Kevin Cunniff, Miccosukee Tribe

Stacy Myers, Seminole Tribe (invited)

1:00 pm **Stakeholder perspectives on key challenges for Everglades restoration**

- Why is Everglades restoration important from the perspective of Everglades NGOs/professional and recreational fisherman/Urban and agricultural water interests?
- What are the key issues and challenges for Everglades restoration moving forward from your perspective?
- What issues are most in need of the committee's attention in its 2026 review?

Mark Perry and Kelly Cox, Everglades Coalition

Tom MacVicar, MacVicar Consulting

Ian Nakayama, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

1:30 pm **Public comment** (2-3 min each) with emphasis on issues the committee should examine in its 2026 biennial review. Please sign up for public comment by contacting Sam Kraft (skraft@nas.edu) no later than 9 am ET on April 14. Additional logistical information will be provided.

2:00 pm **Adjourn**

*****Participant links also to be provided for:**

Ed Smith, Gina Ralph, Bob Johnson, Amanda Kahn, and Rebecca Elliot