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River of Grass Phase I Planning

Water Resources Advisory Commission
April 2, 2009

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River of Grass Planning – Activities to Date

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- Public planning process – WRAC Issues Workshops
 - January 22 – Clewiston (summarized 2/5)
 - February 3 – West Palm Beach (summarized 2/5)
 - February 19 – Belle Glade (summarized 3/5)
 - March 4 – West Palm Beach (summarized 3/5)
 - March 20 - (summarized today)
 - March 31/April 1 - (summarized today)

March 20 Workshop

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- Meeting held at UF/IFAS Hendry County Ext. Office, Dallas B Townsend Agricultural Center in LaBelle
- Local Government Presentations
 - Pahokee
 - Belle Glade
 - South Bay
 - Glades County/Moore Haven
 - Hendry County/Clewiston

March 20 Workshop

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Team Configuration Exercise and Related Configuration Information

- Team Configuration Exercise-Instructions
- Water Quality Modeling Overview
- Potential Project Impacts to Sugar Production Economics
- Cost Estimating Approach and Cost Relationships
- Hydrologic Modeling Performance Summary Maps

March 31/April 1 Workshop

RESTORATION PLANNING

- Meeting held at Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center in Royal Palm Beach
- Local Government Presentations
 - Port of Palm Beach
- Continuation of Configuration Information
 - Maps and Land Information
 - Hydrologic Modeling Performance Summary Maps
 - Considerations for Developing a Proposed Configuration
 - Instruction Overview

March 31/April 1 Workshop

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- Group Configuration Exercise
- Team Presentations of Proposed Configurations
 - 9 Proposed Team Configurations
- Group Discussion/Q&A



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Next Meeting/Future Meeting Topics

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Next Meeting- Date and Location

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Next WRAC Issues Workshop

April 16-17, 2009

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Lower West Coast Service Center

2301 MacGregor Blvd

Ft. Myers, FL

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Topics

Initial Discussions Re: Team Configuration Evaluations

Phase I Planning Process - Schedule

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February	Problems, Objectives, and Constraints; Approaches to Achieve Goals and Objectives; Stakeholder Presentations
March/April	Modeling/Assessment Tools; Stakeholder Presentations; Configuration Scenarios- Development and Assessment
May	Identify Viable Configurations; Develop Preliminary Cost Estimates
June	Present Draft Viable Configurations and Preliminary Cost Estimates to Governing Board
July	Refine Information Based on Governing Board Input
August	Present Final Draft of Viable Configurations and Preliminary Cost Estimates to Governing Board
September	Governing Board Decision on Land Acquisition Closing

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Restoration Project Planning

On December 16, 2008, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board voted to accept a contract with the United States Sugar Corporation to acquire more than 180,000 acres of agricultural land for Everglades restoration. This historic transaction provides water managers with the unprecedented opportunity to store and treat water on a scale never before envisioned for the benefit of America's Everglades, Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers and estuaries.

With full public involvement, the first phase of *River of Grass* restoration project planning is under way. Through a series of [Water Resources Advisory Commission](#) Issues Workshops, the Phase 1 planning process will determine viable configurations for constructing a managed system of water storage and treatment to support ecosystem restoration efforts.

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