

A white egret is captured in mid-flight, its wings fully extended, against a background of lush green grass. The bird is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. The text 'Reviving THE river OF grass' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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WRAC Issues Workshop - Phase I Planning June 18, 2009

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Planning Process

RESTORATION PLANNING

- Where We Have Been and Where We Are Headed
 - ✓ Development of Vision and Goal Statements
 - ✓ Development of Problems, Objectives, and Constraints
 - ✓ Development of Tools (including modeling and maps)
 - ✓ Development of Team Configurations
 - Evaluation of Stakeholder Team Configurations (we are here)
 - Initial Data Distributed (June 2)
 - Break-out Session/Group Discussion (today)
 - Evaluation of Relationships and Developing Refined Concepts
 - Discuss next steps for Phase II Planning

Planning Process- Evaluating Relationships and Developing Refined Concepts

RESTORATION PLANNING

- After June...
 - Discuss and Evaluate-
 - Relationships
 - Trends
 - Tradeoffs between Benefits, Impacts, and Costs -
 - Different Types of Features
 - Within Various Portions of the System
 - Other Considerations

Planning Process- Evaluating Relationships and Developing Refined Concepts (continued)

RESTORATION PLANNING

- After June...
 - Discuss and Identify
 - **Initial Findings/Areas of Agreement-** What has this analysis of configurations shown us? What have we learned?
 - **Areas Requiring Further Evaluation/Additional Information-** What features show promise but require more detailed information or a greater understanding? For what issues is more data, detailed modeling, or additional discussion required?
 - **Common Elements/Foundation Projects-** What features are fundamental/common to all plans? What features should we pursue in the near term while planning and other evaluation activities continue?
 - **Next Steps for Phase II**



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Breakout Session

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Breakout Session

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- Opportunity to rotate through topic specific break-out sessions with the evaluation teams for Q&A
- Seven Tables
 - Lake Okeechobee/LOSA
 - Northern Estuaries
 - Everglades
 - Water Quality
 - Remediation/Real Estate Costs and Sugar Productivity
 - Construction and O&M Costs
 - Break Table



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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

July 1, 2009

**SFWMD
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Next Meeting- Meeting Topics

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- Evaluation of-
 - Relationships
 - Trends
 - Tradeoffs
 - Other Considerations

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Future Meetings and Topics

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Future Meetings

(10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

- July 14, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Authority
- August 4, SFWMD, West Palm Beach

Future Meeting Topics

- Discuss and Identify Initial Findings/Areas of Agreement, Areas Requiring Further Evaluation/Additional Information, and Common Elements/Foundation Projects
- Next Steps for Phase II

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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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