



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
701 San Marco Boulevard  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32207-8175

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Planning and Policy Division  
Environmental Branch

AUG 03 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is beginning preparation of a National Environmental Policy Act assessment for the Western Everglades Restoration Project (WERP). The purpose of the WERP is to improve the quantity, quality, timing and distribution of water needed to restore and reconnect the western Everglades ecosystem. A scoping letter was distributed to Federal and State agencies, Native American Tribes, local agencies, and interested parties on July 11, 2016 indicating the location of a public meeting on August 16, 2016 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the John Boy Auditorium, 1200 South W.C. Owen Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440. This letter is being sent out to inform you that the timing of the public meeting has been changed. The public meeting being held for the WERP is starting earlier than originally advertised to accommodate additional public comment. An open house will begin at 6:00 pm. The formal portion of the workshop will begin at 6:30 pm. The WERP team will be available prior to and after the formal presentation to provide information and answer questions about the project and development of a proposed plan.

We invite the participation of Federal and State agencies, Native American Tribes, local agencies, interested parties and individuals in providing comments and identifying any issues or concerns. Please share this notice with any interested party. Send any comments you may have to the attention of Melissa Nasuti (904-232-1368) at the letter head address or email [Western.Everglades@usace.army.mil](mailto:Western.Everglades@usace.army.mil). Comments are currently being accepted on the project through August 24, 2016. All individuals who respond with comments will be included in future mailings. Others may be added to the mailing list by making a written request (postcard) to the same address or by email.

Sincerely,



Gina Paduano Ralph, Ph.D.  
Chief, Environmental Branch

Enclosure

**Western Everglades Planning Project (WERP)  
National Environmental Policy Act  
Public Scoping Meeting**

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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**Meeting Location**

John Boy Auditorium  
1200 South W.C. Owen Avenue  
Clewiston, FL 33440

6:00 p.m.	Open House	
6:30 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Eric Summa USACE
6:35 p.m.	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan	Matt Morrison SFWMD
6:45 p.m.	Western Everglades Restoration Project	Kelly Keefe USACE
6:55 p.m.	Overview of National Environmental Policy Act	Andy Loschiavo USACE
7:05 p.m.	Public Comment	
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

**Submit Comments by Aug. 24, 2016:**

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**Additional Information Available at:** <http://bit.ly/WesternEverglades>