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**Fred Sklar** will be our speaker at the March 2021 meeting addressing the question “Why do Everglades Restoration?”. Fred has a Masters in Oceanography and a Ph. D. in Wetland Ecology. He is the Director of the Everglades Systems Assessment Section of the South Florida Water Management District in West Palm Beach, FL. Dr. Sklar is an Associate Editor for the journal: *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*; a member of the National Environmental Advisory Board to the Chief of the US. Army Corps of Engineers; a member of the Louisiana Science and Engineering Advisory Committee for the Water Institute of the Gulf; and an executive member of the steering committee for the FIU Florida Coastal Ecosystem Program. His research is focused on adaptive management for coastal and wetland ecosystems, mangrove biogeochemistry, Everglades restoration, tree island ecology and landscape modeling. Dr. Sklar has published 100+ articles and reports on the impacts of hydrology on aquatic soil, plant and animal processes.