SFWMD Program and Project **Update**

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Working Group/ Science Coordination Group Meeting May 19, 2021

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Restoration Projects

- State Projects
 - Restoration Strategies Program
 - Everglades Construction Project
 - STAs
 - Northern Everglades and Estuaries Program
 - Dispersed Water Management
- Federal Projects
 - South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program
 - CERP and non-CERP

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Focus on Restoration

- Improve water quality, reduce discharges and send water south
 - Storage
 - Treatment
 - Operational flexibility
- Increase monitoring and pollution control
- Coastal resiliency
- Exotic species control

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Storage North

- Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project
 - Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) well program
 - Phased evaluation, implementation and monitoring
 - Science plan







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Storage East and West

- ➤ C-44 Reservoir
 - STA completed January 2021







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Storage South

Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir

- Site Activity:
 - Canal Conveyance Improvements
 - Preliminary design report
 - Inflow/Outflow Canal site preparation
 - Canal excavation
- Project Partnership
 Agreement executed April 30, 2021
- Agency coordination with FPL and USACE





Treatment



- > EAA Stormwater Treatment Area
 - Completion expected 2023
 - Blasting and excavation of
 Inflow/Outflow initiated August 2020
 - STA cell construction began May 2021



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Treatment

- > 57,000 acres of STAs
 - Additional 6,500 acres through Restoration Strategies
- ~1,000,000 ac-ft treated
- > ~80% phosphorus reduction





Restoration Strategies Program and Stormwater Treatment Area Enhancement Update May 2021



Operational Flexibility

- CEPP North S-620 culvert design
- CEPP South Old Tamiami Trail Removal
 - Under construction
 - Expected completion January 2022
 - Powerline removal complete
- CEPP South S-333N
 - Construction complete









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RESTRICTED UNRESTRICTED UNRESTRICTED + Infrastructure Some Structures closed and L-29 Canal limited to 8 ft Structures open & L-29 Canal stages to 8.5 up to 90 days New culverts out of WCA 3A & L-29 at 8.5 **BIG CYPRESS** BIG CYPRES **BIG CYPRESS** NATIONAL NATIO NATIONAL **PRESERVE** PRF **PRESERVE** WCA 3A WCA 3A WCA 3A WCA 3B WCA 3B WCA 3B NORTHEAST SHARK RIVER SLOUGH NORTHEAST SHARK RIVER NORTHEAST SHARK RIVER AX AX SHARK RIVER SLOUGH SHARK RIVER SLOUGH SLOUGH SHARK RIVER **EVERGLADES EVERGLADES EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK** NATIONAL PARK **NATIONAL PARK** (ENP) (ENP) (ENP) **Wet Season Discharge Wet Season Discharge Wet Season Discharge** Approx. 600 KAC-FT Approx. 800 KAC-FT Approx. 1,000 KAC-FT B TAYLOR TAYLOR 2.5 5 EASTERN PANHANDLE EASTERN PANHANDLE Presenter - Megan Jacoby

8.5 Square Mile Area Limited Curtain Wall



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- Allows water levels to increase in ENP without negatively impacting the 8.5 SMA
- Improves hydrologic and environmental conditions in the ENP and increases operational flexibility
- Status:
 - Awarded a \$14M contract to build the 2.3 miles curtain wall in March 2021
 - Construction completion expected June 2022

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