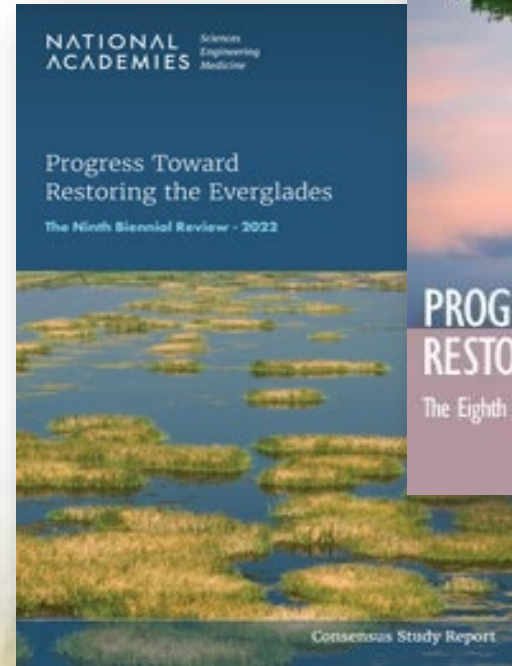


COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC REVIEW

Renewal of National Academy of
Science Cooperative Agreement for the
Committee for Independent Scientific Review
of Everglades Restoration Progress (CISRERP)

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
November 15, 2023

Presented by: Gina Paduano Ralph, Ph.D.
Chief, Science Integration Branch
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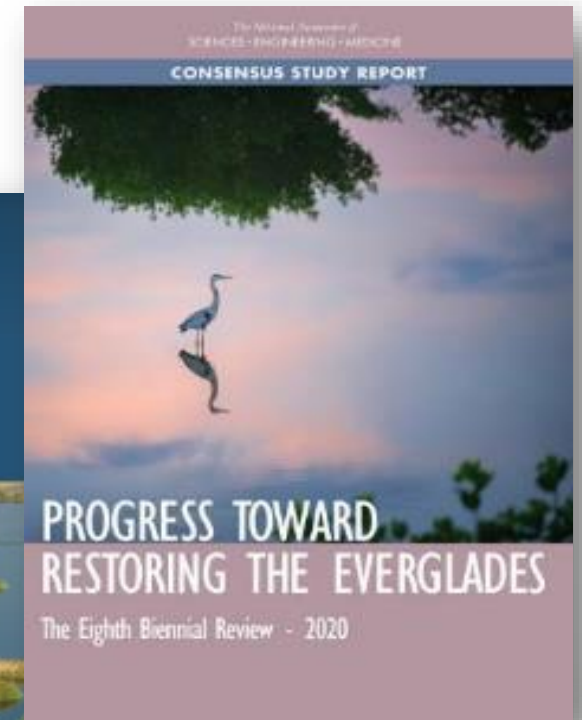
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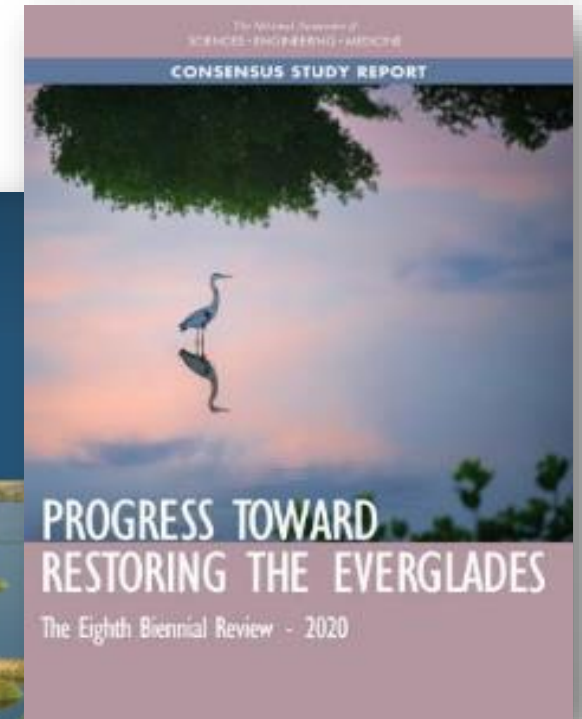
WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) 2000 REQUIREMENT

- Section 601 (j) requires the Secretary of Army, Secretary of Interior, Governor of Florida, **in consultation with the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, to establish an independent scientific review panel**, convened by the National Academy of Sciences (or similar), to review the Plan's progress toward achieving the natural system restoration goals of the Plan.
- The panel is to produce a **biennial report to Congress, and the parties above**, that includes an assessment of the ecological indicators and other measures of progress in restoring the ecology of the natural system, based on the Plan.



TASK FORCE CONSULTATION IN PROGRAMMATIC REGULATIONS

- The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Governor shall **consult with the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force in their decision to exercise each five-year option** to extend the agreement with the National Academy of Sciences.
- Upon expiration of the agreement, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Governor shall consult the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force in selection of another body to convene the independent scientific review panel required by section 601 (j) of WRDA 2000.



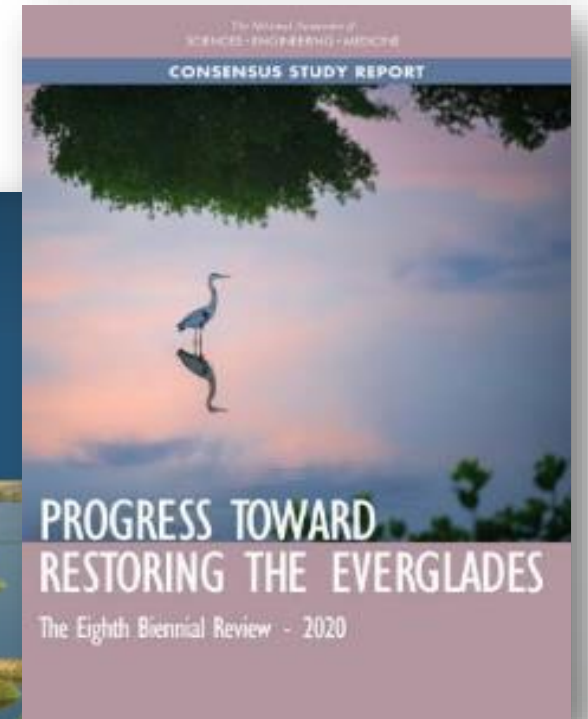
CISRERP 2020-2024

Memorandum of Agreement

- Implementing Parties - Department of Interior (DOI), USACE, and State of Florida
- Expires on November 17, 2025
- Amended by written agreement up to 4 additional years
- Amended no later than 12 months prior to expiration November 17, 2024

Cooperative Agreement

- National Academy of Sciences and USACE
- Approved Budget = \$1,691,000
- Expires December 30, 2024



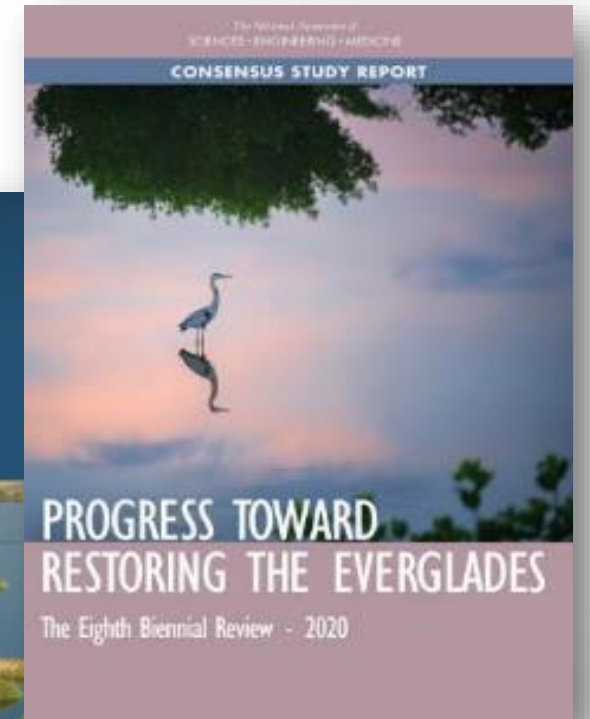
CISRERP 2024-2028 PATH FORWARD

Memorandum of Agreement

- Implementing Parties - DOI, USACE and State of Florida
- Amend to cover time period of 2025 - 2029
- Execute no later than November 17, 2024

Cooperative Agreement

- National Academy of Sciences and USACE
- Scope to include 2024 and 2026 Biennial Reports



THANK YOU

