#### COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN

## INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC REVIEW

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

Consultation with SFER Task Force 7 May 2020

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## 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 2015-2020**

- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
  - Implementing Parties Department of Interior (DOI), USACE and State of Florida
  - Executed in 2015 and goes through April 2021
- Cooperative Agreement (CA)
  - National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and USACE
  - Approved Budget = \$1,925,000
  - Executed in 2015 and goes through August 2020







# CISRERP 2020-2025 Path Forward

- DRAFT Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
  - Implementing Parties Department of Interior (DOI), USACE and State of Florida
  - Update to cover time period of 2020 2026
- DRAFT Cooperative Agreement (CA)
  - National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and USACF
  - Draft Budget
  - Scope includes the 2022 and 2024 report cycles







## **CISRERP 2020-2025**

- Discussion
- Confirm Next Steps
  - Review
  - Final MOA and CA
- Schedule
  - Target to execute in August 2020





