Program & Project Update SFER Task Force

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Purpose and Agenda

The purpose of this briefing is to provide participants with an overview and update on the status of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (SFER) program and key projects.

Agenda:

- Program Items
 - ► FY20 & FY21 Budget
- Project Items
 - Western Everglades Restoration Project (WERP)
 - ► Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP)
 - ► Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir





SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM FY20 & FY21 Budget

CONSTRUCTION		OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE
\$200M	FY20 President's Budget	\$5.454M
\$35M	FY20 Work Plan	\$8.367M
\$235M	FY20 TOTAL	\$13.821M
\$250M	FY21 President's Budget*	\$10.052M

- = Details of the allocation by project are available in the recently-released Justification Sheet (J Sheet)
- https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Budget/



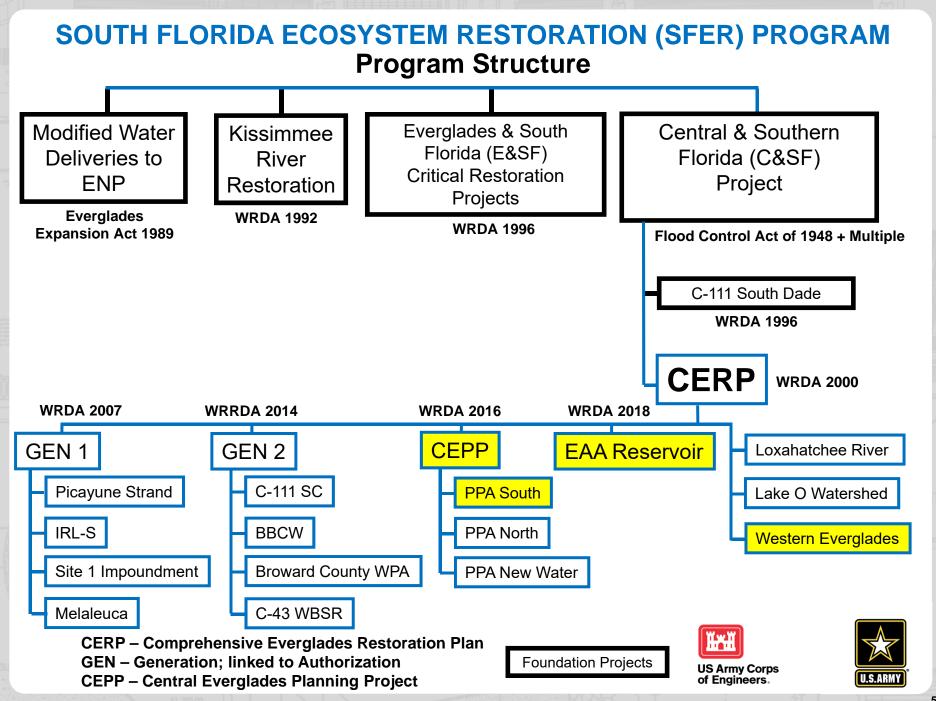


FY21 Budget Review

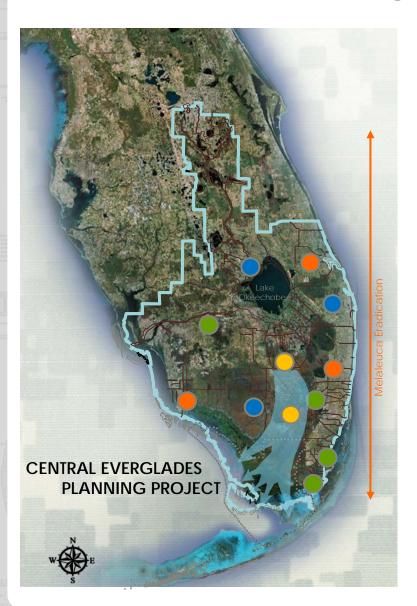
CONSTRUCTION		
Non-CERP		
Canal 111 (C-111) South Dade		2,100,000
Kissimmee River Restoration (KRR)		3,000,000
Non-CERP Subtotal		5,100,000
CERP		
CERP - Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir		1,000,000
CERP - Indian River Lagoon South (IRL-S)		150,250,000
CERP - Picayune Strand Restoration Project (PSRP)		4,549,200
CERP - Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands (BBCW)		7,115,000
CERP - Broward County Water Preserve Areas (BCWPA)		1,200,000
CERP - Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP)		50,610,000
CERP – Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA)		18,050,800
CERP - CERP Design and Program Management		12,125,000
CERP Subtotal		244,900,000
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$	250,000,000
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	\$	10,052,000







Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)



1st Generation

Site 1 Impoundment
Indian River Lagoon – South (IRL-S)
Picayune Strand Restoration Project
Melaleuca Eradication and Other Exotic
Plants

2nd Generation

C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir C-111 Spreader Canal Western Project Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Broward County Water Preserve Area

Central Everglades Planning Project

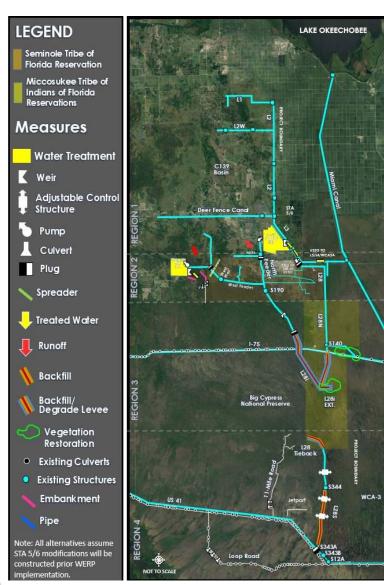
EAA Reservoir

CERP Planning/Design

Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Western Everglades Restoration



CERP: Western Everglades Restoration Project



Improve the quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of water in the western Everglades. Reestablish sheetflow across the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation and into Big Cypress National Preserve while maintaining existing levels of flood protection and water quality standards.

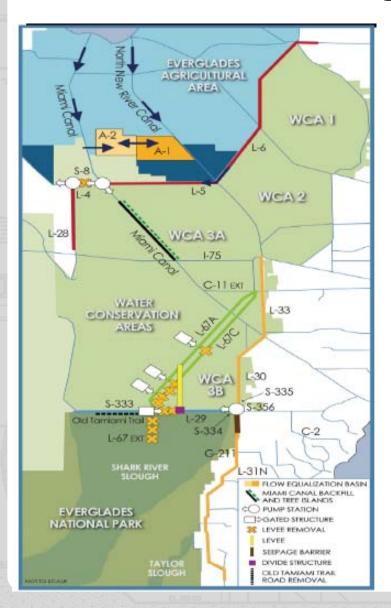
Status:

- Project briefed to SFER Task Force on 29
 October 2019 with notification of SAJ's intention to terminate
- Letters of study support received from SFWMD, FDEP, DOI, NPS, STOF, and MTOIF; follow-up meeting conducted February 2020
- Reinitiating study efforts, including preparation of 2nd SMART Planning Waiver request





CERP: Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP)



CEPP focuses restoration on more natural flows into and through the central and southern Everglades by increasing storage, treatment and conveyance of water south of Lake Okeechobee; removing canals and levees within the central Everglades, and retaining water within Everglades National Park

Status:

- New Start confirmed for FY20
- PPA execution in July 2020
- CEPP South
 - SFWMD engaging design and construction of features
 - SAJ construction contract award in September 2020
- SAJ scheduled to award construction contracts in 2020, 2021, and 2022
- COP progress and completion required for implementation





CERP: Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA)



Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Features:

- A-2 Reservoir: 10,500 acres with 240,000 acre-foot storage at ~23 feet deep
- A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA): 6,500 acres
- Adds 160,000 to CEPP's 210,000 for a total of 370,000 average annual acre-feet of new water flowing through to the central Everglades

The purpose of Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) is to improve the quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of water flows to the central Everglades (Water Conservation Area 3 (WCA-3) and Everglades National Park (ENP)).

Status:

- Authorized in WRDA 2018 (Section 1308)
- SFWMD design efforts ongoing; construction efforts initiated 20 April 2020
- USACE design efforts ongoing; awaiting construction funding and approval to execute Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) and award construction contract





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