

Water Resources Advisory Commission

July 8, 2010

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)

Report to Congress

*U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

Report to Congress - *Requirement*

- ▶ Required by Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) 2000 and Programmatic Regulations
 - Jointly submitted by the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Interior
 - In consultation with EPA, DOC, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, FDEP, SFWMD and other federal, state and local agencies; and the SFER Task Force
 - Submitted every five years

Report to Congress - *Content*

- ▶ Update on CERP implementation
 - Status of planning, design and construction (2005 – June 2010)
 - Funds expended during period covered
 - Fiscal Years 2005 through 2009
 - Progress on south Florida ecosystem restoration
 - Work anticipated over the next 5-year period (2010 – 2014)
 - Updated estimates of total cost of the Plan and individual projects
 - Expectations for south Florida ecosystem restoration in the next 5 years

Report to Congress – *2010 Highlights*

▶ Program Management

- Signed **Master Agreement** between DOA and the SFWMD for Cooperation in Constructing and Operating, Maintaining, Repairing, Replacing and Rehabilitating Projects Authorized to be Undertaken Pursuant to the CERP (August 2009)
- Execution of **Project Partnership Agreements (PPAs)**
- **Integrated Delivery Schedule** coordination with all SFER projects
- RECOVER
 - 2009 **System Status Report (SSR)** findings by region
 - Update on **Climate Change**
 - Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress (CISRERP) through the **National Academy of Sciences - biennial reports**
 - **Monitoring and Assessment Plan (MAP)** revisions
 - **Interagency Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMA)**
- Significant **Public Outreach** activities

Report to Congress – *2010 Highlights*

▶ Project Implementation

- WRDA 2007 authorizations for construction
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding recent contract awards
- Completed Project Implementation Reports (PIRs) and Pilot Project Design Report (PPDRs)
- Construction progress including ground breakings
- State early work, land acquisition and water reservations
- Aquifer Storage & Recovery Pilot (ASR) findings
- Non-CERP project progress in support of the CERP projects and ecosystem restoration

Report to Congress - *Schedule*

Key Milestones	Date
Interagency Kick-off	Dec 2009
Notification to agencies that work had begun on report	Feb 2010
Draft for Team Review	Mar 2010
Draft for Team and Supervisory Review	Apr 2010
USACE SAD, SFWMD WRAC and DOI Reviews	Jul 2010
Consultation with Tribes	Jul 2010
Public Review and Comment; State Clearinghouse	Aug 2010
Presented to SFWMD Governing Board	Aug 2010
USACE HQ/DOI HQ - Formal Approval	Sep 2010
Consultation with Task Force	Oct 2010
SUBMIT/DELIVER TO CONGRESS <i>with State Letter of Support and Agency Letters of Determination</i>	Oct 2010

Questions

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