

FACT SHEET
COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN
Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir
 Construction (C)
 Congressional Districts: 14, 16, 25

1. DESCRIPTION

The Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir Project was authorized by the Water Resources Reform Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014. This project is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The project is designed to capture excess C-43 Basin runoff and regulatory releases from Lake Okeechobee during the wet season and releasing water from the reservoir during the dry season. The project includes development of one above ground reservoir with a total storage capacity of approximately 170,000 acre-feet (ac-ft). The reservoir will be located in the C-43 Basin in Hendry County. The project will reduce the extreme salinity changes in the Caloosahatchee River Estuary by providing a more consistent flow of water discharging into the Caloosahatchee Estuary. The extreme fresh water fluctuations are due to fresh water flows from basin runoff and releases from Lake Okeechobee during the wet season and reduced flows during the dry season. The project will also provide water supply benefits and some flood attenuation.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$ 656,720,000
Estimated Federal Cost	589,793,000
Allocation thru FY 14	8,278,262
Carry In for FY 15	2,000
Allocation for FY 15	98,000
President's Budget FY 16	2,900,000

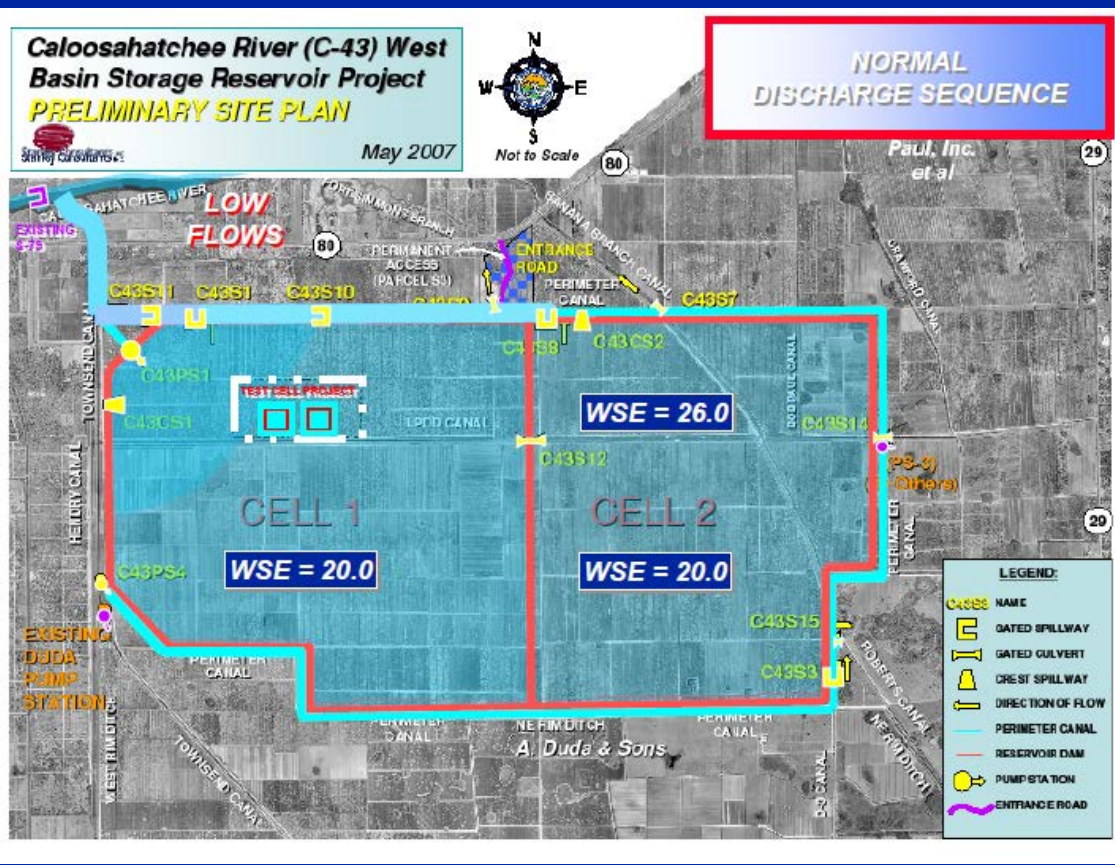
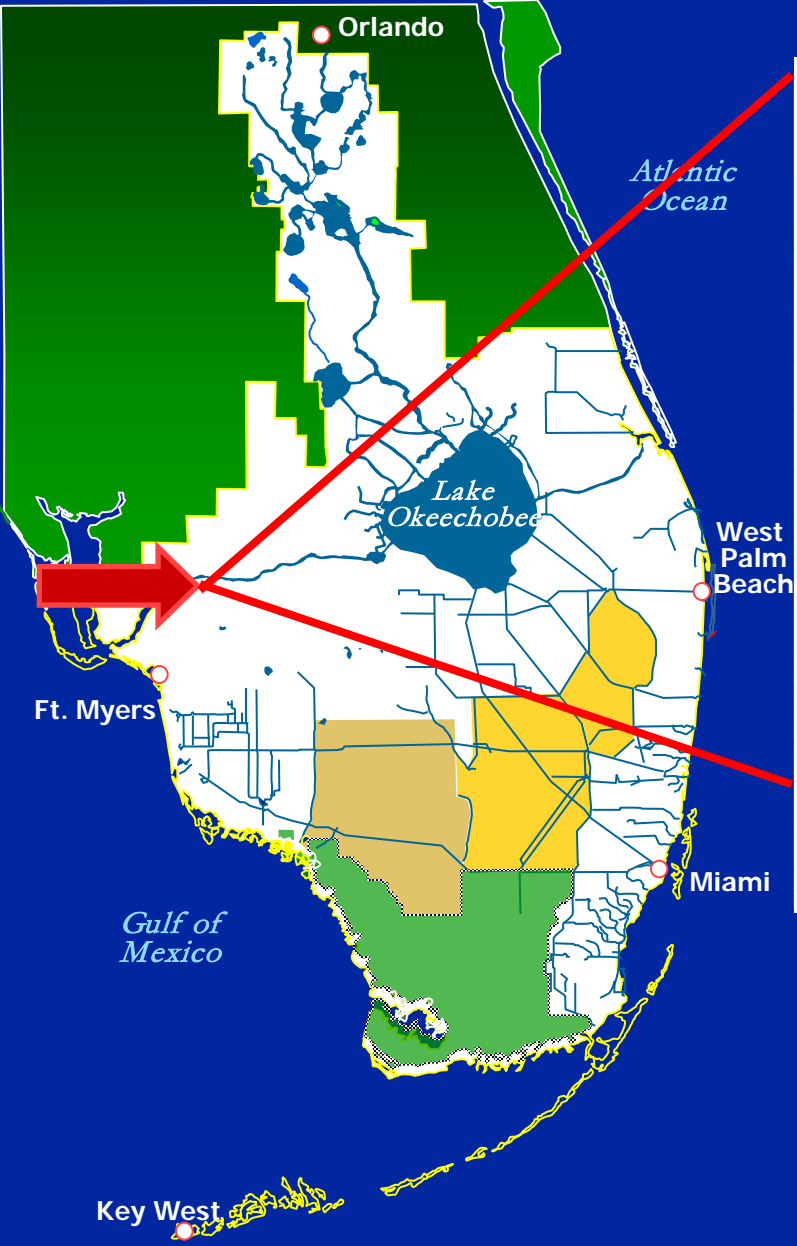
3. SPONSOR

South Florida Water Management District
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4. STATUS

A Civil Works Review Board was held in August 2007, in which publication of the Final PIR and EIS was endorsed. The Final PIR and Integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were completed September 2007. The Chief's Report was signed in March 2010 (the long delay was due to land valuation and crediting policy issues which needed to be resolved for this and other Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects). ASA(CW) and OMB reviews have been completed and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed April 13, 2010.

This project is one of the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD's) State-Expedited Projects. Their team completed final Plans and Specifications (P&S) in early 2008. The SFWMD will be revising the P&S in FY15/FY16 and anticipate a construction contract award in January 2016.



PROJECT LOCATION