

FACT SHEET
COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN
Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands
 Construction General (C)
 Congressional Districts: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

1. DESCRIPTION

The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2000, Section 601 (b)(1)(A), authorized the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) as the framework for restoration of the south Florida ecosystem. The Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project was authorized under Section 7002 (5) (5) of the Water Resources Reform Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014. The project incorporates the Deering Estate features, the Cutler Wetlands features, and the L-31E Flowway/North Canal. Phase 1 of the project includes seven pump stations, approximately 10 culverts reconnecting wetlands, approximately three miles of spreader canals, and the plugging of 2,500 feet of mosquito control ditches. The project area is located in southeast Miami-Dade County and covers approximately 3,761 acres, with the northern boundary at Deering Estates and the southern boundary at the Turkey Point Power Plant. Phase 2 will contain additional analysis and information gained through adaptive management actions to support implementation of the second phase. The decision to implement the project via two Project Implementation Reports (PIRs) was based on technical uncertainties and sponsor preference. Phase 2 is in the Barnes Sound area and includes 4 pump stations, mosquito ditch plugs, and culverts. The purpose of the project is to rehydrate wetlands and reduce point source discharges into Biscayne Bay.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$215,712,000
Estimated Federal Cost	63,757,000
Allocation thru FY15	12,364,432
Carry In to FY16	0
Allocation for FY16	1,000,000
President's Budget FY17	0

3. SPONSOR

South Florida Water Management District
 3301 Gun Club Road
 West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

4. STATUS

The Chief's Report was signed in May 2012, and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in September 2012. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014) authorized the project. Portions of this project are included in South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD's) Expedited Construction Plan. Plans and Specs are under development for the remaining features and are scheduled to be complete in FY2016. Execution of a project partnership agreement, and award of a construction contract, are scheduled in 2017. The SFWMD's Expedited Construction Plan includes the Deering Estates, Cutler Wetlands, and L-31E Flow/North Canal Flowway. The Deering Estate features include a spreader canal, plugging of ditches, additional culverts, and wiers that were completed March 2012. Construction of the Cutler Wetland features include 6 pump stations, a 7,000-ft concrete lined channel, a spreader canal, plugging of mosquito ditches, and 3 culverts; this effort is currently on hold (design is complete). The SFWMD portion of L-31E Flowway includes the addition of 4 culverts that were completed in May 2010.

