

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

1. DESCRIPTION

Congress authorized the Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir Project in 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	\$841,256,000
Estimated Federal Cost	394,274,000
Allocation thru FY16	22,241,000
Carry In to FY16	0
Allocation for FY17	500,000
President's Budget FY18	TBD

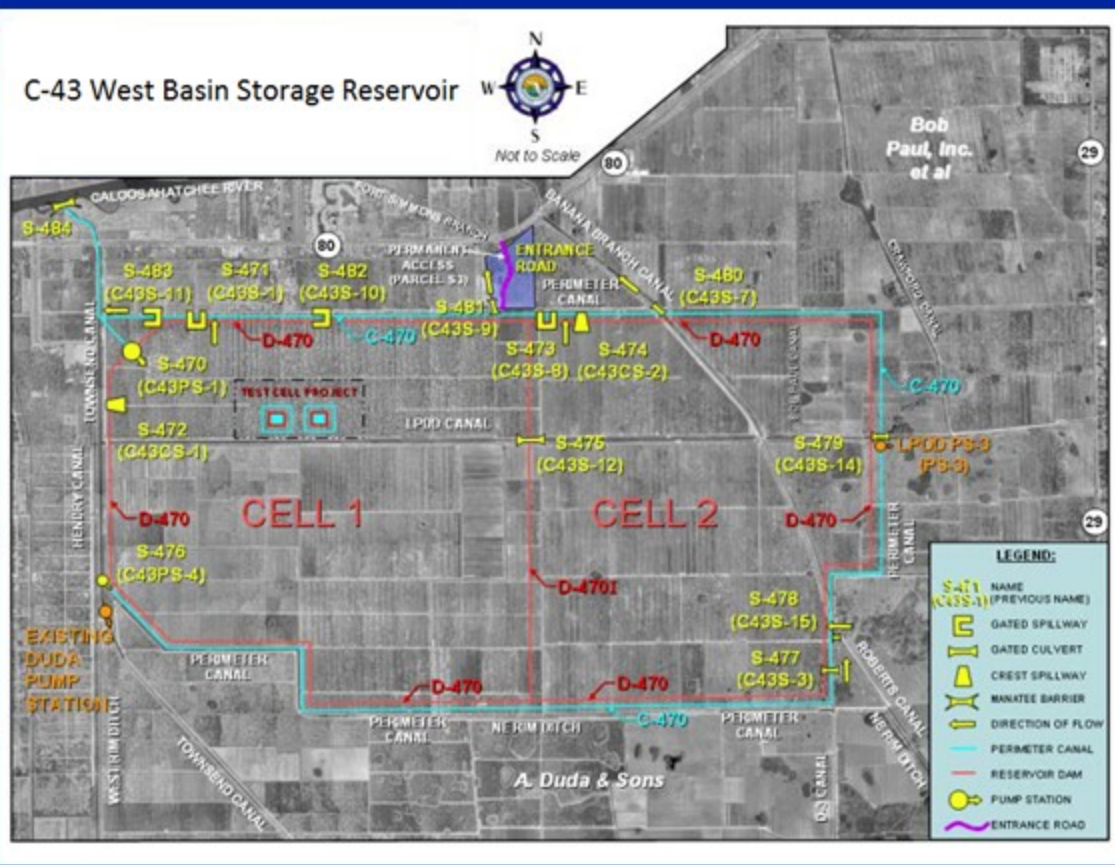
3. SPONSOR

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

4. STATUS

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 CERP projects). ASA(CW) and OMB reviews were completed and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in April 2010.

The C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir project is one of the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) State-Expedited Projects. SFWMD is constructing this project in close coordination with the Corps. SFWMD completed final Plans and Specifications (P&S) in early 2008. SFWMD updated the P&S in FY15/FY16 and awarded the first construction contract in August 2015, and the second contract in April 2016. Contract 3 is scheduled for award in September 2017, and Contract 4 in April 2018. Completion of construction is scheduled for 2022.



PROJECT LOCATION