

FACT SHEET
COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN
Picayune Strand Restoration
 Construction General (C)
 Congressional District: 19, 25, 26

1. DESCRIPTION

Congress authorized the Picayune Strand Restoration Project in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 and amended the authorization in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) of 2016. The purpose of the project is to restore and enhance the wetlands back to pre development hydrology. The Project is located in Collier County, south of I-75 and north of U.S. Highway 41 between the Belle Meade Area and the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve. Implementation of the Project will improve the water quality of coastal estuaries by moderating the large salinity fluctuations caused by freshwater point discharge of the Faka Union Canal. The project will aid in protecting the City of Naples eastern Golden Gate wellfield by improving groundwater recharge and help replenish the the aquifer system. The project includes a combination of pump stations, spreader basins, canal plugs, and road removal.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$647,000,000
Estimated Federal Cost	370,874,000
Allocation thru FY16	326,160,000
Carry In to FY17	0
Allocation for FY17	4,657,000
President's Budget FY18	TBD

3. SPONSOR

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

4. STATUS

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) initiated construction of the Picayune Strand Restoration project with the plugging of the Praire Canal as part of the SFWMD Expedited Construction Plan This effort also included the design for Merritt, Faka Union and Miller Pump Stations. The Project Partnership Agreement was executed in August 2009. The Corps awarded the Merritt Pump Station and Road Removal construction contract in October 2009 and completed in September 2014. The

Corps awarded the Faka Union Pump Station and Road Removal construction contract in November 2010 and completed in January 2016. The Corps awarded the Miller Pump Station construction contract in September 2013, and construction completion is scheduled for the fall of 2017. The South Florida Water Management District constructed the Manatee Mitigation Feature to mitigate for the affect of the project on manatees in the Faka Union Canal. SFWMD completed construction of this feature in April 2016. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) submitted a Limited Reevaluation Report to request a post authorization change to address project cost increases in the Spring of 2016. Congress authorized a post authorization change which increased the total project cost in the WIIN Act of 2016.

