

FACT SHEET  
**EVERGLADES AND SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION**  
**Seminole Big Cypress**  
 Construction General (C)

Congressional Districts: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,  
 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

### 1. DESCRIPTION

The Seminole Tribe Big Cypress Water Conservation Plan is located in Hendry County, directly north of the Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP) and west of Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3A. The Big Cypress Reservation is traversed by the L-28 and L-28I canals and the North and West Feeder Canals; all of these conveyances were constructed as part of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) project.

East side work consists of conveyance canals, which have been designed and constructed by the Seminole Tribe. West side work consists of several basins, each of which will consist of an irrigation storage cell, water resource area (similar to a stormwater treatment area (STA)), pump stations for transferring water, canals for distribution, and inverted siphons to carry effluent under the West Feeder Canal into the reservation's Native Range. Water will then flow southward into the BCNP.

Note: This project is one of the nine projects comprising the Everglades and South Florida (E&SF) Ecosystem Restoration Program, also known as Critical Restoration Projects Program.

### 2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$62,886,193
Estimated Federal Cost	30,000,000
Allocation thru FY16	29,980,518
Carry In to FY17	10,585
Allocation for FY17	0
President's Budget FY18	TBD

### 3. SPONSOR

Seminole Tribe of Florida  
 6300 Stirling Road  
 Hollywood, Florida 33024

#### **4. STATUS**

Seminole Tribe construction of the East Side Conveyance Canal System was completed in July 2003. A contract for construction of the Basin 1 features was awarded in September 2006 and completed in June 2008. Basin 1 was transferred to the sponsor in the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10). The Basin 4 construction was completed in January 2013 and was transferred to the sponsor in July 2013. The construction contract for Basin 2 was awarded in September 2013, and construction is currently ongoing. Basin 2 construction is scheduled to be completed in summer 2017. Current funding is not adequate to award Basin 3 due to the federal project funding cap of \$30 million. The Seminole Tribe of Florida has requested the removal of Basin 3 from the authorized federal project. The Project Cooperation Agreement to remove Basin 3 from the federally-authorized Critical Project will be executed in summer 2017.

# BIG CYPRESS SEMINOLE INDIAN RESERVATION WATER CONSERVATION PLAN CRITICAL RESTORATION PROJECT

