

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 is one of the projects identified to be implemented as part of CERP. The tentatively selected plan is being recommended through two phases. Phase 1 Project Implementation Report (PIR) will be the first prepared for submission to Congress for construction authorization. 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 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	\$210,942,000
Estimated Federal Cost	43,102,000
Allocation thru FY13	12,084,000
Carry In for FY14	0
Allocation for FY14	30,000
President's Budget for FY15	0

3. SPONSOR

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

4. STATUS

The project is currently awaiting congressional authorization. Intermediate Plans and Specs will be initiated after Congressional Authorization. Civil Works Review Board was completed in September 2011. The Chief's Report was signed in May 2012 and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in September 2012. Portions of this project are included in South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD's) Expedited Construction Plan. The SFWMD's Expedited Construction Plan includes the Deering Estates, Cutler Wetlands, and L-31E Flow/North Canal Flowway. The Deering Estate features include spreader canal, plugging of ditches, additional culverts, and wiers that were completed February 2012. Construction of the Cutler Wetland features include 3 pump stations, a 6,000-ft levee, spreader canal, plugging of mosquito ditches, and 3 culverts are currently on hold due to funding (design is complete). The SFWMD portion of L-31E Flowway includes addition of 4 culverts that were completed in June 2010.

