FACT SHEET

COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN

Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir

Construction (C)

Congressional Districts: 14, 16, 25

1. DESCRIPTION

The Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir Project was authorized by the Water Resources Development Acts (WRDA) of 1992, 1996 and 2000. 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. The project includes development of one above ground reservoir(s) with a total storage capacity of approximately 170,000 acre-feet (ac-ft). The reservoir(s) 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. The project will also provide water supply benefits and some flood attenuation.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	$584,618,000
Estimated Federal Cost	484,618,000
Allocation thru FY13	8,162,000
Carry In for FY14	38,000
Allocation for FY14	62,000
President's Budget FY15	0

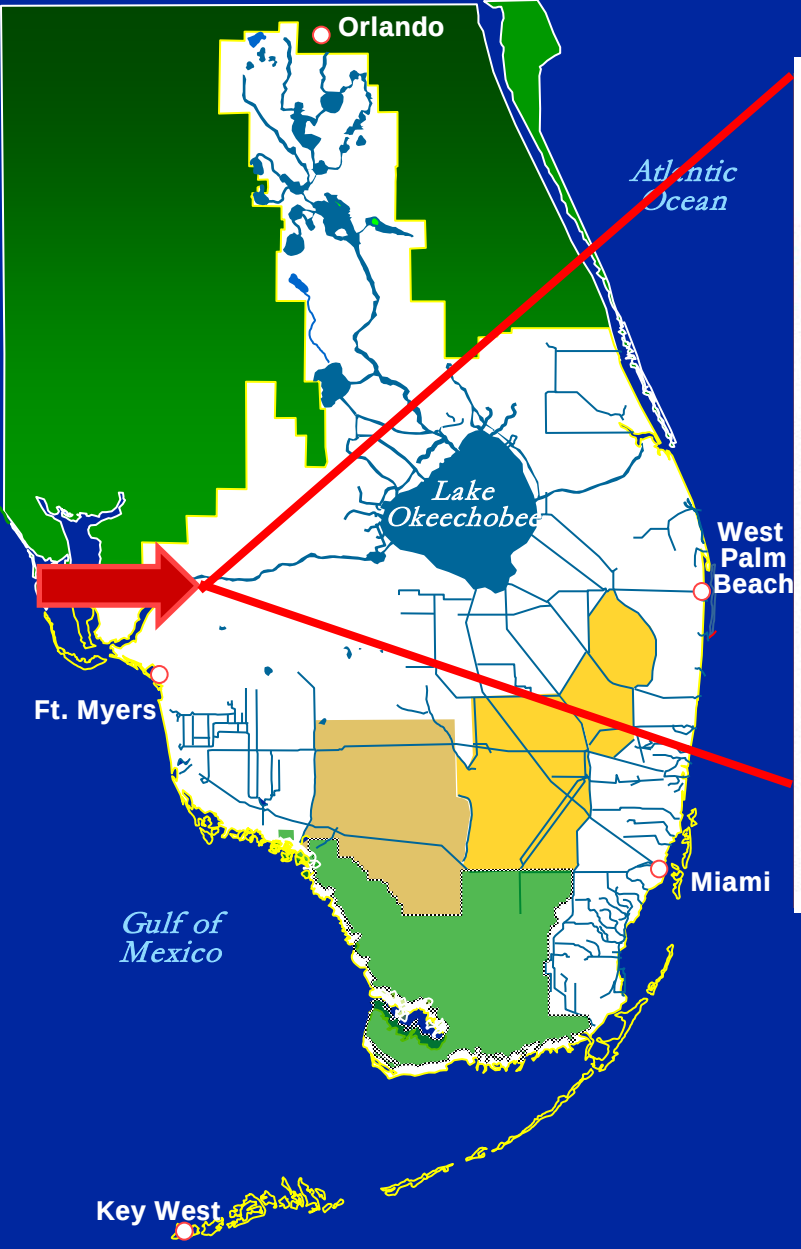
3. SPONSOR

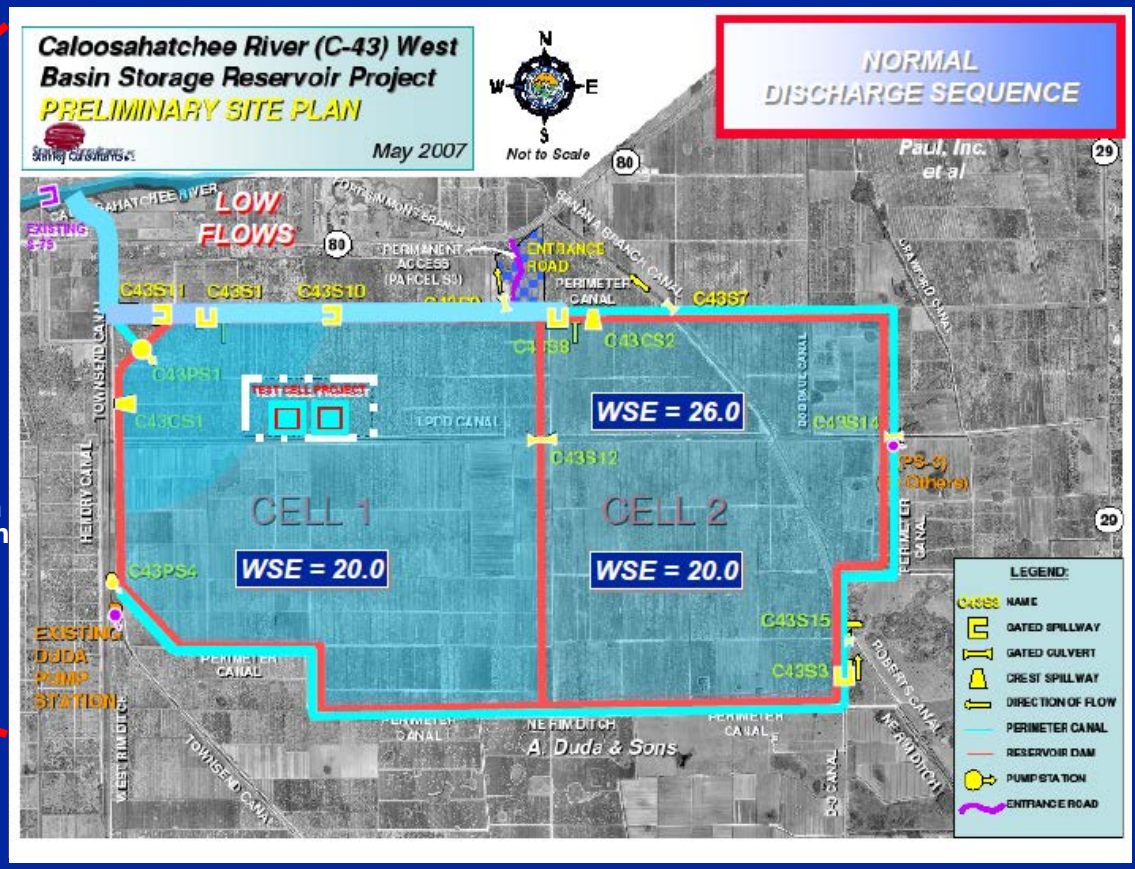
South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

4. STATUS

A Civil Works Review Board was held in August 2007, in which publication of the Final PIR and EIS was endorsed. The Final PIR and Integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was 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 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects). ASA(CW) and OMB reviews have been completed and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed April 13, 2010. The project is awaiting Congressional authorization.

This project is one of the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD's) State-Expedited Projects. Their team completed final Plans and Specifications (P&S) in early 2008.





PROJECT LOCATION