

ALTERNATIVES MILESTONE MEETING PURPOSE

LAKE OKEECHOBEE WATERSHED

- To obtain Vertical Team concurrence of the focused array of alternative plans and criteria to evaluate them
- To obtain guidance and/or decision on technical and/or policy issues presented



MEETING AGENDA

LAKE OKEECHOBEE WATERSHED RESTORATION INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY STUDY & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- Introduction
- Project Area Overview
- LOWP Federal Interest
- LOWP Purpose and Scope
- Problems and Opportunities
- Existing Conditions/Future Conditions
- Planning Goals, Objectives, and Constraints
- Plan Formulation Strategy
- Initial Array of Alternatives
- Sea Level and Climate Change Analysis
- Risks
- Policy and/or Technical Issues
- Schedule and Next Steps
- Conclusion





SCOPING COMMENTS



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What We Heard:

- Agricultural, Municipal & Industrial, Tribal Water Supply
 - ▶ Seminole Tribe of Florida water supply impacts (tribal entitlement currently being assessed)
 - ▶ Agricultural, municipal and industrial water and supply treated as a goal, not project objective (concerns with not meeting Yellow Book intent of ASR)
 - ▶ Concerns regarding using LORS 2008 as baseline condition rather than WSE (pre-CERP operating schedule)
- Incorporation of Large Reservoirs in Initial Array of Alternatives
 - ▶ Dam Safety Concerns
 - ▶ Minimize agricultural land taken out of production
 - ▶ Impacts to wetlands and T&E species
 - ▶ Potential for cultural resources in project area
- Maximize opportunities for water quality and water supply improvements
- Expanding project area (extend to Kissimmee chain of lakes and south)



SPECIFIC GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON POLICY AND/OR TECHNICAL ISSUES



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- Potential exclusion from 3x3x3 compliance
- Water supply formulation
 - ▶ Yellow Book indicates ASR purpose is to increase water storage to better meet regional water supply demands
 - ▶ Requests from PDT and stakeholders to use WSE as CERP baseline condition to identify water supply impacts
- FWOP Conditions assumptions
 - ▶ Use LORS 2008 with CEPP modifications-CEPP changes to LORS are modeled but not included in recommended plan
- Total Project cost considerations
- Water quality not included as a project objective



NEXT STEPS



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- Follow-up In Progress Review with vertical team to discuss and obtain further guidance on:
 - Potential exclusion from 3x3x3 compliance
 - Water supply formulation
 - Climate change path forward