

Update on Revisions to the Long-Term Plan to Achieve Everglades Water Quality Goals

Overview

- At direction of Governing Board, the *Long-Term Plan* has undergone extensive public review by basin stakeholders at numerous public forums
- *Plan* was revised to reflect Legislative, public and interagency review comments
- Final draft *Plan* will be presented to Governing Board in November
- *Plan* to be revised as necessary to respond to Board direction, and then submitted as part of long-term permit application by Dec. 31, 2003
- *Plan is being implemented!*

Comments received:

- Audubon of Florida
- Arthur R. Marshall Foundation and Florida Environmental Institute
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection
- Department of Interior
- National Parks Conservation Association
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Miccosukee Tribe of Indians

Major revisions

- Consistent with Legislative direction:
 - the Plan's goal was revised to clearly achieve the phosphorus criterion in the EPA
 - Plan to be integrated and consistent with CERP
- Plan was revised to include PSTA demonstration project in STA-3/4 & additional monitoring
- Elevated priority of source controls
- cost estimate is approximately \$450 million
- Proposed process for future public involvement in revisions to *Plan*

Influence on CERP

- Implementation to be integrated and consistent with CERP to avoid unnecessary and duplicative costs
- Great opportunity for significant cost savings
- Plan has positive effect on schedule
 - Recommends acceleration of some CERP projects
 - Completed technical analyses that are available to CERP
- Introduction was revised to reflect common CERP goals and objectives