

Revisions to the Long-Term Plan

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Overview

- At direction of Governing Board, the Long-Term Plan to achieve Everglades water quality goals has undergone extensive public review
 - Basin stakeholders
 - Numerous public forums
- Plan has been revised to reflect Legislative, public and interagency review comments
 - Draft Plan available
<http://www.sfwmd.gov/org/erd/bsfboard/bsfsboard.htm>
 - September 25: STA Design Review Staff Meeting
 - Deadline for comments is September 30
- Plan to go to Governing Board in November as part of long-term permit application

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

Influence on CERP

- Implementation to be integrated and consistent with CERP to avoid unnecessary and duplicative costs
- Great opportunity for significant cost savings
 - There may be an increase in State costs of some CERP projects
 - Legislative intent is for Plan to have no effect on Federal cost share
- 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

Major Revisions to Plan

- Consistent with Legislative direction, the Plan's goal was revised to achieve the phosphorus criterion in the EPA
- Updated references to phosphorus criterion
- Additional PSTA
 - Plan was revised to increase PSTA acreage
 - Additional enhancements and expansion, if needed, will be part of Post-2006 projects
- Elevated priority of source controls
- Removed objectionable terms
 - "Maximum extent practicable"
 - "Earliest practicable date"

Other Major Revisions

- Updated cost estimates
 - Based on new information
 - Excluded FY03 expenditures
 - Included 3% program management costs
 - Revised estimate is approximately \$450 million
- Updated intermediate construction milestones
- Added Implementation Schedule section to track progress and expenditures
- Added list of acronyms
- Cross-referenced to District's programmatic controls (e.g., budgeting and accounting)
- **Appendix A contains list of all revisions**

Future Revisions Proposed Process

- Quarterly communications meeting
 - STA Design Review Staff Meeting
- February: annual public meeting
- March: District to submit proposed revisions to FDEP
- May: FDEP approval of revisions
- September: Everglades Consolidated Report peer-review and workshop
- September: Governing Board approves budget

Next Steps

- Draft Plan available

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- ***Plan is being implemented!***