

CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT



Working Group & Science Coordination Group

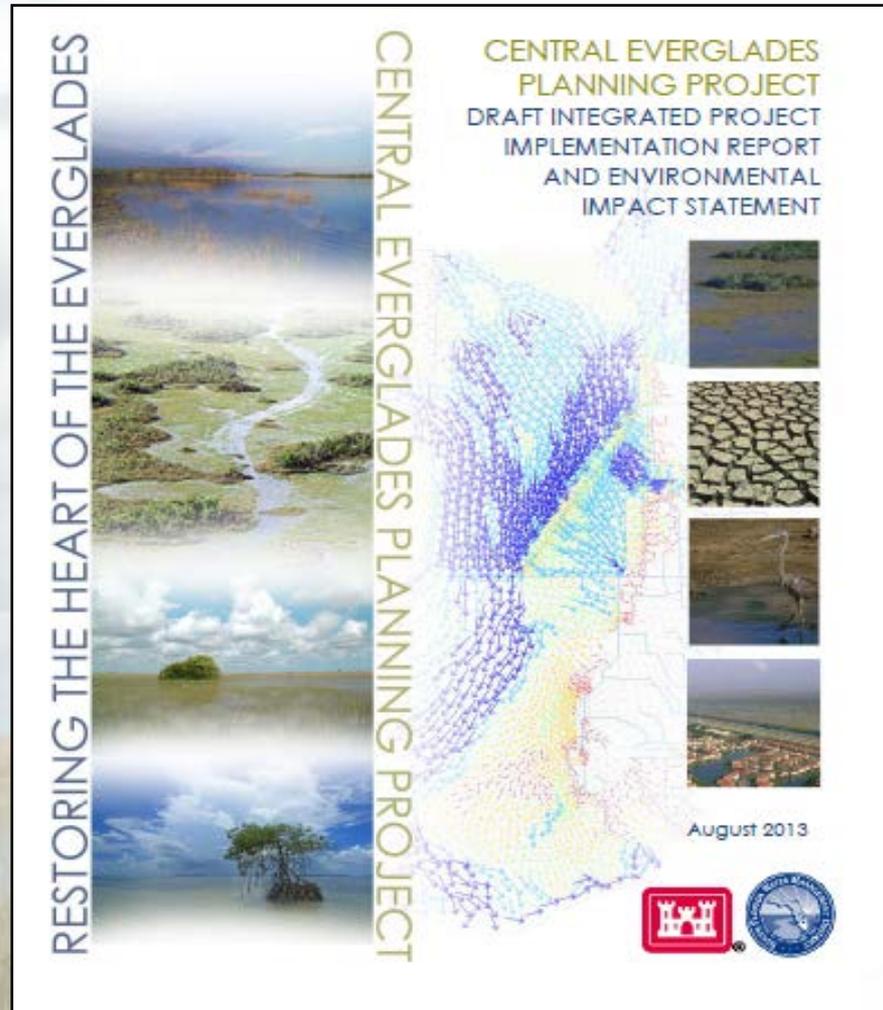
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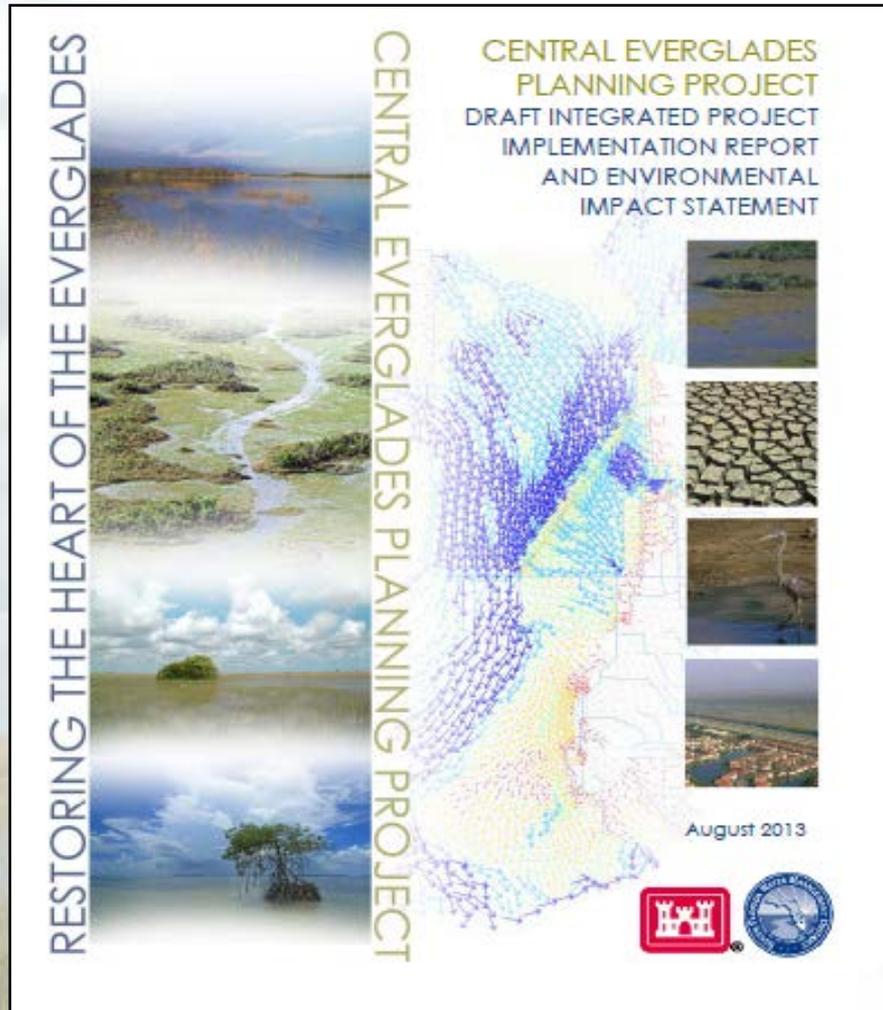
DRAFT REPORT PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL REGISTER: AUGUST 30, 2013



- Public comment period on the Draft PIR/EIS closed on November 1, 2013

* Planning Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement

OTHER REQUIRED REVIEWS INITIATED: AUGUST 30, 2013



- Agency Technical Review
- Independent External Peer Review
- USACE South Atlantic Division Review
- USACE Headquarters Policy Review

STATUS OTHER REQUIRED REVIEWS

- Agency Technical Review
 - Review comments received
 - Closing out responses with review team
- Independent External Peer Review
 - Review comments received and draft responses coordinated with review team
- SAD & HQ Review
 - Review comments received
 - Working on responses

OTHER REQUIRED REVIEWS: TOPICS

- Independent External Peer Review Topics:
 - Modeling
 - Navigation
 - Cultural resources
 - Western basins
 - Plan formulation

- USACE SAD/HQ Review Topics:
 - Level of detail
 - Consistency of costs and contingencies
 - Period of analysis
 - Phased implementation and multiple PPAs
 - Water quality
 - Clarification on cost-share state facilities
 - Real estate

PUBLIC & AGENCY COMMENTS

- 30 Formal comment letters
- 214 emailed comments
- Comments from 5 public workshops
 - Over 100 comments expressing support for CEPP and continued expedited schedule

PUBLIC & AGENCY COMMENTS: TOPICS

- Adaptive management
- Benefits Biscayne Bay
- Cost
- Cultural resources
- Dependencies
- Ecosystem services
- Endangered species
- Environmental effects
- Exotics
- Implementation
- LO releases & LORS
- Modified Water Deliveries project
- Modeling
- NEPA
- Operations
- Pilot planning program
- Plan 6
- Plan formulation
- Recreation
- Savings clause
- Seal level rise
- Water supply
- Western basins
- WRDA

STATE CLEARING HOUSE: TOPICS

- **FDEP** – WQ, costs, cost-share, AM & monitoring, sequencing & time for regulatory processing
- **SFWMD** – use of public lands, WQ, cost-share, phased implementation and multiple PPAs
- **FDACS** - dependencies, WQ, lack of benefits to LOSA water supply, FWO project assumptions & LORS, savings clause
- **FFWCC** – state listed species, stages in WCA-3, sequencing, spoil island removal, exotic species, recreation
- **FDOT** – integration of transportation infrastructure, recreation access
- **Treasure Coast RPC** – CEPP supports Strategic Regional Policy Plan, should not delay or interrupt other CERP projects
- **DOS- SHPO** – acknowledge Section 106 consultation on-going

NEXT STEPS

- Prepare responses to public & agency review comments
- Prepare response to SAD/HQ reviews and coordinate with vertical team
- Revise PIR based on public, agency and IEPR, SAD, HQ reviews
- Incorporate USFWS & NMFS Biological Opinions & costs
- Final PIR
 - Jacksonville/SFWMD independent technical review of Final PIR
 - Agency technical review of Final PIR
 - SFWMD approval of Letter of Support and Financial Capability
 - SAD & HQ review of Final PIR
 - Civil Works Review Board and approval to release Final PIR
- 30-Day Public & Agency review of Final PIR
- Address comments and prepare Chief of Engineers Report

THANK YOU

