

Task Force



Update on Hot Topics



COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES
RESTORATION PLAN

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A white egret stands in a marsh, its long neck curved. The bird is surrounded by tall, dry grasses. In the background, there is a body of water and a clear blue sky. The text "Strategic Overview" is overlaid in the upper right corner in a bold, yellow font with a black outline.

Strategic Overview

Programmatic Regulations

- OMB has released final document back to the Army**
- We are working with OMB on process to obtain letters of concurrence/non-concurrence from DOI and State**
- Final regulations will be published in Federal Register following receipt of those letters**
- We have established team leaders for 6 guidance memoranda required in Regs and initiated process (PDT format to be used)**

Indian River Lagoon

- **A Special Project Implementation Report and Supplemental EIS are being prepared to address WRDA 2000 requirements.**
- **A Public Meeting on these will be held in January.**
- **Only anticipated change to recommended plan from Feasibility Report is location of C-44 Reservoir.**
- **The Final PIR and SEIS will be forwarded to HQ in March 04 for transmittal to Congress.**

Southern Golden Gate Estates

- **Groundbreaking tomorrow for Prairie Canal portion that SFWMD is constructing. This will be included in the PIR being prepared as an alternative.**
- **This is a PIR and will include the WRDA 2000 requirements.**
- **The Project Delivery Team is scheduled to have a final PIR released in March 04 for consideration by Congress for authorization.**

Initial CERP Update

- Existing conditions (2000) have been run, verification complete, results posted.
- Work on Year 2050 without project condition modeling underway.
- Work on inclusion of D13R will then follow.
- We have initiated for Master Implementation Sequencing Plan

Independent Scientific Review

- **Required by WRDA 2000, and included in Programmatic Regulations**
- **Currently developing a Memorandum of Agreement between State, Department of Interior, and Corps**
- **Plan to conduct a signing of MOA at December Task Force Meeting**
- **A MOA is also being prepared for National Academy of Science to establish the Panel and provide the Review.**

Modified Water Deliveries to ENP

- **Implementation of plan for 8.5 SMA is continuing.**
- **Real Estate: Continuing land acquisition and meeting with residents last evening.**
- **Design proceeding for S-357, STA, Canal, and Levee. Contract awards in mid 04.**
- **Tamiami Trail GRR being finalized, submittal early 04.**

IOP/CSOP

- **Operations under IOP continue, currently in Column 1 mode with no by pass.**
- **CSOP Purpose and Objectives Paper was reviewed by SFWMD Governing Board with input from the Water Resources Advisory Committee.**
- **Next step will be meeting with Advisory Team (assuming charter adopted) and starting process.**
- **We have been requested to look at the WCA 3A regulation schedule and S-12 operations in light of continued high water.**

Critical Projects

- **10 Mile Creek – Contract awarded for construction.**
- **C-11 – Last contract for project, the divide structure (S-381), has been awarded.**
- **Seminole Big Cypress – Work proceeding, with Phase 1 complete.**
- **Lake Okeechobee CP – Solicitation for Taylor Creek portion is being re-advertised. Nubbin Slough to follow.**

Lake Okeechobee

- **Current Lake Level receding again (16.9 feet).**
- **Releases were reduced to 4,500 cfs out the Caloosahatchee and 2,500 out the St Lucie.**
- **Recent dryer spells have decreased local inflows to St Lucie and Caloosahatchee.**
- **Working with SFWMD on a 3 phase effort**
 - **Adjustment to WSE decision tree**
 - **Potential short term temporary deviation for WSE**
 - **Long term re-look at WSE which will involve NEPA.**
- **Lake Toho draw down still pending.**

C-51/STA 1E

- **We are working to complete construction of the STA**
- **Have completed analysis of PSTA test and provided recommendation to our Washington Office for expanded field test**
- **Assuming concurrence, we intend to proceed with construction and testing of field site, with ultimate construction completion in 2006.**
- **Also, working design change reports to address concerns over discharges to WCA 1, LNWR.**

STA-1E

Conceptual Plan to Achieve 10 ppb Phosphorus



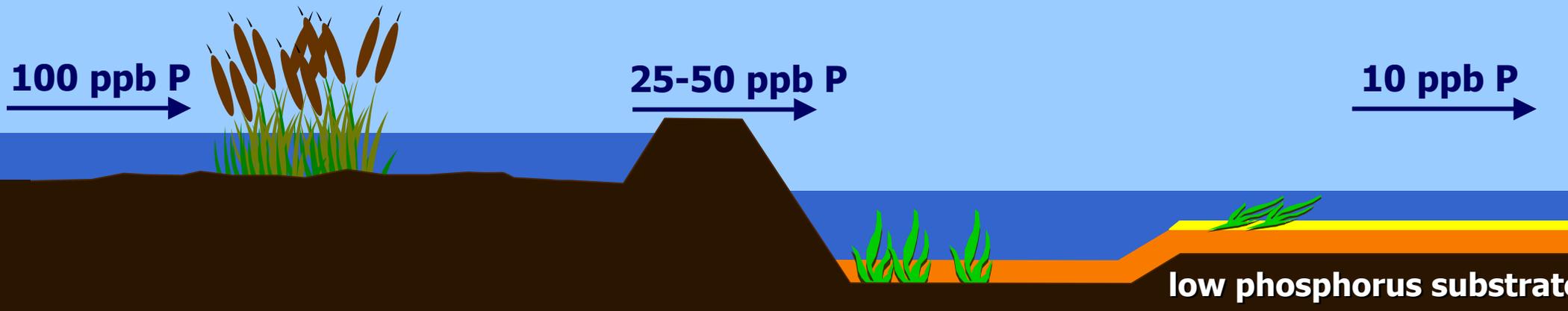
Emergent Growth



Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)



Periphyton (PSTA)



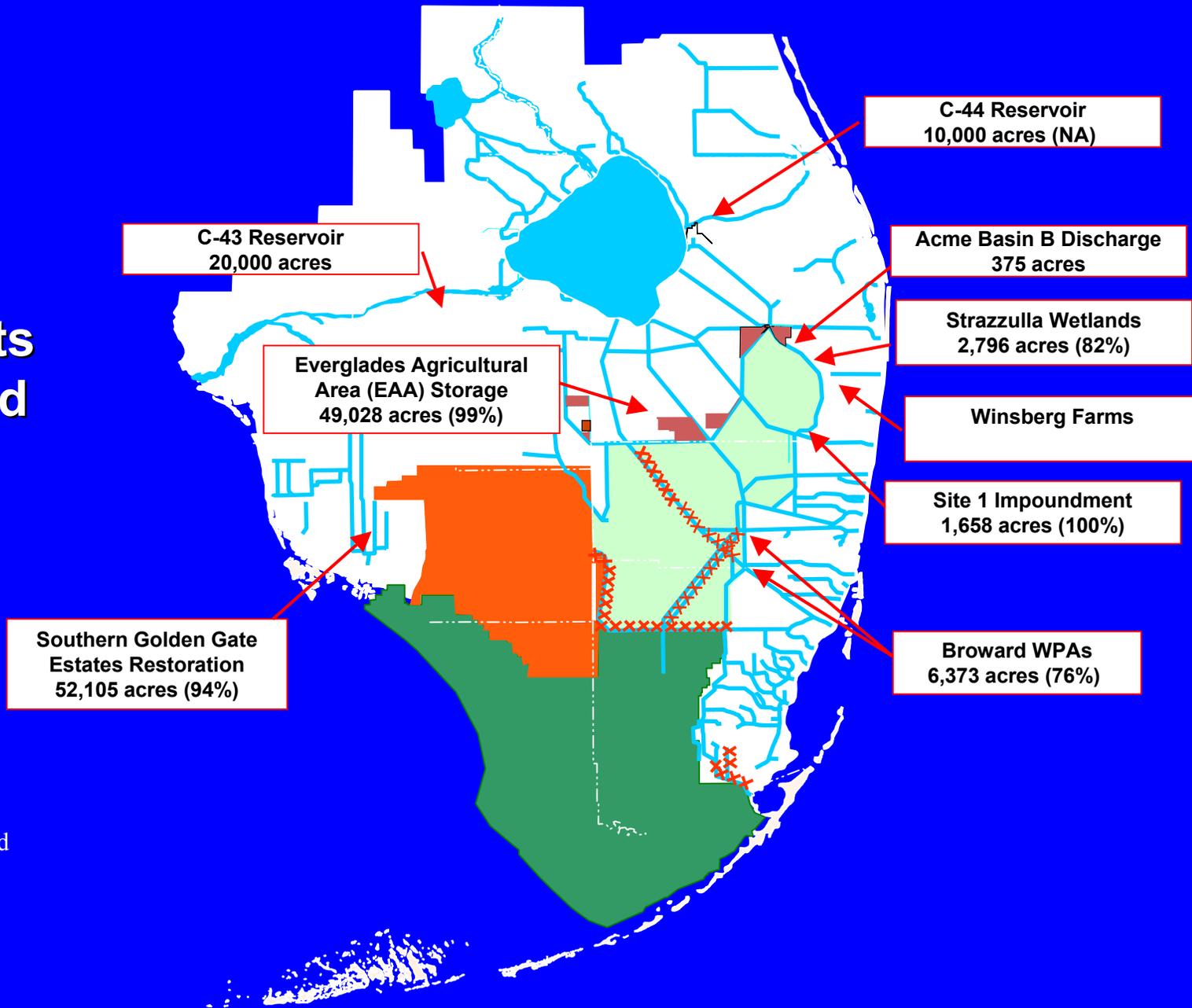
Improving CERP Implementation

Three tracks have been identified for improving implementation of CERP

- 1. Most projects will continue on an enhanced joint implementation process for PIR development and project implementation.**
- 2. A lead agency (either Corps or SFWMD) may be designated to move forward with a project in order to focus resources that are available on implementation of the project.**
- 3. SFWMD and others (PBC) may elect to move forward with implementation of certain projects to achieve early benefits while the PIR development continues**

Primary Projects being Examined

Lands Acquired
as of June 30, 2003



* Percentage of project lands acquired
is shown in parentheses

Questions?

