



Draft Interim Goals and Interim Targets Agreements

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Background

- **Water Resources Development Act of 2000 requires the development of interim goals**
- **Programmatic Regulations**
 - **Set forth process for development of interim goals and interim targets**
 - **Require execution of a three-party agreement to memorialize interim goals**
 - **Require establishment of interim targets**

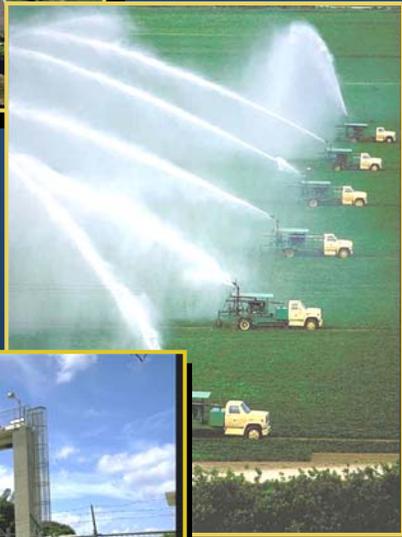


Interim Goals



Means for agency managers, the State and Congress to evaluate the ***restoration success*** of the CERP at specific points in time throughout the planning and implementation process

Interim Targets



Means for evaluating the progress of the CERP towards meeting the *other water-related needs of the region* throughout the planning and implementation process

Interim Goals and Targets



Interim goals and interim targets shall be consistent with each other



Separate Agreements

- **Interim Goals Agreement**
 - Secretary of Army
 - Secretary of Interior
 - Governor of Florida
- **Interim Targets Agreement**
 - Secretary of Army
 - Governor of Florida



Revised Draft Interim Goals



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- **Organized by Region**
- **Focus on the recommended Goal statements**
- **Identify the key indicators in each region for the Goal statements**
- **Include specific metrics for CERP performance in accordance with each MISP Band – e.g., acre-feet of storage, acres of STA's, and acres of natural wetlands restored.**



Sample Interim Goals

■ Northern Estuaries Region

- Increase areal coverage of American oysters in the northern estuaries
- Reduce high volume flows to the northern estuaries

■ Lake Okeechobee Region

- Reduce phosphorus concentrations in Lake Okeechobee
- Restore more natural water levels in Lake Okeechobee
 - Reduce frequency of harmful high stages, i.e., above 17 feet
 - Reduce frequency of harmful low stages, i.e., below 11 feet
 - Restore natural spring recession events



Sample Interim Goals *(continued)*

■ Everglades Region

- Increase spatial extent of natural habitat
- Increase wading bird nesting patterns
- Increase the frequency of super-colony events
- Establish conditions that encourage wood storks to initiate nesting earlier in winter
- Provide more natural surface water flows to the northern boundaries of the Water Conservation Areas
- Provide more natural surface water flows to Everglades National Park



Sample Interim Goals (continued)

- **Southern Estuaries Region**
 - **Reduce high salinity levels in Florida Bay**
 - Little Madeira Bay
 - Terrapin Bay
 - North River Mouth
 - **Increase freshwater flows to Florida Bay**
- **System-wide Water Volume**
 - **Reduce the quantity of freshwater lost to tide**



Draft Interim Targets



Sample Interim Targets

- **Reduce frequency of water shortages resulting from regional system conditions**
 - Lower East Coast Service Area
 - Lake Okeechobee Service Area
- **Protect Biscayne Aquifer from saltwater intrusion during severe drought**
 - Palm Beach, Broward and Miami Dade counties
 - South Miami-Dade County



Commitment to Update

Interim goals and targets will be modified as a priority initiative to reflect:

- **New information (e.g., new MISP or CERP Updates)**
- **New or updated models**
- **New scientific and technical information**
- **Information developed through assessment principles**
- **Future authorized changes to the Plan**
- **Changed or unforeseen circumstances**



Status

- **Agreements are being revised to focus on the goals and indicators.**
- **These initial Agreements will form the basis of our future efforts to develop the predictions for time dependent accomplishments expected during program implementation.**
- **Expect to have revised agreements ready for Task Force in late June**

Thank you



Discussion