

# CERP Report to the Public

## First Annual Report



September 2006 South Florida Ecosystem  
Restoration Task Force Meeting

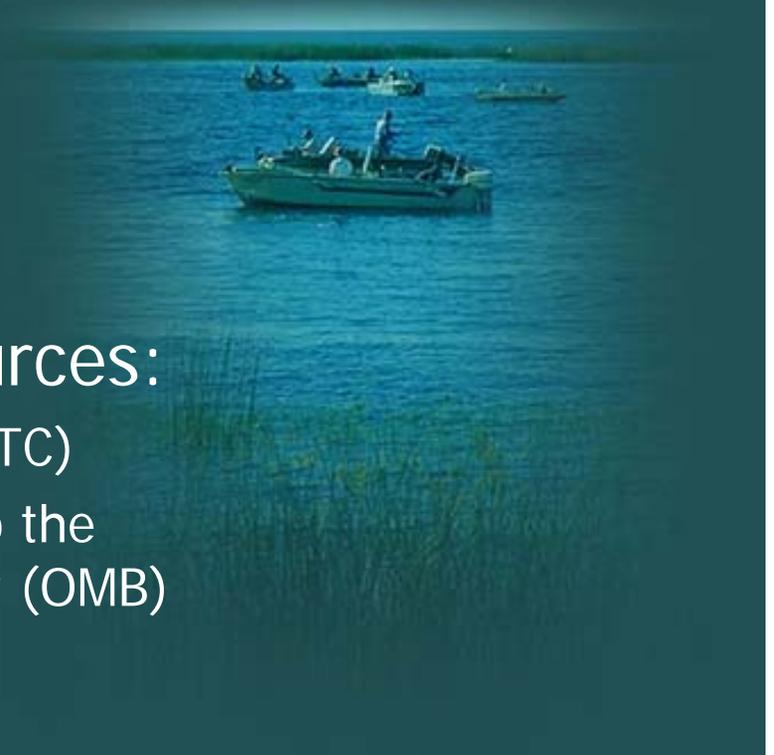
# Background

- Joint report co-developed by USACE and SFWMD
- First in series of annual reports
- Communicate to general public:
  - WHAT is CERP
  - WHY CERP is needed
  - WHERE the Everglades & CERP are located
  - WHICH projects are components of CERP



# Background continued

- Fulfillment of Programmatic Regulations requirements:
  - Components of the CERP
  - Estimated cost of the CERP
  - Water budget
  - Water reserved/allocated for natural system
- Report to the Public Data Sources:
  - CERP 2005 Report to Congress (RTC)
  - Draft CERP 2005 Annual Report to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)



# Format

- Format
  - Tri-fold brochure / insert in local newspapers
  - Written for:
    - General public understanding
    - Translation to Spanish, Creole
    - Fulfillment of Programmatic Regulations requirements
  - Visually appealing:
    - Photographs, use of color, maps, pie charts



# Reporting Period and Publish Date

- Reporting period
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Report:
    - “Into 2006” - include current construction activity
  - Subsequent Reports:
    - Each spring - coincide with release of President’s Budget, 1st Tuesday in February
- Publish date
  - Originally May/June 2006
  - Dependent on publication of RTC & OMB Reports



# Future

- Future possibilities:
  - Interactive electronic document available on the internet
    - Electronic document content same as printed report
    - Hyperlinks to [www.evergladesplan.org](http://www.evergladesplan.org) page containing further topic/project information
    - Pop-up boxes giving term definition when user's cursor hovers over the word
    - Will allow the public to track progress for years to come

# Questions?



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