

Guiding Principles for the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS)

1. No CERP projects are being taken off the table; this re-evaluation is merely to update the project sequencing and develop a more realistic implementation schedule for the initial set of CERP projects to be constructed.
2. The Integrated Delivery Schedule acknowledges the Federal and State agencies commitment to complete the implementation of key ongoing projects. The term “commitment” refers to projects currently authorized, under construction or both. It includes the “Foundation Projects” (i.e. Modified Water Deliveries to ENP, Kissimmee River Restoration, C-111 South Dade, C-51/STA - 1East, etc.) and other projects for which the Federal and State agencies have committed to accelerate implementation.
3. The IDS should include all projects related to the restoration of the Everglades. These projects include both State and Federal initiatives such as Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation, the Northern Everglades Plan, and the Long-Term Plan for Achieving Water Quality Goals in the Everglades Protection Area.
4. The IDS Federal funding scenarios will only include those projects under the South Florida Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Program (SFEER). The SFEER projects include: MWD, Kissimmee, C&SF (includes C-111 SD, C-51, and CERP), and E&SF.
5. Projects should be implemented in a sequence that achieves restoration objectives at earliest practicable time, consistent with funding constraints.
6. As appropriate, projects should be broken into multiple Project Implementation Reports to facilitate the Incremental Adaptive Restoration (IAR) approach recommended by the National Academy of Science. Each separable element will conform to NEPA guidance, as well as other Federal and State laws.
7. The Integrated Delivery Schedule will provide the basis for the MISP update for CERP, as currently required by the Programmatic Regulations. The updated MISP, in turn, will be a major component of the wider-ranging IDS.
8. Project and component interdependencies will drive the sequencing order for constructing projects. (e.g., pilot projects must be completed prior to a full scale project.)
9. As appropriate, the Interim Goals and Targets should be used to measure restoration progress
10. Key points in implementation will be defined by new system operating manuals.