CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT

SMART PLANNING FOR THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT

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SMART PLANNING

Specific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable,
Risk-informed, **T**imely

- Reflects concerns from public, sponsors, Congress
- Nation-wide initiative
  - Increase efficiency and effectiveness
  - Reduce time and cost of USACE studies
- Parallel guidance
  - Establish scope of the study
  - Limit schedule and budget

INCREMENTAL DECISIONS

- From a corporate perspective:
  - What are the key decisions that must occur and when must they occur?
  - What information is needed to make these decisions?
- Frequent coordination with the Vertical Team

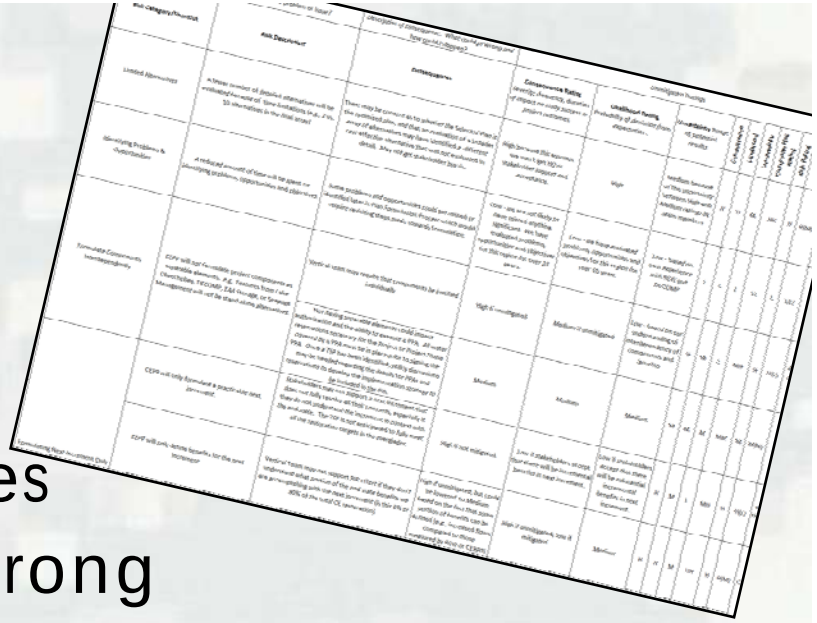
INCREMENTAL DECISIONS

- Alternatives
- Tentatively Selected Plan
- Agency Decision
- Final Report
- Chief's Report

MANAGE RISKS

- Unknowns &uncertainties are out there
- Ask, what is the risk of this uncertainty to the:
  - decision we might make
  - study cost
  - study schedule
- Some uncertainties do not affect the quality of planning decisions
- Data collection and analysis is focused on the higher risk uncertainties

TOOLS



- Risk Register
  - Usually a table
  - Identifies risks & uncertainties
  - Describes what could go wrong
  - What is the is the risk to the decisions or the study?
  - Options to resolve or reduce the risk
- Report Synopsis
  - Summary updated regularly & submitted before each milestone decision
  - Becomes the Draft Report

TOOLS

- Decision Management Plan
  - Key actions to reach the next major decision
  - Focuses on High Risk items from the Risk Register
  - Identifies what will be done, and how it will be quantified & evaluated
- Decision Log
  - Lists each issue & decision
  - Coordinated with the Vertical Team
  - Reduces re-addressing prior decisions

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LOWER RISK ITEMS

- CEPP problems and opportunities, goals, objectives, constraints, & management measures
  - Identified from existing research & recent CERP studies
  - Developed quickly
  - Coordinated thoroughly

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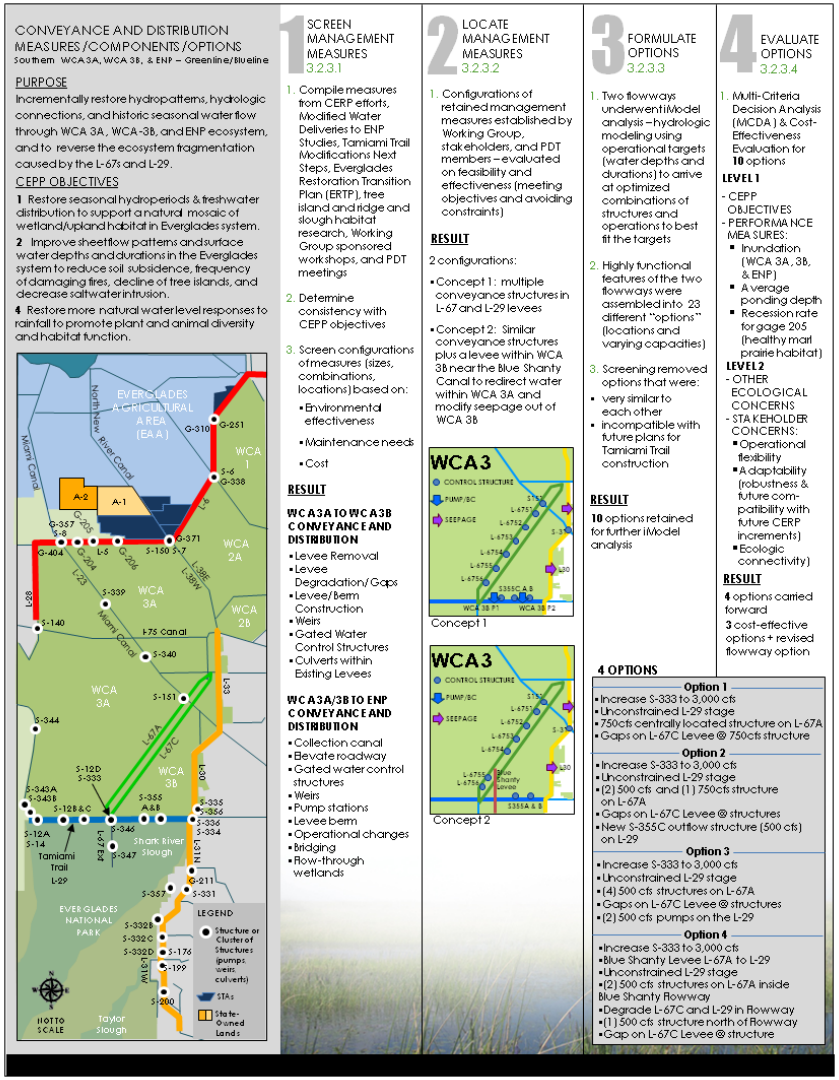
HIGH RISK ITEMS

- Screening of management measures and preliminary alternatives
  - Existing model output
  - Use fast new models to analyze many combinations
  - Rigorous screening



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HIGH RISK ITEMS

- Joint operation of a CEPP Flowage Equalization Basin with the State's A-1 FEB & STA 3 / 4
  - Concern with meeting water quality requirements, high construction cost, & cost sharing of O&M
  - Prepared multiple scenarios with model runs for performance, cost estimates, & cost sharing comparisons to allow USACE & SFWMD leadership to reach the same decision
  - Negotiations at high levels

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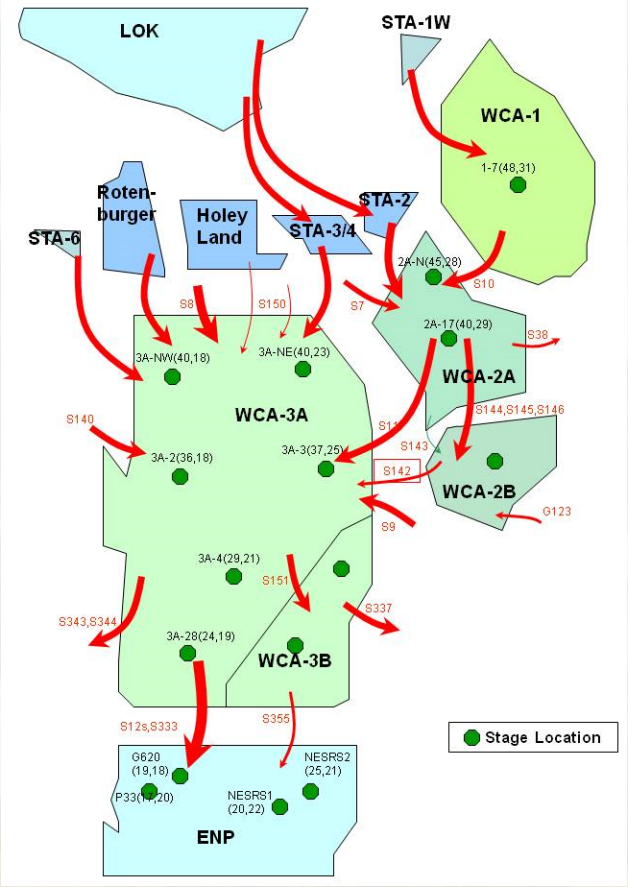
HIGH RISK ITEMS

- Longstanding uncertainty of how to operate structures to achieve target hydropatterns in the WCA 3
  - Dedicated the time & labor to apply a new inverse model to reduce this uncertainty
  - This modeling also help establish the most effective size & location of the features



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION