The C&SF Project is a water management system operated via a series of regulations and agreements. These conditions are monitored on a regular basis to ensure the system is operating within the parameters outlined in the operating criteria for future water control structures in the S-200 system. Project purposes include flood control, agricultural irrigation, municipal and industrial water supply, preservation of fish and wildlife, water supply to Everglades National Park (ENP), preservation of ENP, prevention of saltwater intrusion, drainage of excess water to the coastal areas, and augmentation of flow to the South Florida Ecosystems.

The L-29 Borrow Canal at the southern end of WCA 3 allows water to flow into Everglades National Park (WCA) through a series of canals connected to ENP. A comprehensive field test is planned for the L-29 Borrow Canal, with the aim of increasing flow to the ENP while providing operational flexibility needed to control seepage to the L-31N Canal. Testing will be conducted during the 2016 El Niño period to evaluate the field test’s effectiveness.

The Corps conducted a temporary emergency deviation on February 15, 2016 to raise the water levels within WCA 34 by allowing the full discharge capacity through spillway S-333 into the L-29 Canal. The Corps sought to increase water flow into the ENP under high water conditions to improve hydrologic conditions in the Park.

Increment 1 Plus (Increment 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3) Field Test

The Corps conducted Increment 1 Plus, which includes an additional temporary emergency deviation on February 26, 2016. This deviation raised the water levels in WCA 34 by allowing the full discharge capacity through spillway S-333 into the L-29 Canal. The Corps sought to increase water flow into the ENP under high water conditions to improve hydrologic conditions in the Park.

The Corps prepared a new BO for ERTP on July 22, 2016, seeking to provide flood control, agricultural irrigation, municipal and industrial water supply, preservation of fish and wildlife, water supply to Everglades National Park (WCA) through a series of canals connected to ENP.

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