Challenges of Large Scale Ecosystem Restoration Construction in the Current Economic Climate

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Indian River Lagoon – South

2 Phases Phase 1 – \$1.2 Billion* Phase 2 – \$0.8 Billion*

*Planning level estimates





C-44 Project



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Background

- Case study : IRL-S C-44 Reservoir and STA
- SFWMD Design and Construction
- SFWMD funding constraints moved the construction to USACE and split project into three phases
 - Contract 1 Intake Canal, C-133
 - Contract 2 Reservoir and Discharge Canal
 - Contract 3 Stormwater Treatment Areas
- USACE continuing to convert the design to USACE standards for all phases
- **Construction Contract 1 Intake Canal, C-133**
 - Awarded on 14 Jul 11 for ~ \$32,000,000





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Intake Canal

•Intake Canal
•C-133 and C-133A improvement
•Access Roads
•Bridge on Citrus Blvd - Relocation
•Culverts on Citrus Blvd – Relocation
•Relocation of FP&L Lines
•SFWMD construction of wetlands after completion of USACE work



Reservoir and Outflow

- •52,000 acres feet reservoir
- Intake pump station
- •Outflow channel and discharge structures
- Buried conduit for power
- Construction of FP&L sub-station





STA

•6,300 Acres of STA •All gravity fed from outflow of Reservoir

Returning treated flow to C-44



Challenges

Design
Relocations
NFS Adjacent Projects
Funding
Operations





Common Design Challenges

- IT: Instrumentation and Controls
- Changes in Agency Policy
- Changes in Agency & Industry Design Standards
- Changes in Technology
- Changes in Personnel
- Incorporation of Lessons Learned





Specific Design Challenges

SFWMD

- One Project with several components
 - Fully Funded
- Allows Construction Contractor freedom without directing means and measures

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Phasing of Project

- Limited Annual Funding
- Impacts to schedule
- More Prescriptive Design Specifications
 - Package/SOW/Design Detail
 - Contracting & FAR
- **Required Reviews**
 - IEPR, PARC
- Relocations
 - Additional Pre-Construction



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Relocations

- Relocations are considered the responsibility of non-federal sponsor.
- USACE needed to break out relocations for SFWMD to perform prior to USACE construction, where practicle.
- USACE will carry out some relocations paid for by SFWMD as they cannot be phased.
 - Citrus Blvd
- SFWMD will phase their relocations for TIWCD to maintain operation for TIWCD.





NFS Adjacent Projects

- SFWMD intended to carry out work on C-133 and C-132 Northern Sections as part of the project.
- Since this work is not part of the Federally Authorized project, USACE cannot carry out this work, but design does need to tie into final work.
- SFWMD and USACE maintained same Designer of Record to allow synchronization.





NFS Works

C-132 and C-133 North Improvements

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Funding Challenges

- Increasing economic climate pressures
- Contract Earnings vs. Expected Funding Streams
- Incremental Funding
- Identify Usable Increments
- EC-11-2-191, 19 Apr 07
 - Appendix I Conditions and Approval Levels for Use of Continuing Contracts

EC-11-2-198, 7 Jan 10

- Appendix N Conditions and Approval Levels for Use of Contract Clauses
- Appendix O Format for Approval to Award a Continuing Contract





Operational Challenges

- A balance between time and funding had to be struck against operating individual components of the project
- Each component must be fully functional for transfer
- Each component must be able to function for it's intended useful purpose should the next not receive funding





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Operational Challenges





Discharge Canal

Required to allow the reservoir to be a functional element and operate

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Management Decision

- Go back to INTERMEDIATE plans and specifications
- Project team re-develops schedule and budget which accounts for design and technology changes, required reviews and multiple year funding requirements
- Cost reviews at key design milestones
- Develop P&ID up front for Electrical/IT work









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