

CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT



*Restoring the Heart
of the Everglades*

Planning the Next Generation of Everglades Restoration Projects

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Why Restore the Everglades?





RESTORING THE HEART OF THE EVERGLADES

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Implementation: 2000-2007

- **Agreement, SFWMD 2001**
 - ▶ Non-fed Partner
- **Programmatic Regulations: 2003**
 - ▶ How Everglades projects implemented
- **Multiple Planning Studies Underway**
 - ▶ Project Implementation Reports
- **Restoration Science and Monitoring**
 - ▶ RECOVER

Authorization: WRDA 2007

- **Three Projects Authorized: “Gen 1”**
 - ▶ **Indian River Lagoon (NE FL estuary)**
 - ▶ **Picayune Strand (Southwest Florida)**
 - ▶ **Site1Impoundment (SE FL water supply)**

“Reverse CERP Darwinism”

Generation 2 Projects

- **Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir**
- **C-111 Spreader Canal**
- **Biscayne Coastal Wetlands**
- **Broward Water Preserve Areas**

“More reverse CERP Darwinism”

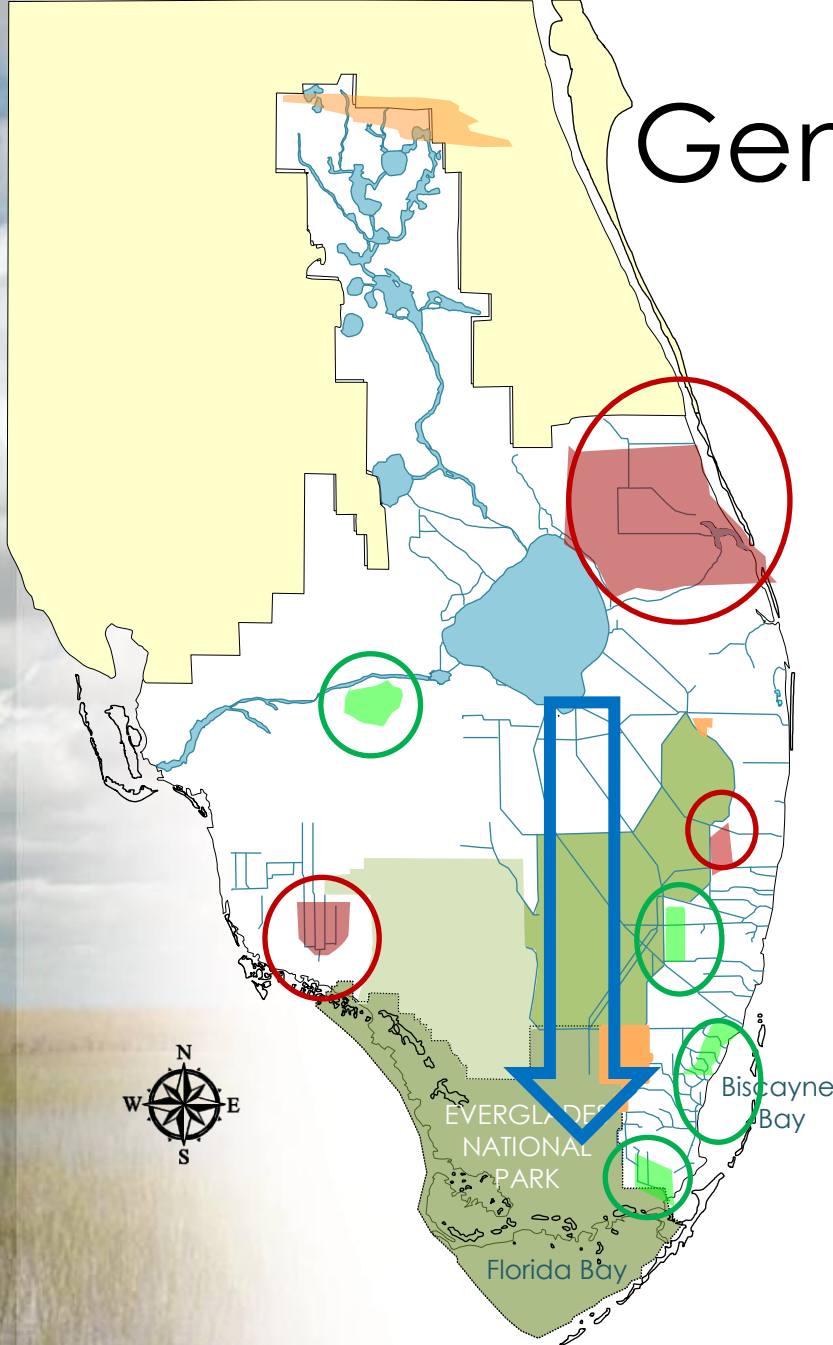
Gen 1/Gen 2 Projects

- Indian River Lagoon
- Picayune Strand
- Site 1 Impoundment
- C-43 Reservoir
- C-111 Spreader Canal*
- Biscayne Coastal Wetlands*
- Broward WPAs

1992- 2011

What's Missing??

*Advance construction by SFWMD





Everglades National Park

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Renewed Emphasis on Central 'Glades!

■ **Support from:**

- ▶ **Stakeholders**
- ▶ **Agencies (DOI/Everglades National Park)**
- ▶ **ASA-CW**
- ▶ **Non-federal Sponsor**
 - **Water Quality Litigation**

Convergence of Interests

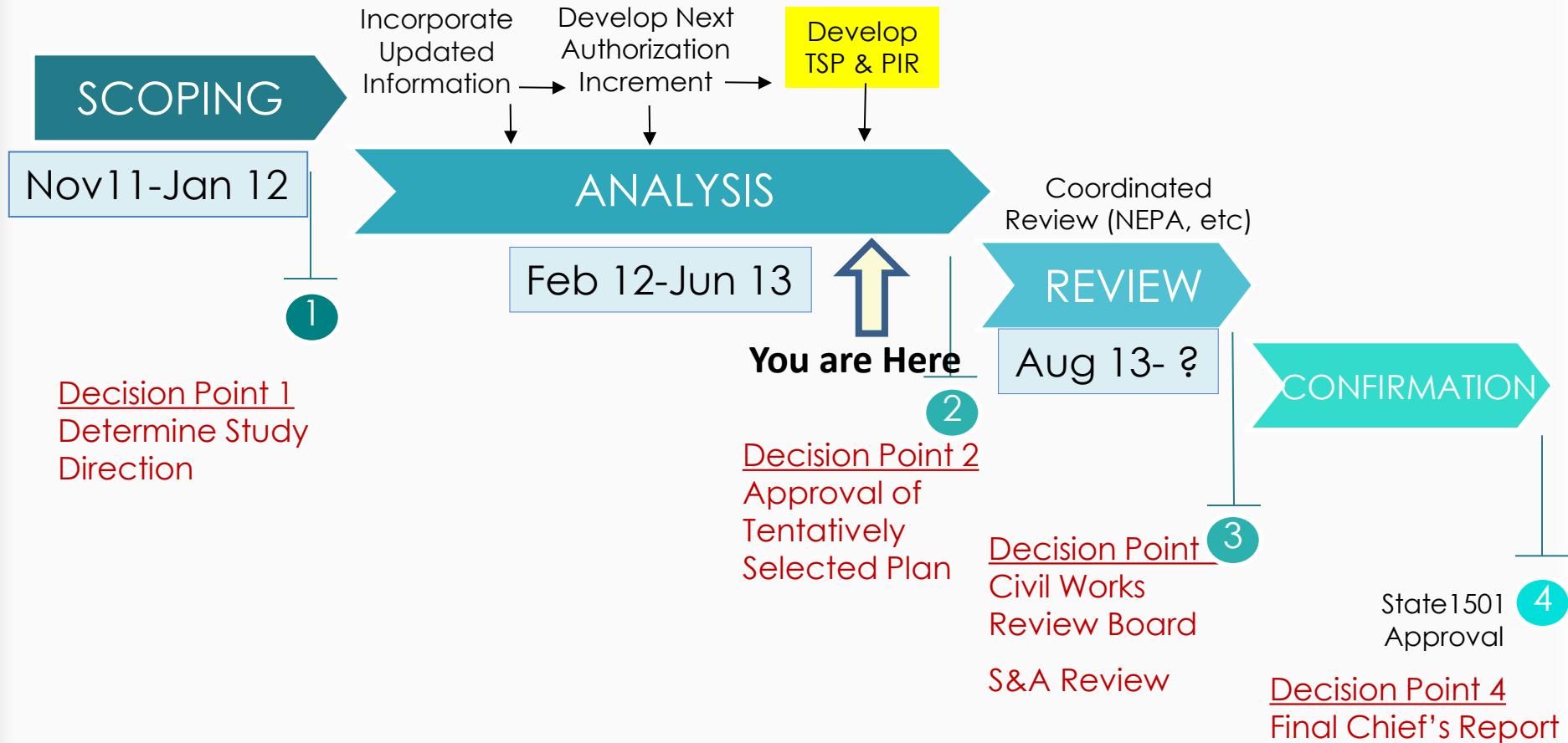
■ **Corps Reform: Transform Civil Works**

Civil Works Transformation

- **Re-think Planning and Budgeting**
- **Planning**
 - ▶ **Less cost, shorter studies (SMART Planning)**
 - ▶ **Pilot Program: 18 Months**
- **Central Everglades Planning Project added to Corps' Pilot Program Oct 2011**
- **CEPP Study Launched at Federal Everglades Task Force Meeting Nov 2011**

CENTRAL EVERGLADES PROCESS

TARGET: DP3 - 18 MONTHS



How've We Done?

- **Tentative Plan: 15 Months**

What Happened Next?

- **Stakeholder & Agency Concerns**

- ▶ Water Supply Improvements
- ▶ WRDA 2000 Savings Clause
- ▶ Project Cost
- ▶ Water Quality Litigation

- **Sponsor Support**

- **More Modeling & Issue Resolution**

- ▶ 4 Months

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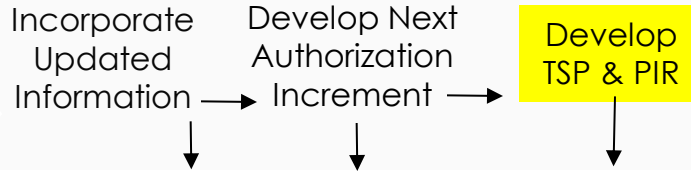
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SCOPING

Nov 11-Jan 12

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Decision Point 1
Determine Study
Direction



ANALYSIS

Feb 12-Jun 13

You are Here

Decision Point 2
Approval of
Tentatively
Selected Plan

Coordinated
Review (NEPA, etc)

REVIEW

Aug 13- ?

Decision Point 3
Civil Works
Review Board

S&A Review

CONFIRMATION

State 1501
Approval

Decision Point 4
Final Chief's Report

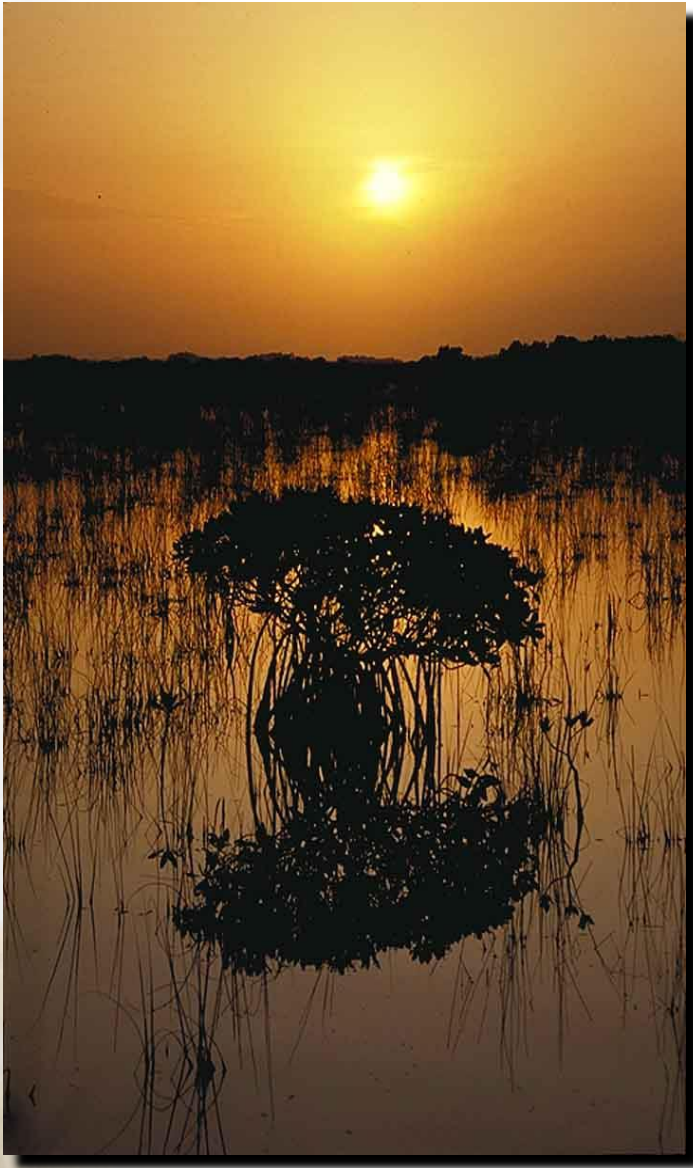
ACTUAL: DP2 - 20 MONTHS

Where Are We Now?

- **Draft Report in Preparation**
- **Decision Point 2: Aug 12**
- **SFWMD Gov Board Approval: Aug 15**
- ***Draft Report: Aug 23 (ish)***
 - ▶ ***45-60 days NEPA/CZMA process***
- ***Corps Approval (DP3)/S&A Review: TBD***
- ***Chief's Report: TBD***

Lessons Learned

- **Complex is hard!**
 - ▶ **Exceptional modeling support from SFWMD**
- **Simplify communications**
 - ▶ **Multiple public engagement opportunities**
- **Resource Protection Agencies most affected**
- **Stakeholder Groups/Public also concerned about pace of study**
 - ▶ **Influence on non-fed partner**



Questions?