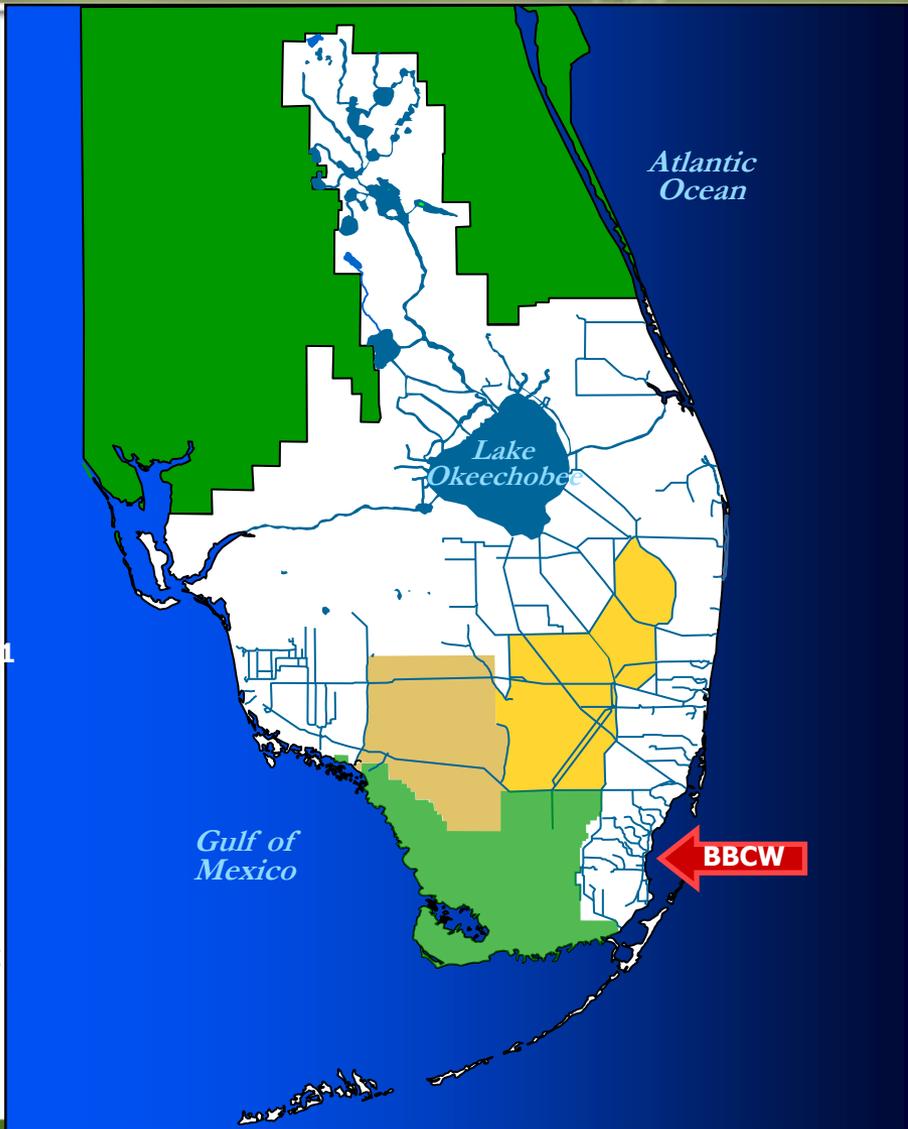
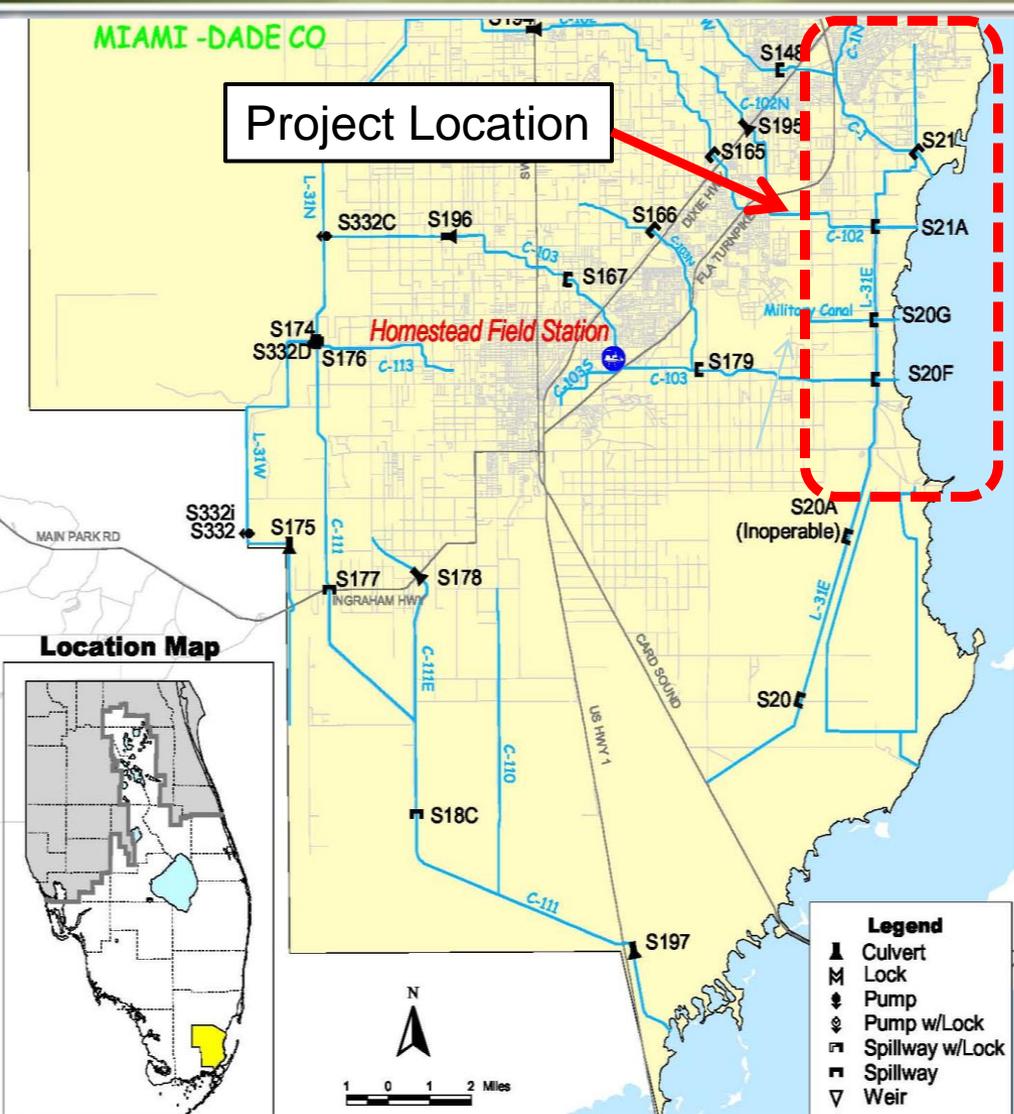


**Governing Board Meeting
August 11, 2011**

**Letter of Support
Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands**

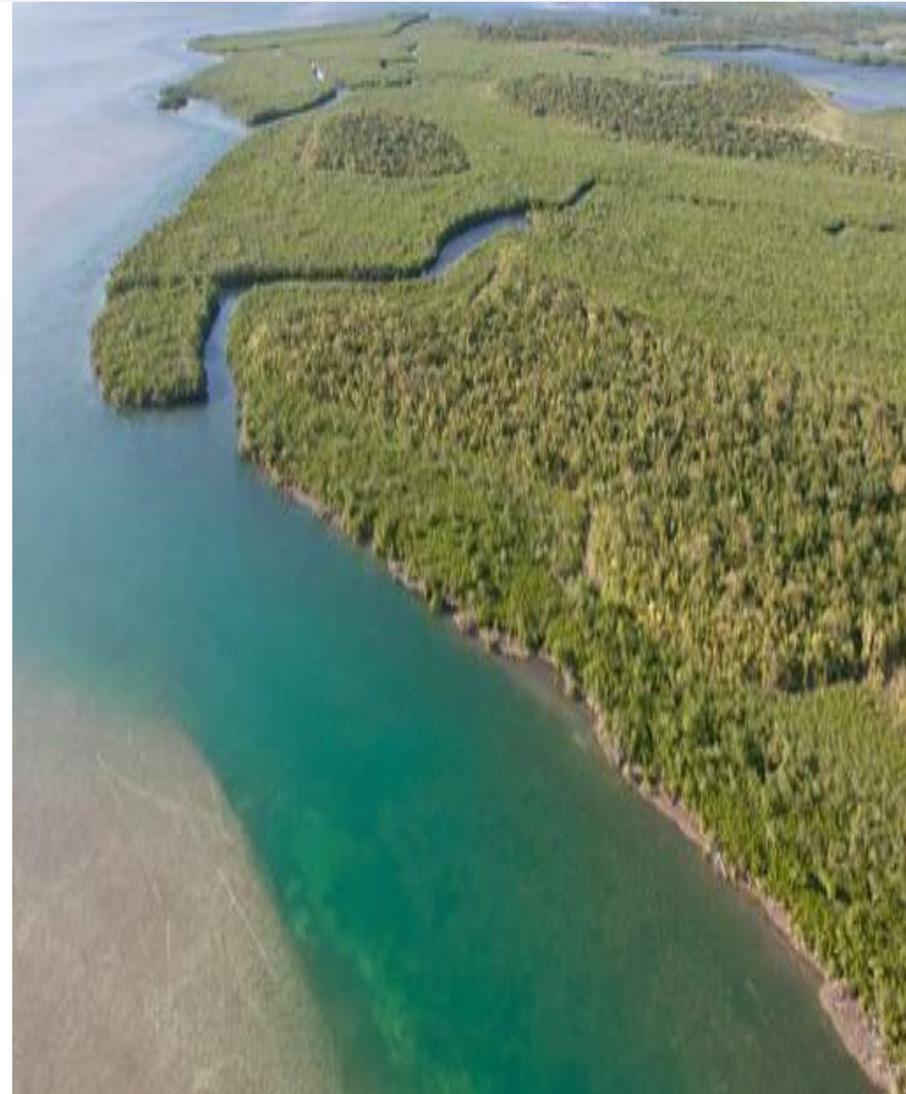
*Ernie Barnett, Director
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Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands



Letter of Support Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands

- Authority for preparation of the Final Integrated Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement (PIR/EIS) is contained in Section 601(d) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000
- Project currently listed on CERP Integrated Delivery Schedule with a 2010 construction start by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
- Expedited design and construction on several components have already been completed or are currently underway
- Letter expresses SFWMD support of the Final PIR/EIS
- Although letter is non-binding, affirms financial capability to satisfy Non-Federal Sponsor obligations described in the PIR/EIS should a Project Partnership Agreement be executed by the parties



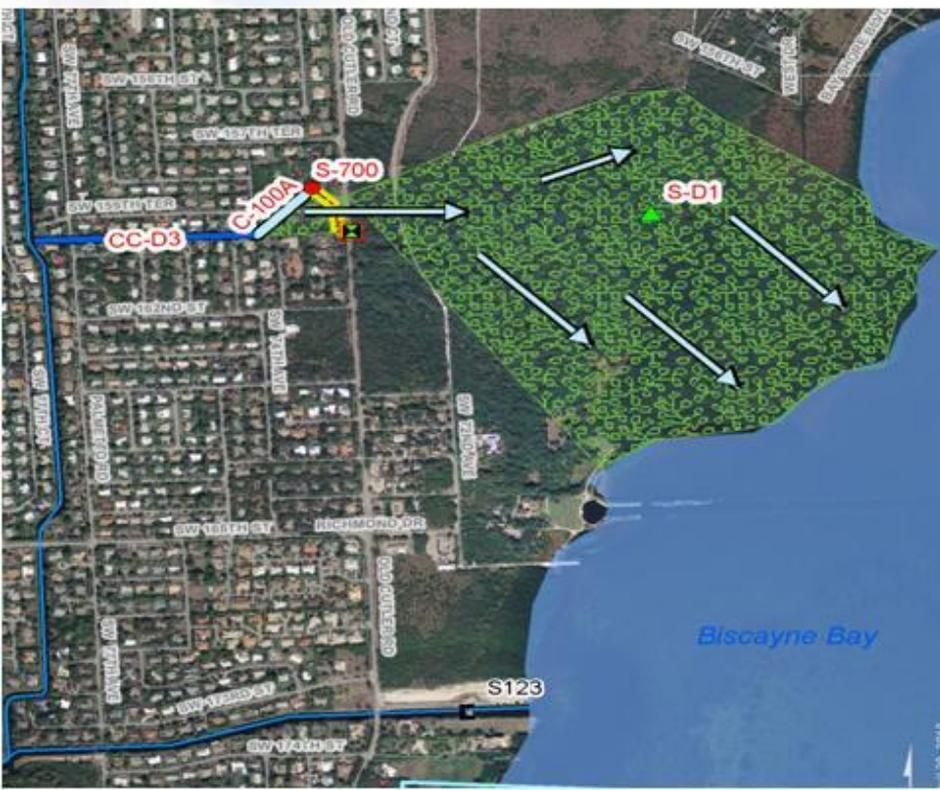
Goals and Objectives Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands

- Redistribute freshwater flow and minimize point source discharges
- Preserve and restore natural coastal wetlands habitat
- Re-establish connectivity between the coastal and adjacent wetlands
- Improve near shore and saltwater wetland salinity regimes
- Re-establish productive nursery habitat



BBCW Deering Estate Features Construction Underway

- C-100A Spur Canal extension
- New 100 CFS Pump Station (S-700)
- Spreader structure to redistribute flows improving salinity in coastal wetlands



Current Status Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands

- SFWMD Project Expenditures
 - Planning ~\$ 3.0 M
 - Design ~\$10.9 M
 - Construction ~\$ 22.1M⁽¹⁾
 - Real Estate ~\$62.7 M⁽²⁾
 - Total ~\$98.7 M

- Current PIR Cost Estimate ~\$191M

(1) \$16.5M Cutler Flow Way Expedited Construction Pending

(2) \$5.3M Remaining Real Estate Required

Current Schedule

Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands

- Sponsor's Letter of Support Aug 2011
- PIR/NEPA Review Complete Nov 2011
- Chief's Report Signed Feb 2012
- Assistant Secretary of the Army - Civil Works Review of Chief's Report May 2012
- OMB Review of Chief's Report Aug 2012
- Record of Decision Signed Aug 2012
- Chief's Report to Congress Aug 2012

Resolution Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 811

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE BISCAYNE BAY COASTAL WETLANDS PHASE I FINAL INTEGRATED PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (PIR/EIS) DATED JULY 2011, AND AFFIRMING SFWMD'S FINANCIAL CAPABILITY TO SATISFY THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR DESCRIBED IN THE PIR/EIS, SHOULD A PROJECT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (PPA) BE EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Questions?