

Restoration Strategies Program Update

October 2019

The South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) \$880 million Restoration Strategies Program includes the design and construction of a suite of regional water storage, treatment and conveyance improvement projects that will enhance water quality in America's Everglades. The program also includes a robust Science Plan consisting of research activities focused on investigating the critical factors that influence phosphorus (P) reduction and better understanding the sustainability of P removal performance at low P concentrations. The strategies also feature implementation of additional sub-regional source controls – where pollution is reduced at the source – in areas where P levels in stormwater runoff have been historically higher. As of September 23, 2019, total program expenditures are approximately \$333.7 million, and all projects are scheduled to be complete by December 2025.

Eastern Flow Path

STA-1E Repairs and Modifications (Cells 5 and 7)

Geotechnical and Environmental testing work order issued for Cells 5 and 7. Final design review is in the final phase, next step is to produce final plans and specifications. The 408 permit submittal is under review by USACE. Cell 6 earthwork will be performed by the District. Project expected to be completed by November 2022.

Stormwater Treatment Area 1 West (STA-1W) Expansion #1

Continued with initial flooding of expansion area and startup water quality monitoring. Initial flooding and optimization period to be completed by December 2020.

Stormwater Treatment Area 1 West (STA-1W) Expansion #2

Preliminary design of STA was completed on August 1, 2019. State and Federal permit applications submitted on July 26, 2019. Design is expected to be completed in July 2020.

G-341 Related Conveyance Improvements

Construction of Segment 3 is 91 percent complete. Segment 4 Construction Contract is scheduled to go to the October Governing Board for approval.

Western Flow Path

STA-5/6 Internal Improvements

Land clearing operations are complete in Cell 3A and are proceeding in Cell 2A. Excavation operations continue in Cell 2A and the excess material is being hauled to the various low areas that exist throughout Cell 2A. Finish grading as-built surveying operations are proceeding in Cell 2A and Cell 3A.

C-139 Flow Equalization Basin (FEB)

Preliminary design was submitted on June 30, 2019. District staff completed the review on July 10, 2019. Revised submittal was received and accepted on August 12, 2019. Review of 30 percent design is being finalized. Technical Review Briefing (TRB) on consensus for 30 percent design is scheduled for October 9, 2019. Geotechnical field work started on September 23, 2019.

Additional Components

Sub-Regional Source Controls

On-going development of sub-regional source control concepts and coordination with stakeholders.

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Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) Science Plan

There are currently fourteen Science Plan Studies. Five have been completed, one is nearing completion and eight are in progress.

Operational Guidance for FEB and STA Regional Operation	Completed in 2017
Influence of canal Conveyance on P Concentrations.....	Completed in 2017
Evaluation of Sampling Methods for TP.....	Completed in 2017
Periphyton-Based STA Performance, Design and Operational Factors	Completed in 2018
Evaluation of Rooted Floating Aquatic Vegetation in STAs	Completed in 2018
P Forms, Flux and Transformation Processes	Completed in 2019
STA Water and P Budget Improvements for Treatment Performance.....	In Progress
Vegetation Inundation Depth and Duration Sustainability.....	In Progress
Soil Amendments to Control P Flux	In Progress
Effects of Faunal Species on P Cycling in STAs.....	In Progress
Factors for Formation of Floating Tussocks in STAs.....	In Progress
Improving Resilience of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation in STAs.....	In Progress
L-8 FEB and STA Operational Guidance	In Progress
Periphyton and Phytoplankton P Uptake and Release	In Progress

Consent Order¹ Milestones

Project: Activity	Deadline	Date Completed
Eastern Flowpath		
STA-1W Expansion #1: Construction Status Report	3/1/2018	2/23/2018
STA-1W Expansion #1: Complete Construction	12/31/2018	12/27/2018
STA -1W Expansion #1: Initial Flooding and Optimization	12/31/2020	
STA-1W Expansion #2: Initiate Design	10/1/2018	9/25/2018
STA-1W Expansion #2: State and Federal Permit Applications	8/1/2019	07/29/2019
STA-1W Expansion #2: Complete Design	7/31/2020	
G-341 Related Conveyance Improvements: Initiate Construction	11/30/2022	8/13/2015
G-341 Related Conveyance Improvements: Complete Construction	12/31/2024	
Central Flowpath		
A-1 FEB: Operational Monitoring and Testing Period Complete	7/29/2018	7/29/2018
Western Flowpath		
C-139 FEB: Initiate Design	10/31/2018	8/22/2018
C-139 FEB: Submit State and Federal Permit Applications	8/30/2019	8/23/2019
C-139 FEB: Complete Design	10/31/2020	
STA-5/6 Internal Improvements: Initiate Construction	1/31/2022	9/25/2018
STA-5/6 Internal Improvements: Construction Status Report	3/1/2023	9/24/2019
STA-5/6 Internal Improvements: Construction Status Report	3/1/2024	

1: FDEP Consent Order 12-1148 (associated with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. FL0778451-001-FL7A/RA) and FDEP Consent Order 12-1149 (associated with Everglades Forever Act Permit No. 0311207)

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G-341 Related Conveyance Improvements: Bridge supports of the JET Farms Bridge awaiting the delivery of the steel superstructure.