EAA Reservoir Project
Technical Progress Report

BACKGROUND: The Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project is an important part of restoring the Everglades and will dramatically reduce damaging discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the northern estuaries. The project includes a storage reservoir and stormwater treatment area (STA) and will provide water storage, water quality improvement, and move an additional 122 billion gallons per year on average south to the Everglades.

The project is a joint Everglades restoration project between the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). SFWMD is building the water-cleansing STA, which will remove harmful nutrients and move additional water south before the reservoir component is completed. The conveyance improvements and the STA are expected to be completed by 2023. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will construct the storage reservoir component.

Recent Actions Completed to Advance EAA Reservoir Project
- STA cell construction began in May 2021.
- Began STA cell blasting and excavation in July 2021.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executed the Project Partnership Agreement on April 30, 2021.
- Received 404 permit modification for the Phase 3 construction of STA from the USACE in March 2021.
- Received 408 permit for the Phase 3 construction of STA from the USACE in March 2021.
- Awarded contract for remaining STA features in February 2021. Issued NTP in March 2021.
- Received a Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit for construction of the remaining STA features in December 2020.

Next Steps and Upcoming Milestones
- Continued engagement with the public, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida & Seminole Tribe of Florida.
- STA inflow/outflow canal completion in October 2022.