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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

SUBJECT: South Florida Water Management District - Section 203 Everglades Agricultural Area Southern Reservoir Study

1. With regard to the Everglades Agricultural Area Southern Reservoir Study ("the study"), you are hereby directed to complete the following tasks¹ —

- a. Develop, approve, and implement technical assistance tasks pursuant to Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended. As contemplated in this directive, "technical assistance" may include such activities as providing factual or technical information, running models, and providing information on how the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducts its project formulation process. Likewise, "technical assistance, as used herein, does not include inherently governmental functions such as formal consultation or coordination pursuant to Federal law and regulations or review of South Florida Water Management District's work products.
- b. Upon receiving notice from the South Florida Water Management District expressing its intent to submit the study by the end of March 2018, issue an appropriate Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register. Subsequent to issuance, coordinate, with resource agencies and other stakeholders, supplemental information related to the NOI, and begin the coordination process regarding other requirements of Federal law.
- c. Initiate all required formal consultations after the study is received in my office.

2. Tasks 1b. & c. will be undertaken with Federal appropriations. Reallocation of resources from existing South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program appropriations is authorized.

3. Please note that this directive is not intended to establish new policies or procedures. The Everglades Agricultural Area Southern Reservoir Study is considered unique and distinguishable; therefore, this directive is not to be considered as precedent for how future Section 203 studies will be completed.

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¹ All authorities and tasks stated in this memorandum may be delegated, in writing, down to the Jacksonville District Commander.