



# SECTION 203 STUDY FACT SHEET

## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA (EAA) STORAGE RESERVOIR

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#### General Information

Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 authorizes non-Federal interests to undertake feasibility studies of proposed water resource development projects for submission directly to the Secretary of the Army for Federal participation. The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works [ASA(CW)] evaluates and reports whether the project is feasible, providing any recommendations concerning project design or conditions for construction to congressional committees. This report must be submitted by ASA(CW) to Congress within 180 days of receipt. The non-Federal interest conducts the study on their own, except limited technical assistance may be provided by the Corps, with the concurrence of ASA(CW), if the non-Federal interests pays for those services. The same principles and guidelines required for Corps water resources feasibility studies apply to Section 203 studies.

#### Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) – Storage Reservoir

A Section 203 study was conducted by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoir and was submitted to the ASA(CW) on March 30, 2018 for review and consideration for Federal participation. The Corps, Jacksonville District, was delegated the authority to complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance actions for this study. The Corps, Jacksonville District, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which was released for public review and comment on June 8, 2018. Public comments are due to



the Jacksonville District on July 24, 2018. If Congressional authorization is obtained for this recommended plan in the Section 203 study, it will represent a Post Authorization Change of the Central Everglades Planning Project, which was authorized as a Federal project by Congress in 2016.

#### Summary of Project Background

- In 2014, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, and SFWMD completed planning for the Central Everglades Planning Project.
- In 2016, Congress authorized Central Everglades Planning Project, which includes construction of a Flow Equalization Basin (FEB) on the A-2 parcel.
- In 2017, the Florida legislature passed Senate Bill 10, which called for a SFWMD study of a 240,000 acre-foot storage reservoir on the A-2 parcel or a 360,000 acre-foot reservoir on the A-1 and A-2 parcels
- In 2018, the SFWMD submitted the Section 203 report to ASA(CW) for Federal participation in a 240,000 acres-foot storage reservoir and treatment wetlands on the A-2 parcel.

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Public comments can be sent to: [EAAReservoir@usace.army.mil](mailto:EAAReservoir@usace.army.mil) through July 24, 2018

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