

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



News Release

SFWMD Takes Another Step Forward to Complete Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir Project

SFWMD advertising final contract necessary to complete the 6,500-acre water treatment wetland portion of reservoir project



SFWMD Executive Director Drew Bartlett, Chairman Chauncey Goss, and Construction Manager Tim Harper break ground on the STA component of the EAA Reservoir Project

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is taking another step to expedite and complete the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project at the direction of Gov. Ron DeSantis. With full funding in place, SFWMD began advertising the final contract today for the Stormwater Treatment Area component of the EAA Reservoir Project that moves clean water from Lake Okeechobee south to the Everglades. Bids are anticipated to be opened in January 2021.

The Request for Bids (RFB) includes three pump stations, multiple water control structures, inflow and outflow canals, levees, and earthwork necessary to make the natural water cleaning function properly. Additional details for potential bidders can be found at [SFWMD.gov/Procurement](https://www.sfwmd.gov/Procurement).

Gov. DeSantis made expediting the completion of the EAA Reservoir Project a key priority with one of his first executive orders, [Achieving More Now For Florida's Environment](#). The project significantly improves the flow of clean water south to Florida's Everglades and reduces damaging discharges to the northern estuaries.

The EAA Reservoir Project is a joint Everglades restoration project between SFWMD and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The 6,500-acre STA, which is being built by SFWMD, will clean the water to meet stringent state water quality standards before it is sent south. The reservoir, which is being built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will hold 240,000 acre-feet of water.

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