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ACEP	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	Program administered by the US Department of Agriculture to preserve working farms/ranches and wetlands through conservation easements that limit non-agricultural use of the land. <u>www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/pro</u> <u>grams/easements/acep</u>
ASR	Aquifer Storage and Recovery	Wells designed to store surface water underground for use at a later time. www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/alternative-water-supply/asr
BBCW	Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands	Project within the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan that aims to improve Biscayne Bay's ecology by redistributing surface water flows through a spreader canal system and rehydrating coastal wetlands. <u>www.saj.usace.army.mil/BBCW/</u>
BBSEER	Biscayne Bay and Southeastern Everglades Restoration	Planning study within the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan that will include components of the C-111 Spreader Canal Eastern project and Phase II of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project. www.saj.usace.army.mil/BBSEER/
BCNP	Big Cypress National Preserve	One of four federal park units within the Everglades ecosystem; conserves 729,000 acres of the Big Cypress Swamp. https://www.nps.gov/bicy/index.htm
ВМАР	Basin Management Action Plans	Plans, adopted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and containing local and state commitments, that outline water quality restoration efforts to reduce pollutant loading in downstream water bodies. <u>https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-</u> <u>restoration/content/basin-management-action-plans-</u> <u>bmaps</u>
BMP	Best Management Practices	Source control efforts to reduce the amount of pollutants (pesticides, fertilizers, animal waste, etc.) in agricultural or urban runoff. https://www.sfwmd.gov/doing-business-with-us/bmps
BNP	Biscayne National Park	A 270 square mile national park protecting Biscayne Bay and the northernmost portion of Florida's coral reef tract. https://www.nps.gov/bisc/index.htm



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C&SF	Central and Southern Florida Project	A complex series of canals, levees, and water control structures that serve several purposes: flood control, water supply for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses, prevention of saltwater intrusion, water supply for the Everglades National Park, and protection of fish and wildlife resources. https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/WaterManagement/
CEPP	Central Everglades Planning Project	A combination of several Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan components that aim to restore habitats and ecological function in the natural system by improving the quantity, timing, and distribution of water in the Northern Estuaries, central Everglades, Water Conservation Areas, and Everglades National Park. Authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2016. <u>https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment</u> <u>al/Ecosystem-Restoration/Central-Everglades- Planning-Project/</u> <u>https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utils/getfile/collection</u> /p16021coll11/id/4907
CERP	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan	The single largest restoration program underway in the South Florida Ecosystem. Authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, it is implemented by a federal-state partnership to restore, protect, and preserve the region's water resources by addressing the quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of water. <u>https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment</u> <u>al/Ecosystem-Restoration/</u>
CFS	Cubic feet per second	A measure of the volume of water moving through water management features. 1 cubic foot per second = 7.4805 gallons flowing by a particular point in 1 second.
Chief's Report	Report of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Engineers	Developed for water resource projects that require Congressional authorization, e.g., Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects. Indicates U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters approval of a project's final feasibility report. <u>https://planning.erdc.dren.mil/toolbox/library.cfm?Option=Direct&amp;Group=Main&amp;Item=Chief%20Report⋐=None&amp;Sort=Default</u>



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CISRERP	Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress	Committee, established by the National Research Council per the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, that provides biennial reports on the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan's progress, accomplishments, and challenges with a particular focus on the role of restoration science. <u>https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-</u> work/independent-scientific-review-of-everglades- restoration-progress-viii#sectionWebFriendly
COP	Combined Operational Plan	Defines operations for the constructed water management features of the Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park and C-111 South Dade projects, while maintaining the congressionally authorized purposes of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Project. https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment al/Ecosystem-Restoration/G-3273-and-S-356-Pump- Station-Field-Test/
CREW	Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed	60,000-acre area in southwest Florida (Lee and Collier counties). The Southern CREW project aims to restore sheetflow and reduce excessive freshwater discharges to Estero Bay. <u>https://www.leegov.com/parks/preserves/crew</u>
EAA	Everglades Agricultural Area	Approximately 700,000 acres of farmland (including sugarcane, winter vegetables, rice, and sod farms) located south of Lake Okeechobee and north of the Water Conservation Areas. <u>https://discover.pbcgov.org/coextension/agriculture/Pa</u> ges/Sugarcane.aspx
ECISMA	Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area	An interagency partnership that manages, researches, and educates about invasive exotic species in southeast Florida. <u>https://www.evergladescisma.org/</u>
EDRR	Early Detection and Rapid Response	For invasive exotic species, the efforts and coordination undertaken to respond quickly and deal with emerging threats while they remain localized.
EEL	Environmentally Endangered Lands	Local government programs working to conserve and restore natural lands.



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ENP	Everglades National Park	1.5 million acre national park in south Florida, managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service. https://www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	U.S. Department of Agriculture program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns, including invasive exotic species, and deliver environmental benefits. https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/natio nal/programs/financial/eqip/
FAC	Florida Administrative Code	Rules promulgated by state regulatory agencies. Agency rulemaking is governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. <u>https://www.flrules.org/</u>
FAVT	Floating Aquatic Vegetation Tiling	Managed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, FAVT systems utilize floating plants to absorb nutrients that are then composted to provide new soil for the FAVT system. The 540-acre East Caloosahatchee site is designed to treat local agricultural runoff from the Hendry Hilliard Water Control District, the East Caloosahatchee River, and Lake Okeechobee.
FDACS	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Florida state agency with mission to "support and promote Florida agriculture, protect the environment, safeguard consumers, and ensure the safety and wholesomeness of food." www.fdacs.gov
FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Florida state agency for environmental management and stewardship. The Office of Ecosystem Projects is FDEP's lead office for the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). <u>https://floridadep.gov/eco-pro/eco- pro/content/comprehensive-everglades-restoration- plan-cerp</u>
FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation	Florida state transportation agency. Specific projects related to Everglades restoration include modifications to the Tamiami Trail roadway to improve water flows to Everglades National Park. <u>https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/projects/fl/tamiami-trail-modifications</u>



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FEB	Flow Equalization Basin	A constructed water management feature that captures and temporarily stores peak stormwater flows. Utilized in the South Florida Water Management District's Restoration Strategies program. https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/restoration-strategies
FKNMS	Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary	One of 16 marine protected areas in the National Marine Sanctuary System administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Protects 3,800 square miles of waters surrounding the Florida Keys. <u>https://floridakeys.noaa.gov/</u>
FWC	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Florida state agency focused on science-based habitat and species management to conserve natural resources. Lead state agency on invasive exotic species. <u>https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/</u>
GCSSF	Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida	Group formed by Governor Chiles in 1994 to "make recommendations that will move South Florida to a healthy ecosystem that can coexist with, and be mutually supportive of, a sustainable South Florida economy and quality communities." Developed recommendations during the Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive Review Study (Restudy). https://www.evergladesrestoration.gov/archives-2
HHD	Herbert Hoover Dike	The 143-mile earthen dam surrounding Lake Okeechobee. https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/HHD/igphoto/2001328 668/igphoto/2001328671/
IDS	Integrated Delivery Schedule	Provides an overall strategy and timeline for the South Florida Ecosystem restoration program based upon ecosystem needs, benefits, costs, and available funding. Includes Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects and other major federal and state projects that are either underway or in planning. <u>https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment</u> <u>al/Ecosystem-Restoration/Integrated-Delivery- Schedule/</u>



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IES	Invasive Exotic Species	Nonnative species can harm native habitats and species, disrupting food webs and other natural ecological functions. Florida has the highest severity of threats posed to native habitats and species by invasive exotic species in the continental United States. <u>https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/nonnatives/</u>
IES Framework	Invasive Exotic Species Strategic Action Framework	Task Force document that delineates goals, objectives, and strategies for successfully combating invasive exotic species in the South Florida Ecosystem. <u>https://www.evergladesrestoration.gov/science-</u> <u>reports-1</u>
IFP	Integrated Financial Plan	Report issued by the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force that provides detailed project information for over 300 Everglades restoration projects. <u>https://www.evergladesrestoration.gov/project-reports-</u> <u>1</u>
IRL-S	Indian River Lagoon-South Project	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project that will help restore the St. Lucie Estuary and the southern portion of the Indian River Lagoon. <u>https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment</u> <u>al/Ecosystem-Restoration/Indian-River-Lagoon-South/</u>
LNWR	Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge	Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the refuge protects 145,189 acres southeast of Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades Agricultural Area. Also known as Water Conservation Area 1. <u>https://www.fws.gov/refuge/arm_loxahatchee/</u>
Long-term Plan	Long-Term Plan for Achieving Water Quality Goals for Everglades Protection Area Tributary Basins	Administered by the South Florida Water Management District, the Long-term Plan consists of efforts to meet water quality standards for water entering the Everglades Protection Area, including best management practices and improvements to stormwater treatment areas. https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/wq-stas/long-term- plan
LOSOM	The Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual	Operational plans guide the levels of and discharges from Lake Okeechobee. The LOSOM will define operations for the lake once rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike is completed in 2022. <u>https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/LOSOM/</u>



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LOWRP	Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project focused on getting the water right for Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries. In the planning phase. <u>https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/LOWRP/</u>
MFL	Minimum Flows and Levels	Florida law directs the establishment of MFLs to prevent significant harm to water resources by permitted water withdrawals. Minimum levels are used for lakes, wetlands, and aquifers. Minimum flows are used for rivers, streams, and estuaries. <u>https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/mfl</u>
Mod Waters	Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park Project	Project improving the flow of water to Shark River Slough through modifications to existing water management features and Tamiami Trail. https://www.nps.gov/ever/learn/nature/modwater.htm
NEEPP	Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program	State program to improve water conditions in the Lake Okeechobee, Caloosahatchee River, and St. Lucie River watersheds. <u>https://www.sfwmd.gov/wpps</u>
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	Law requiring federal agencies to assess the environmental impacts of proposed major federal actions prior to making decisions. <u>https://ceq.doe.gov/</u>
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service	Branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration responsible for the stewardship of the nation's ocean resources and their habitat. <u>https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/</u>
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Federal agency responsible for nation's ocean, fisheries, climate, space, and weather policies. <u>https://www.noaa.gov/</u>
NPS	National Park Service	Bureau within the U.S. Department of the Interior that manages four national park units within the South Florida Ecosystem: Everglades, Dry Tortugas, and Biscayne national parks and Big Cypress National Preserve. https://www.nps.gov/ever/learn/nature/cerp.htm



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NNC	Numeric Nutrient Criteria	Numerical water quality standards for nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen in Florida's surface water bodies. Administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. <u>https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-</u> <u>standards/content/numeric-nutrient-criteria-</u> <u>development</u>
OERI	Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives	Office within the US Department of the Interior that coordinates departmental efforts and priorities on Everglades restoration and supports the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. <u>https://www.evergladesrestoration.gov/about-oeri</u>
PDT	Project Delivery Team	A multidisciplinary group established to develop a Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan project's feasibility study. Includes agency staff from the US Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, and other restoration agencies.
PIR	Project Implementation Report	Report produced by a Project Delivery Team for a Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project. Often produced jointly with the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.
PPA	Project Partnership Agreement	A legally binding agreement between the Government and a non-Federal sponsor (state, municipal government, flood control district, port authority, etc.) for construction of a water resources project. <u>https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-</u> <u>Works/Project-Partnership-</u> <u>Agreements/#:~:text=A%20Project%20Partnership%2</u> <u>0Agreement%20(PPA,of%20a%20water%20resource</u> <u>s%20project</u>
PPB	Parts per billion	Concentration of a substance in a unit of water, soil, or air. In Everglades restoration, most often associated with the level of phosphorus in fresh water. 1 ppb = 1 microgram per liter ( $\mu$ g/L) = 0.000000001.
PPM	Parts per million	Concentration of a substance in a unit of water, soil, or air. In water, 1 ppm = 1 milligram per liter (mg/L) = 0.000001.



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RECOVER	REstoration COordination and VERification	Multi-agency team of scientists and technical experts that work to support and inform the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). <u>https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment</u> <u>al/Ecosystem-Restoration/RECOVER/</u>
Restudy	Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive Review Study	The Restudy was issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April 1999. The document reviewed the status and challenges of the existing water management system and recommended improvements, leading to the Congressionally authorized Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). <u>https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16</u> 021coll7/id/11299
SAV	Submerged/Submersed Aquatic Vegetation	SAV provides habitat for fish and wildlife, stability for sediments, and improves water quality. https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/restoration-strategies
SCG	Science Coordination Group	The SCG supports the Task Force in its efforts to coordinate the scientific aspects of Everglades restoration. https://www.evergladesrestoration.gov/scg
SEFCRI	Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative	SEFCRI brings together government agencies and non-governmental organizations to protect the coral reefs off Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties. https://southeastfloridareefs.net/
SFNRC	South Florida Natural Resources Center (SFNRC)	National Park Service office providing scientific and technical expertise on Everglades restoration. SFNRC involvement in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan supports Big Cypress National Preserve and Everglades and Biscayne national parks. https://www.nps.gov/ever/learn/scienceresearch.htm
SFWMD	South Florida Water Management District	Established by the Florida Legislature to manage and protect water resources in the 16-county region of southern Florida. Lead state agency and 50/50 partner with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) implementation. <u>https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/everglades</u>



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STA	Stormwater Treatment Area	Constructed wetlands designed to clean up nutrients primarily from surrounding agricultural areas before the runoff reaches the Everglades. <u>https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/wq-stas</u>
SWCISMA	Southwest Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area	Regional partnership working on invasive exotic species in Collier and Lee counties. <a href="https://www.floridainvasives.org/Southwest/">https://www.floridainvasives.org/Southwest/</a>
Task Force	South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force	Interagency Everglades restoration coordinating body authorized by Congress in WRDA 1996. www.EvergladesRestoration.gov
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load	A limit placed upon specific pollutants to improve water quality in specific water bodies. Administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. <u>https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-evaluation- tmdl/content/total-maximum-daily-loads-tmdl-program https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/overview-total-maximum- daily-loads-tmdls</u>
TN	Total nitrogen	TN is an essential nutrient for plants and animals. However, an excess amount of nitrogen in a waterway may lead to low levels of dissolved oxygen and negatively alter various plant life and organisms. <u>https://www.epa.gov/everglades</u>
TP	Total phosphorus	The historic Everglades was very low in nutrients, including phosphorus. The higher levels found today are generally due to application of phosphate fertilizers to soil. Stormwater treatment areas, best management practices, and other water quality improvement efforts help reduce excess nutrients in surface water. <u>https://www.epa.gov/everglades</u> <u>https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/wq-stas</u>
TSP	Tentatively Selected Plan	Draft plan identified by a Project Delivery Team after intense analysis. Basis of a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement developed for federal projects such as those for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. <u>https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-</u> <u>Works/Project-Planning/</u>



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USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Federal civil works agency that works on environmental restoration, flood protection, and navigation projects. In Florida, these efforts include projects within of the Central and Southern Florida Project (C&SF Project). The USACE is the lead federal agency and 50/50 partner with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). <u>https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment</u> <u>al/Ecosystem-Restoration/</u>
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Federal agency focusing on agricultural production and conservation; programs related to Everglades restoration include their leadership on invasive exotic species and pest prevention. <u>https://www.usda.gov/</u>
USDA- ARS	U.S. Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service	Research branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA-ARS conducts an integrated research program that addresses the needs of agriculture and complements the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). www.ars.usda.gov
USDA- NRCS	U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service	Branch of the USDA that provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Tribes looking to implement conservation measures. Programs relevant to Everglades restoration include the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/nationa I/home/
USDOI or DOI	U.S. Department of the Interior	Federal agency charged with conserving and managing the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage. Supported by multiple bureaus including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Park Service, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the US Geological Survey. www.doi.gov
USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	Federal transportation agency. Efforts related to Everglades restoration include provision of a TIGER VI grant for improvements to Tamiami Trail that will enhance water flow to Everglades National Park. <u>https://highways.dot.gov/federal-</u> lands/projects/fl/tamiami-trail-modifications



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USEPA or EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Federal agency focused on protecting the nation's air, land, and water through regulatory and other efforts. During 2012, the USEPA and the State of Florida reached consensus on new strategies for improving water quality in the Everglades. <u>https://www.epa.gov/everglades</u>
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Manages 16 national wildlife refuges within the South Florida Ecosystem and is also responsible for the management of species protected by laws such as the Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. <u>https://www.fws.gov/verobeach/EvergladesRestoratio</u> <u>n.html</u>
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey	Bureau within the U.S. Department of the Interior that focuses on science and technology. Programs specific to Everglades restoration include the USGS Greater Everglades Priority Ecosystems Program, a multi- disciplinary effort that supports monitoring, modeling, and research projects on such topics as climate change and invasive exotic species. <u>https://www.usgs.gov/ecosystems/environments- program/science/everglades?qt-</u> <u>science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects</u>
WCA	Water Conservation Area	Located between Lake Okeechobee and Everglades National Park, these expansive areas are home to native habitats and species and provide many recreational opportunities. These areas include state- owned lands, Tribal leases, and private ownership. <u>https://www.sfwmd.gov/recreation-site/water- conservation-areas-2-and-3-everglades-francis-s- taylor-wildlife-management-0 https://myfwc.com/fishing/freshwater/sites- forecasts/s/everglades-water-conservation-areas/</u>
WERP	Western Everglades Restoration Project	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project aiming to improve the quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of water in the Big Cypress region of the Everglades ecosystem. www.saj.usace.army.mil/WERP/



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WRDA	Water Resources Development Act	Federal legislation that authorizes water infrastructure activities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Generally passed on a biennial basis, civil works projects and studies authorized in WRDA legislation may include navigation and flood control efforts as well as restoration of aquatic ecosystems. Appropriations are needed subsequent to WRDA authorization. https://www.evergladesrestoration.gov/library- legislation
WRRDA	Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014	Authorized four Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects: C-111 Spreader Canal Western Project, C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir; Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project Phase 1, and Broward County Water Preserve Areas Project. <u>https://www.evergladesrestoration.gov/library-</u> legislation
WY	Water Year	WYs run from May 1 to April 30, for example WY 2019 is from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. The water cycle of subtropical south Florida and the Everglades is fueled by only two seasons—wet and dry—leading to a reversal of the typical seasonal high and low water levels. Water levels in the Everglades peak in the fall at the end of the wet season, and ebb in the spring when large expanses of wetlands dry out, at the end of the dry season.
Yellow Book	Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Central and Southern Florida Comprehensive Review Study	Final report documenting the recommendations for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), issued in 1999. https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Restudy/