

Chapter 1: Introduction to Volume II

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This chapter provides the background and outline of Volume II of the *2013 South Florida Environmental Report* (SFER), which has been prepared in accordance with Chapter 2005-36, Laws of Florida, and Subsection 373.036(7), Florida Statutes (F.S.). Whereas Volumes I and III of the 2013 SFER focus on the reports unique to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District), Volume II comprises state-mandated reports that Florida's five water management districts are required to prepare annually. These reports document the SFWMD's progress in implementing plans developed to address areas of responsibility on a regional or District-wide basis. Within this volume, the SFWMD also exercises the option of completing an Annual Work Plan Report, currently referred to as the Fiscal and Performance Accountability Report, in lieu of the District Water Management Plan Annual Report.

VOLUME II CONTENT

In the 2013 SFER, Volume II unifies eight reports organized into the following chapters.

- **Chapter 2: Fiscal Year 2012 Fiscal and Performance Accountability Report:** In accordance with Subparagraph 373.036(2)(e)4, F.S., Fiscal Year 2012 Fiscal and Performance Accountability Report (Annual Work Plan Report). The SFWMD tracks and manages agency performance by linking long-term strategic priorities, annual budgets, and performance metrics reporting. This report serves to evaluate District performance for Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012) (October 1, 2011–September 30, 2012). The report also serves as the 4th Quarter Report of the SFWMD's FY2012 operational status.
- **Chapter 3: Priority Water Bodies List and Schedule.** Per Subsection 373.042(2), F.S., the District's annual update for Minimum Flows and Levels as well as Water Reservations and Restricted Allocation Area rules, including rules in effect during 2012 and priorities and schedule for developing new rules planned from 2013–2017.
- **Chapter 4: Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan.** In accordance with Subparagraph 373.536(6)(a)4, F.S., annual report of the District's capital projects, covering all the agency's programs; includes project-level detail and shows projected expenditures and corresponding funding sources for the next five-year period, FY2013–FY2017.
- **Chapter 5A: Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program.** In accordance with Subparagraph 373.536(6)(a)4, F.S., projected five-year (FY2013–FY2017) annual report describing the SFWMD implementation strategy and funding plan for the water resource, water supply, and alternative water supply development components of the agency's regional water supply plans.
- **Chapter 5B: Alternative Water Supply Annual Report.** Pursuant to Section 373.707, F.S., annual report summarizing the alternative water supply projects funded by the SFWMD, including the quantity of water made available, agency funding, and total cost.

- **Chapter 6A: Florida Forever Work Plan, 2013 Annual Update.** Current projects eligible for funding under the Florida Forever Act (Section 259.105, F.S.) for land acquisition, water resource development, stormwater management, water body restoration, recreational facility construction, public access improvements, and invasive plant control.
- **Chapter 6B: Land Stewardship Annual Report.** Annual report on the District's FY2012 management of District lands managed for conservation and restoration; this is done primarily through the Water Management Lands Trust Fund established under Section 373.59, F.S., and through lease agreements for project lands acquired for massive ecosystem-scale restoration initiatives.
- **Chapter 7: Mitigation Donation Annual Report.** Per Subparagraph 373.414(1)(b)2, F.S., annual status report on the mitigation funds for two mitigation projects, the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed and Pennsuco Regional Mitigation Area; includes funds received as mitigation for wetland impacts and monies received by the District as a result of other agencies' permit requirements; summarizes mitigation fund expenditures for FY2012 and projected for FY2013.

CONSOLIDATED PROJECT REPORT DATABASE

As part of the 2013 SFER, a comprehensive database of project descriptions is also included to streamline the agency's process and project-related reporting. Specifically, the Consolidated Project Report Database allows projects to be described once comprehensively, and provides efficiencies in project description, information gathering, compilation, review, printing, and distribution. Now in its ninth year, this database is designed to facilitate single SFWMD project or process descriptions that make up implementation strategies referenced in the 2013 SFER. Descriptive project and process data are stored in the database that can be accessed and queried. Drop-down menu and sorting options are available for added efficiency. The Consolidated Project Report Database is available on the District's website at www.sfwmd.gov/SFER, under SFER Reports. The database fields include the following project or process attributes.

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| • Title | • End Products
(scheduled products for processes) |
| • Type | • Major Water Bodies Impacted |
| • Lead Agency | • Expected Completion Month/Year |
| • Lead SFWMD Organization Unit | • Associated Projects/Project Linkage |
| • Lead Program | • Major Milestones Completed in
Last Fiscal Year |
| • Related Program | • Milestones in Next Fiscal Year |
| • Partners | • Expenditures in Last Fiscal Year |
| • Manager | • Total Project Cost |
| • State Reporting Category | • Resource Performance Measures |
| • Last Updated | • Project Performance Measures |
| • Description | • Alternative(s) |
| • Area(s) of Responsibility | • Major Uncertainties |
| • Location (street address, county,
planning region) | • District Financial Summary
(all for five-year period) |
| • Legislative Reference | • Funding Source |
| • Square Footage/Physical Description | • Chapter References (including
Florida Forever Goal, if applicable) |
| • Land Requirement | |
| • Objective | |
| • Historical Background/Need | |