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Project Description

The key to the use of seasonally available surface water as a reliable public water supply is the ability to harvest and store large volumes of water during relatively short periods of availability. The Peace River facility utilizes off-stream raw water reservoirs and an aquifer storage and recovery system to support the use of supplies skimmed from the Peace River as an alternative water supply, reliably meeting much of the drinking water needs in the District's southern water planning area. The Peace River Reservoir No. 3 (PR3) Project will include a third off-stream raw water reservoir (9 BG capacity) at the Peace River site in DeSoto County, expanded river intake and reservoir pumping capacities, as well as connecting pipelines.

The Reservoir No. 3 Project is supported by the Authority's Water Use Permit (20 010420.010) issued February 26, 2019 which authorized increasing the maximum daily withdrawal from the Peace River from 120 MGD to 258 MGD to enhance the capture and storage of excess flows during the wet season. The increase in withdrawal will facilitate gaining additional drinking water supply yield from this system. In addition, the Authority's 2020 Master Water Supply Plan identified an additional 15 MGD in alternative water supply capacity development is available from the Peace River Facility Expansion Project, inclusive of the PR3 Project and the water treatment plant expansion, now called the "Surface Water Supply Expansion Project". The Southwest Florida Water Management District is funding the Final Design and Construction portion of the PR3 Project in the amount of \$115,700,000 and additional funding \$34.8M has been secured from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Alternative Water Supply grants and State legislative appropriations (\$24.8M and \$10.0M respectively).

Current status

Work Order No. 4 Amendment 2 for PR3 Construction Phase Engineering & Inspection Services with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$18,906,529.35 was approved at the December 3rd, 2025 Board Meeting.

The construction contract with Phillips Heavy, Inc. in the amount of \$441,935,462.29 for construction of Reservoir 3 and on-site wetland mitigation was approved at the December 3rd, 2025 Board Meeting. The purchase of 12.84 off-site mitigation bank credits for remaining wetland impacts associated with the PR3 Project was also approved at the December 3rd, 2025 Board Meeting.

The Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Contract for the PR3 Pumping and Conveyance Facilities was approved at the December 6, 2023, Board Meeting and included a Scope of Services for Phase 1A Services in the amount of \$1,251,900. The CMAR Phase 1 B Scope of Services and Fee in the amount of \$680,966 was approved at the June 5, 2024 Board Meeting.

Project History Briefing

Project: Peace River Regional Reservoir No. 3 (PR3) Project Update

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The following information summarizes the historical milestones and key events to date for the PR3 Project, including: Work Order No. 2 for Preliminary Design, Permitting and Third-Party Review; Work Order No. 3 for Final Design and Permitting; Work Order No. 4 for Construction Phase Engineering & Inspection Services; the construction contract for Reservoir 3 and on-site wetland mitigation; and the Phase 1A Services Package for CMAR services for the PR3 Pumping and Conveyance Facilities – preconstruction phase.

- February 2022 Board approved the Peace River Regional Reservoir (PR3) Project Preliminary Design, Permitting and Third-Party Review Work Order No. 2 on February 3, 2022.
- March 2022 The Site Characterization Task commenced with the Geotechnical Kick-Off meeting on March 1st. The Wetland Delineations began on March 17th and continued on March 18th and again on March 28th – 30th. The first Monthly Progress Meeting was held on March 17th. Geotechnical field investigations began on March 14th, with the equipment being mobilized to the Reserve. Soil/auger borings and other geotechnical investigations will continue through June.

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- April 2022
The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on April 14th. Wetland delineations continued April 11th – 14th; and April 20th – 22nd. Geotechnical field investigations continued throughout the month of April.
- May 2022
The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on May 10th. The Consultant held a System Conveyance Workshop on May 2nd with Operations, Engineering, and Water Resources staff. An Environmental Permitting / Mitigation Strategy meeting was held virtually on May 12th. Geotechnical field investigations continued through the month of May.
- June 2022
The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on June 9th, 2022. Geotechnical and Environmental field investigations continued through the month of June. A site visit to the existing intake structure was held on June 2 by the Consultant Team to coordinate siting and intake orientation design efforts.
- July 2022
The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on July 14, 2022. 15 % Design Drawings and Basis of Design Report was received on July 15th, 2022. On July 25th, a Communications Workshop was held to review the Authority's goals and messaging objectives for the PR3 Project. Authority staff met with FWC staff in Tallahassee on July 27th to discuss the benefits of restoration efforts on Orange Hammock.
- August 2022
A 15% Design – Review Workshop was held on August 16th with Consultant and Authority Staff to go over comments from Authority staff on the conceptual design. The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on August 18th via MS Teams in conjunction with a meeting on the conceptual, preliminary mitigation strategy. The consultant attended a discussion on the preparation of presentation items for the upcoming Professional Staff Meeting. The Consultant provided a 15% Cost Estimate for the PR3 Project on August 31st and also provided an MS Teams presentation on the basis of the estimates on August 31st.

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- September 2022
The Consultant presented an update on the PR3 Project – 15% Preliminary Design Milestone at the Professional Staff Meeting held on September 7th in Sarasota County. The Consultant provided a Communications Project Fact Sheet on the PR3 Project on September 12th. The Consultant performed additional geotechnical work, including piezometer water quality testing on the PR3 site on September 15th.
- October 2022
The Consultant presented an update on the PR3 Project – 15% Preliminary Design Milestone at the Board Meeting on October 5, 2022. The Consultant held a meeting on October 11th to discuss conceptual ERP Permitting strategy and milestones. A 15% Design Review Workshop was held at the PRF on October 18th to review comments received on the 15% Design Plans and Cost Estimate and was in conjunction with the Monthly Progress Meeting. On October 25th, the Consultant held meetings on easement acquisition and mitigation efforts.
- November 2022
The Consultant held a 30% Design and Conveyance Pipeline Workshop at the PRF on November 1st. A PR3 Cost Savings Alternative Discussion was held on November 9th. The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on November 10th. A Preliminary Design Cost Reduction Measure Memorandum was received on November 16th.
- December 2022
On December 1st, the Consultant Team held a preparation meeting for FDEP pre-application meeting held on December 6th. A Permitting Coordination Meeting was held with Authority staff and GC on December 9th. On December 12th, Authority staff met to discuss delivery methods for both the PR3 Project and the WTP Expansion Project. On December 14th – PR3 Project Manager and Authority Project Manager met to discuss obtaining a sub-consultant to assist with permitting agency coordination. There was no monthly progress meeting held in December.
- January 2023
The monthly progress meeting was held on January 12th. On January 20th, The Consultant met with Green Source to develop a scope and fee for assistance with environmental permitting coordination.

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- February 2023
The monthly progress meeting was held on February 15th. A meeting was held on February 13th to discuss the wetland mitigation approach and recent field investigations. Ongoing species surveys and geotechnical investigations occurred throughout the month.
- March 2023
The monthly progress meeting and 30% design review workshop were held on March 20th. The 30% design deliverables were delivered on March 10th. A follow-up meeting on wetland mitigation and permitting updates was held on March 14th.
- April 2023
The 30% Design Progress Update was presented to the Board at the April 5th meeting. The monthly progress meeting was held in conjunction with the SWFWMD Third-Party Review Kick-Off meeting held on April 14th. A Preapplication Meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) was held on April 13th to discuss Section 404 and the ERP Permitting approach.
- May 2023
A meeting with FDEP was held on May 2nd to discuss the environmental permitting approach for the CDV site. The Third-Party Review Draft Comments meeting was held with the SWFWMD and TPR Consultant on May 15th. The monthly progress meeting was held in conjunction with the 30% Design Review Workshops. The Reservoir Design Workshop was held on May 23rd, and the Pipeline Design Workshop was held on May 24th.
- June 2023
A meeting was held on June 2nd to review the FDEP 404 Preapplication strategy. The monthly progress meeting was held on Thursday, June 8th. A 30% Design Review discussion was held with the SWFWMD on June 19th. A follow-up to the June 2nd FDEP permitting meeting was held on June 21st. A meeting was held with the Consultant on June 22nd to review the Demand Projections Technical Memorandum. A meeting was held on June 30th to coordinate the Design/Permitting team for the July 12th FDEP 404 Preapplication Meeting.

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- July 2023
A meeting was held on July 6th to coordinate the Team for the July 12th FDEP 404 Preapplication Meeting. A meeting with FDEP was held on July 12th. The PR3 CMAR Mandatory Pre-SOQ Meeting was held on Friday, July 14th. The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on July 18th. An ERP pre-application meeting was held with the SWFWMD on July 31st.
- August 2023
ERP coordination meetings were held on August 3rd, 16th, and 30th for the ERP Application Submittal on September 15th. The PR3 CMAR SOQs were submitted on August 17th, and 4 Firms submitted them: Archer Western, Garney, Kiewit, and PCL. The PSEC meeting to review, rank, and shortlist the firms was held on August 29th – all four firms were recommended to proceed to the Presentation.
- September 2023
ERP coordination meetings were held on September 7th and September 14th. The PR3 CMAR SOQ PSEC presentations were given on September 12th, with the following rankings: Archer Western, PCL, Garney, and Kiewit. The staff recommendation to approve Archer Western as the selected CMAR Firm for the PR3 Project will go to the October 4th Board Meeting. The ERP Package was submitted to the SWFWMD on September 15th – completing the final deliverable for the Preliminary Design efforts. The Monthly Progress meeting was held on September 14th. Work Order No. 2 – Preliminary Design and Permitting Services was completed.
- October 2023
On October 4, 2023, the Board approved Work Order No. 3 – Final Design and Permitting for the Project. On October 11th, the Authority and Archer Western met for a scoping meeting to discuss items that the CMAR would need to include in their 1st Early Contractor Engagement Scope of Services. On October 30th, Authority staff, consultants, and representatives from SWFWMD met to review the ERP package submitted on September 15th to the District.
- November 2023
On November 13, 2023, a Final Design and Permitting Project Kick-off meeting was held with the Consultant at the PRF. On November 14th, the second scoping meeting with Archer Western was held to finalize the CMAR Scope of Services and Fee for Package 1A of the CMAR Contract for the PR3 Pumping and Conveyance Facilities Project. An ERP coordination discussion

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with SWFWMD, HDR, and the Authority was held on November 27th. A PR3 CMAR Workshop with Archer Western, HDR, and Authority Staff was held on November 28th.

- December 2023
The Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Contract for the PR3 Pumping and Conveyance Facilities was approved at the December 6th, 2023, Board Meeting and included a Scope of Services for Phase 1A Services in the amount of \$1,251,900. The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on December 15th. A PR3 CMAR Team Leader Meeting was held on December 12th. The PR3 Pump Station Design Workshop was held on December 15th. The PR3 Environmental Permitting Coordination Meeting was held with SWFWMD, HDR and the Authority on December 15th.
- January 2024
The PR3 CMAR Team Leader Meeting was held on January 2nd. A PR3 Filling, Permitting, and Mitigation Discussion was held with the CMAR, HDR, and Authority staff on January 5th. A PR3 CMAR Team Leader Meeting was held on January 9th. A PR3 VE/Constructability Workshop was held on January 10th. A Civil/Reservoir Design Workshop Was held on January 11th. A PR3 Permitting Meeting with HDR and Black and Veatch (FDEPs Consultant for the Dam Safety Review of the ERP) was held on January 12th. A PR3 CMAR Team Leader meeting was held on January 16th. A PR3 River Intake Design Discussion was held on January 18th. The PR3 Environmental Permitting Coordination Meeting was held with SWFWMD, HDR, and the Authority on January 22nd. A PR3 CMAR Team Leader meeting was held on January 23rd. A PR3 CMAR Scheduling Workshop was held on January 26th in conjunction with the HDR Team and Authority staff. A PR3 CMAR Team Leader meeting was held on January 30th.
- February 2024
A meeting was held on February 5th with the CMAR to discuss the three cost models being developed for the PR3 Project. The Weekly CMAR Team Leadership meetings were held on February 6th and 13th. The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on February 8th. The PR3 ERP Monthly Meeting with SWFWMD and FDEP was held on February 26th.

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- March 2024
A PR3 Value Engineering Workshop was held on March 5th. The Weekly CMAR Team Leadership meetings were held on March 12th and March 19th. The Monthly Progress meeting was held on March 14th. An Instrumentation and Control Workshop was held on March 14th. The 30% CMAR Cost Estimates for the PR3, PRF Expansion, and BWRO Projects were received on March 15th. The SWSEP Electrical Master Plan Meeting was held on March 19th.
- April 2024
The Monthly Progress Meeting was held on April 11th. The Environmental permitting (ERP) coordination meetings with the SWFWMD included a Dam Safety Comment RAI discussion meeting on April 5th. A meeting with the DeSoto County Engineer to discuss construction options for the crossing of Kings Highway was held on April 16th. A presentation to the Authority Board of Directors on the updated Surface Water Supply Expansion Project, including the updated CMAR Cost estimates, was given on April 3rd.
- May 2024
The Monthly Progress meeting was held on May 9th. On May 3rd, a scoping meeting with the CMAR was held to discuss the Preconstruction Phase Services (Package 1B) schedule and fee. Internal staff meetings were held on May 7th and May 13th to discuss mitigation options. The Environmental permitting (ERP) coordination meeting with the SWFWMD originally scheduled for May 27th was rescheduled to June 24th.
- September 2024
The Engineer of Record, HDR, has completed 90% Deliverable plans and specifications for the Volume 1 Reservoir No. 3 design. Authority has scheduled workshop for review and comment from staff as well as the CMAR for HDR to advance the design to 100%. The Section 404 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit application is anticipated to be submitted late this month or early October 2024.
- October 2024
The EOR met with DeSoto County building permitting department for a pre-application meeting. The PR3 Volume 1 draft 404 permit was submitted to the USACOE and a pre-application meeting scheduled. An early procurement package was assembled for pipeline procurement, and another is being worked on for long-lead electrical equipment. The FDEP Environmental Resource Permit response to their Request for Additional Information was submitted. Weekly meeting are being held with the EOR

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(HDR/Hazen), CMAR (Archer-Western), SWFWMD, and the Authority to streamline the design and implement early works packages.

- November 2024
Weekly progress meetings were held this month. Design progressed for Volumes 2, 3, and 4 towards 90% design and Volume 1 100% design was submitted to the Authority. Peer review scope being drafted by 3rd party consultant for Volume 1. The Authority received comments on the draft 404 permit and submitted the official application to the USACOE. The steel pipeline specifications were completed for use with ODP.
- January 2025
Weekly team check-in meetings were held with key members for task coordination. The design team made progress on the embankment, pump station, conveyance piping, and aeration building designs, advancing packages for Volume 2 through Volume 5. The 100% design for Volume 5 is being updated and will be finalized upon receiving feedback from SWFWMD. The team attended SWFWMD ERP Progress Meetings and initiated the design of new switchgear and generators upstream of the River Intake Pump Station, which will be included in Volume 3
- February 2025
The project is 95% complete, with weekly check-in meetings held for task coordination and pre-planning among key team members. The 90% design packages for Volume 2, Volume 3, and Volume 4 were submitted on February 9, 2025. Weekly meetings with the CMAR, Authority, and HDR team focus on urgent design decisions. The Volume 5 100% Design is being updated and will be finalized after receiving comments from SWFWMD regarding wetland mitigation. The team is also progressing with the design of new switchgear and generators upstream of the River Intake Pump Station, which will be included in the Volume 3 set of drawings and specifications. Additionally, coordination efforts continue for early works packages involving electrical equipment and piping materials.
- March 2025
Weekly meetings with CMAR, Authority, and HDR have occurred to address urgent design decisions, which are currently under review. The proposed PR3 Pumping and Conveyance Package is being updated for submission. The team continues to explore opportunities for the early works packages for electrical equipment and piping materials. Progress is being made with SWFWMD and

USACOE, as we have received a 404 permit application number (SAJ-2005-01274-BMC).

- April 2025
The team has made progress across multiple work packages. Design efforts for Volumes 2, 3, 4, and 5 are nearing completion, while Volume 1 is advancing toward the Issued for Construction (IFC) submittal. The design of new switchgear and generators upstream of the River Intake Pump Station continues, with plans to include these in the Volume 3 set of drawings and specifications. Coordination is ongoing to identify opportunities for early works packages concerning electrical equipment and piping materials, despite these not being explicitly included in the current scope of work. Work Order 4 documents have been prepared, with the work order concluding on April 5. The team has collaborated with the District (SWFWMD) to determine which wetlands should be monitored post-reservoir construction. Additionally, responses have been provided for the public notice (RAI) for the (USACE), the draft public notice has been updated, and the Biological Assessment (BA) has been submitted. Volumes 2, 3, and 4 are scheduled for submission to the Authority on May 16, with Volumes 1 and 5 to follow on June 6.
- May 2025
Monthly meetings were held to address key developments across Volumes 1 through 5, also noting that the team progressed the design packages for Volume 2, Volume 3, Volume 4, and Volume 5 toward 100% under the next work order. Staff is incorporating Desoto County's development plan comments on the Master PR3 plan and anticipates resubmitting by month-end. Additionally, collaborative efforts between HDR and Authority staff reviewed 100% design comments for Volume 1 (Reservoir #3), which has been progressed toward the IFC submittal under the next work order. The Early Works package for Volume 3 (Reservoir Pump Station) was submitted and accepted by the District. Discussions with Archer-Western on staging and layout resulted in the agreement where AW would utilize the ranch house as their office/staging facility. Regarding Volume 5 (Wetland Mitigation), the team continues to work toward obtaining approval for the Section 404 permit. The public notice period has concluded, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has initiated informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) concerning the project.

- June 2025

The team continued to hold weekly check-in meetings to coordinate and plan all tasks related to Volumes 1-5. This included participation in SWFWMD ERP meetings, coordination with USACE and USFWS on the 404 permit, and collaboration with DeSoto County on development permits. In addition, weekly discussions involving the CMAR, Authority, and HDR team took place to address urgent design decisions for Volume 3, following the issuance of the NTP on June 22 for the early works package. HDR delivered Package 1, which included draft IFC/ITB specifications, with RTA delivery expected in July. The team also worked with SWFWMD to identify wetlands for post-reservoir construction monitoring. Furthermore, they responded to the USACE public notice RAI, updated the draft notice, and revised the Biological Assessment (BA) for submission.
- July 2025

Weekly team check-in meetings were held with key members to ensure progress and effective task coordination. HDR continues to advance efforts to secure the 404 permit, with B. Brice uploading all necessary documentation to address the “Statement of Findings.” HDR has finalized updated drawings for Volume 5 (mitigation), including revised UMAM scores and responses to district questions. The Package 1 Issued for Bid (IFB) set of construction documents—comprising contract plans and specifications for Volumes 1 and 5, as well as the GDR—has been completed. The Authority received the GMP from Archer Western for the reservoir pump station, and we are moving toward final approval and submission to the board. Additionally, the team is preparing to attend the DeSoto County BOCC where the Development Plan to subject for approval, covering both the PR3 project and the associated plant expansion.
- August 2025

Weekly coordination meetings were held to review developments across Volumes 1 through 5, ensuring alignment among all project workstreams. Collaboration with HDR, Hazen & Sawyer, and the Authority included participation in the DeSoto County BOCC meeting, resulting in the approval of the PR3 Development Order. – To support project timelines, the Authority confirmed that third-party providers—coordinated through contractors and the DeSoto County Building Department—would manage building permits and inspections. HDR and Authority staff also conducted the PR3 Contractor Invitation to Bid (ITB) meeting for Volume 1 (Reservoir 3) and Volume 5 (Mitigation). – Archer Western Construction, LLC. made progress on Volume 3 (Early Works),

advancing with staging and setup activities, and actively participating in RFIs and submittals. The contractor also collaborated with HDR and the Authority on the 60% design plans for Volume 3E (Electrical) GMP. Finally, the HDR team worked with SWFWMD on mitigation data and successfully uploaded the required information into the Water Use Management Information System (WMIS).

- September 2025

The project team continued to hold weekly coordination meetings to manage and plan tasks related to Volumes 1 through 5 of the PR3 project. Primary focus areas included the ERP and 404 permitting, along with ongoing updates to mitigation scoring. HDR continued to collaborate with SWFWMD and other external agencies to secure the Gopher Tortoise Reservation Letter for the Authority and assist with FWC's mitigation contribution. – Archer Western Construction, LLC. (AWC) began breaking ground on the Reservoir Pump Station (Vol. 3 – Early Works), with initial work starting on RFI #3 regarding erosion and sediment control. The Authority issued the official Notice to Proceed (NTP) to AWC for the PR3 Volume 3 – Reservoir Pump Station Project (Amendment No. 2). In parallel, AWC submitted their Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposals for Volume 3E (Electrical) and Volume 4 (Conveyance Pipeline). – HDR presented a draft amendment for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services related to Work Order 4, with revisions expected ahead of the October Board meeting for approval. – Finally, Addenda I and II for volume 1 & 5, Invitation to Bid (ITB), contractor questions and formal responses, were issued to ensure clarity and transparency in the bidding process.

- October 2025

During October, the PR3 project advanced steadily across major work streams, supported by weekly coordination meetings that maintained alignment and schedule momentum. Notice to Proceed was issued to Archer Western on October 17 for Volumes 3E and 4. The SWFWMD Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) progressed significantly, with all technical components completed and final documents submitted on October 20–21, starting the 60-day review clock. The USACE 404 Permit remains technically ready but is pending ERP approval and delayed due to the federal government shutdown. All requirements for the Gopher Tortoise permit have been submitted through FWC's online system, and issuance is pending. The wetland mitigation plan has been finalized and submitted, confirming the need for approximately

12.84 herbaceous credits and identifying roughly six excess forested credits, with credit procurement underway. HDR also initiated the ERP modification for Volume 3E to address the generator and electrical building improvements. Procurement activities progressed for Volumes 1 and 5, with two responsive bids received by the October 22 deadline. HDR completed its evaluation and supports awarding a contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Phillips Heavy, Inc., for construction of Reservoir No. 3, scheduled for Board consideration on December 3, 2025. Overall, the project remains on schedule with continued coordination across permitting, design, and procurement.

- November 2025

During November, the PR3 team continued to advance regulatory, design, and construction coordination activities, with emphasis on resolving remaining permit items and preparing for upcoming construction milestones. HDR conducted weekly task-level coordination meetings and participated in multiple PR3 and CMAR meetings to support Volumes 1, 3, and 4. Active coordination continued with SWFWMD on ERP compliance documentation, including progress meetings and responses to additional agency questions, while parallel coordination with USACE and USFWS advanced the 404 permitting effort. HDR progressed updates to Volume 4 in preparation for IFC submittal in December and reviewed submittals and RFIs associated with the Volume 3 Early Works Package. In addition, HDR finalized Amendment 2 to Work Order 4 for Reservoir Construction Management services in preparation for the December Board, assisted the Authority with FDEP grant documentation, and initiated review of value engineering opportunities for Volume 1. Overall, the project remained in active coordination across agencies, designers, and contractors, maintaining forward momentum toward permitting completion and construction readiness.

- December 2025

The PR3 project team made progress across permitting, design coordination, and construction readiness. HDR advanced the ERP and 404 permitting efforts through continued coordination with SWFWMD and USACE, including mitigation refinement and responses to agency questions. A key milestone was achieved on December 22nd with receipt of the SWFWMD ERP Completeness Letter, advancing the permit toward final issuance. In parallel, HDR progressed supporting design items, including reservoir

pump station tie-in evaluations, Volume 3E generator area coordination, and development of scaled exhibits to support contractor decisions. Construction also advanced for the Early Works package, including submittals, RFIs, and long-lead procurement tracking. The Authority, HDR, and Phillips Heavy aligned on limited notice-to-proceed activities and explored several value engineering opportunities. Select pre-permit activities were initiated to position the PR3 project for success in 2026.

- January 2026

The PR3 project team continues to make progress across permitting, design coordination, and construction readiness. HDR has advanced key design support efforts, including reservoir pump station tie-in evaluations, Volume 3E generator area coordination, and development of scaled exhibits to support contractor decision-making, and is scheduled to release the Volume 4 IFC package later this month following revisions. Early Works construction is moving forward with crews fully mobilized and active across the site, including completion of a concrete pour at the pump station intake structure, continued installation of permanent walers and structural elements, and advancement toward cofferdam construction and backfill activities in Volume 3. Environmental surveys to identify and relocate protected species in advance of construction continue. The pre-construction submittal process for Phillips was initiated, and steady progress was made on the evaluation of Value Engineering proposals. Conformed drawings and specifications from HDR for Vol 1 & 5 were issued to Phillips. Continued coordination efforts by the Authority, HDR, and the regulatory agencies are advancing with momentum towards final issuance of the ERP and 404 permits.

- February 2026

The PR3 team continued to advance design, permitting, and construction activities during February, transitioning from early works into critical structural and foundation phases. Key efforts included coordination with SWFWMD, USACE, and USFWS to advance the USACE 404 permit, along with successful issuance of the SWFWMD Environmental Resource Permit (ERP), a significant project milestone. The team also supported the Authority with FDEP grant documentation and completed key project control deliverables, including the Volume 4 Issued for Construction (IFC) package and Volume 3 IFC signature reports. Early Works construction progressed toward completion, positioning the site for continued pump station development.

Volume 3 activities advanced with intake structure work and cofferdam preparation. Volume 4 efforts remained focused on pre-construction activities, including site access preparation, fencing removal, and environmental coordination, with full construction pending issuance of the USACE 404 permit, while Volume 3E activities continued through coordination, procurement, and advancement toward the 100% design submittal. Value engineering and quality control efforts remain ongoing across all volumes, supporting construction execution and readiness for upcoming major milestones, as the project continues to maintain momentum while actively managing permitting constraints.

- March 2026

The PR3 project team continues to make progress across construction, permitting, and design coordination efforts. HDR advanced design and permitting support during this period, including submission of Amendment 3 for the River Intake Pump Station and evaluation of the Kings Highway crossing, ongoing Value Engineering evaluations for Volume 4 pipeline materials, and issuance of 100% design documents for the standby generator station, along with technical specification updates. The ERP permit for Volume 3E was obtained, and coordination between the PRF Expansion and PR3 electrical infrastructure has commenced to support integration of project components. EarthBalance assumed responsibility for the Gopher Tortoise permitting efforts, and the relocation permit was successfully obtained, allowing environmental activities to proceed. Construction activities led by the CMAR continue to advance across Volume 3 Early Works, Volume 3, and Volume 4, including completion of key early works elements, ongoing cofferdam installation, and preparation for auger cast pile foundation work, starting in late March. Volume 4 activities continue with clearing, utility potholing, fence installation, and environmental coordination in preparation for pipeline construction. Archer Western identified a potential elevation discrepancy associated with the tremie slab at the intake structure and is actively investigating the issue in coordination with HDR and the Authority, with corrective actions forthcoming. Procurement of long-lead materials remains ongoing, and Archer Western has issued notice of potential impacts related to global geopolitical conditions, which will continue to be monitored for any effect on cost or schedule. Regarding Volume 1 for construction of the new reservoir, Phillips is advancing on the submittal and procurement fronts. They are actively working with the Authority and the Engineer to implement Value Engineering changes which will provide cost savings to the project. In addition,

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Phillips is pursuing purchase of select permanent materials through Owner Direct Purchase for additional cost savings. With issuance of the ERP Phillips has mobilized to site and started preparing the project field laboratory and offices. In mid-March a preconstruction conference was held at the Authority's Water Treatment Plant to align all parties for a successful project start-up. Overall, the project continues to advance across all fronts, with a focus on maintaining schedule progression, addressing field conditions proactively, and supporting the transition into major construction operations.