Environmental Compliance Readiness

Bucket 2 – Council Selected Restoration Component

PROPOSAL TITLE

Tampa Bay Watershed Restoration

LOCATION

Florida

SPONSOR(S)

Florida

TYPE OF FUNDING REQUESTED (Planning, Technical Assistance, Implementation):

Planning, Technical Assistance and Implementation

REVIEWED BY:

John Ettinger

DATE:

January 24, 2015

If Planning and/or Technical Assistance

1. Does the submission identify environmental laws potentially applicable at the implementation stage:

(●) YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A

Comments

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental laws could apply to the proposed implementation activities in this submission. The Council could consider funding the planning and technical assistance portion of this submission separately from the implementation portion. If the planning and technical assistance portion of the submission is funded, the Council recommends the sponsor coordinate as early as possible with federal and state regulatory agencies to confirm all applicable regulatory requirements have been identified and help ensure such requirements are addressed as efficiently as possible. NEPA and other applicable environmental laws would need to be addressed prior to consideration by the Council of whether or not to fund the implementation portion of this submission.

If Implementation

1. Status of compliance with environmental laws applicable to a Council decision to include the submission on the Funded Priority List:

Three of the five implementation components in this submission have authorization pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 404 (using nationwide general permits and a letter of permission). Additional review and/or documentation is needed to ensure compliance with NEPA and other applicable laws. Existing environmental compliance information associated with the Corps of Engineers permit records could help expedite this additional review. As noted above, NEPA and other applicable environmental laws would need to be addressed prior to consideration by the Council of whether or not to fund the implementation portion of this submission.