

## 4 SUMMARY OF FUTURE ACTIONS

### 4.1 EIS Schedule and Public Involvement Process

The development of the Glades Reservoir EIS will occur in five stages:

1. Scoping
2. Alternatives Development
3. Draft EIS
4. Final EIS
5. Record of Decision (Permit Decision)

Involvement of interested agencies, stakeholders, and the public is essential to ensuring informed decision-making at the federal level as part of the NEPA process. As shown in Figure 4-1, the EIS process is expected to continue through 2013 with three key opportunities for public comment:

- Scoping - The stage of identifying the scope of issues and concerns related to the proposed action that the EIS should address, as well as alternative courses of action. This stage of the EIS process has already been completed.
- Draft EIS Review – Following scoping, alternatives will be developed and the USACE will prepare the Draft EIS, which will then be available for public review and comment. The public can provide feedback to the agency about gaps in the information provided or the quality of the analysis in the document, as well as impacts the document may not have addressed or measures needed to mitigate any adverse impacts.
- Final EIS Review – After comments on the Draft EIS have been reviewed and addressed, a Final EIS will be prepared and released for public review. The public may submit comments on the final document and comments related to the agency decision.

Figure 4-1. Project Schedule for the Glades Reservoir EIS

### EIS Process and Estimated Time Frame

