



South Florida Water Management District

WATER RESOURCES ACCOUNTABILITY AND COLLABORATION PUBLIC FORUM

AGENDA

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Purpose: The South Florida Water Management District manages one of the largest and most complex water management systems in the world. The system includes more than 2,000 miles of canals and levees and hundreds of water control structures. One of the primary goals of Everglades restoration is to improve quantity, quality, timing and delivery of water south from Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades. This WRAC Public Forum will provide a system-wide overview and facilitate a discussion on the considerations and requirements of the District to move water from Lake Okeechobee and Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) and into the Central Everglades (Water Conservation Areas).

Moderator: Drew Bartlett, Executive Director, SFWMD

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **[Video Overview of South Florida's Current Water Management System](#)**

- a. A short video will play that provides a basic overview of the current Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Project system and water management infrastructure in South Florida.

3. **Primary Infrastructure Responsible for Moving Water from Lake Okeechobee to the Central Everglades (Water Conservation Areas)** – Suelynn Kirkland, P.E., Office Chief – Water Management, Office of Operations
30 minutes

- a. An overview of the infrastructure south of Lake Okeechobee including structures, canals, Flow Equalization Basins, and Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) responsible for moving water south into the Central Everglades Water Conservation Areas (WCAs).

4. **Historical Overview** – Lawrence Glenn, Division Director of Water Resources
30 minutes
 - a. The water management infrastructure in South Florida continues to change as infrastructure is brought online and repairs/enhancements are made to existing infrastructure. Moving water south through the system requires that state water quality standards are met prior to water reaching the Central Everglades Water Conservation Areas (WCAs).

5. **Current Conditions in the Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs)** – Tracey Piccone, P.E., Chief Consulting Engineer
45 minutes
 - a. Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) are natural systems that use aquatic vegetation to improve water quality prior to water being sent south to the Central Everglades. Staff will present an overview of each Stormwater Treatment Area in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) including current conditions, rehabilitation efforts, and vegetation.

6. Discussion by WRAC Public Forum Participants

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn