SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Public Use Project Updates

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- Project Updates
  - STA Refurbishment Projects
  - STA1W Expansion Area #1, Public Use and Hunting
  - Kicco Hog Hunting Proposed Rule Changes
  - L38 Temporary Plug – Installed
  - A-2 STA – In Design

STA Refurbishment Projects

- Current and Future Projects
  - Affects on alligator and waterfowl hunting
  - Where and when construction will occur
  - Strategies to minimize impacts

STA 5 Blumberg Rd.

STA Refurbishment Projects

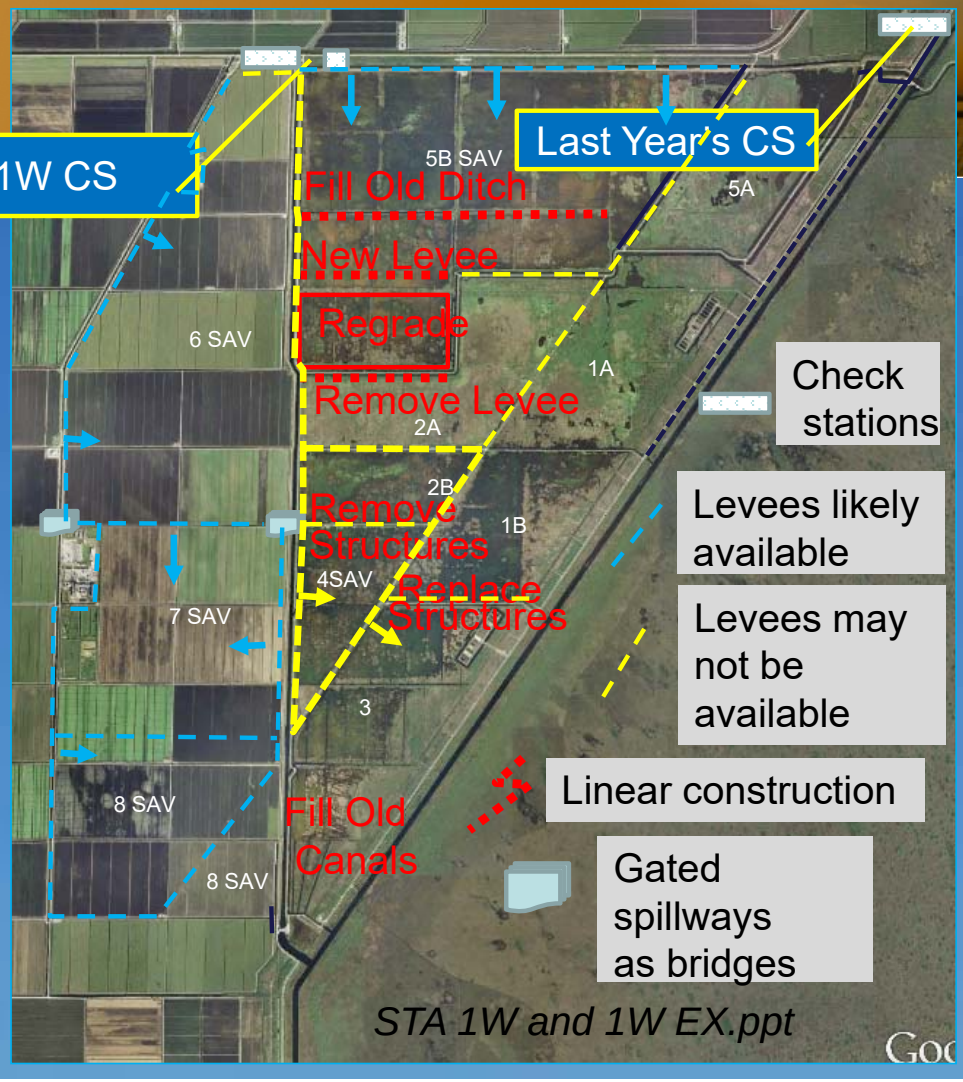
- Current Projects
  - STA 1E - three projects
    - Through 2020-21 season
    - Closed STA 1W check station
  - STA 3/4 - one project
    - Partially through alligator season 2020
    - Closes north levee of 3/4

STA Refurbishment Projects

- Future Projects
- Multiple Projects- to add rip rap, level cells, fill ditches, replace culverts and realign levees and canals
  - Several years of work
  - One step at a time, discuss 2020-21 season
  - Alligator, minimal changes, adjust levees available in season
  - Waterfowl, primarily STA 1W, may need to close areas and change quotas
- Planning and Design in Process, Expect Changes

STA Refurbishment Projects

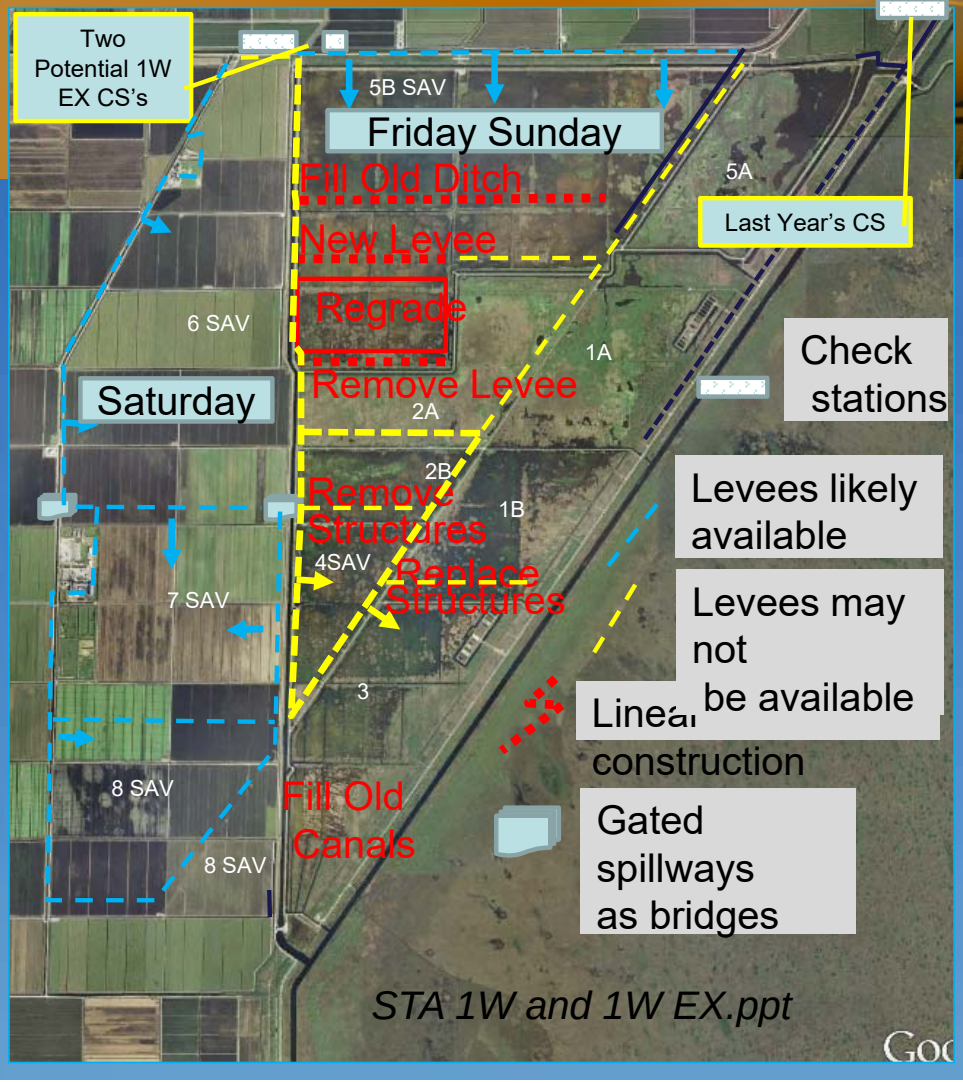
- Future projects
- STA 1W – eight projects
  - Oct., 2020 - Contractor will be selected and will determine sequence and start dates
  - Southern cell 5B in the wet
  - Cells 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4
  - Concrete batch plant, STA 1W Ex#2



STA Refurbishment Projects

Future Projects

- STA 1W Strategy
  - Propose GB open 1W Ex #1 for waterfowl and alligator
  - Waterfowl Cell 5B Friday/Sunday
  - Waterfowl 1W Ex #1 Saturday - quota could change
  - Alligator 1W Ex #1 FWC survey requested



STA 1W Expansion Proposal for Governing Board Approval

- Propose Governing Board Approval to
  - Designate as a STA per Rule 40E-7
  - Authorize FWC to establish as a Public Small Game Hunting Area for waterfowl
  - Authorize FWC to incorporate into Statewide Alligator Harvest Program

STA Refurbishment Projects

- Future projects
- STA 2
  - Cell 2 – four projects
    - Through season 2020-23
    - Won’t close hunts, closes cell 2
- STA 5
    - Construction in future, not upcoming season

KICCO Hog Hunting Proposed Rule Changes

- KICCO Discussion
  - Current and Proposed
    - Quotas, Seasons
  - Quotas
    - 20 quotas currently
    - Propose to remove quota requirement for hogs

KICCO Hog Hunting Proposed Rule Changes

- KICCO Discussion
  - Seasons
    - Add late spring seasons, April & May
    - Consistent with Kissimmee River
    - 2019-20 dates were April 24-28, May 28-1

L38W Temporary Test Plug

Installation Complete

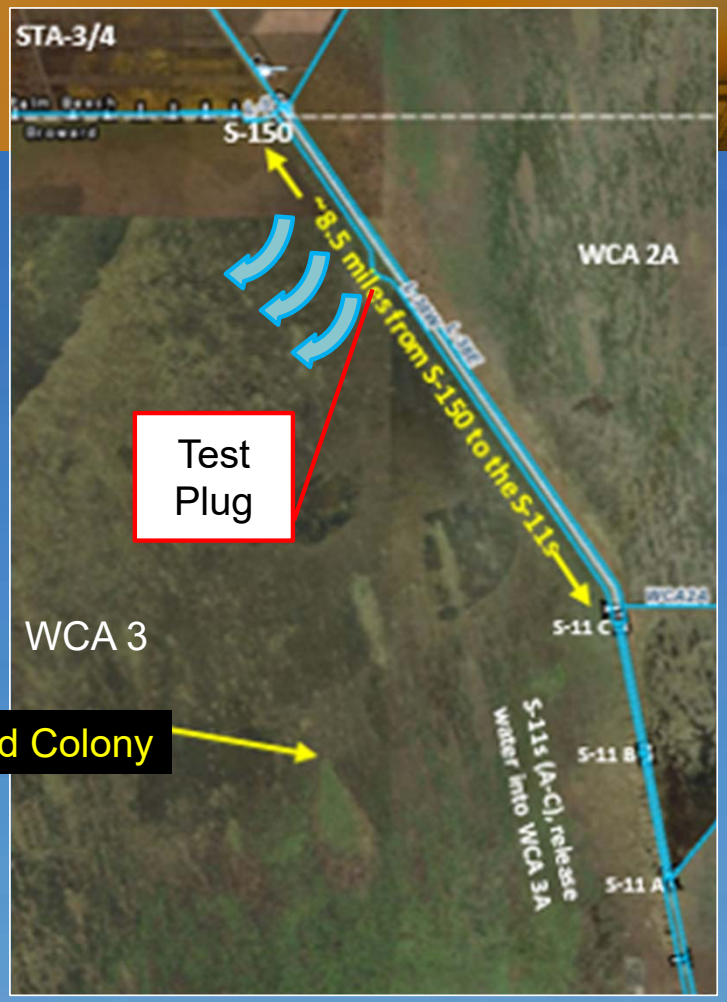
- Work commenced on January 16, 2020, and was completed on February 20, 2020
- Blocks canal, ~2.5 miles downstream of S-150
- Forces flows into the NE corner of WCA3A

Intended Benefits

- Increased hydration in the NE corner of WCA3A to reduce soil oxidation and peat fires
- Improved foraging and reduced predation at the Alley North Wading Bird Nesting Colony

Anticipated Removal

- August 2022, following testing and modeling efforts over two dry seasons



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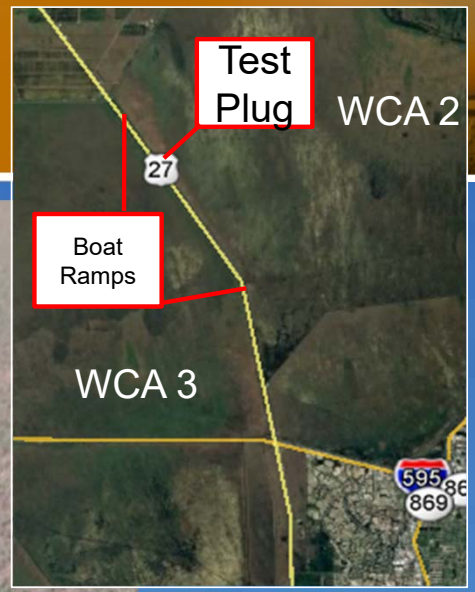

Public Notification and Safety

- **L-38W Canal is still accessible from two boat ramps**
- **Signs are posted at each boat ramp to notify public of plugs location**
- **Buoys and reflectors are present upstream and downstream of the plug**

A-2 STA – In Design

- Preliminary Design
- Reviewing the best public access route
  - Boat trailers to A-2 reservoir and back
  - Pumps to drive by
  - Use of levees
  - Bridges

Discussion

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