

The Flow

April 2010 Newsletter
Dr. Annette Snapp, President

Special Events & Meetings

- May 2 - CRCA Annual Meeting & BBQ at 11am in the Caloosahatchee Regional Park, Alva
- May 17 - Final Ceitus Boat Lift Meeting at 8:30am in Ft. Myers

For more river news visit the CRCA web site at crca.caloosahatchee.org
Also, you can renew your membership online



Local elementary school children celebrated Earth Day with art.

EPA Revises Numerical Limits



EPA issued a revision of its proposed numerical pollution limits rule for Florida waters. EPA defends its science & holds firm on its numbers, but invites FDEP to come forward with better data & science to create a Site Specific Alternative Criteria (SSAC)...if it is sincere in seeking clean water.

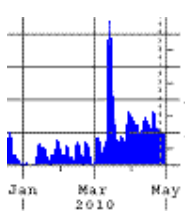
[Apr 15, 2010 EPA Doc]

Fix The Problem



CRCA members Linda Mattos, Marti Daltry & Mary Ann Parsons spoke on the radio and during the EPA numeric pollution limits hearing. In a dramatic gesture, Linda delivered a jar of dirty Caloosahatchee water to EPA officials at the hearing. [Naples News]

Dry Season Rather Wet



In a normal year, CRCA and other estuary advocates are begging the Corps to send an average of 300-600 cfs out of S-79. But this Mar and Apr they are sending more than 2000 cfs due to an unusually wet "dry season." [S-79 Flow Summary] [Corps Data Graph]

Annual Meeting of CRCA



We kindly invite everyone to the annual CRCA BBQ meeting on Sunday, May 2 at 11am in the Caloosahatchee Regional Park, Alva. Historian Joe Thomas is the featured speaker. Bring a covered side dish. CRCA provides the drinks and grilled burgers. [Location Map]

Ceitus Boat Lift Meeting



The final EMA meeting will be Mon, May 17 in Ft. Myers at 8:30 am. The meeting may take a final vote on whether to accept the DEP & Cape Coral mitigation projects as a substitute for replacing Ceitus Boat Lift on the Spreader Waterway.

[NSEMA Stakeholder Group]

C43 Low Flow Reservations



Southwest Florida Watershed Council has for years focused on securing a low flow reservation for the Caloosahatchee River. Their April meeting addressed this topic with many decision makers attending to discuss water set-asides for salinity balance. [Watershed Council] [Slide Set]

The Gift of Clean Water



Clean water was a top priority for the first Earth Day in 1970. It remains so 40 years later. For this Earth Day, Wisconsin Representative James Oberstar introduced the "America's Commitment to Clean Water Act" (ACCWA) in Congress. [\[Clean Water Network\]](#)

House Makes Case for Amd 4

Hometown Democracy



Balking on reauthorization of the DCA, the Florida House is threatening what little growth management exists in the state and showing Florida voters why they may need Amendment 4 (Hometown Democracy). Politics is strengthening the ballot initiative. [\[Key News\]](#)

St. Lucie River Appeal Filed



Attorneys for the Rivers Coalition recently filed a 53-page appeal in the organization's attempt to force the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to stop discharges of polluted waters from Lake Okeechobee into the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon. [\[TC Palm\]](#)

Inland Port Site Spin

YOU WRITE WHAT YOU'RE TOLD!



A Sun Sentinel headline falsely pits environmentalists against inland port advocates. Environmental groups long ago endorsed a low-impact Hendry-Glades site over a Palm Beach County location positioned in the historic Everglades southern flow path. [\[Sun Sentinel\]](#)

CRCA Clarifies Position



At a special board meeting on March 22, CRCA directors discussed their perspectives on the EMA NEB projects list. Directors expressed a preference for eliminating some NEBs and augmenting/changing others. [\[Draft meeting minutes/notes\]](#)

Sugarcane Can Help Everglades



New varieties of sugarcane have the potential to tolerate flooded conditions for up to two weeks. But it will take years of new farming systems development to create methods that farmers can effectively implement to grow cane and store more water.

[\[Science Daily\]](#)

Earth Week a Success



Over 800 Hendry and Glades elementary students traveled to the Hendry House where they learned about water and utilities, took a walk in the LaBelle Nature Park, met some farm animals, and potted soil and seeds.

[\[Pic1\]](#) [\[Pic2\]](#) [\[Pic3\]](#) [\[Pic4\]](#) [\[Pic5\]](#) [\[Pic6\]](#)

Annette Snapp & EPA



Annette Snapp, spoke in support of numerical pollution limits on behalf of Caloosahatchee River Citizen Association during the recent EPA hearings and submitted written comments. She explained that much more needed to be done to clean up our waters. [\[Details\]](#)

Sierra Club Calusa Group



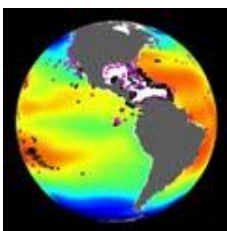
The CRCA Swamp Cabbage event would not have been possible without co-sponsorship of Sierra Club Calusa Group. CRCA would like to thank Drew Martin for arranging the donation this year. Sierra Club is an important partner to CRCA on many issues. [\[Website\]](#)

Mothers Day River Cruise



Treat Mom to a cruise on the Caloosahatchee River guided by SCCF policy director and regional naturalist, Rae Ann Wessel. The tickets for the Mothers Day cruise go fast, so make reservations early! 239-472-2329 [\[Details\]](#)

Ocean Acidification



EPA's settlement challenging the State of Washington's failure to list coastal waters as "impaired" under the Clean Water Act due to reduced pH may put ocean acidification on the front line of emerging regulatory issues related to climate change. [\[Marten Law News\]](#)

Tetra Tech



CRCA would like to thank Tetra Tech V.P. Danny Nelson. Tetra Tech contributed to the 2010 CRCA Swamp Cabbage Festival events. Tetra Tech is a worldwide engineering and technical services company. Tetra Tech past projects include Caloosahatchee water quality studies. [\[Website\]](#)

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