

The Flow

August 2014 Newsletter
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Special Events & Meetings

- ♥ Sep 3: [CRCA Board Meeting](#) in LaBelle
- ♥ Sep 7: [Take a Walk on the Wild Side](#) in North Ft. Myers
- ♥ Sep 11: [AWRA Networking](#) at FGCU
- ♥ Oct 1: [CRCA Meeting 6:30pm, Program at 7pm](#) in Ft. Myers
- ♥ Nov 9: [18th Annual Caloosahatchee River Ride](#) in Alva

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Citizens protest at the Second Annual River Rally in Stuart.

Caloosahatchee River Ride 2014



On Sunday, November 9, join Riverwatch for the 18th Annual River Ride, the recreational bike ride around the Caloosahatchee. Routes for 15, 30, 40, and 62 miles. Register in advance or on the morning of the event at Caloosahatchee Regional Park. [\[Register Online\]](#) [\[Caloosahatchee Regional Park map\]](#)

CRCA Meeting & Program



The Oct 1 Riverwatch meeting at Calusa Nature Center features Dave Ceilley of FGCU & Johnson Engineering who will talk about restoring tape grass in the Caloosahatchee. Dave has provided technical assistance to CRCA since 1996. CRCA's Sep 3 meeting in LaBelle will focus on membership development. [\[LaBelle Map\]](#) [\[Sep Meeting\]](#) [\[Nature Center Map\]](#) [\[Oct Meeting\]](#)

Has It Come to This?



Tom Swihart suggests we trust DEP and skip the peer review process. While scientifically absurd, it is a rational position to advocate in a desperate attempt to make progress in the face of agency that uses peer review as a tactic to slow and avoid progress. [\[Watery Foundation\]](#)

Caloosahatchee Forum



On Friday, Aug 8, SFWMD's Dan DeLisi hosted a forum attended by 70 people to get feedback on a range of regional projects designed to address Caloosahatchee River flow and water quality problems. [\[CRCA Report\]](#) [\[Links to Meeting Documents\]](#)

Reservoir Project on Hold



John Scott, CRCA director and the Co-Founder for the Clean Water Initiative of Florida, says he's okay with delaying the scaled-down version of the C-43 West Reservoir project until after this rainy season since he favors other options anyway. [\[Fox 4\]](#)

Lake Okechobee Water Releases



On Aug 1st, a rally on the east coast at Phipps Park in Stuart Florida drew attention to the problems of water pollution and dirty water releases from Lake O to the coastal estuaries. One speaker from the west coast was CRCA director John Scott. [\[Fox 29\]](#) [\[Cartoon\]](#) [\[Speeches\]](#) [\[Photos\]](#)

[\[Video\]](#) [\[John Scott\]](#)

Dike Study Public Meetings



USACE is holding a meeting on Herbert Hoover DiKE rehabilitation on Sep 12 for government officials and four meetings for the public at the following locations: Sep 22-Okeechobee; Sep 23-Clewiston; Sep 24-Jupiter; and Sep 25-Fort Myers. [\[Details\]](#)

Student-Professional Networking



AWRA Southwest Florida Chapter and the ASCE are inviting you to participate in the "Meet the Professionals" networking event at the FGCU, Holmes Hall on Sep 11th, 2014 from 5pm to 7pm. If you are interested in participating, please RSVP by Sep 4. [\[Invitation\]](#) [\[Flyer\]](#)

How Dirty Is It?



It's so dirty that on Aug 25 SCCF, Mote Marine and others held a Water Quality Information Session for Tourism Employees. You know the situation is bad and permanent when hotels front desk personnel start getting training in how to explain water quality problems to their clientele. [\[Action Alert\]](#)

Central Everglades Plan Released



The Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) report from the Corps of Engineers was released on Aug 8. Word is SFWMD is still unhappy that the project leaves the state to pay the cost of water quality improvements, a debate dating back to 1990's. [\[Corps Releases Everglades\]](#) [\[Journey to Restore Everglades\]](#) [\[Old Debate\]](#) [\[Old Comments\]](#)

Off the Endangered Species List



On Jul 1st Federal officials announced, after a libertarian law group called the Pacific Legal Foundation sued the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Apr, that manatees have been taken off the endangered list. Manatees have been on the list since 1967. [\[Tampa Bay Times 1\]](#) [\[Tampa Bay Times 2\]](#)

Next Victim: Pine Island



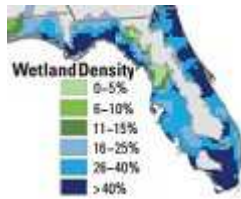
Activist Phil Buchanan says that Pine Island growth management is under siege by corporate interests that seek to buy up large amounts of island land and then develop it free of current regulations. Last year they hired an attorney to get rid of the Pine Island Land Use Plan. [\[Back Ten Feet\]](#)

Floridians and Water



The Public Issues Education Center's recent survey shows that when it comes to water, Floridians aren't aware of current issues, think quality and quantity are important, think quality is getting worse and are willing to conserve — to a point. [\[Visual Representation\]](#) [\[Web Site\]](#)

Wetland Loss Hotspot



Southwest Florida has lost 148 square miles of land cover — an area 1 1/2 times the size of Cape Coral — to development and to changes in the region's climate over the past two decades, a new government report shows. [\[Naples News\]](#) [\[Map by NOAA\]](#) [\[Coastal Wetlands Report\]](#)

Caloosahatchee August 19 - 25



Flows into the Caloosahatchee Estuary at S79 over the past 7 days averaged 1,757cfs. Nearly all flow to the estuary was from the Caloosahatchee watershed, underscoring the need for local storage projects. The past 14 days, about 2% of Lake O outflows were delivered to the Caloosahatchee via S77. [\[Aug 19-25 Report\]](#)

CNC Sep Events Schedule



The Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium offers a variety of educational and fun events for family and friends in its Sep 2014 schedule, such as National Wildlife Day, International Observe the Moon Night, Space Racers and other. Everyone is welcome! [\[September Schedule\]](#) [\[Web Site\]](#)

All About the Water



The Stonecrab Alliance invites concerned citizens to march on Governor Rick Scott's Beachfront home on Oct 18 to express disapproval of Florida's handling of a range of water issues, from fracking to algae choked lakes, rivers, springs and estuaries. [\[Stonecrab Alliance\]](#) [\[Rick Scott Greenwashing Cartoon\]](#)

Another Party Line Action



120 Members of Congress are co-sponsoring HR5078, a bill seeking to block EPA jurisdiction over water quality. The bill sponsor is from Florida. 115 co-sponsors are Republican, 5 are Democrats. 12 of 17 Florida Republican Congressmen are on the list. No FL Dems and no local Reps are co-sponsors. [\[H.R.5078\]](#) [\[FL Co-sponsors\]](#) [\[FCC Alert\]](#)

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