

# The Flow

2009 Newsletter  
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## Special Events & Meetings

- Jul 27 – 29 - Air Monitoring for Hazardous Materials Technicians
- Aug 7 - Frogwatch at Savannas Preserve State Park
- Aug 8 - National Marina Day
- Aug 12 - CRCA Board Meeting

For more river news visit the CRCA web site at [crca.caloosahatchee.org](http://crca.caloosahatchee.org)  
Also, you can renew your membership online



*Hendry Co. Com. Karson Turner shows port proposal to Annette Snapp.*

## Riverwatch Founder Passes



Laura O'Brien Church passed away Saturday, June 27. Laura was a CRCA founder & its lead educational projects organizer in the group's early years. Laura was an inspired teacher who cared deeply about her students and the environment.

[Memories] [Services] [News Press]

## CRCA Board Meeting



CRCA will be holding their next Riverwatch meeting on Wednesday, August 12. Our guest speaker, Win Everham, will discuss river issues in Texas and how it compares with SW Florida and our water issues. [More Info]

## Filling SFWMD Vacancies



Joe Collins, engineering manager for Lykes Brothers, Inc., has been appointed as one of the 3 new SFWMD Governing Members. He is experienced in design, permitting and operation of surface water management systems for agriculture. [Sun-Sentinel]

## Sewage Water Investigated



Starting July 1st, the Department of Environmental Protection will have to look into the water quality and sewage water facilities in a 1 mile radius of any beach affected by a no-swimming advisory..thanks to leadership by Sanibel Mayor Mic Denham. [News-Press]

## No for Cape Coral Utility



After a series of public meetings in regards of Cape Corals utility expansion, July 20th was the final of them. The session finalized with two of the three supportive council members voting NO on the \$281 million utility project.

[News-Press] [Wink News]

## Inland Port for Hendry/Glades



On July 18, Marti Daltry organized a tour of proposed sites for the inland port facilities in Hendry County. Attending were representatives of Sierra Club, Audubon, Everglades Foundation, SCCF, the Collins Center, and Riverwatch.

[Summary] [Photo Gallery]

## Non-motorized Boating Session



FWC has added an additional and final public non-motorized boating community listening session to be held in the southwest region of the state in Punta Gorda. Join us Monday, July 27th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Harbor Conference Center. [\[Session Notice\]](#)

## FDEP Watershed Network



Newsletter Volume 2, Issue 1 from the Watershed Network is already available. News about the budget for TMDL Water Quality Restoration, new Seepmeters for water quality on benthic sediments, and more info on the quality of our waters and watersheds. [\[HTML FDEP Newsletter\]](#)

## Sharks Comeback!



Summer 2009 seems to be an active shark season. Researchers from the Mote Marine Laboratory caught a record 80 sharks from eight species (bull, blacknose, lemon, and more) in four days last month during the lab's quarterly shark-tagging trip.

[\[News-Press\]](#)

## Suit Against Sprawl



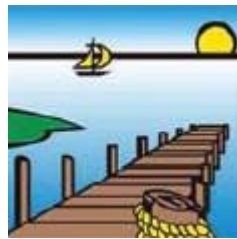
A group of local governments had started a sue against Governor Crist and the Florida Legislature because of they had passed a growth-management law that opponents bash as a developer-relief act. [\[Tampa Bay\]](#)

## What are Riverkeepers?



George Jones from the Indian Riverkeeper spoke to the SW FL Watershed Council on July ???. He explained the Riverkeeper program, history of the Waterkeeper Alliance. Various groups are working to create a Riverkeeper program for the Caloosahatchee. [\[Details\]](#)

## National Marina Day



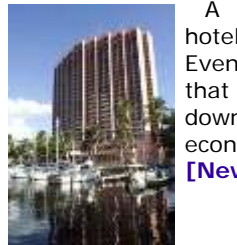
Sheila Turregano invites everyone to celebrate National Marina Day on August 8, 2009 at Legacy Harbour Marina, 2044 West First Street in Fort Myers. Call 239.461.0775 for event details. [\[announcement\]](#)

## Closed Door Water Decisions



The plan to place a system of pipes across FL to transport water from water-rich areas into water-poor areas was stopped by the public 5 years ago. Now thanks to SB 2080, only 5 executive directors of the Water Districts will have the final say. [\[The Ledger\]](#)

## Ft. Myers Riverfront



A plan with a new 200-room convention hotel, expansion of the adjacent Harborside Event Center & creation of an inlet and ponds that bring the Caloosahatchee river into downtown are the keys, planners say, to economically stimulate Ft Myers downtown. [\[News-Press Editorial\]](#)

## Clams Indicating Hypoxia



SCCF Marine Lab Research Scientist Dr. Rick Bartleson studied dead clams and mussels found along the Caloosahatchee near Cape Coral. The main reason for this incident seems to be the freshwater releases into the River due to recent storms. [\[SCCF Update\]](#)

## New Algae in Sanibel



Sanibel's Biologist James Evans, confirmed that the algae found in Sanibel beaches is not red drift algae but a brown algae, Sargassum, commonly found in the Gulf of Mexico. It was probably brought due to strong northwest winds, not nutrients.

[\[PURRE\]](#) [\[Magnetic Newsletter\]](#)

## Phosphorus from Sludge



Disposal of sewage sludge (biosolids) in the Lake Okeechobee watershed continues in spite of a policy of no phosphorus fertilizing of pastures. Biosolids can be less polluting than commercial fertilizers, but it still adds phosphorus to the soils. [\[Audubon\]](#)

## S.B. 2080 Passed into Law



**Accountability**

Gov. Crist has signed into law Senate Bill 2080, relating to water resources. The law gives powerful permit granting authority to the 5 executive directors of the water management district, taking the governing members out of the process. [\[Articles on Crist and SB\]](#)

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