

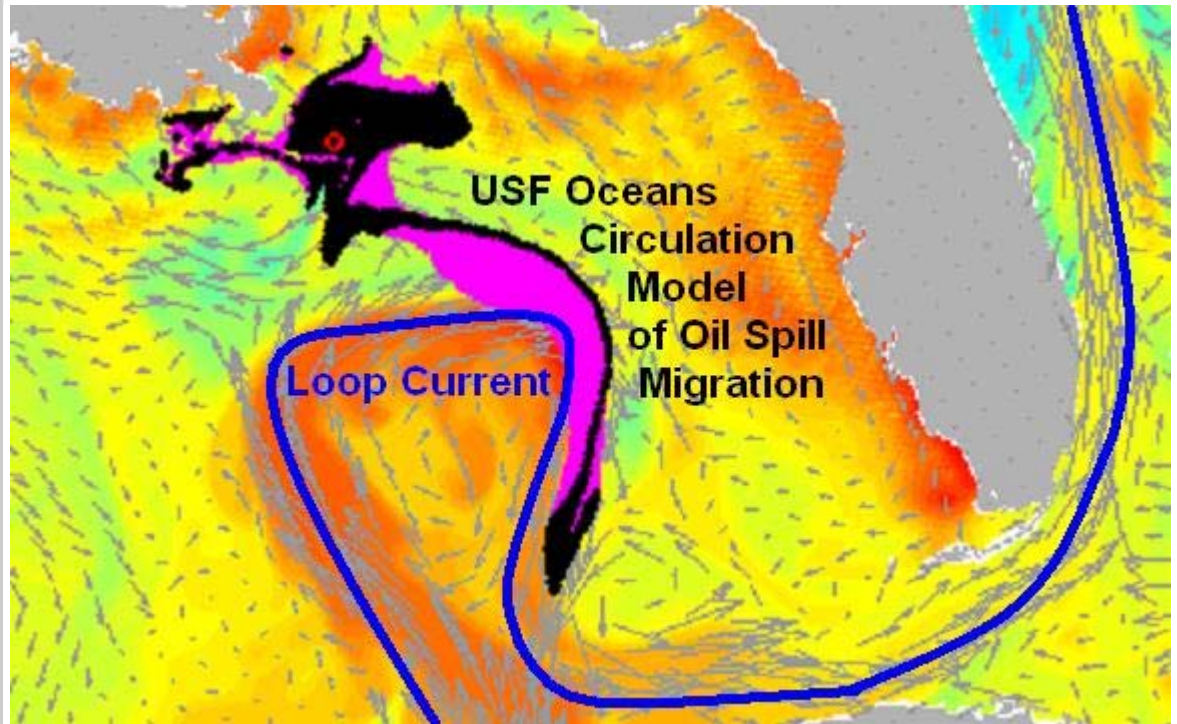
# The Flow

May 2010 Newsletter  
Annette Snapp, President

## Special Events & Meetings

- May 26 - Watershed Council issues workshop, 1:00 pm at Royal Palm Yacht Club
- June 2 - CRCA Board meeting, 6:30 pm in Ft. Myers
- June 2 - Billy Creek Preserve Grand Opening, 9:00 am at 951 Marsh Ave

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



*USF scientists try to predict where the oil spill will drift and strike next.*

## Where Is My Kevlar?



On May 13 in Stuart, the Corps Colonel & SFWMD Governing Members were berated by an unrelenting series of hostile citizens speaking out forcefully against the high Lake O discharges to the St. Lucie & Caloosahatchee estuaries.

[TC Palm] [Sun Sentinel] [News Press]

## Restore the Spreader Canal



The final meeting of the Ceitus EMA was held on May 17. Non-binding straw votes were taken that clearly indicate what the final results of the last 2.5 years of work will be. The final vote will be 11 to 8 to put back the Ceitus Barrier.

[Ceitus EMA Meeting]

## 50% Dike Failure Chance



If a hurricane threatens the Lake Okeechobee area, experts say there's a 1-in-6 chance the dike would collapse and a 50-50 chance of it failing in the next few years. There is a clear threat to lake residents if water levels get too high.

[Palm Beach Post]

## Watershed Council Workshop



On May 26 at 1pm in the Royal Palm Yacht Club, the Watershed Council will host an issues planning workshop to develop a list of watershed priorities for session topics of the Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference to be held Nov 19, 2010. [SWFWC] [Website]

## Deeply Troubling Disregard



The Environmental Regulations Commission (ERC) today is a rubber stamp for DEP and the polluters it represents. They don't even try to create an appearance that they care about hearing both sides. DEP is seeking to sidestep EPA water quality rules.

[ERC Members] [Clean Water Network]

## Billy Creek Preserve



You are invited to attend the Grand Opening Of Billy Creek Preserve on June 2, 2010. Billy Creek Preserve is a cooperative effort between the City of Fort Myers, Lee County and the South Florida Water Management District.

[Preserve] [Announcement] [Map] [Art]

## Caloosahatchee River History



Joseph Thomas, President of the LaBelle Heritage Museum, was the speaker at the CRCA Annual Member Meeting. He presented the history of the Caloosahatchee River between the 1840s and 1950s. See some pictures he showed in his presentation. [\[Picture 1\]](#) [\[Picture 2\]](#) [\[Picture 3\]](#)

## Fertilizer Ordinances



Local fertilizer ordinances are safe - for now. Both the Senate and House bills that threatened local fertilizer ordinances failed to win passage in the closing moments of the 2010 Florida Legislative session on Friday. [\[PURRE\]](#)

## Brown and Caldwell



Florida Water News is one of a series of regional online water newsletters published by Brown and Caldwell. It contains stories of interest to water professionals about how communities in Florida are dealing with water issues. [\[Link Florida Water News\]](#)

## Six Mile Cypress



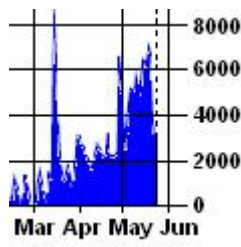
Lee County added 517 conservation acres at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve to its land conservation program. The ecological importance of the parcel is undisputed. But some still say the price tag stings. [\[NewsPress\]](#)

## EMA Meeting Final Documents



In preparation for the final NSEMA Stakeholder Group meeting, the facilitators released the final set of reports, documenting the proposal on each side of the debate. Not much changed regarding what each side was ready to accept. [\[Coverletter and Agenda\]](#) [\[Materials\]](#) [\[Base Text\]](#)

## Flows Drown Estuary



Caloosahatchee River flows to the estuary as measured at Franklin Lock (S-79) have averaged around 5000 cfs in May. That's double the advised upper limit for estuary health and dwarfs last years wet season flows. [\[Corps Flow Data\]](#)

## News From Everglades Summit



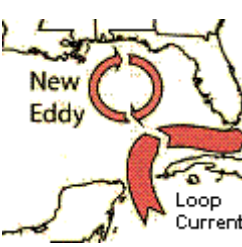
During the Everglades Summit on May 19 in DC, The Obama administration announced \$324 million to dramatically expand bridging on Tamiami Trail. The plan would remove the asphalt dam across the Everglades. Among those attended the summit was CRCA member and SCCF policy director Rae Ann Wessel. [\[Rae Ann\]](#) [\[PhysOrg\]](#) [\[TCPalm\]](#) [\[Miami Herald\]](#)

## Voters Favor Amendment 4



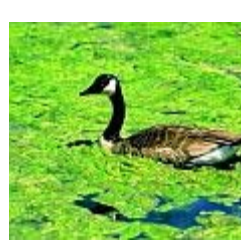
Amendment 4 (Hometown Democracy) is gaining support from voters. A new poll says 61% would vote yes; 18% no and 21% still undecided about the proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution giving voters direct authority over land use changes. [\[Florida Hometown Democracy\]](#) [\[Link Website\]](#)

## Could Oil Reach Us?



Normally Caloosahatchee residents study tracking charts of hurricanes spinning in the Gulf of Mexico. But now an even slower moving threat is keeping everyone guessing where disaster will strike and at what intensity. [\[Loop Current Cycle\]](#) [\[Prediction Models\]](#)

## The Green Monster



Algal blooms which are called 'Green Monster' are returning to St. Johns River. Reports came of parts of the river south of Jacksonville once again turning a sickening green. See also YouTube Videos about the 'Green Monster'. [\[Jacksonville.com\]](#) [\[Links to Videos\]](#)

## Sawfish vs Spreader Canal



The issue of providing and protecting habitat for the smalltooth sawfish seems is being raised for all construction projects in the Cape Coral canals. This could be used as a reason to avoid reinstallation of Ceitus Boat Lift in the Spreader Canal. [\[DEP\]](#)

## EPA: Pollution Reduction



Chesapeake Bay settlement has EPA agreeing to enforce pollution reduction goals. The Environmental Protection Agency will be legally bound to clean the soiled waters of the Chesapeake Bay after reaching an agreement to enforce tough new standards. [\[Washington Post\]](#)