

The Flow

October 2010 Newsletter
Dr. Annette Snapp, President

Special Events & Meetings

- Nov 3: CRCA Meeting in LaBelle
- Nov 9-10: SFWMD Governing Board meeting Ft. Myers
- Nov 19: 20th Annual Water Resources Conference
- Nov 14: CRCA 14th Annual River Ride

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



The RiverWatch board met at All Native Nursery hosted by John Sibley.

Amy Williams Speaker



Amy Bennett Williams, lead writer of the recent News Press "River at Risk" series, is the featured speaker at the 13th Annual Environmental Breakfast on Oct 28 at 7am in the Riverside Community Center in Ft. Myers. Free, but reservations required. [\[What, Where, When\]](#)

SFWMD to Decide in Ft. Myers



At its Governing Board meeting on Nov 9 and 10 in Ft. Myers, SFWMD will decide whether to approve or deny the Conservancy of SW FL petition that SFWMD establish a reservation of 450 cfs rather than an MFL of 300 cfs for the Caloosahatchee estuary. [\[Naples Daily News\]](#)

14th Annual River Ride



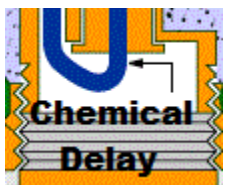
On Sunday, November 14, join us for the 14th Annual River Ride, the recreational bike ride around the Caloosahatchee. Routes for 15, 30, 40, and 62 miles. Register in advance or on the morning of the event at Caloosahatchee Regional Park. [\[Registration\]](#) [\[Web Site\]](#)

Final Stakeholder Vote



With all votes recorded, 14 (70%) of stakeholders voted that Cape Coral's proposed set of projects were insufficient to offset the water quality damage from their removal of the Ceitus Boat Lift. 4 (20%) voted for the projects and 2 (10%) abstained. [\[Letter\]](#) [\[NSEMA Stakeholder Votes\]](#)

Drew Wants Delay



DEP Head Mimi Drew says that even if EPA comes out with a numerical nutrient standard, she want them to delay implementation because Florida is going to be left in a really difficult situation since 50% of its waters are impaired. [\[Jacksonville.Com\]](#) [\[Delay Cartoon\]](#)

Sink Hears about River



CRCA members John Capece and Rae Ann Wessel talked to candidate for FL Governor, Alex Sink, about Caloosahatchee issues during a campaign stopover in LaBelle. Sink emphasized the need for Kissimmee Basin & Lake O Basin projects to protect the river. [\[NewsPress\]](#) [\[Caloosa Belle 1\]](#) [\[Caloosa Belle 2\]](#)

Dye Test Show No Surprises



Fluorescent yellow and green Fluorescein dye was released into the Cape Coral Spreader Canal to verify flow directions and patterns. Results confirmed that the proposed new placement of the Ceitus Boat Lift is better than the old location. [\[Report\]](#) [\[News Press\]](#)

How Much Will It Cost?



The American Water Works Association has released its estimates of the costs of complying with the proposed EPA numeric nutrient limits for Florida waters. It is estimated that compliance will cost less than \$15 per person per year. [\[AWWA\]](#)

The Next Generation of Challenges



The 20th Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference on Nov 19 at Royal Palm Yacht Club in Ft. Myers will look back on the past 20 years of water resources management challenges and forward to the next 20 years. [\[Web Site\]](#)

Riverkeeper On Area Agenda



The Sep 23 meeting of Watershed Council included a discussion led by Pete Quasius and Indian River's George Jones of the potential for a Riverkeeper for the Caloosahatchee. John Capece pointed out the even greater need in the Charlotte Harbor area. [\[George Jones Indian Riverkeeper\]](#)

CRCA Officer is Citizen of the Year



Riverwatch V.P. Margaret England was presented with the 2010 Citizen of the Year award by Randy Daniels, representing the Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce at their annual banquet attended by 120 members and guests, including Riverwatch officers. [\[Caloosa Belle\]](#)

The Benefits of Restoration



A report commissioned by the Everglades Foundation estimates that an \$11 billion restoration of the Everglades would yield \$46 billion in benefits to the economy from water treatment, fishing and real estate. [\[Sun Sentinel\]](#) [\[Report\]](#)

Calusa Paddling Festival



Join the 5th annual Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival on Oct 29 - Nov 7 on the gulf coast of SW Florida. The festivities of this one-of-a-kind eco-event include canoe/kayak races, fishing tournaments, guided tours & family activities. [\[Flier\]](#)

Mayor Goes Off the Deep End



Cape Coral Mayor John Sullivan said, "eco-terrorists putting a gun to our head," effectively referring to Riverwatch, Lee BOCC, Charlotte BOCC, Audubon, Sierra, SCCF, Conservancy, RGMC, Snook Found, PURRE, Watershed Council & Pine Island Civic Assoc. [\[Cape Coral Breeze\]](#) [\[Background\]](#)

CRCA Board Meeting



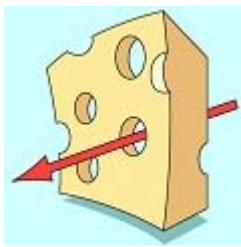
The next Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association board of directors meeting will take place at Bridge St. Coffee and Tea Shop on Wednesday, November 3 at 6:30 pm. The coffee shop is on Ft. Thompson west of Bridge St in LaBelle.

EPA Has Fallen Far Behind



By not enforcing the law, "they are putting the population of Florida at risk and endangering their health," said civic activist Ann Hauck, who has been complaining to Congress that EPA is not working in the public interest but for special interests. [\[St. Pete Times\]](#)

Hendry Seeks Approval for TDR



In reviewing Hendry County's proposed transfer of development rights (TDR) program, Florida DCA points to a list of holes through which sprawl & natural resource degradation can occur. The County is attempting to revise the plan to gain approval. [\[DCA Objections\]](#) [\[Hendry County TDR\]](#) [\[Rural Lands Plan\]](#)

Edenfield Supports Clean River



Terry Miller running for Lee Co. Soil & Water District believes that government doesn't work and he wants to get elected so he can prove it. But opponent Ron Edenfield says soil and water districts are actually very important to the Caloosahatchee. [\[News Press\]](#)