

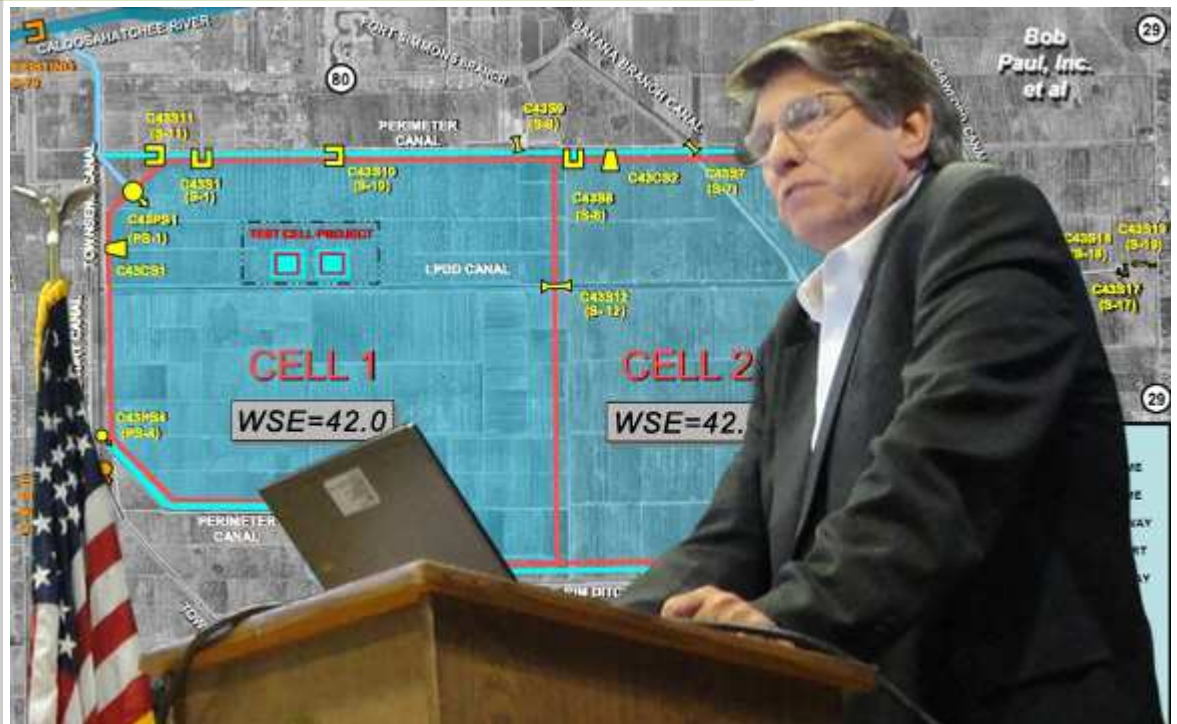
The Flow

October 2011 Newsletter
Pete Quasius, President

Special Events & Meetings

- Nov 3: The 2011 [Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival](#)
- Nov 13: 15th Annual [Caloosahatchee River Ride](#)
- Nov 13: Ellen Peterson [Going-away Celebration](#)
- Nov 18: 21st Annual [Water Resources Conference](#)

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Tommy Strowd discusses C-43 West Reservoir at the Sep. CRCA meeting.

15th Annual River Ride



On Sunday, November 13, join us for the 15th 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. [\[Registration\]](#) [\[Web Site\]](#)

River Ride Rest Stops



Volunteers are invited to help staff the River Ride rest stops along the river, passing out drinks and snacks to the bike riders. The locations are in LaBelle (Bob Mason Park) and Ft. Denaud (bridge). Contact Keith to participate. [\[Email to Keith\]](#)

Water Resources Conference



The 21st Annual SW FL Water Resources Conference will be held Friday, Nov 18 at the FGCU Kapnick Center at Naples Botanical Garden. The theme is Blossoming Technology. CRCA Director Dr. John Capece is hosting a session on future technologies featuring top EPA and UF scientists. [\[Web Site\]](#) [\[Preview on Nov 9 Gulf Coast Live\]](#)

Sanibel Comment to FDEP



James Evans, biologist for the City of Sanibel offered comments to FDEP regarding the Proposed Revisions to the Estuarine Numeric Nutrient Criteria. In addition to offering technical comment, James says the opportunity for public input was insufficient and the comment period should be extended. [\[City of Sanibel comments\]](#)

Remembering Ellen Peterson



Ellen Peterson nee Salisbury 87, of Estero, Florida passed away on Oct 14, 2011. She was born in Georgia on Dec 5, 1923. Ellen Peterson was a fierce, protective voice for all living creatures on Earth: human, animal and plant. Ellen is our hero! [\[Ellen Peterson\]](#) [\[Going-away Celebrations\]](#)

More Rain...Please?



October rain has raised Lake O to 13.5ft, exactly where it was a year ago. But last year the estuary received less than half its MFL (200 rather than 450 cfs). Since water continues to flow from the Kissimmee Basin, the lake could reach 14ft soon. [\[Lake Okechobee Stage\]](#)

Ceitus Lawsuit



On Oct 25 the Lee County BOCC voted 4-0 authorizing the County Attorney to enter mediation and then, if unsuccessful, file the Ceitus lawsuit against Cape Coral. CRCA President Pete Quasius also spoke at the meeting in support of this action. [\[Details\]](#) [\[Buchanan Comments\]](#)

The Other Shoe



As predicted, with the North Spreader Canal stormwater treatment system gone due to the removal of Ceitus Boat Lift, the next target of polluters will be the South Spreader - the last of the three original spreader systems set up to control storm waters and pollution in Cape Coral. [\[Cape Coral Daily Breeze\]](#)

An Apt Parable



So many ecological debates simply pit one group of would-be resource consumers against a competing group of new or existing consumers. Both understand the system can take only so much, so they each want to be the one to reap the economic benefits. [\[Sun-Sentinel\]](#) [\[Palm Beach Post\]](#) [\[Daily Show\]](#)

Erie Algae



Although it is said that misery enjoys company, it brings no pleasure to people along the Caloosahatchee to see our fellow Americans and Canadians along Lake Erie experiencing algae blooms comparable to what we experience all too often. [\[Science News Blog\]](#) [\[Earth Observation-NASA\]](#)

Wanted: Status Quo Ante



To open up Fisheating Creek to canoes, dredging created too much flow. Weirs were built to halt the drainage. Now the question is, when can these weirs be removed, so the creek can once again be called south FL's last natural stream? [\[Details\]](#) [\[Editorial\]](#) [\[Audubon Reaction\]](#) [\[Pics\]](#)

Riverwatch Hosts SFWMD



The October Riverwatch meeting held in LaBelle featured a presentation by SFWMD officials, Tommy Strowd (Dep. Exec. Dir.) and Dr. Susan Gray (Chief Scientist) on the design and progress of the C-43 West Reservoir at Berry Grove. [\[Group\]](#) [\[Tommy Strowd\]](#) [\[Dr. Susan Gray\]](#)

Drought, What Drought?



In a record drought year when the Caloosahatchee estuary received less than half its state mandated MFL, the other big user of Lake O water is setting sugarcane harvest records. The shared adversity concept of water allocation is clearly a farce. [\[Palm Beach Post 1\]](#) [\[Palm Beach Post 2\]](#)

What You Can Do



While we can't do much to control pollution from Lake Okeechobee and farm runoff, we can reduce the pollution reaching the Caloosahatchee from our own homes and lawns. CRCA has prepared a few suggestions on how you can limit contamination of residential stormwater runoff. [\[CRCA Suggestions\]](#)

Simply Not Good Enough



Commenting on the draft Charlotte Harbor Estuarine Numeric Nutrient Criteria, the Watershed Council opposes CHNEP's proposal to create standards that would maintain pollution levels of the past 14 years and allow exceedances of these degraded levels in every 2 of 5 future years. [\[Details\]](#) [\[Comment Letter\]](#)

Karenia Brevis Bloom



[maps\]](#)

The *Karenia brevis* bloom, first reported last month in SW Florida, currently extends offshore of Sanibel Island (Lee County). Widespread fish kills have been associated with this bloom & respiratory irritation is possible in & around the bloom areas. [\[Details\]](#) [\[Map of Red Tide counts\]](#) [\[Tables &\]](#)

Global Warming is Real



A new climate study shows that since the mid-1950s, global average temperatures over land have risen by 0.9 degrees Celsius (1.6 F), confirming previous studies that have found a climate that has been warming in fits & starts since around 1900. [\[Details\]](#)

Rivers Saturated With Carbon



According to researchers, rivers and streams in the U.S. are releasing substantially more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than previously thought. Significant amount of carbon in land is leaking into streams and rivers, then to the atmosphere. [\[NSF.gov\]](#) [\[Images\]](#)