

The Flow

October 2016 Newsletter
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Special Events & Meetings

- Nov 2: [CRCA Board Meeting](#) in Ft. Myers
- Nov 2: [Florida Fracking Summit](#) at FGCU
- Nov 4: [Billy's Creek Clean Up](#) in Ft. Myers
- Nov 9: [Cocktails & Conversations](#) in Captiva
- Nov 19: [Waterway Volunteers Interviews](#) in Ft. Myers

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Nov 9, 2016 5:30 - 7:30pm
Tween Waters Inn, Captiva Island

COCKTAILS and CONVERSATIONS

We invite you to RSVP & attend our Waterkeeper program celebration.

Cocktails & Conversations



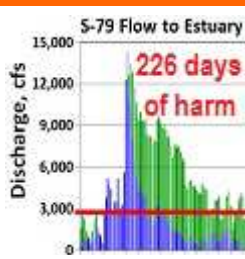
Riverwatch will be introducing its first Waterkeeper and its first Executive Director on Nov 9 at Tween Waters Inn. This Cocktails & Conversations event will be a major fundraising effort in support of our transition to a full Waterkeeper program. [\[Event Poster\]](#) [\[Details\]](#) [\[Register\]](#)

Call for Water Quality Sentries



Riverwatch seeks volunteers to help monitor the quality of area waterways (Estero Bay, Pine Island Sound, Matlacha Pass, Charlotte Harbor, the Caloosahatchee River, and Lake Okeechobee). Those interested may attend a volunteer recruitment meeting at 9am on Nov 19 in Ft. Myers. [\[Meeting Announcement\]](#)

226 Days of Harm



2016 has surpassed 1995 to become the second worst year for the number of days that the Caloosahatchee River delivered harmful volumes of water to the Estuary. With 2016 recording 226 days, only 2005 was worse with 230 days. Record keeping began at S-79 (Franklin Lock) in 1963. [\[Press Release\]](#) [\[Days of Harm by Year\]](#) [\[Total & Harm Volumes by Year\]](#)

[\[Lake vs Watershed\]](#)

C-43 Reservoir Project Critique



Gene Gibson expresses Riverwatch's opinion on C-43 Reservoir in an editorial. This project is not as good as it seemed to be when first discussed 20 years ago. This project lacks a water quality component and poses safety issues. Riverwatch supports the proposal for storage/treatment around Lake O. [\[Environmental Editorials\]](#) [\[Gene Gibson\]](#) [\[Gibson Editorial\]](#)

[\[Integrated Delivery Schedule\]](#) [\[Cartoon\]](#)

Florida Remains Butt of Jokes



Florida's water crisis is an ongoing problem. There is no doubt that the water situation only got worse during the recent decades of ineffective protection programs and water reforms, says John Cassani. Isn't it time for politics to bring a fresh perspective on this crisis to solve it? [\[News-Press\]](#) [\[Online Image\]](#)

Bonnie Says Clyde Innocent

This letter will serve as closure of the enforcement action
Sincerely,

Jon Igelhart Director
South District Office
Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

Like Clyde asking Bonnie to declare him innocent, Cape Coral asked DEP for a letter releasing it from further action after its Ceitus Boat Lift removal. DEP provided the Cape with such a letter. The Cape then moved for final judgement in the case brought against the Cape by Riverwatch & others. [\[Motion\]](#) [\[Status\]](#) [\[DEP-Cape Letter\]](#)

License to Kill



It may be MS4 rather than 007, but it is still a license to kill - in this case our aquatic ecosystems. MS4 is the Cape's stormwater permit from Florida DEP allowing storm water pollution, including our anemic efforts to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus discharges to the river and estuary. [\[Lee Co MS4 Permit\]](#)

Worst Year Ever For Crabbers



Frank Rogus has been crabbing the Caloosahatchee for decades. He says this has been the worst year ever to be a crabber. He says the crabs want nothing to do with our river these days. They run for the Gulf whenever flow is high and the water bad. [\[News Press Video\]](#)

Downtown Boat Ramp Removal



Ft Myers City Council will very soon remove the Centennial Park public boat ramp so they can build a private hotel. The community needs a replacement ramp. Building it will take time and money. We must demand that Ft Myers take immediate action to build a replacement boat ramp. [\[Coastal Angler\]](#) [\[Downtown Boat Ramp\]](#) [\[CRCA Using Ramp\]](#)

Support 20/20 Program



Lee County Conservation 20/20 is a 20 year-old environmental land buying program. A referendum is on Lee County ballots. Supporters of 20/20 are optimistic of its passage as there is no apparent organized opposition. They hope for public support to strengthen the program and ensure a good future. [\[News-Press\]](#) [\[News-Press: 5 Facts\]](#) [\[Conservation 20/20\]](#) [\[Yes 20/20\]](#)

Amendment 1 is a Deception



Joan Marshall denounces the dishonest appeals of the utilities who ask Florida voters to support Amendment 1. From now until 2025, the utilities' approach will increase renewable energy from 1% to only 2% of Florida power. However, Joan believes we can do far more if we vote against Amendment 1. [\[News-Press\]](#) [\[Cartoon\]](#)

Welcome to the Future



Owners of beach homes are facing climate change issues. Beach erosion and storm-damaged homes are the results of years of inaction on global warming. Resources better spent on climate change avoidance will instead go to insurance claims, sand pumping, and sea walls. [\[First Coast News\]](#) [\[Miami \\$3.5 Trillion by 2070\]](#)

Chiquita Lock Removal



FL Dept of Environmental Protection will be reviewing Cape Coral's application for permission to remove the Chiquita Lock. Lock removal will come at the expense of estuary water quality. It's a sad commentary on the lack of oversight and environmental protection by our local and state government. [\[NBC-2\]](#)

Save Our Water Summit



Save Our Water Summit held on Oct 26 drew hundreds of people. This year has been particularly devastating for the Caloosahatchee River. Almost everyone agrees the solution is to build huge reservoirs. But there is serious disagreement on the types of reservoirs and where they should be located. [\[News-Press\]](#) [\[Comments\]](#) [\[Photo\]](#)

Audubon Environmental Breakfast



More than 110 people attended Audubon's Annual Environmental Breakfast. Carl Veaux spoke to the audience accepting the Conservationist of the Year award presented by Dan Van Norman, President of Audubon of SW Florida. Riverwatch director Wayne Daltry assisted Dan in organizing the event. [\[Carl Veaux\]](#) [\[Frank Mann\]](#) [\[Audience\]](#) [\[Audubon SW Florida\]](#)

No Man-Made Climate Change



The evidence has become unmistakable: we have more floods in some places, more droughts in some others and we are recording the hottest summer in the USA this year. But still, public policy has been paralyzed, sometimes from ignorance or uncertainty, but often from deliberate misinformation. [\[The Washington Post\]](#)

Hottest Summer Nights in 2016



The summer of 2016 had hotter nights than any summer since records began in 1895, according to data released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. 2016 is likely to be the hottest year ever, with 2015 and 2014 second and third. The past 17 months have been hotter than all previous. [\[USA Today\]](#)

Who Is Wrong Is Right



Pascal a leading hydraulic scientist, mathematician and Christian philosopher explained in the 1600's how to help people change their mind. He advocated before telling them that they were wrong, it was important to tell them how they were right, so they would not feel they were completely mistaken. [\[Blaise Pascal Approach\]](#)