

# The Flow

October 2007 Newsletter  
Marti Daltry, President

## Special Events & Meetings

- Oct 6 – Riverfest
- Oct 16 - Lehigh Acres Water Taskforce
- Oct 27 - Midpoint Paddle Sprint Race
- Nov 3 - Charlotte Nature Festival
- Nov 7 - CRCA Board Meeting
- Nov 18 - River Ride

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



*Caloosahatchee at LaBelle Bridge (from www.RiverBendFlorida.com)*

### Canoe and Kayak Regatta



The big race day (Sat, Oct 27) is approaching! Register now for the Midpoint Paddle Sprint Race. Both recreational and competitive events are planned. Also, volunteers are needed to help staff the event. Contact Karen for details. [\[Register by mail\]](#) [\[Race Details\]](#) [\[Contact Karen\]](#)

### CCP Plan Available for Review



Lee County officials encourage residents to review plans for Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve. It is the first such project in Lee County that will provide recreational facilities on the preserve. [\[Article\]](#) [\[CCP Plan 23MB\]](#)

### SFRPC Director Dies at 56



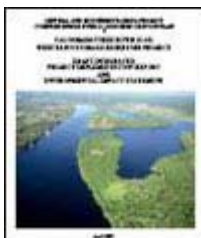
David Y. Burr, 56 who made preserving SW Florida's natural habitat his life's mission died unexpectedly on Monday, Sep 27. Burr was the executive director of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. We extend our heart felt sympathy to his wife Derek, daughter Heidi and the rest of his family and colleagues. [\[News Press\]](#) [\[Riverwatch\]](#)

### Remember To Ride



The 11th Annual Caloosahatchee River Ride is the morning of Sunday, Nov. 18. Over 100 riders participated in 2006 and we expect more this year. Join us for this always enjoyable Riverwatch tradition. Contact us for details. [\[Sponsors\]](#) [\[More Sponsors\]](#) [\[Auto Email\]](#) [\[Registration\]](#) [\[Flyer\]](#)

### Caloosahatchee Project Report



The Corps of Engineers has made the Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement (PIR/EIS) for the Caloosahatchee River Storage Reservoir Project available for public review. Comments are due by Oct 22. [\[Summary\]](#) [\[Complete Report\]](#)

### WRDA Passes Without Reforms



The U.S Senate passed \$20 billion for U.S. water projects, including many in Florida. However, the compromise version with the House lacks the reforms to the Corps of Engineers asked for by the Senate. [\[Article\]](#) [\[Miami Herald\]](#) [\[Feingold Opposition\]](#) []

## Matlacha Pass Paddle



As part of its National Estuary Days events, Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park is sponsoring a paddle through the Caloosahatchee/Charlotte Harbor Estuary at Matlacha Pass. Check out all the Oct 7 - Nov 18 events! [\[Announcement\]](#) [\[Full Schedule\]](#)

## Respite for Estuaries



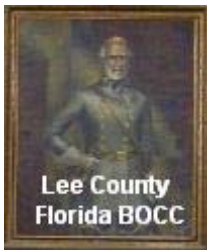
Some parts of the estuaries are starting to recover becoz this summer's low rainfall levels have not generated massive nutrient discharges from the watershed or Lake O. Much of the estuary still is barren of seagrass, but some parts are clawing towards partial recovery. [\[BonitaNews.com\]](#)

## Feds Point to C-43 Reservoir



A new Government Accountability Office report to Congress cites the Acceler8 program (including the C-43 reservoir project) as among the very few projects actually moving ahead for the overall Everglades Restoration initiative. [\[Highlights\]](#) [\[GAO Report\]](#)

## Fertilizer Ordinance Diluted



An ordinance that could potentially demonstrate that Lee County is serious about reducing water pollution from urban sources has been lobbied down by business interests to reduce its effectiveness. Let the BOCC know what you think. [\[Details\]](#) [\[Send Email to BOCC\]](#)

## Plan 6 Revisited



John Arthur Marshall presented a rebuttal to SFWMD of prior agency dismissals of the Plan 6 flow way. After listening, Charles Dauray encouraged Marshall saying, "Stay the course, John! Keep telling us." [\[Marshall Presentation\]](#)

## Step Back in Time



While not all the Caloosahatchee may be ideal for canoeing and kayaking, just 20 minutes north of LaBelle is intimate Fisheating Creek, draped in cypress and bristling with gators. It's a true Florida experience, rivaling any other in the state. [\[Barbara Oehlbeck\]](#) [\[Outfitters\]](#)

## Red Tide & Sierra Club



Marti Daltry, Regional Community Organizer for Sierra Club, will deliver a special presentation about red tide issues on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 10 am at the Ft. Myers Unitarian Universalist Church. [\[Details\]](#) [\[NapleNews.com\]](#)

## Kudos to SFWMD



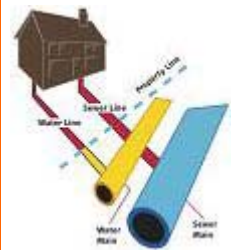
Pine Islanders are very grateful to the South Florida Water Management District staff for their recommendation of denial for a permit to build a huge floating marina over sovereign submerged lands in Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserve off Bokeelia. [\[Letter to SFWMD\]](#)

## Low Water Brings Lawsuits



Local industries are still feeling the impact from the water shortage. With the emphasis being on conservation, some businesses that rely on the water supply are hurting, including the sugar industry. [\[Newszap.com\]](#)

## Lehigh Water & Sewer Hookups



On Sep 10 officials said that the owners of some 12,000 properties in Lehigh Acres could be assessed \$13,000 or more during the next five years for new water and sewer lines. Lee County or East County WCD may purchase the utility from FGUA. [\[News-Press.com\]](#)

## Park Faces Many Hurdles



Supporters of establishing a nature park on 176 acres on the north bank of the river are looking to form a coalition to help make their dream a reality. They hope to make the park part of connecting environmental corridor with greenways & waterways [\[Newszap.com\]](#)

## LAWR Taskforce Meeting



On Oct. 16 Lehigh Acres Water Resources Taskforce will hold the first joint meeting of governmental and environmental agencies for the future of Lehigh Acres. This is a public meeting the citizens of Lehigh Acres are encouraged to attend. [\[Press Release\]](#)