

# The Flow

November 2007 Newsletter  
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## Special Events & Meetings

- Nov 14 & 15 - FWC Public Workshops
- Nov 16 - AWRA Meeting
- Nov 17 - FL Yards & Neighborhoods
- Nov 17 - Cape Water Action
- 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



*The Great Calusa Blueway opens new recreational opportunities!*

## Willful Disregard of Rights



On Oct 26, Circuit Court Judge Sherra Winesett issued a mixed ruling on CRCA's law suit seeking to protect public water front and halt construction of The Vue tower next to Centennial Park. The ruling's net effect is still uncertain.

[\[Summary\]](#) [\[Full Document\]](#) [\[Quotes\]](#)

## Cape Water Action Meeting



A new citizens' action group, Cape Water Action, will have a kick-off meeting on Saturday, Nov 17, 2007 at the Rotary Park in Cape Coral. All residents of Cape Coral are invited to attend this free meeting.

[\[Press Release\]](#)

## Bush Vetos WRDA



On Nov 2 President Bush vetoed WRDA, the Water Resources Development Act, an important bill for Everglades restoration and Lake O safety. Both Republicans & Democrats in Congress will join in an override attempt. [\[Crypt\]](#) [\[Joint Statement\]](#) [\[NY Times\]](#)

## 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.

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## Calusa Blueway Race



Local kayakers captured the opening 4-mile recreational race in the annual Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival on Sat morning but Olympic-caliber kayakers from Tampa & Deerfield Beach dominated the 10-mile competitive race. [\[News-Press\]](#) [\[Photo\]](#)

## SCCF & Captiva Host Meeting



Sign up now for the Everglades Coalition annual meeting. Register your poster, exhibits, recreational activities, and sponsorship for the upcoming meeting on Captiva Island, Jan 10-13. [\[Registration Brochure\]](#) [\[Web Site\]](#)

## C-43 Reservoir Comments



CRCA and other groups have submitted their comments to the Corps of Engineers regarding the proposed C-43 Reservoir project. [\[Audubon\]](#) [\[CRCA\]](#) [\[Watershed Council\]](#) [\[PURRE\]](#)

## Contact Lee BOCC



Riverwatch calls upon Lee County residents to contact their BOCC members in support of a strong fertilizer ordinance. CRCA President and other groups addressed the BOCC. [\[Coalition Letter\]](#) [\[Sample Letter\]](#) [\[Phone Comments\]](#) [\[Email BOCC\]](#)

## Nitrogen Treatment Land



SFWMD is negotiating to purchase 1773-acres of mainly orange grove land in Glades County just east of Ortona Lock to use as a nitrogen removal facility for Lake Okeechobee waters. Lee County is contributing \$10 million to the deal. [\[Map 1\]](#) [\[Map 2\]](#)

## Mahoney: Bush Should Sign



Rep. Tim Mahoney is pressuring Bush to sign the Water Resources Development Act that includes projects for the Everglades, Indian River Lagoon, Lake O cities drinking water plant & dike repairs. [\[Release\]](#) [\[PB Post\]](#) [\[TCPalm\]](#) [\[Caloosa Belle\]](#) [\[Send Email\]](#) [\[Photos\]](#) [\[Audio\]](#)

## Continuity is Critical



The City of Sanibel is asking the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to extend the assignment of Col. Paul Grosskruger as head of the Jacksonville District office that oversees south Florida restoration. [\[Letter\]](#)

## Blueway Ribbon Cutting



On Oct 30 the Phase 3 ribbon cutting ceremony for the Great Calusa Blueway was held at Riverside Community Center in Ft. Myers. The event attended by area dignitaries, included kayak demonstration, and eco-information. [\[Photos\]](#)

## TSP - Tentatively Selected Plan



The SFWMD Board held a workshop on Oct 10 to discuss the Lake O Regulation Schedule. Public comment was taken at the workshop. Most environmental groups endorse the TSP option over the past WSE option. [\[Details\]](#)

## Lee Seeks Southern Flow Way



Commissioner Ray Judah expressed dismay to Stu Applebaum that the Corps may be intentionally derailing consideration of a Lake O flow way by only evaluating an unreasonable elevation of 12ft instead of using a more logical 15.5ft spillway level. [\[Summary\]](#) [\[Transcript\]](#) [\[News Press\]](#)

## Lake O Reservoir Project



The fledgling Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir is intended as an environmental flagship project. SFWMD intends to go on to build similar facilities on the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers to hold and clean discharges from Lake O. [\[News-Press.com\]](#)

## Conference Focuses on Drought



The 2007 Southwest Florida Water Resources Conf. and AWRA meeting will be held at FGCU on Nov 16, 2007. Sign up early as a sponsor, exhibitor, or attendee. [\[Conference Website\]](#) [\[Sponsorships\]](#) [\[Registration\]](#)

## Kayak Shack is Open Again



The Kayak Shack at Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve, is now open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and on selected holidays including Nov. 12, Dec. 26, Dec. 27, and Dec. 28. [\[News-Press\]](#) [\[Map\]](#)

## Caloosahatchee SWIM Plan



On Oct 24, the Charlotte Harbor NEP held a workshop to present the Lower Charlotte Harbor SWIM Plan, which includes the Caloosahatchee basin. The plan lists projects totally well over \$100 million and sets goals for water quality improvement. [\[Draft Report \(5MB\)\]](#)