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The South Florida Water Management District is proud to sponsor the Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Science Conference. Restoration progress is made possible by strong advocates and the public remaining engaged in our work. Thank you for being a part of saving America's Everglades.



Progress is Exploding on the EAA Reservoir Project

The EAA Reservoir Project continues to move forward. The project will send more water south and reduce harmful lake discharges to the Northern Estuaries. The hard ground at the project site requires explosives to be used in order to dig the canals. Under the leadership of Gov. Ron DeSantis, the project began 12 months ahead of schedule and is expected to be complete in 2023.



Removal of Old Tamiami Trail Roadbed

Removing the roadbed improves the volume of water flowing south through the Everglades and supports reducing harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuaries.



Doubled Massive Water Quality Monitoring Network

Major expansion of SFWMD's water quality monitoring network across South Florida continues to improve water quality in the Everglades and helps achieve environmental restoration and protection goals.



Working to Reduce Harmful Discharges on the West Coast

Major components of the Caloosahatchee Reservoir (C-43) are advancing. The reservoir will reduce harmful discharges to the Caloosahatchee Estuary and provide beneficial freshwater flows to the Caloosahatchee Estuary in the dry season. The project will be complete in 2023.



Major Deal to Permanently Protect the Critical Wetlands in Heart of Everglades from Oil Exploration

SFWMD acquired 20,000 acres of Central Everglades wetlands once slated for oil and gas drilling. Purchasing land needed to support Everglades restoration and water quality is an important part of SFWMD's mission.



Record-Breaking Pythons are Caught in the Everglades

FWC and SFWMD continue to smash records and bring in more pythons after the state of Florida doubled its efforts to capture these non-native, invasive snakes.



S-333N Project Doubles the Water that Can Be Sent South

Everglades restoration depends on restoring the flow of water south. The S-333N structure, west of Miami, doubles the amount of water that can be moved south and into Everglades National Park.



Treasure Coast is Benefiting from New 6,500-Acre Wetland

The C-44 Stormwater Treatment Area cleans nutrient pollution and helps reduce harmful estuary discharges. The Stormwater Treatment Area, a human-made marsh, naturally removes nutrient pollution from the nearby canal water and provides excellent wildlife habitat. The Stormwater Treatment Area will be complete in a few months.



Celebrating Restoration of 6,700 Acres of Wetlands

The Allapattah Flats Wetland Reserve Project in Martin County restored 6,700 of wetlands and preserved 13,000 acres of land. This Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan project works in conjunction with other Everglades restoration projects that will reduce damaging discharges to the St. Lucie Estuary.

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