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Lake Okeechobee & Estuary Recovery Plan

LAKE OKEECHOBEE FAST-TRACK PROJECTS	LEAD AGENCY	SUPPORTING AGENCY
Nubbin Slough STA Expansion	SFWMD	FDEP, USACE
Taylor Creek Reservoir		
Lakeside Ranch STA		
Rerouting Runoff from the S-133 Basin		
Rerouting Runoff from the S-154 Basin		
REVISE LAKE OKEECHOBEE REGULATION SCHEDULE		
Phase I - Nonstructural Changes	USACE	SFWMD, FDEP, FDACS, FWC, USFWS
Proposed Spring Recession	USACE	SFWMD FDEP FDACS, FWC, USFWS
Review Water Supply Demand Estimates	SFWMD	USACE, FDEP, FDACS
Revise Supply Side Management	SFWMD	USACE, FDEP, FDACS
Modeling and Design of Forward Pumps	SFWMD	USACE, FDEP, FDACS, FWC, USFWS
Phase 2 - Structural Changes	USACE	SFWMD, FDEP, FDACS, FWC, USFWS
SET TMDLs for TRIBUTARIES	FDEP	SFWMD, FDACS
MANDATORY FERTILIZER BMPs	FDACS	FDEP, FDACS, local governments
REVISE ERP	SFWMD	FDEP, FDACS
ALTERNATIVE STORAGE/ DISPOSAL of EXCESS SURFACE WATER	SFWMD	FDEP, local governments
INNOVATIVE LAND-USE PLANNING	FDCA	local governments, WMDs, FDEP
ELIMINATE LAND APPLICATIONS of RESIDUALS	FDEP	FDACS, SFWMD,
CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION of the LOPP & CERP LOWP	SFWMD, FDEP, FDACS, USACE	UF-IFAS, NRCS, USDA, FWC, USFWS, local governments
Additional Regional Water Quality Treatment Projects		
CERP LOWP	Start 2000	
Annual Assessment of Water Quality, In-Lake Condition, Exotics Removal	Start 2000	
Voluntary Cost-Share Ag BMP Program	Start 2000	
Urban BMP Program	Start 2000	

ACRONYMS
BMPs – Best Management Practices
CERP – Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan
ERP – Environmental Resource Permit
FDACS – Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
FDCA – Florida Department of Community Affairs
FDEP – Florida Department of Environmental Protection
FWC – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
LOER – Lake Okeechobee & Estuary Recovery
LOPP – Lake Okeechobee Protection Plan
LOWP – Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project
NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service
SFWMD – South Florida Water Management District
STA – Stormwater Treatment Area
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load
UF-IFAS – University of Florida – Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
USACE – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
USFWS – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
WMDs – Water Management Districts

LOER PLAN BENEFITS

IMPROVE WATER QUALITY
- Lake Okeechobee Fast-Track Projects
- Revise ERP
- Set TMDLs for Tributaries
- Mandatory Fertilizer BMPs
- Eliminate Land Applications of Residuals
- Continued Implementation of LOPP & CERP LOWP

EXPAND WATER STORAGE
- Lake Okeechobee Fast-Track Projects
- Revise ERP
- Alternative Storage/Disposal of Excess Surface Water
- Continued Implementation of LOPP & CERP LOWP

FACILITATE LAND ACQUISITION
- Innovative Land-Use Planning

ENHANCE LAKE HEALTH
- Revise Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule
- Continue Implementation of LOPP & CERP LOWP

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EXPEDITED PROJECTS AND INNOVATIVE TEAMWORK WILL MAKE MEASURABLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HEALTH OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE AND THE ST. LUCIE AND CALOOSAHATCHEE ESTUARIES

A bold and aggressive action plan