

St. Lucie River Watershed Protection Plan Problems, Objectives and Constraints



Problems	Objectives	Constraints
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regulatory discharges from Lake Okeechobee ▪ Excess discharges resulting from watershed runoff ▪ Excess nutrient loads to river and estuary ▪ Impacts to aquatic habitats ▪ Muck accumulation ▪ Undesirable salinity in Estuary ▪ Limited operational flexibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet Total Maximum Daily Loads ▪ Manage Lake Okeechobee flows to meet desirable salinity ranges for estuary ▪ Manage watershed discharges to meet desirable salinity ranges for estuary ▪ Reduce pollutant loads by improving management of pollutant sources throughout the watershed ▪ Establish Research and Water Quality Monitoring Program sufficient to implement the program and projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain existing levels of flood protection ▪ Maintain water supply for affected water user basins ▪ Minimum flows and levels