



Memorandum

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Media Relations, South Florida Water Management District
DATE: 8/4/16
SUBJECT: Everglades Agricultural Area Planning Study

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Chairman this week responded in writing to the Assistant Secretary of the Army regarding her suggestion to reorder planning studies for Everglades restoration. The current timeline is a proven and reliable compass that guides restoration projects and maximizes the benefits of all Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan efforts. A proposed amendment to this schedule is a distraction that could prove harmful to ongoing efforts and should be carefully considered only in the context of a public process.

- [Letter in response from SFWMD Chairman Daniel O'Keefe](#)
- [Letter from Assistant Secretary of the Army Jo-Ellen Darcy](#)

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