



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

November 8, 2019

Noah Valenstein, Secretary
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd, MS 49
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Subject: 2019 Priority Water Body List and Schedule

Dear Secretary Valenstein:

On behalf of the Governing Board, I am pleased to submit the 2019 Priority Water Body List and Schedule for the establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) and Reservations. The list and schedule were approved by our Governing Board on October 10, 2019 (see enclosures). The 2019 Priority Water Body List demonstrates the Board's continuing commitment to utilize sound science to protect our water resources.

Consistent with Governor's DeSantis' Executive Order 19-12 which instructed the District to advance key Everglades Restoration projects, the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project has been added to this year's Priority List. The District is expediting the construction schedule for the Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) component of the EAA Reservoir Project. As a result, either a water reservation or consumptive use permitting criteria is to be adopted to protect water needed for this project in the future.

A water reservation for the Kissimmee River, its floodplain, and the Chain of Lakes is being developed to protect water needed for the Kissimmee River Restoration project, a regionally significant restoration project. It will protect the nearly \$1 billion public investment to restore the Kissimmee River and its floodplain. The reservation will protect approximately 172,500 acres of river, floodplain and lake habitat. District staff made significant progress in 2019, revising the draft rule and technical document to address stakeholders' concerns. A large portion of this reservation waterbody is within the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Planning Area.

Changes to the Priority List:

The Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project has been added to the 2019 Priority List.

Cross-boundary Impacts:

There are no cross-boundary impacts associated with these priority waterbodies.

We are proud to have recently adopted an update to the Caloosahatchee MFL after about a decade of scientific exploration. We look forward to the Department's review of this year's

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Priority Water Body List. If you have any questions, please contact me or Lawrence Glenn,
Water Resources Division Director at (561) 682-6499.

Sincerely,



Drew Bartlett
Executive Director

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Enclosures:

Attachment A
Governing Board Resolution
Priority List Spreadsheet

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Resolution No. 2019 - 1008

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to authorize submission of the proposed 2019 Priority Water Body List and Schedule for Minimum Flows and Levels and Water Reservations to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval pursuant to Section 373.042(3), Florida Statutes; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District (District) is required by Section 373.042(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to submit an annual update of the Priority Water Body List for Minimum Flows and Levels and Water Reservations that reflects the District's water resource management priorities, the importance of the waters to the region, and the existence of, or potential for, significant harm to the water resources; and

WHEREAS, the water management districts are required to forward the Priority Water Body List and Schedule to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for its review and approval; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed 2019 Priority Water Body List and Schedule for Minimum Flows and Levels and Water Reservations considers the differing resource issues addressed by minimum flows and levels and water reservations based on staffing and technical resources to ensure successful completion of rulemaking.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. The District's Governing Board hereby approves transmittal of the 2019 Priority Water Body List and Schedule for Minimum Flows and Levels and Water Reservations to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval pursuant to Section 373.042(3), F.S.

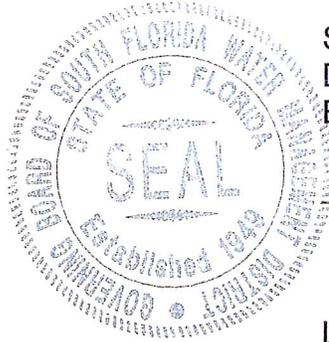
Section 2. The 2019 Priority Water Body List and Schedule for Minimum Flows and Levels and Water Reservations is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED and ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2019.



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

By:

Chauncey P. Goss, II
Chairman

Attest:

District Clerk/Secretary

Legal form approved:

By:

Office of Counsel

Print name:

**South Florida Water Management District
2019 Priority Water Body List and Schedule
Minimum Flows and Levels and Reservations**

2019 - Minimum Flows and Levels:

Caloosahatchee River - MFL Reevaluation Seek public policy input from Governing Board

- Adopt Rule by December 2019

2020 - Reservations:

Kissimmee River and Chain of Lakes

- Reservation water bodies include:
 - Lakes Myrtle–Preston–Joel
 - Lakes Hart–Mary Jane
 - East Lake Tohopekaliga
 - Lake Tohopekaliga
 - Alligator Chain of Lakes (Alligator, Brick, Lizzie, Coon, Center and Trout)
 - Lake Gentry
 - Headwaters Revitalization Lakes (Lakes Kissimmee, Cypress and Hatchineha)
 - Kissimmee River and Floodplain
- Peer review completed in 2009
- Complete revised technical document and revised draft reservation rules
- Incorporate technical information into rulemaking process
- Hold additional public workshops
- Adopt rule in 2020

2021 - Water Control Plan for the C-43 Reservoir (Caloosahatchee MFL)

- Develop Project Operations Manual (a/k/a Water Control Plan for the C-43 Reservoir) in coordination with federal and state partners

2021-2022 - Water Reservation for the EAA Reservoir (Everglades MFL)

- Develop a water reservation or a restricted allocation area rule for the EAA Reservoir

South Florida Water Management District Minimum Flows and Levels to be adopted in 2019

New or Re-Evaluation	Waterbody Name or Compliance Point ¹	System Name ²	Waterbody Type ³	County(s)	Voluntary Peer Review to be Completed?	Cross-Boundary Impacts from Adjacent WMD?	Latitude ⁴	Longitude ⁴	Rulemaking Status ⁵
Caloosahatchee River	Caloosahatchee River	NA	Estuary	Lee	Yes	No	26° 43' 20.58"	81° 41' 34.96"	Notice of Rule Adoption October Board (2019)

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[Your District Name] Minimum Flows and Levels to be adopted in 2021

New or Re-Evaluation	Waterbody Name or Compliance Point ¹	System Name ²	Waterbody Type ³	County(s)	Voluntary Peer Review to be Completed?	Cross-Boundary Impacts from Adjacent WMD?	Latitude ⁴	Longitude ⁴	Rulemaking Status ⁵
C-43 Reservoir	Water Control Plan - Recovery Strategy for Caloosahatchee MFL								N/A

South Florida Water Management District Minimum Flows and Levels to be adopted in 2022

New or Re-Evaluation	Waterbody Name or Compliance Point ¹	System Name ²	Waterbody Type ³	County(s)	Voluntary Peer Review to be Completed?	Cross-Boundary Impacts from Adjacent WMD?	Latitude ⁴	Longitude ⁴	Rulemaking Status ⁵
EAA Reservoir	Everglades		Wetland						

South Florida Water Management District Reservations Priority List

Waterbody Name	Waterbody Type	County(s)	Proposed Year	Rulemaking Status ⁵
Kissimmee River and Chain of Lakes	River and Lakes	Orange, Osceola, Polk, Okeechobee, and Highlands Counties	2020	Notice of Rule Development
EAA Reservoir-Everglade	Wetland	Henry and Palm Beach	2021-2022	Not Started ⁶

¹ A spring with one vent should be labeled as "Example Spring." A spring with multiple associated vents should be labeled as "Example Springs." Multiple springs grouped together in a system should be labeled as "Example Spring Group." (Please refer to Florida Spring Classification System and Spring Glossary, Special Publication No. 52, for more details.) Include on individual lines, with specific names, if it is known at this time that there will be multiple waterbodies or compliance points (such as springs or multiple river gages) associated with the MFL.

² include a system name if the waterbody (or compliance point) is a part of a larger system (i.e. river and spring waterbodies belong to one overall system, multiple priority springs represent individual MFLs but belong to one system). If not, then the Waterbody Name and System should be the same.

³ Aquifer, Estuary, Lake, River, River-Estuary, Spring-1, Spring-2, Spring-3, Wetland

⁴ For rivers, use the coordinates for the most upstream gage used to measure flow. For lakes, use the lake's center point. For springs, use the coordinates for the gage used to measure flow unless the gage is not located on the spring/spring run, in which case, use the spring's vent. For aquifers, wetlands, and estuaries, use the coordinates for the wells or gage used to measure the water source's level. Please use Decimal Degrees (DD) formatting.

⁵ Rulemaking Status would be the last action taken: Notice of Rule Development published; Notice of Proposed Rule published; Rule challenge pending; Rule adopted, Ratification not required; Rule adopted, Awaiting ratification; Rule adopted, Ratified. If formal rulemaking has not yet begun, enter N/A.

⁶ Develop a water reservation or restricted allocation area rule for the EAA Reservoir