

the SOUTH FLORIDA

WATER

Management District

The South Florida Water Management District plays a major role in the overall quality of life for southern Florida residents and businesses. The "District" is a regional water resources agency responsible for balancing and improving:

- flood control
- water supply
- water quality
- natural systems

Created by the Florida Legislature in 1949, the District is the largest of five regional agencies charged with protecting the state's water resources. Unique in the nation, the Districts have boundaries based on hydrological, not political lines. The District:

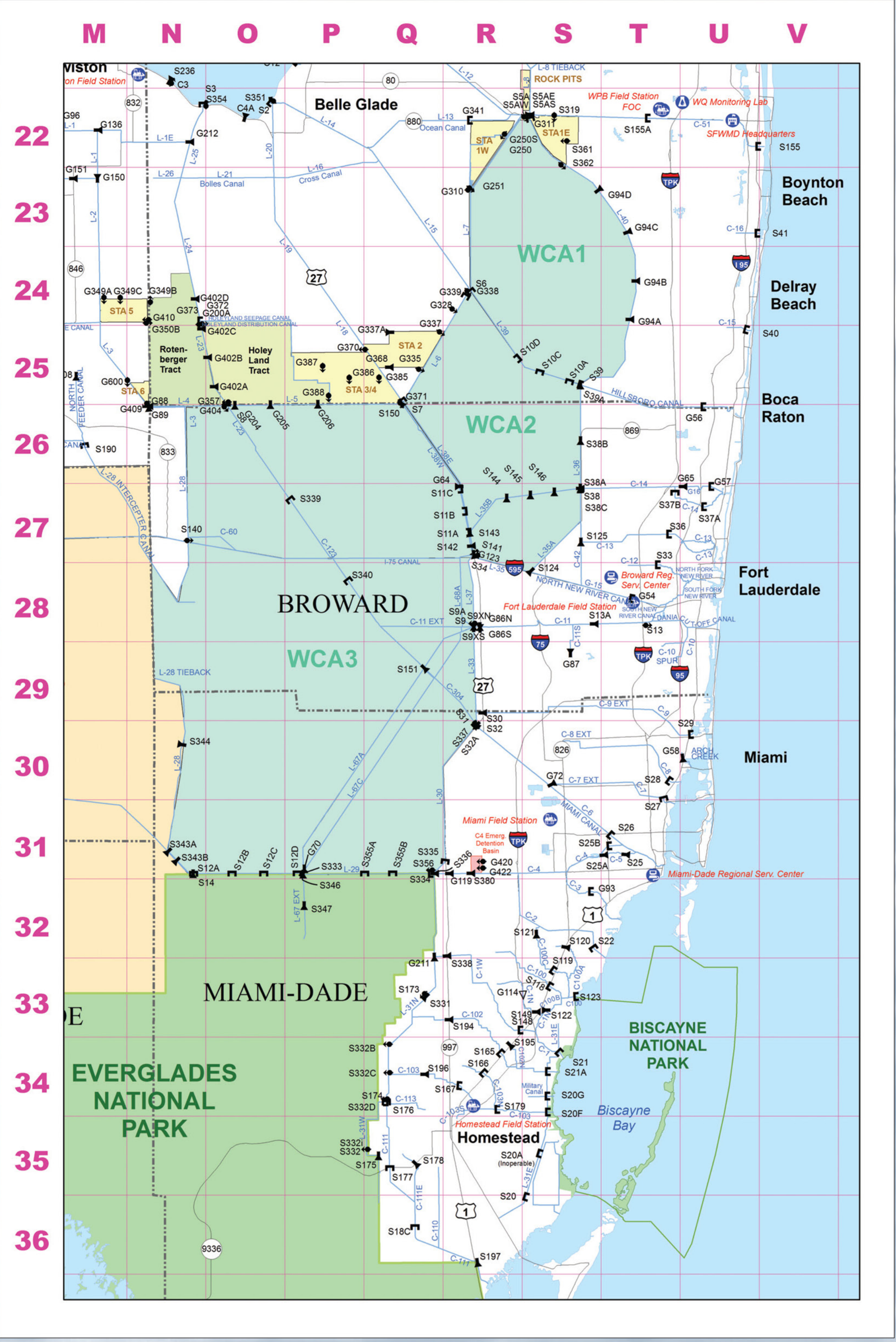
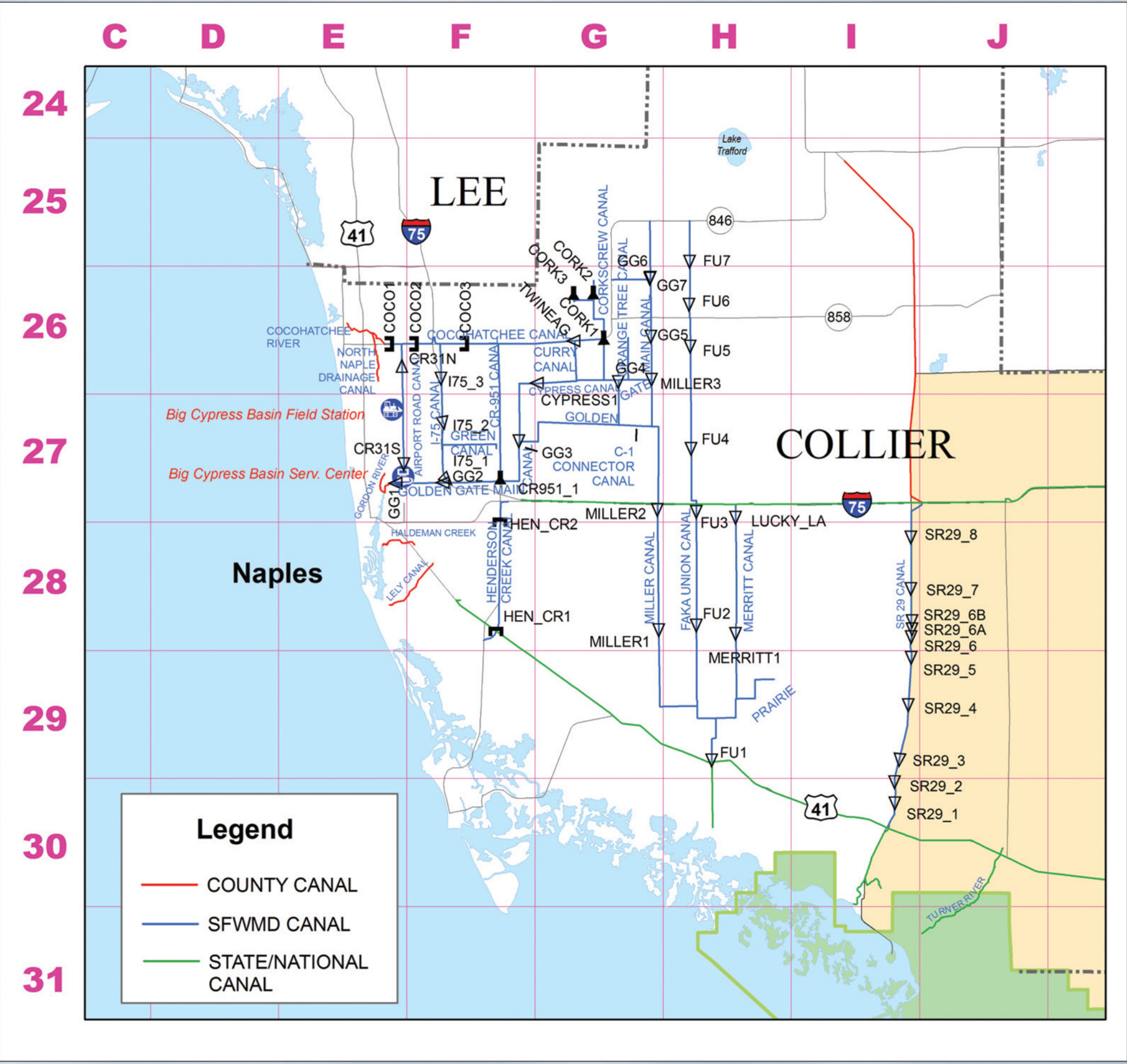
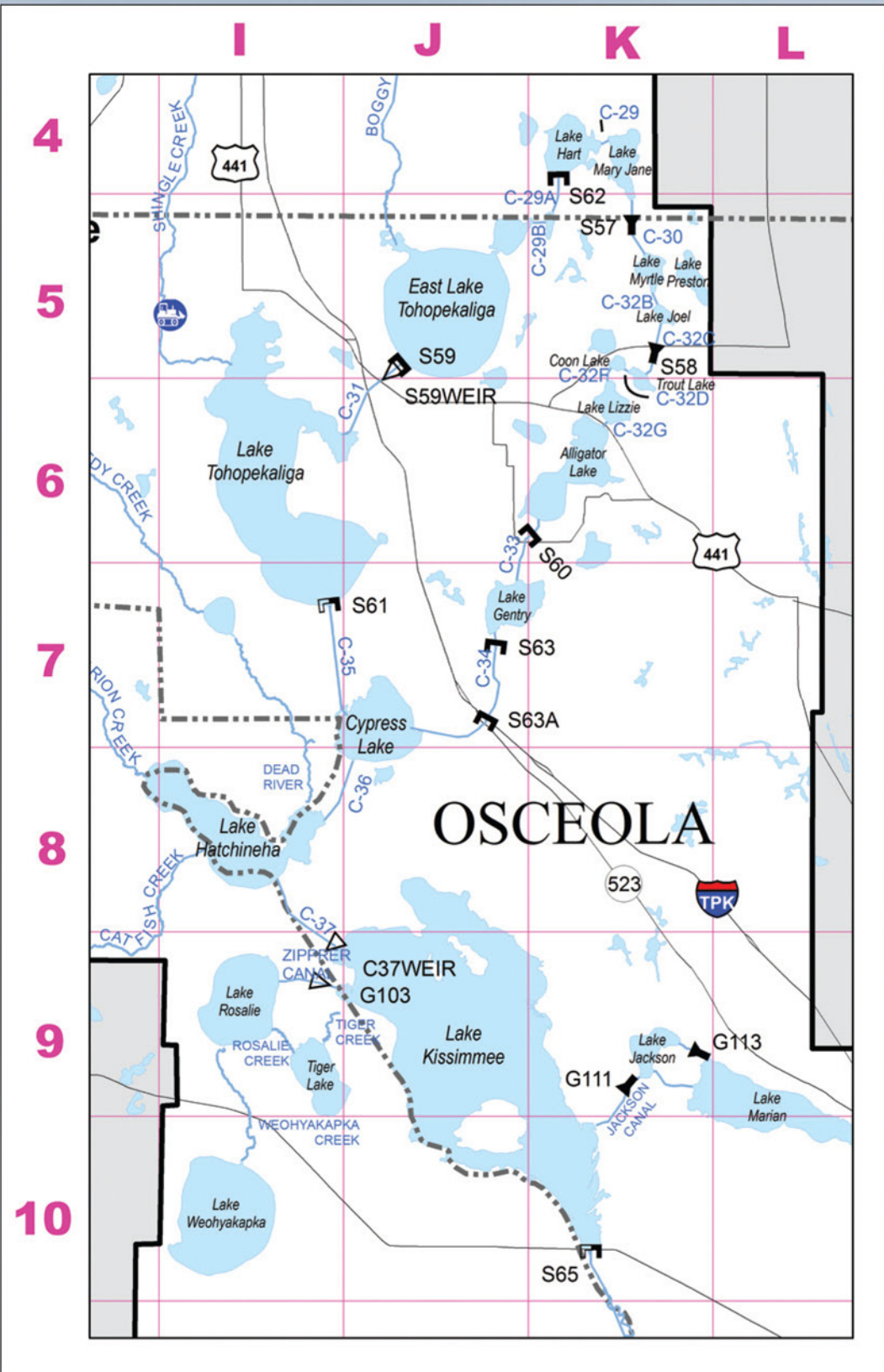
- includes 16 counties from Orlando to Key West
- covers nearly 18,000 square miles
- serves more than 7.5 million residents
- employs approximately 1,800 people

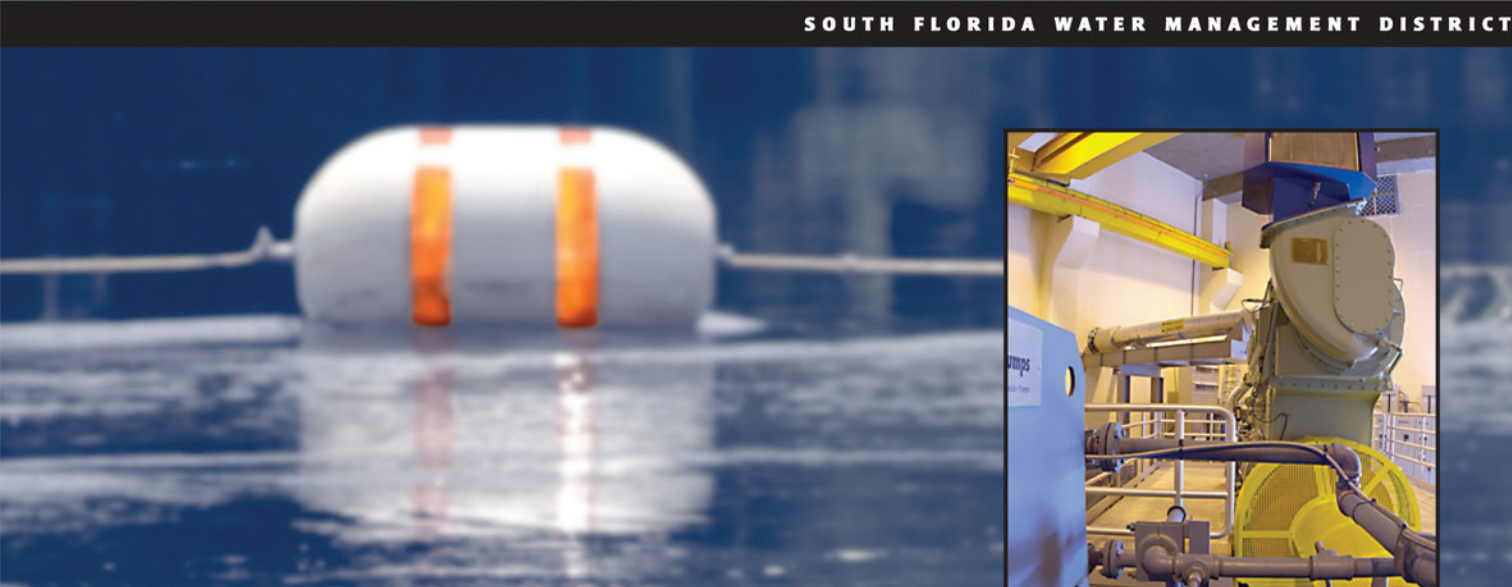
World's Largest Water Control System
One of the District's most important responsibilities is the operation of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Control Project. This vast network of canals and levees was authorized by Congress in 1948 to protect Florida from deadly floods and droughts. The District operates this project jointly with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Today, the C&SF Project is one of the world's largest public works projects, including:

- 2,300 miles of canals
- 200 primary water control structures
- 61 pump stations
- 2,000 smaller water control structures

The District's system of canals and pump stations, combined with state-of-the-art technology, drains regional floodwaters during times of abundant rainfall, tropical storms or hurricanes. The network connects to hundreds of smaller local and community drainage districts to effectively manage floodwaters.

It moves water throughout the region for use by cities, farms and natural ecosystems; recharges drinking water supply wells; and is essential to the region's successful development.





FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATION INDEX MAP



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