

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

July 17, 2017

«Full_Owner_Name» «Name» «Mailing_Street_Address» «Mailing_City», «State» «Zcode»

Dear «Name»,

This letter is to inform you that land in your ownership is located in the footprint of a potential South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) project. Our state is on the threshold of real progress that will ensure a more vital landscape north of Lake Okeechobee, with benefits experienced throughout the sixteen counties of South Florida. You may wish to be a part of this project-land-identification process that could result in an offer to acquire your property.

The aforementioned project is called the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project. The purpose of this project is to restore more natural water deliveries to Lake Okeechobee and improve its health, as well as that of the estuaries and surrounding wetlands.

The South Florida Water Management District will be conducting two public workshops to discuss the current status of this project. As a land owner identified as having a possible interest in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project area, you are invited to participate and share your input in this workshop.

The first public workshop will be held on July 27, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center, 3800 NW 16th Boulevard, Suite A, Okeechobee, Florida.

The second public workshop will be held on July 28, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the SFWMD Headquarters, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Both workshops will provide identical information and will be webcast at <u>www.sfwmd.gov</u>. Additional information is available on the South Florida Water Management's website at <u>www.sfwmd.gov/LOWRP</u>.

If you have questions regarding the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. I can be reached by telephone at (561) 682-6844 or by email at <u>mimorris@sfwmd.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Morrison Bureau Chief