



# SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

September 22, 2017

«Full\_Owner\_name»  
«Mailing\_Street\_Address»  
«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP»

Dear «Name»,

As a landowner in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project footprint with a property identified for potential acquisition, the South Florida Water Management District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invite you to two upcoming meetings where you can provide public comment and input:

- 1) Technical workshop on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Landowner Q&A forum on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

September 27<sup>th</sup>'s meeting is a technical workshop hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The purpose of this session is to educate interested parties and solicit feedback critical to determining the draft plan for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project.

October 6<sup>th</sup>'s meeting is a question and answer forum hosted by the South Florida Water Management District. As the District and the Corps narrow down the selection process, the purpose of this event is to explain how the land acquisition process works if your property is selected, provide a timeline of pertinent milestones and answer your questions, such as:

- How long does it take for the acquisition process to be completed?
- How is the value of my property determined?
- If my land is acquired, when are restoration efforts expected to proceed?

## **What is the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project?**

The Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project is part of the joint federal-state Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan aimed at restoring more natural water flows into the lake and improving its health, as well as that of the east and west coastal estuaries and surrounding wetlands. The project plan considers reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery wells, wetland enhancements and other features located in a large area north of Lake Okeechobee.

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 at (561) 682-6844 or at [mjmorris@sfwmd.gov](mailto:mjmorris@sfwmd.gov).

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Morrison  
Bureau Chief

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«Name»

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### **Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project Public Meetings**

**WHAT:** Technical Public Workshop  
**WHO:** Conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, September. 27<sup>th</sup>, noon to 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center, 3800 NW 16th Blvd., Suite A, Okeechobee

**WHAT** Landowner Q&A Forum  
**WHO:** Conducted by the South Florida Water Management District  
**WHEN** Friday, October. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to noon  
**WHERE:** SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center, 3800 NW 16th Blvd., Suite A, Okeechobee