



Everglades Coalition

1000 Friends of Florida
Arthur R. Marshall Foundation
Audubon Florida
Audubon Society of the Everglades
Audubon of Southwest Florida
Caloosahatchee River Citizens
Association / Riverwatch
Clean Water Action
Clean Water Network
Collier County Audubon Society
Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Defenders of Wildlife
Ding Darling Wildlife Society
Earthjustice
Environment Florida
The Environmental Coalition
Everglades Coordinating Council
Everglades Foundation
Everglades Law Center
Florida Conservation Alliance
Florida Defenders of the Environment
Florida Keys Environmental Fund
Florida Native Plant Society
Florida Oceanographic Society
Florida Wildlife Federation
Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall
Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge
Friends of the Everglades
Hendry Glades Audubon Society
Izaak Walton League Florida Division
Izaak Walton League Florida Keys Chapter
Izaak Walton League Mangrove Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
Last Stand
League of Women Voters of Florida
Loxahatchee River Coalition
Martin County Conservation Alliance
National Audubon Society
National Parks Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
The Ocean Conservancy
The Pegasus Foundation
REEF RELIEF
Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
Save It Now, Glades!
Sierra Club
Sierra Club Broward Group
Sierra Club Calusa Group
Sierra Club Central Florida Group
Sierra Club Florida Chapter
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
Sierra Club Miami Group
The Snook and Gamefish Foundation
South Florida Audubon Society
Tropical Audubon Society
The Urban Environment League
World Wildlife Fund

Resolution Urging Restored Revenue for the South Florida Water Management District for Restoration, Science, Land Management, and Water Conservation

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is the state agency in charge of managing the water resources for 16 counties that span the Greater Everglades Ecosystem, including the Kissimmee River, Lake Okeechobee, the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers and Estuaries, the Loxahatchee River, the Water Conservation Areas, Everglades National Park, Biscayne Bay, and Florida Bay,

WHEREAS, the SFWMD provides funding for Everglades restoration projects, Everglades water quality projects, the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program, science and monitoring for restoration and climate change, land stewardship and exotic plant and animal management, and water conservation programs,

WHEREAS, in 2011 the ad valorem revenues to the SFWMD were cut by 32%, and since then there have been further reductions in revenues,

WHEREAS, the SFWMD spend-down plan is depleting the reserves,

WHEREAS, there have been reductions in funding for the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program, science and monitoring for restoration and climate change, land stewardship and exotic plant and animal management, and water conservation programs,

WHEREAS, additional funding will be needed to sustain and advance Everglades restoration,

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. The Everglades Coalition, with 57 organizations dedicated to protecting and restoring America's Everglades, hereby urges the Florida Legislature, Florida Governor, and SFWMD Governing Board to restore funding levels for the SFWMD to support projects and programs to restore and protect natural systems in the Greater Everglades Ecosystem, and
2. The Everglades Coalition urges the SFWMD to restore levels of funding for Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program, science and monitoring for restoration and climate change, land stewardship and exotic plant and animal management, and water conservation programs.

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