

Everglades Coalition Quarterly Meeting Position Statements
Approved August 12, 2003

- 1.) Support establishing requirements for on-site retention of runoff for both urban and agricultural basins.
- 2.) Support more and better Best Management Practices. BMPs should be designed cumulatively.
- 3.) Support better and more efficient source-reduction strategies in the District's long-term water quality plan.
- 4.) Reject re-zoning of the Mecca Farms property in Palm Beach County as inconsistent with the goals of Everglades restoration.
- 5.) Oppose the merger of the Florida Department of Consumer Affairs with the Florida Department of State, adopting ELULC's reasoning.
- 6.) Support better initiatives to fix the currently flawed state growth management policies. Endorse citizens playing a more active role in growth management decisions, afford greater protection for ecosystem restoration under the law.
- 7.) Oppose land use decisions that are inconsistent with everglades restoration or encroach upon restoration project footprints.
- 8.) More South Florida Water Management District resources should be committed to removing phosphorus and storing water north of Lake Okeechobee, the District should be more proactive in its decisions regarding releases from Lake Okeechobee.
- 9.) The CSOP for Modified Waters and the C-111 projects must give priority to environmental restoration benefits, and not compromise restoration to achieve additional flood protection.
- 10.) RECOVER should take up the ASR contingency plan now.
- 11.) The SDI property should be purchased and put into public ownership for restoration purposes. The Coalition opposes issuance of a permit to mine this property because it is inconsistent with Everglades restoration.
- 12.) The State of Florida proprietary actions as landowner must aggressively implement Everglades restoration goals.
- 13.) The Duda farms lease renewal was unwise and should be reversed.