



2013 Legislative Session

End of Session Wrap Up

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CS/HB 7065 - Everglades Improvement and Management



- Revises the definition of “Long-Term Plan” to incorporate the Restoration Strategies Water Quality Plan
- Authorizes the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to continue to collect and use ad valorem funds for the continued implementation of the Long-Term Plan.
- Requires the SFWMD to conduct a use attainability analysis after completion of all projects and improvements.
- Extends the agricultural privilege tax at \$25 per acres through November 2026. Dropping \$5 every 2 years until November 2036
- Provides that the Legislature intends that payment of the agricultural privilege tax and BMP fulfill the obligations of owners and users of land under Article II, Section 7(b) of the Florida Constitution.
- Provides \$12 million in recurring general revenue and \$20 million in recurring funds from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund for the Restoration Strategies Regional Water Quality Plan beginning in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and continuing through the 2023-2024 fiscal year

Significant Legislation that Passed

- **SB 244 - Water Management Districts**
- **CS/SB 364 - Consumptive Use Permits for Development of Alternative Water Supplies**
- **CS/SB 444 - Domestic Wastewater Discharged through Ocean Outfalls**
- **CS/SB 934 - Stormwater Management Permits**
- **CS/SB 948 - Water Supply**
- **CS/CS/CS/HB 999 - Environmental Regulation**



Bills of Interests

- **CS/SB 1808 - Numeric Nutrient Criteria**
- **SB 1806 - Total Maximum Daily Loads**
- **HB 7157 - Ratification of Rules Implementing Total Maximum Daily Loads for Impaired Water Bodies**



Confirmations

- **Senate Confirmed:**
 - **Governing Board Members Ms. Batchelor, Mr. O’Keefe, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Portuondo, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Waldman**
 - **Big Cypress Basin Board Members Ms. Carlson, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Haskins, and Mr. Vaughn**
 - **Executive Director Ms. Meeker**



Budget (Pending Governor's Approval)

FY 2013-14 Final Budget Conference Report

- **Everglades Restoration.....\$70,000,000**
 - \$32M Restoration Strategies
 - \$35M CERP/NE
- **Water Management District Land\$10,900,000**
 - \$6.9M Debt Service
 - \$4M Corbett Levee
- **Everglades (Alligator Alley Tolls).....\$4,400,000**



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Questions

