

LAND ASSESSMENT

***KISSIMMEE / OKEECHOBEE
REGION RECOMMENDATIONS***

Governing Board Meeting

Item #33

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Process Moving Forward

Request approval from Governing Board to investigate opportunities to exchange or surplus identified properties

- **Follow DEP Guidelines to:**
 - **First seek potential for exchanges to obtain lands needed to achieve the District core missions**
 - **Conduct sufficient investigations of each property to “ground truth” data regarding natural and cultural resources and opportunities to receive equal or greater water resource protection and economic value**
- **Bring recommendation back to the Governing Board for approval prior to any exchange or surplus action**

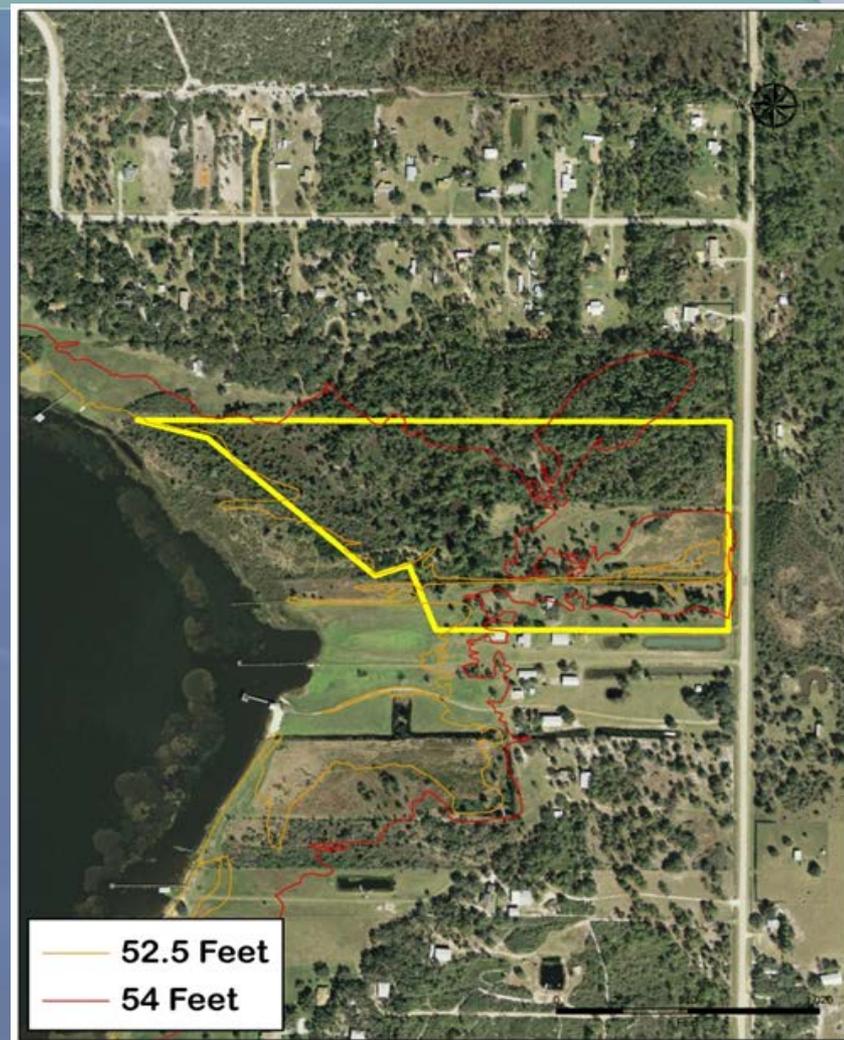
Summary of Results

- Over 161,000 acres in the Kissimmee / Okeechobee assessment region
- Over 96% of the acreage to remain in current use
- 8 parcels recommended for exchange or surplus
 - 3 entire parcels
 - 5 parcels proposed for partial disposition

Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Tiger Lake Parcel

Exchange / Surplus

Disposal of the fee-simple interest; retention of a flowage and/or conservation easement over the portion of the property lying below the 54-foot elevation contour needed for KCOL restoration
~ 31.71 acres

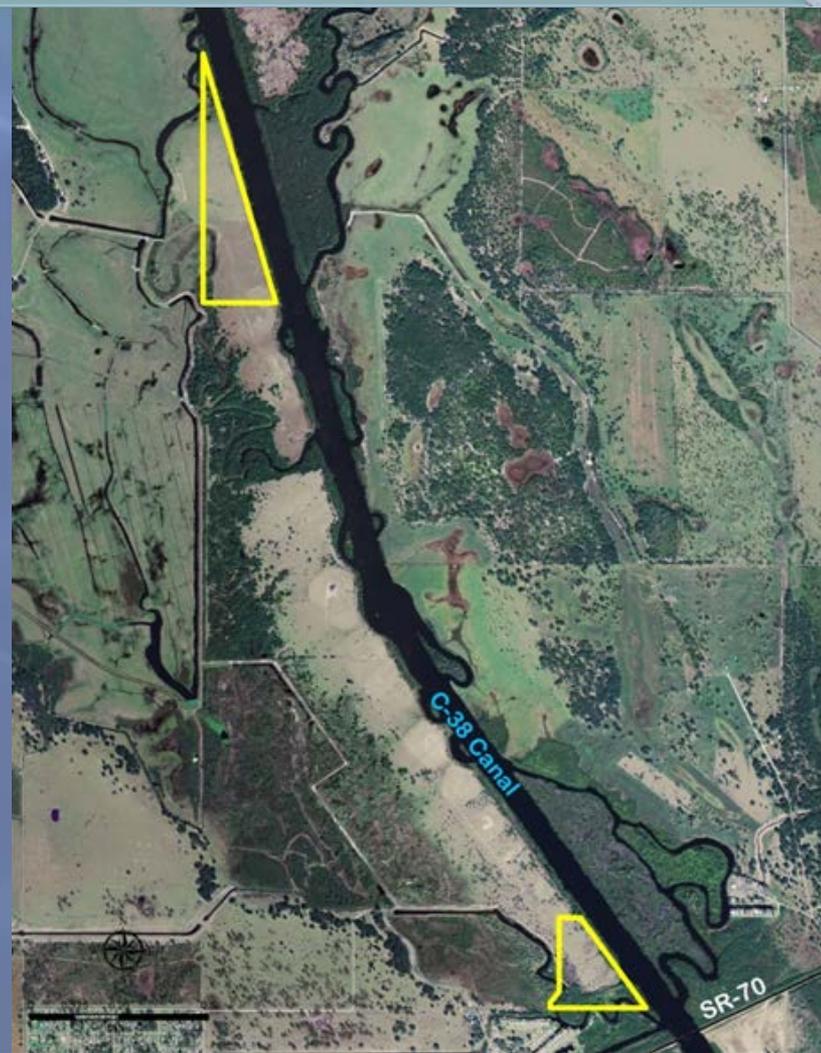


Kissimmee River Pool-E Spoil Sites

Exchange / Surplus

Disposal of the fee-simple interest subject to an acceptable conservation easement along the bank of the oxbow channel on the southern parcel

~69.15 acres



Unassociated Parcels Undeveloped St. Cloud Field Station Site

Exchange / Surplus

Disposal of the fee-simple
interest in the parcel

~20.41 acres



Kissimmee River 4Es Parcel – South of Highway 98

Partial Exchange / Surplus

Disposal of the fee-simple interest in that portion of the property lying south of Hwy 98, subject to flowage and/or conservation easement over the portion lying within the 100-year floodplain

~15 acres



Kissimmee River Pearce-Lockett Estate Parcel

Partial Exchange / Surplus

Disposal of the fee-simple interest of lands lying outside of the 100-year floodplain so long as the site remains open to the public and meets certain deed restrictions

~16.65 acres



Kissimmee River Telex Marsh Outparcel

Partial Exchange / Surplus

Any portion of the site not leased and managed by Okeechobee County be approved for disposal subject to an acceptable conservation easement along the bank of the River oxbow channel

~20.03 acres



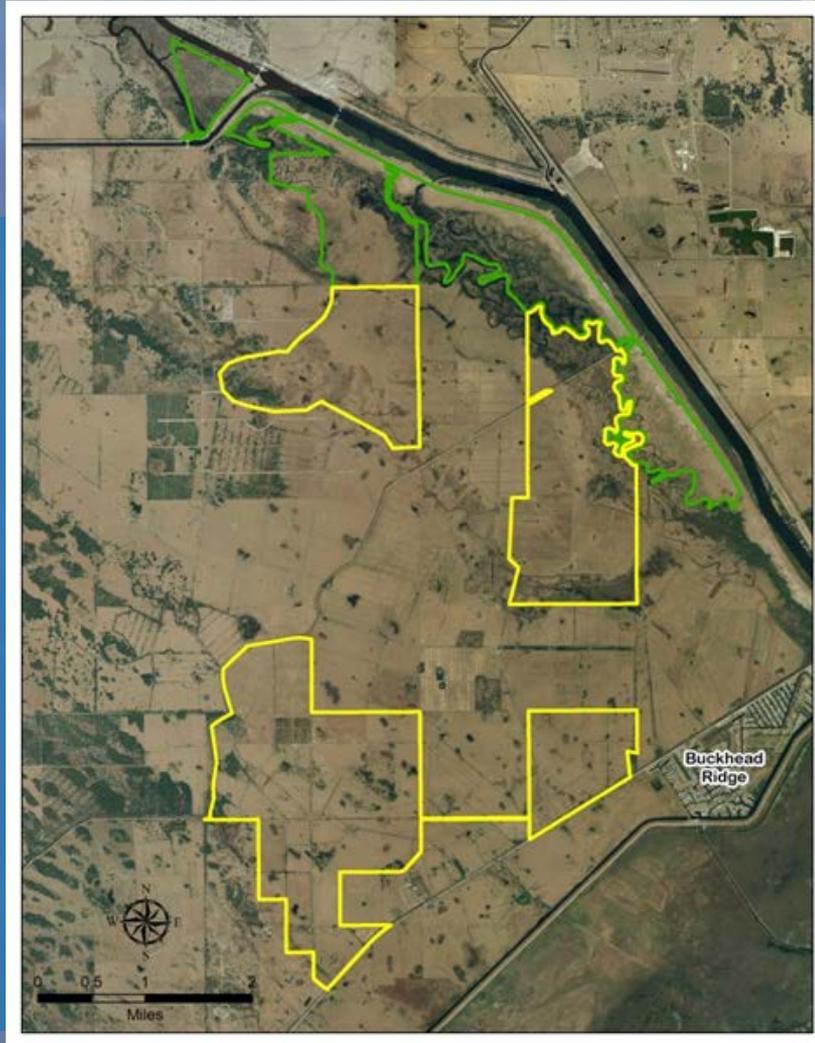
Kissimmee River – Paradise Run Pasture Parcel Lake Okeechobee – North of the Lake Parcels

Partial Exchange / Surplus

Disposal of the southern parcels in this assessment area

For portions of the northern parcels not needed for the BMAP, seek exchange opportunities for other lands within the basin

~5,692 acres



Lake Okeechobee Nubbin Slough

Partial Exchange / Surplus

Disposal of the portions of the property outside of the project footprint that do not contribute to the District's core mission

~385 acres



Recap of Steps

- **Request Governing Board approval to conduct additional exchange or surplus investigations**
 - More in depth due diligence
 - Funding restrictions
 - Land use / deed restrictions, etc.
- **Inquiries to other state and local government interests**
- **Final approval by Governing Board prior to exchange or surplus action**

RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District, directing staff to move forward to analyze options for disposal of land interests containing 6,250 acres, more or less, in Okeechobee, Osceola, Polk, Highlands and Glades Counties, together with any structures and improvements and personal property appurtenant thereto, and thereafter propose recommendations to the Governing Board for further approval; providing an effective date. (OMC, Ray Palmer, ext. 2246)