

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Revenue Contract for Aquatic Plant Control

***Vegetation Management Section
FY2013-2022***

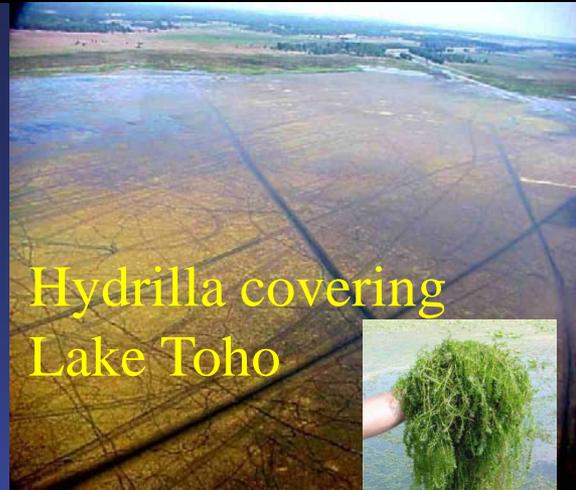


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- A 10-year cooperative revenue agreement with FWC for reimbursement of aquatic plant control expenditures in State waters within SFWMD – including Kissimmee chain of lakes and Kissimmee River, Lake Okeechobee and Water Conservation Areas. Target weeds include water hyacinth, hydrilla and others.
- Over the past decade annual reimbursement has ranged from \$1 to \$12 million. Variability has stemmed from plant populations, storm impacts, water years. SFWMD has participated in this program since the creation of the Florida Aquatic Plant Trust Fund which is administered by FWC
- Public waters in the Kissimmee region rank highly for these funds since aquatic weed maintenance enables multiple critical functions including water management, flood protection, navigation and environmental protection.

Water hyacinth mat

Water hyacinth
Eichhornia crassipes
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Hydrilla covering Lake Toho



Uprooted hydrilla jam

Lake Okeechobee marsh overwhelmed by torpedograss 2004



Healthy Lake O marsh 2011



Resolution

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to authorize entering into a 10-year agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the purpose of invasive aquatic plant control in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 per for the next ten years as to the District; providing an effective date (Contract Number 4600002640).