

RIVERS COALITION UPDATE – June 25, 2014

Lake Okeechobee Conditions

As of Tuesday, Lake Okeechobee is at 12.89 feet NGVD

0.37 feet below historical average for this date.

District News

On June 20th Governor Rick Scott announced the appointment of Melanie Peterson to the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board.

Peterson, 37, of Wellington, is a realtor with Sotheby's International Realty. She currently serves on the board of directors of Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau. She previously served as a supervisor of the Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation District and the Florida Farm Bureau's Statewide Equine Industry Advisory Board. Peterson received her bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University. She succeeds Timothy Sargent, and is appointed for a term beginning June 20, 2014 and ending March 1, 2018.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

The Florida Legislature appropriated \$2M to the St. Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon Issues Team. The Team awarded funding to 11 projects.

- 6 – Construction
- 2 – Septic to Sewer Conversions
- 1 – BMP
- 1 – Model Update
- 1 – Research

The Indian River Lagoon License Plate Program awarded funding to 6 projects in Martin and St. Lucie counties.

- 3 – Habitat Restoration
- 2 – Construction
- 1 – Education

Upcoming Meetings

July 10

Governing Board Workshop
1 p.m., West Palm Beach

No Water Resources Advisory Commission meeting for July