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While we have a wonderful CERP (Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan) and a NEW proposal from Senator Negron to BUY some 60,000 acres of EAA (Everglades Agricultural Area) sugar land - WHAT IS TODAY's ACTION PLAN??

Folks - I submit that unless we come up with an IMMEDIATE and AFFORDABLE action plan for TODAY that we might as well be the Captain of the Titanic telling staff to move the deck chairs so passengers could get a better view of the ICEBURG! Blue-Green Algae is KILLING our Tourism and this has now gotten NATIONAL attention! I re-attach some of what I just sent on August 16th - the WCAs (Water Conservation Areas) are FULL and the S-350s gates are CLOSED! Not to mention that the S-12 four gates are also not active in release of water to the Everglades!

What do I suggest? As you may know, I am NOT an expert in this field - but I have been studying it for some time. BOTH the State and Federal Government MUST come up with a workable and affordable TODAY ACTION PLAN. As a lay-person, I would submit that we need to study the CREATION of a FULL-FLOW connection from the ENP East Gate to NOW move water to Taylor Slough! The current plan to move 6.5 Billion gallons of water per YEAR to Florida Bay via Taylor Slough is really just a "DROP in the BUCKET" of the NEED of the Freshwater STARVED Fla Bay!

Unless SIGNIFICANT water is moved out of the WCAs - it does not matter if the State BUYS all of the EAA! If the bottom "PLUG" is not fixed TODAY, all surplus water will continue to be forced down BOTH the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers and the Florida Bay will continue to DIE! Therefore, I PLEAD for a REAL study of an EASTERN flow through the new mile long Tamiami Trail bridge to a NEW Flow-way connection to Taylor Slough! Only a small amount of water is currently flowing there, due to an established MAXIMUM allowed level in the present canal system!

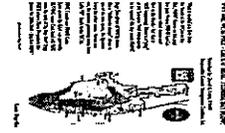


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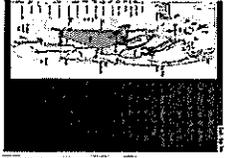


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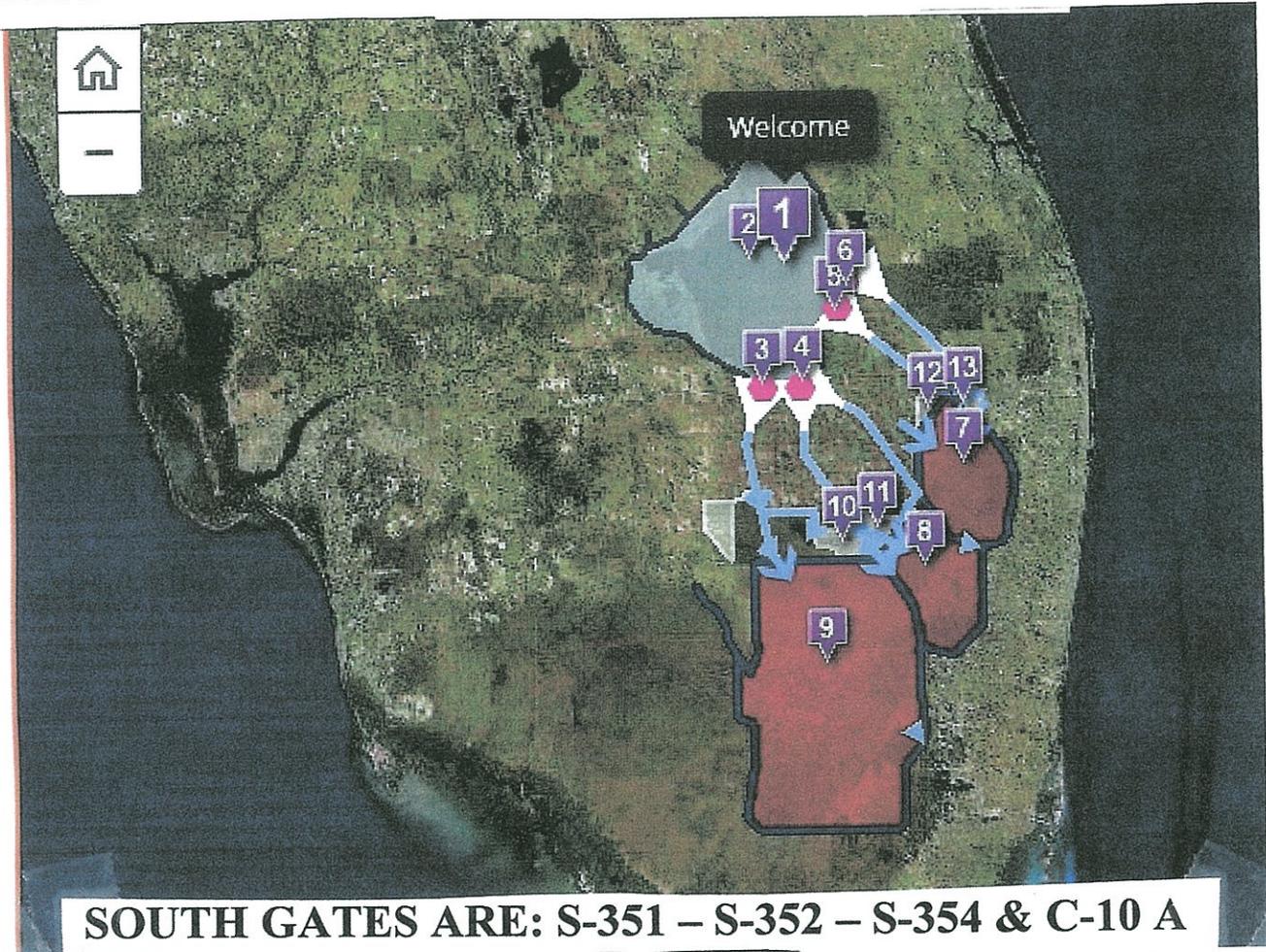


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MOVING WATER SOUTH OF LAKE "O" – 2015/2016 SFWMD



SOUTH GATES ARE: S-351 – S-352 – S-354 & C-10 A

NOTE: as of 7/4/16 ONLY Gate C-10A was open, and as of 7/4/16 the total flow through that gate since 11/1/2015 was 1.49 Billion Gallons of water.

Second NOTE: As of 7/11/2016 two more gates were opened for the trickle of .5 Billion, each (S-354 & S-352) The cumulative water flow SOUTH was about 2 Billion.

Numerical Code: 1) Welcome; 2) Lake "O"; 3) Gate S-354; 4) Gate S-351; 5) Gate S-352; 6) Gate C-10 A; 7) Water Conservation Area 1 – Loxahatchee; 8) WCA # 2; 9) WCA #3; 10) STA 3 & 4; 11) Storm Water Treatment Area # 2; 12) STA 1-West; 13) STA 1-East.

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