Event Title: South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group Sponsored Open House and Information Exchange on the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project

Date: Tuesday, April 4th, 2017

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Background: The Open House and Information Exchange is being sponsored by the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group to engage the public in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed project (LOW). The purpose of the LOW project is: to improve the quantity and timing of water entering Lake Okeechobee and the northern estuaries; to improve regional water management operational flexibility in context of the overall Everglades ecosystem restoration; and to restore wetland habitat within the Fisheating Creek, Indian Prairie, and Taylor Creek/Nubbin Slough sub-watersheds, S-65D and S-65E basins, and Lake Okeechobee. The preliminary project area, where placement of features will be considered, covers a large portion of the Lake Okeechobee Watershed north of the lake.

Description and General Purpose of the Meeting: The Working Group is sponsoring this event to facilitate public participation in the LOW planning process. Following brief introductory presentations, participants will have the opportunity to dialogue with restoration planners and other experts in an open house format.

Location: INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE WILLIAMSON CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION CENTER Raulerson Auditorium 2229 NW 9th Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34972 For driving directions, please call the WCEC office at (863)824-6025.

Parking: Complimentary onsite parking.

Lodging: There is no block of rooms associated with this meeting.

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Agenda: Available on www.evergladesrestoration.gov