



# Everglades Coalition

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 Collier County Audubon Society  
 Conservancy of Southwest Florida  
 Defenders of Wildlife  
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 Earthjustice  
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 The Environmental Coalition  
 Everglades Coordinating Council  
 Everglades Foundation  
 Everglades Law Center  
 Florida Defenders of the Environment  
 Florida Keys Environmental Fund  
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 Florida Oceanographic Society  
 Florida Sierra Club  
 Florida Wildlife Federation  
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 Martin County  
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 Conservation Association  
 National Wildlife Federation  
 National Wildlife Refuge  
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 Sierra Club Miami Group  
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 The Urban Environment League  
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Governing Board Chairman Eric Buermann  
 South Florida Water Management District  
 3301 Gun Club Road  
 West Palm Beach, FL 33406

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Re: C-111 Spreader Canal Phase 1 Western Project

Dear Chairman Buermann,

We deeply appreciate the South Florida Water Management District's approval of contracts to start construction of the C-111 Spreader Canal Phase One project. This project is one of the few Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects that directly restores hydrologic flows to Florida Bay and we are extremely excited that the groundbreaking for this project will soon commence.

We remain cognizant that the fate of Florida Bay is directly linked to this project and achieving a successful ecological response on this project is dependent largely upon operational components of the plan, and raising water levels at S-18C. The sooner we can start this project, the sooner we can move forward with planning for the C-111 Spreader Canal Phase Two of this project, which is vital to restoring Florida Bay and the southern coastal Everglades. This progress will provide significant momentum that will help the finalized PIR for Phase One to be included in a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2010 bill. Many challenges lie ahead, and we look forward to working with you and your excellent staff in the future to support Everglades restoration.

Sincerely,

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