



Everglades Coalition

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Audubon of the Western Everglades
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Clean Water Action
Conservancy of Southwest Florida
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Everglades Foundation
Everglades Law Center
Everglades Trust
Florida Conservation Voters Education Fund
Florida Defenders of the Environment
Florida Keys Environmental Fund
Florida Native Plant Society
Florida Oceanographic Society
Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall
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Friends of the Everglades
Hendry-Glades Audubon Society
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FL Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
Izaak Walton League Florida Division
Izaak Walton League Florida Keys Chapter
Izaak Walton League Mangrove Chapter
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Loxahatchee River Coalition
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Sierra Club
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Sierra Club Broward Group
Sierra Club Calusa Group
Sierra Club Central Florida Group
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
Sierra Club Miami Group
Snook and Gamefish Foundation
South Florida Audubon Society
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
The Florida Wildlife Federation
The Institute for Regional Conservation
The National Wildlife Federation
The Urban Environment League of
Greater Miami
Tropical Audubon Society

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE PASSAGE OF A STATEWIDE BAN ON WELL STIMULATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF PRODUCTION OR RECOVERY OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Everglades ecosystem has competing demands for water, including from oil and natural gas extraction, and water quality and quantity are critical for Everglades restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades has a unique hydrology and geology that needs protection. The flat topography, rain-driven aquifer recharge, porous limestone, and inconsistent confining layers of the Greater Everglades region are extremely sensitive to potential adverse impacts from well stimulation treatments.

WHEREAS, well stimulation is the treatment of a well to modify the permeability of the underground geologic formation for the purpose of oil and gas production or recovery. The term means any treatment performed by injecting fluids at any pressure into the geologic formation and whose purpose or effect is to fracture or dissolve such formation to increase the production or recovery of an oil and gas well. This term includes hydraulic fracturing, matrix acidizing, and acid fracturing of oil or natural gas wells. The term does not include routine cleaning and maintenance procedures that do not affect the integrity of the well or the formation; and

WHEREAS, well stimulation methods may involve the use of millions of gallons of fresh water that are not able to be returned to the ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, such well stimulation treatments may involve the use of hundreds of chemicals, some of which may be carcinogenic, or otherwise could be harmful to human health, the natural environment and Everglades restoration; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry has exemptions from provisions in major federal environmental statutes intended to protect human health and the environment that otherwise protect the Everglades ecosystem including: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Toxic Release Inventory under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; and

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WHEREAS, the use of well stimulation exposes adjacent lands and surface waters to the risk of contamination through open pit storage, truck storage on roadways, and activities during well development; and

WHEREAS, there have been over one thousand (1,000) documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites according to state data as reported in Environment Florida Research & Policy Center, *Fracking by the Numbers*, p. 10. (Available state data in Colorado, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania -individually cited for each state in the report).

WHEREAS, well stimulation has the additional documented risk of releasing air pollutants, including dangerous gases and methane, a powerful greenhouse gas; and

WHEREAS, protection of the Everglades ecosystem is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restore degraded environments after the fact;

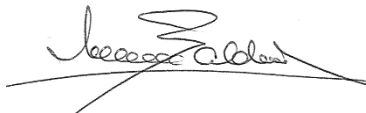
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The Everglades Coalition, with its over 60 member organizations committed to the protection and restoration of America's Everglades, hereby supports legislation to ban the use of any well stimulation treatment performed for the purpose of exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida and urges passage of SB 442 by Senator Dana Young and HB 451 by Representatives Mike Miller and Janet Cruz as originally filed.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2017

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