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PUBLIC INVITED TO WORKSHOP ON LAKE BELT RESERVOIR PILOT PROJECT

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – Members of the public are invited to participate in a workshop on the Lake Belt In-Ground Reservoir Technology Pilot Project sponsored by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The workshop will be held Monday, July 28, 2003, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the South Florida Water Management District Miami Field Station at 9001 NW 58th Street, Miami, Fla.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide information on the current status of the project and to obtain public feedback on the site selection, technologies, and alternatives. This project is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). CERP seeks to restore the Everglades through a series of civil engineering and environmental projects and improvements.

The pilot project will determine whether the two full-scale Lake Belt Storage Area CERP components can be successfully constructed and operated to supply environmental and water supply deliveries. The in-ground reservoir designs include drawing water from within the rock mined areas/in-ground reservoirs for deliveries during the dry season. Then refilling the reservoirs during the wet season with stormwater runoff or Water Conservation Area (WCA) water when levels are too high in the WCAs.

For more information on this project, please contact Mr. John Keiser, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at 904-232-1758 or Mr. Jorge Jaramillo, South Florida Water Management

District, at 561-682-6981. Assistance for individuals with special needs is available by calling 305-513-3420, ext. 3420, at least five days prior to this event.