

**TOMMY B. STROWD, P.E.**  
**Assistant Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration Resource Area**

Tommy Strowd has more than 29 years of experience in the environmental and water resource engineering fields—the vast majority of that experience has been focused in south Florida.

Tommy received a bachelor's degree in Oceanographic Technology from Florida Tech in 1976. He attended the Jensen Beach Campus and did much of his undergraduate course work in environmental and ocean engineering fields in the St. Lucie River, the Indian River Lagoon and off the coasts of Stuart and Fort Pierce.

After graduating, he worked for the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (Now know as the Department of Environmental Protection) before taking an engineering position in 1979 with the consulting firm of Gee & Jenson Engineers-Architects-Planners, Inc as a project manager. Tommy became registered as a professional engineer in the State of Florida in 1983. He remained in the consulting engineering field until 1992 when he accepted a position as a senior engineer with the South Florida Water Management District.

During his tenure with the District, Tommy worked on several key regional planning efforts that changed the way that the State and the nation viewed regional water resource management in south Florida. These efforts included the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan, the Northwest Miami-Dade Lake Belt Plan, the East Coast Buffer Feasibility Study and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

In 1996 Tommy accepted the position of Operations Director, where he was responsible for the real-time operation and maintenance of the 1,800 miles of canals and over 2,000 water control structures and pumping stations of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control Project. During this period, the operations group dealt with the second-highest stage on record in Lake Okeechobee, two serious regional flood events and the most severe multi-year drought in south Florida's recorded history. He also dealt with serious ecological issues including two major periods of high stages in Lake Okeechobee which resulted in maximum discharges to the coastal estuaries and modifying operations to address the plight of the endangered Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow.

Tommy served in this position for over 6 years when he took the position of Southeast Regional Manager for both environmental and civil engineering business groups of Greenhorne and O'Mara, Inc. He served in this capacity for almost a year and a half, before he returned to the District in 2005 to become the Director of the Acceler8 Program—the State of Florida's effort to accelerate the design and construction of the Everglades Restoration Plan. Tommy was recently promoted to Assistant Deputy Executive Director for the CERP the program.

Tommy currently lives in western St. Lucie County with his wife Barbara, of 30 years.