

June 25, 2008. The WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee unanimously agreed today to convey to the WRAC and the SFWMD Governing Board, for consideration and approval, the following D R A F T Resolution:

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_, 2008**

WHEREAS: The WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee was created in June 2005 to review and recommend solutions for the protection and restoration of Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries; and

WHEREAS: The members of the Committee were appointed by the SFWMD Governing Board to represent a diversity of environmental, economic, local government and recreational interests from communities around Lake Okeechobee and adjacent to the estuaries on the East and West Coasts; and

WHEREAS: The WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee has met every month since June 2005 to review the latest research and information regarding the water quality and water quantity issues that have caused significant environmental and economic impacts to the lake, the communities surrounding the lake, the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries and the communities near the estuaries; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Malcolm “Bubba” Wade, Jr., Senior Vice President, U.S. Sugar Corporation, and an SFWMD Governing Board and Water Resources Advisory Commission member, was appointed as Chair of the WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee and has served in that position at most every meeting of the Committee; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Malcolm “Bubba” Wade, Jr., has had a long and distinguished record of service to the State of Florida and the citizens of South Florida as a member of the Governor’s Commission for the Everglades; the Governor’s Commission for a Sustainable South Florida; SFWMD Budget Review Commission, SFWMD Lower East Coast Water Supply Planning Committee; Caloosahatchee Water Management Advisory Committee; and the Everglades Technical Mediation Group – Technical Mediated Plan for Everglades Restoration; and Director, Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District among others.

WHEREAS: Mr. Malcolm “Bubba” Wade, Jr., resigned from his position as SFWMD Governing Board member on Tuesday, June 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS: the WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee unanimously agrees that the outstanding leadership qualities exemplified by Mr. Wade be recognized and; and

WHEREAS: In addition, the Committee unanimously agrees that it is important for the people of South Florida to understand and appreciate the contributions made by Mr. Wade to ensure that the difficult issues presented to the Committee were addressed in an objective, balanced, fair, intelligent and evenhanded manner; and

WHEREAS: Under the able leadership of Mr. Wade, the WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee provided consensus recommendations to the WRAC regarding the protection and restoration of Lake Okeechobee, and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuaries, that were later incorporated into the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Phase II Technical Plan, presented to and accepted by the Florida Legislature in February, 2008; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The 65 members of the SFWMD Water Resources Advisory Commission and its Lake Okeechobee Committee unanimously and without exception recommend that the Governing Board of the SFWMD afford Mr. Malcolm (Bubba) Wade, Jr., the highest honor and recognition for outstanding leadership and service to the citizens of South Florida and the environmental resources of Lake Okeechobee, the Everglades Ecosystem and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries.