#### **Central Florida Water Initiative**

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Kissimmee River Reservation Update

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## Status and Objectives

- Status:
  - 2 public workshops held; draft rules distributed
- Objectives:
  - Protect water for authorized Kissimmee River Project
  - Ensure healthy, sustainable, native fish and wildlife community
  - Maintain C&SF Project operations per federal regulation schedules
  - Protect water supply inflows to Lake Okeechobee and the Greater Everglades Ecosystem (natural and human uses)
  - Support solutions for Central Florida's water supply needs, consistent with other objectives

## Kissimmee Basin Reservation Scope

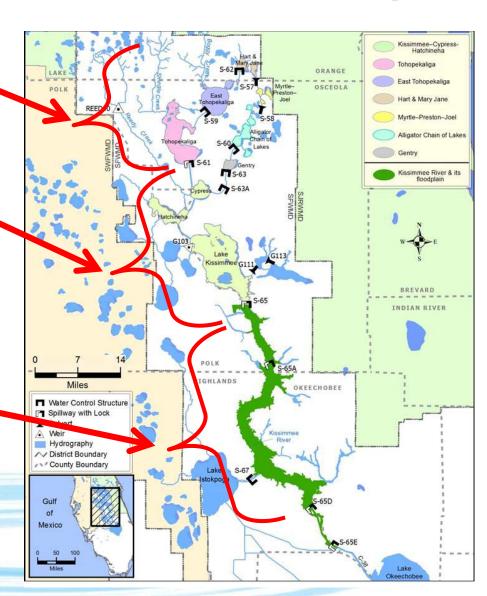
### **Upper Chain of Lakes**

# Implement restoration hydrology

Headwaters
 Revitalization Schedule

# Restore the physical form of the river

- fill C-38 Canal
- remove water control structures
- reconnect river oxbows



### Rule Draft Overview

### Reservation (Chapter 40E-10, F.A.C.)

- Kissimmee River and Floodplain:
  - All surface water reserved
- Headwater Revitalization Lakes (Kissimmee, Cypress, Hatchineha)
  - All surface water reserved
- Upper Chain of Lakes
  - Surface water for fish and wildlife reserved; some water available for allocation
- Contributing sources regulated
  - Surface waters
  - Groundwater Surficial Aquifer System

## **Next Steps**

- Governing Board and WRAC updates
  - Early 2015
- Public Comment on rule draft
  - Requested by January 15
  - SFWMD's web site provides information
- Technical Publication draft
  - Early January
- Additional workshops and meetings
- Prepare Statement of Estimated Costs
- On schedule for 2015 adoption

