

## Mahoney to President: "Don't veto Everglades Funding"

### \$1.82 Billion for Everglades Restoration Passes Senate

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) called on President Bush to sign into law a bill authorizing \$1.82 Billion in funding for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The funding passed the Senate today as part of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Conference Report and now heads to the President's desk.

Everglades projects authorized in WRDA include the Indian River Lagoon and the Picayune Strand, and restoration of the Site 1 Impoundment. The bill also authorizes \$1.5 million for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study of the Herbert Hoover Dike.

"I call on the President to do what is right for Florida and the nation by signing this bill into law. This Administration has ignored the investment in our critical infrastructure, including cleaning up the Everglades. Things are broken and now we have to fix them. In the past seven years, the President has not authorized a single dollar for Everglades restoration, while the State of Florida has honored its commitment by investing over \$2 billion in cleanup efforts. I urge the President to support the people of Treasure Coast and all of Florida, whose economies depend on preserving our rivers and estuaries, by not vetoing this critical funding. Should the President choose to ignore the will of the people, you can be sure I will fight to override his veto," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

The WRDA Conference report passed the U.S. House of Representatives on August 1, 2007.

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