

Apopka Update
for September Governing Board

Lake Apopka North Shore Restoration:

The District and NRCS have agreed to swap easement properties and remove NRCS from Apopka involvement. The Apopka easements should be vacated by the end of August. Instead of easements at Apopka and Fellsmere, NRCS will accept permanent easements at Orange Creek Muck Farm and Ocklawaha Prairie. The soil inversion work was completed in early May resulting in the mechanical remediation of 4,000 acres in the NSRA over 3 years. Staff are developing work orders and completing permitting to continue infrastructure construction this fiscal year. Regulatory issues continue to delay issuance of the USACE permits. Flooding was completed on the Phase 2 property. This is important because data from Phase 2 monitoring is needed for the next biological assessment to flood additional acres.