

UORB monthly project status report
For August Board

UORB Lake Level Management

District staff continues to collect transect data on basin lakes necessary to revise the lake schedules and develop MFLs for the basin lakes. Planning continues to implement enhanced lake level fluctuations for the Harris Chain of Lakes and Lake Apopka. Establishment of MFLs for these lakes will be incorporated into the project. Staff anticipates that this major project will require 5 years to complete.

Emeralda Marsh

Unfortunately, regulatory issues have delayed issuance of permits by the USACE. Work intended for completion this fiscal year will likely extend into next fiscal year. The work planned includes reconnection of the K cell in Area 3 to Haynes Creek and Lake Griffin (almost 1,000 acres). In addition, Areas 6 & 7 will be connected to Area 2 and thence Lake Griffin via a large box culvert under Emeralda Island Road. Vegetation management in Area 6. A pump will be installed under Emeralda Island Road to manage water levels in Area 5. After work is completed, an additional 3,000 acres of the EMCA will be reconnected to Lake Griffin.