

UORB monthly project status report
For October 2011 Board

Emeralda Marsh Restoration

District staff met with representatives from Florida Potting Soils, Inc. to discuss a proposal to mine peat out of Area 5 (the old Long Farm). Since this particular area was re-flooded in the early 1990's, it has managed to sustain very high nutrient levels, even after two whole pond alum treatments. Total phosphorus levels currently are 896 ppb. By comparison, total phosphorus levels in Lake Griffin are 36 ppb. Removal of peat and re-contouring of the site may improve nutrient conditions and allow reconnection to the Yale-Griffin Canal and ultimately Lake Griffin. Additional information will be provided, if this proposal moves forward.