

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE  
CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER MINIMUM BASE FLOW REQUEST**

**RESOLUTION 11-3.23**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County supports governmental and environmental interests in the Caloosahatchee River watershed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Caloosahatchee Estuary suffers ecologically during the dry season if no freshwater is discharged from Lake Okeechobee, and

**WHEREAS**, Martin County has “donated” its estuary “base flow” to the Caloosahatchee estuary since the St. Lucie Estuary doesn’t need it, and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of such “base flow” causes stagnation resulting in algae blooms, and increase in chloride concentrations that cause tape grass mortality, and

**WHEREAS**, the minimal “base flow” requested would have a minimal effect on the water supply for agriculture in the Everglades Agricultural Area and for water utilities, upon which no water use restrictions have yet been imposed, and

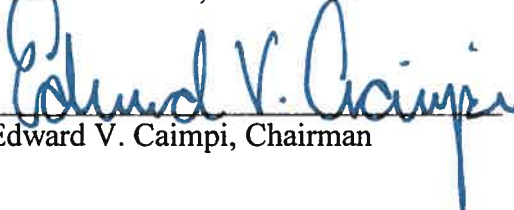
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Martin County Board of County Commissioners urges the SFWMD Governing Board and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to give all due consideration to the West Coast’s request for environmental water supply consistent with the Caloosahatchee Minimum Flow established in Chapter 40E-8, of the Florida Administrative Code.

Done on this 15 day of march, 2011.

ATTEST: MARSHA EWING  
CLERK OF COURTS

BY:   
Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:   
Edward V. Caimpi, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY:   
Stephen Fry, County Attorney