

# SAVE OUR LAKES



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## **BLACK CREEK PROJECT PROGRESS:**

The exterior masonry walls of the Electrical Building are being constructed. They will include 3" of foam insulation which, coupled with the thick masonry walls and the building's AC system, will provide a stable thermal environment for the electrical equipment serving the adjacent Pump Building.



## **THE SJRWMD GOVERNING BOARD APPROVES THE BLACK CREEK PROJECT CHANGE ORDER FOR THE INLET/PUMP STATION UNDERGROUND PIPE INSTALLATION**

The subsurface clay between the inlet structure adjacent to Black Creek and the Pump Station has proven far more resistant than expected to the micro-tunneling techniques called for in the contract documents based on pre-design geological studies. The Project's Engineers and the District Staff recommended approval of additional funds for the upgraded tunneling machinery & additional labor. The Board approved the change on 9/12/2023.

The photo on the left, taken 4/17/2023, shows some of the men and equipment during the previous efforts at tunneling from the inlet site pit.

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**PIPELINE WORK CONTINUES ALONG S.R. 21:** Upper left - An excavator is used to dig the trench, pull the trench box into place and bring the pipe sections into the trench box to be mated with the previous pipe section. Middle photo - Trench box with partially covered pipe section. A bulldozer and excavator work to refill the trench, compact the soil and regrade the right-of-way (right photo). The grass will come at the end.

## **THE 2045 NORTH FLORIDA WATER SUPPLY PLAN**

Webb Farber, seen in his SOLO red shirt in the photograph, listens to one of the District staff discussing water supply projects. Webb provides his impressions of the event in the following report:

*The 2045 North Florida Water Supply Plan presentation was well done by the SJRWMD staff. There were a number of display panels to explain the plan and its components. The live presentation listed the numerous strategies (conservation, reclaimed, new sources, etc.) to meet the 2045 increased water demand due to population growth. The conclusion was that the projected demand can be met by the measures included in the plan*

*I liked that they refer to the Black Creek Project as a 10 MGD project. I also liked the statement on page 4 of the plan executive summary: "The NFRWSP also*

*recognizes the ongoing implementation of the Lower Santa Fe Basin Recovery Strategy and the Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva Recovery Strategy for these minimum flows and levels (MFL) water bodies. While there are increases in surface water demand projected, the District determined that there are sufficient water sources to meet the projected demand."*



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***Please feel free to check us out!***

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**Verify on website: [www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/](http://www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/) (Live Streaming is available)**

**WITH WATER FROM BLACK CREEK SCHEDULED TO FLOW INTO LAKE BROOKLYN IN THE FALL OF 2024, THE RESTORATION OF THE LAKE BROOKLYN BOAT RAMP CAN'T BE VERY FAR OFF AT ALL!**



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January 2024 Intake Pump Station Substantially Complete	September 2024 Pipeline Substantially Complete
Fall 2024 All Components Operational	<b>PROJECT SCHEDULE TARGETS STILL HOLD</b>

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**Vivian will report on all the latest SOLO news at our next meeting, 7:00 PM, Tuesday, NOV. 14th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights. See you there!**

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