

By Senator Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the C-51 reservoir project;
3 amending s. 373.4598, F.S.; revising requirements
4 related to the operation of water storage and use for
5 Phase I and Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project if
6 state funds are appropriated for such phases;
7 authorizing the South Florida Water Management
8 District to enter into certain capacity allocation
9 agreements and to request a waiver for repayment of
10 certain loans; authorizing the Department of
11 Environmental Protection to waive such loan repayment
12 under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (9) of section
17 373.4598, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is
18 added to that subsection, to read:

19 373.4598 Water storage reservoirs.—

20 (9) C-51 RESERVOIR PROJECT.—

21 (d) If state funds are appropriated for Phase I or Phase II
22 of the C-51 reservoir project:

23 1. The district, to the extent practicable, shall operate
24 either Phase I or Phase II of the reservoir project to maximize
25 the reduction of high-volume Lake Okeechobee regulatory releases
26 to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries, in addition to
27 maximizing the reduction of harmful discharges ~~providing relief~~
28 to the Lake Worth Lagoon. However, the operation of Phase I of
29 the C-51 reservoir project must be in accordance with any

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30 operation and maintenance agreement adopted by the district;

31 2. Water made available by Phase I or Phase II of the
32 reservoir shall be used for natural systems in addition to any
33 permitted ~~allocated~~ amounts for water supply issued in
34 accordance with executed capacity allocation agreements; and

35 3. ~~Any~~ Water received from Lake Okeechobee may only ~~not~~ be
36 available to support consumptive use permits if such use is in
37 accordance with the rules for the applicable restricted
38 allocation area as defined in s. 373.037(1).

39 (f) The South Florida Water Management District may enter
40 into a capacity allocation agreement with a water supply entity
41 for a pro rata share of unreserved capacity in the water storage
42 facility and may request the department to waive repayment of
43 all or a portion of the loan issued pursuant to s. 373.475. The
44 department may authorize such waiver if, at its determination,
45 it has received reasonable value for such waiver.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.