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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural
Resources)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the C-51 reservoir project;
amending s. 373.4598, F.S.; revising requirements
relating to the operation of water storage and use for
Phase I and Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project if
state funds are appropriated for such phases;
authorizing the South Florida Water Management
District to enter into certain capacity allocation
agreements and to request a waiver for repayment of
certain loans; authorizing the Department of
Environmental Protection to waive such loan repayment
under certain conditions; specifying that the district
is not responsible for repayment of such waived loans;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (9) of section
373.4598, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is
added to that subsection, to read:

373.4598 Water storage reservoirs.—

(9) C-51 RESERVOIR PROJECT.—

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

1. The district, to the extent practicable, must ~~shall~~
operate either Phase I or Phase II of the reservoir project to



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27 maximize the reduction of high-volume Lake Okeechobee regulatory
28 releases to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries, in
29 addition to maximizing the reduction of harmful discharges
30 ~~providing relief~~ to the Lake Worth Lagoon. However, the
31 operation of Phase I of the C-51 reservoir project must be in
32 accordance with any operation and maintenance agreement adopted
33 by the district;

34 2. Water made available by Phase I or Phase II of the
35 reservoir must ~~shall~~ be used for natural systems in addition to
36 any permitted ~~allocated~~ amounts for water supply; and

37 3. ~~Any~~ Water received from Lake Okeechobee may only ~~not~~ be
38 available to support consumptive use permits if such use is in
39 accordance with district rules.

40 (f) The district may enter into a capacity allocation
41 agreement with a water supply entity for a pro rata share of
42 unreserved capacity in the water storage facility and may
43 request the department to waive repayment of all or a portion of
44 the loan issued pursuant to s. 373.475. The department may
45 authorize such waiver if, in its determination, it has received
46 reasonable value for such waiver. The district is not
47 responsible for repaying any portion of a loan issued pursuant
48 to s. 373.475 which is waived pursuant to this paragraph.

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