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****PRESS ADVISORY****

**Protesters demand Rick Scott support Negron clean water fix, keep
Loxahatchee NWR**

Sugar lands, not public lands, are where dirty water goes

When: Thursday, December 8, 2016
Press conference and protest: 11:00 a.m.

Where: In front of SFWMD headquarters
7701 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL

What: The public is tired of the Governing Board parroting sugar industry talking points. Residents impacted by coastal water pollution and supporters of Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge will call on Governor Rick Scott to act on behalf of the people, not Big Sugar profits.

VISUALS will include: Puppets, Rick Scott-impersonator, Sugar Daddy, protesters with signs and banners.

Why: Polluted water flushed from Lake Okeechobee is turning our coastal waters toxic green. Sea grass and marine life are dying. Senate President Joe Negron has a plan to stop the pollution by storing and cleaning water in part of the Everglades Agricultural Area to restore the Everglades. Instead of embracing this plan, Governor Scott and his appointed state water managers have another idea. The Governor wants to take back the federally-protected Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and use it as a dumping ground for dirty water.

Will Rick Scott be the first to dismantle the National Wildlife Refuge system started by Theodore Roosevelt at Florida's Pelican Island in 1903, or will he restore clean water to the Everglades by supporting the Negron plan?

Who: Sierra Club, Bullsugar.org, Indian Riverkeeper, Caloosahatchee Riverwatch, and concerned citizens.

Event flyer: <https://dochub.com/criscostello/oXNMMM/ea-slide-1?dt=hfsfro7dmkrevter>

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