

Our History

San Carlos Estates Water Control District (SCEWCD) was formed based on a court ruling of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court in Lee County, Florida on April 3rd, 1969 Case No. 69+105 and pursuant the Florida statute 298 otherwise known as the General Drainage Law. Making San Carlos Estates Water Control District responsible for the maintenance and integrity of its streets, swales, culverts, inlets, catch basins, grates, pipes and canals, collectively known as the “Right of Way.”

“The land comprising the San Carlos Estates Drainage District is located in the Southwestern portion of Lee County Florida, just 1.5 miles North of downtown Bonita Springs, FL.” ...

“Water from the area flows Southwesterly in shallow streams to several concrete box culverts under U.S. Highway 41 and continues to Spring Creek thence on out to the Gulf of Mexico”
Quoted from the Plan of Reclamation for the San Carlos Estates Drainage District in 1969

The Water Control District today

SCEWCD is comprised of 23.06 miles of swales, Ninety-six Inlets/Catch basins and Grates, 635 Pipes, and 5.6 Miles of Perimeter canals. Our district covers approximately 1,000 acres, over 600 single family homes, actual number of residents is unknown but we continue to grow each year. We operate as a co-permittee with Lee County and other local Governments under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. Our operations are guided by Florida Statute, Chapter 298: Drainage and Water Control.

Our Mission

The San Carlos Estate Water Control District continually strives to improve the quality of the drainage activities of the canals and water quality discharged according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection via our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPEDS) Permit. We strongly encourage our residents to participate in efforts to keeping costs low by supporting local business owners and invite all residents to view our bidding page to bring forth qualified candidates that will take a personal interest in providing services to their own community.