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**-43 WEST BASIN  
ESTUARY**

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**CHEBIK, CT** – The Southern Florida C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir project, valued at \$524 million and being constructed by joint venture partners Lane Construction and its parent company Salini Impregilo, officially broke ground marking a significant milestone for a critical component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). Florida’s Governor Ron DeSantis was in attendance and was joined by members of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as well as conservation groups, local community leaders, and other environmental stakeholders.

“This is a big step forward in expediting one of our most important Everglades restoration projects,” said Governor DeSantis. “Once complete, the C-43 Reservoir will store approximately 55 billion gallons of water, with 19 miles of embankments and 15 miles of canals to reduce harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee and help bring the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary back to health.”

Over the years, the Caloosahatchee Estuary has been suffering due to impacts to natural water flows caused by residential and agricultural development in the area. The Reservoir project will promote a healthy biological system through capture and controlled release of water – reducing the amount of freshwater flows to the estuary from basin runoff from the lake during wet periods and helping maintain a desirable minimum flow of fresh water to the estuary during dry periods.

“Lane has worked in the state of Florida for decades and we are proud to be part of this very important effort to help preserve the Everglades. We take our environmental commitments as a company very seriously anywhere we work, and to be part of one of the largest hydrologic restoration programs ever in the United States is an honor,” said Dyelan Phillips, Vice President of Florida Operations for Lane.

Work on the reservoir includes constructing an earth-fill dam with a perimeter of approximately 16.3 miles and a separator dam of 2.8 miles in length. The reservoir is expected to be completed in 2024.

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development of the country's vast network of roads, highways, and bridges, including the Interstate Highway System. Lane also specializes in tunnels, metro and railway systems, as well as airports and water and wastewater treatment plants. Lane is a pioneer in the use of design-build and public-private partnership methods of project delivery. Its main projects include the I-10 Corridor Express Lanes in California; the I-395 Express Lanes Extension in Virginia; the Unionport Bridge Replacement in Bronx, New York; the Purple Line Transit Systems in Maryland; and the Anacostia River Tunnel in Washington, D.C. Based in Cheshire, Connecticut, it is wholly owned by Salini Impregilo, a global infrastructure group. For more information, visit [www.laneconstruct.com](http://www.laneconstruct.com). For more details about its parent company, visit [www.salini-impregilo.com](http://www.salini-impregilo.com).

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