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he headline above is from the front page of VoteWater.org's website. It's worth repeating if you want to stop kicking the proverbial can down the road. Say it again, "Florida's water crisis is a political problem and requires a political solution," meaning we need to vote out the can-kicking bums who will not prioritize the health of our waters. "The science is settled" meaning we don't need any more studies. We know what's causing the pollution and we know what can save our estuaries. And finally, "and the time to fix it is now," why not? None of us are getting any younger.

This isn't a partisan issue. Both parties in Florida are equal opportunity offenders. The solution comes when we break from the Red and Blue teams and join the Water Team.

The Water Team has something for everyone. If you're fiscally conservative, hate handouts and want to grow business to help drive sales tax revenue to balance Florida's \$92 billion dollar budget, you've got no better team. Clean, healthy water is the economic engine that runs on its own. No industry in Florida contributes more in tax revenue than the tourism, fishing and the boating industries.

The Water Team is also for dumping corporate welfare for Sugar and stopping the price supports for an industry that takes so much and gives so little.



For the progressives out there, the Water Team is steadfast against special interests having an outsized influence on our state's politicians. The W's also want and will fight for the environment and ecology of the state. And the W's will fight unchecked growth.

WHO'S READY TO JOIN THE WATER TEAM?

Who's ready to join the fight for clean water by electing politicians, at all levels of government, committed to: restoring the Everglades, holding polluters accountable, making human health a priority, fully funding pollution monitoring and enforcement, staying "sugar-free," lowering Lake Okeechobee during the dry season, holding phosphate companies responsible for their pollution and for prioritizing above-ground water storage and conveyance instead of injection wells.

Does this sound like a platform you'd support? Are you ready to fight? Pick your teammates. Go to VoteWater.org and find out who you should be voting for. The organization doesn't cover every county or every important race, but Bullsugar president Richard Trotta says the VoteWater team plans to in the future. "We've got volunteers from the northern Indian River Lagoon all the way to the Keys and up to Tampa Bay. Next cycle we'll cover the entire state," committed Trotta.

Many of the all-important local and state races will be decided during the primaries, this month, August 18th. Don't let the bums continue to kick the can. Go to VoteWater.org and bring about immediate change, where it matters most, in the water. FS

CALL TO ACTION

JOIN THE FIGHT. TAKE THE PLEDGE. GO TO WWW.VOTEWATER.ORG AND FIND THE CANDIDATES WHO WILL FIGHT FOR YOUR WATER. VOTE AUG 18TH IN THE FLORIDA

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