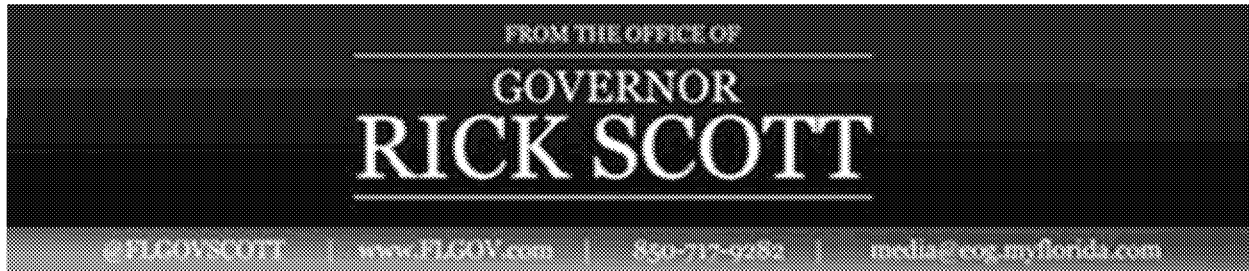


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## **GOVERNOR SCOTT PROPOSES \$50 MILLION FOR THE FEDERAL HERBERT HOOVER DIKE AT LAKE OKEECHOBEE**

**CLEWISTON, Fla.** – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced that he will propose a \$50 million investment to expedite repairs for the federally operated Herbert Hoover Dike at Lake Okeechobee in his 2018-19 recommended budget. This \$50 million is part of the Governor's historic \$1.7 billion investment in Florida's environment announced last week. See more [HERE](#).

Governor Scott said, "Last week, the State of Florida was proud to secure President Donald Trump's commitment to accelerating critical repairs needed to the federal Herbert Hoover Dike at Lake Okeechobee. While this partnership is game-changing, we cannot stop there. These repairs are a priority and that's why I'm proposing \$50 million in state funding to help expedite the project. I look forward to working with the Florida Legislature on this important project so we can protect our pristine environment for our future generations."

Florida Senate President Joe Negron said, "I appreciate Governor Scott's leadership in ensuring that we make the best use of both state and federal tax dollars as we work to repair the Herbert Hoover Dike and build additional southern storage through the implementation of Senate Bill 10. I look forward to working with him again this session on these important issues to ensure we have an effective state and federal partnership that leads to the elimination of harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee."

Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran said, "None of what we announced today would've been possible without the heavy lifting and tireless effort of Governor Scott. The fruits of this investment will mean safety and security for the community surrounding the Lake, as well as averting potential environmental dangers. And I'm proud to stand with the governor today and will do all I can to help him hold Washington's feet to the fire."

This funding will build on the \$50 million in this year's state budget to kick-start critical repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike. Governor Scott is the first governor in Florida history to invest state money into this critical federal project. This April, Governor Scott met with President Donald Trump regarding the importance of fixing the federally operated Herbert Hoover Dike and received his commitment to fixing the dike. Last week, President Trump instructed White House Director of the Office of

Management and Budget Mick Mulvaney to accelerate the completion of repairs to Florida's Herbert Hoover Dike. See more [HERE](#).

Full details on the Governor's proposed budget will be announced in the coming weeks.

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