



**WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL
WATER
SUPPLY
AUTHORITY**

Board Meeting Package

September 16, 2015
3:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Lecanto Government Building
Room 166
3600 W. Sovereign Path
Lecanto, Florida 34461

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

Board of Directors

<i>Office</i>	<i>Board Members</i>
Chair	The Honorable Al Butler
Vice Chair	The Honorable Stan McClain
Treasurer	The Honorable Dennis Damato

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Board Members</i>
Citrus County	The Honorable Scott Carnahan
	The Honorable Dennis Damato
Hernando County	The Honorable Jim Adkins
	The Honorable Nick Nicholson
Marion County	The Honorable Earl Arnett
	The Honorable Kathy Bryant
	The Honorable Stan McClain
Sumter County	The Honorable Al Butler
	The Honorable Don Hahnfeldt
City of Belleview	The Honorable Gary Ernst
City of Brooksville	The Honorable Robert Battista
City of Bushnell	The Honorable Dale Swain
City of Crystal River	The Honorable Ken Brown

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Water Supply Authority Board of Directors and Interested Parties

From: Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

Date: September 2, 2015

Subject: Monthly Meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional
Water Supply Authority

The next meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will be on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 3:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Center Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.**

Enclosed for your review are the following items:

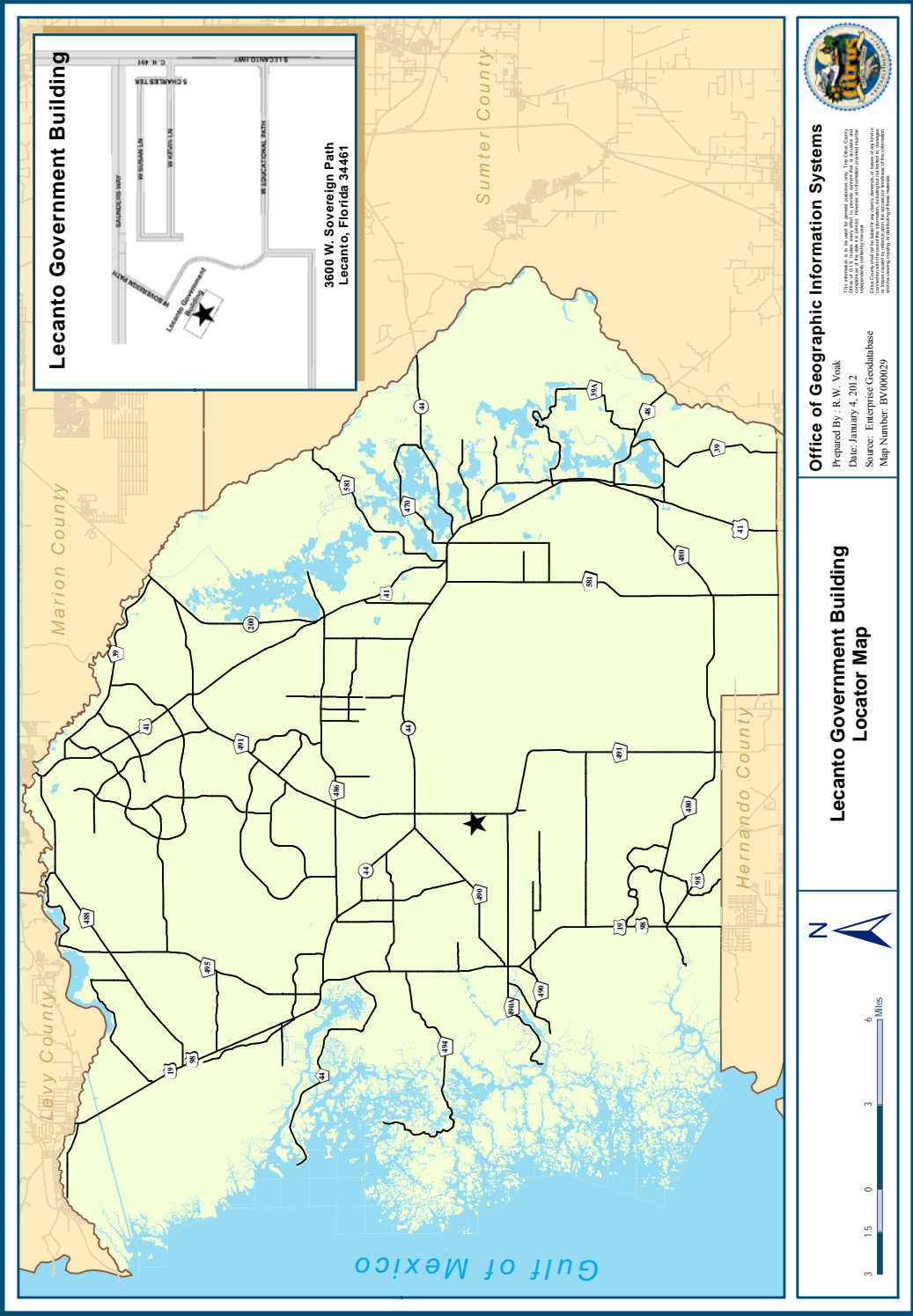
- Agenda
- Minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting
- Board Package*

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Enclosures

* Copies of the Board Package are available through the Internet.

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- On the slide out menu, click the button for the current Board Package.
- Click on the Board Package to download and/or print.



Driving Directions to 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto Government Building

From Brooksville:

- Go North on N. Main St. toward S. Broad St./E. Jefferson St.
- Take the 1st Left onto S. Broad St./W. Jefferson St.
- Turn Right onto US 98/Ponce De Leon Blvd.
- Turn Right onto CR 491 toward Lecanto (about 13.5 miles)
- Turn Left on W. Educational Path (traffic signal)
- Turn right at the Park onto W. Sovereign Path; continue to the right to the Lecanto Government Building

From Ocala

- Go southwest on SR 200 into Citrus County
- Turn Right onto CR 491 (stay on 491 through Beverly Hills, crossing Hwy. 486 and SR 44)
- Turn Right on Saunders Way
- Turn Left onto W. Sovereign Path; follow to Lecanto Government Building

From Bushnell

- In Bushnell, Go West on FL-48W
- Turn Right onto US 41; continue to follow US 41 N
- Continue straight onto FL 44 W/W Main St.; continue straight on SR 44
- Turn Left onto CR 491
- Turn Right onto Saunders Way
- Turn Left onto W. Sovereign Path; follow to Lecanto Government Building

From Wildwood

- Go West on SR 44W; continue on SR 44 through Inverness
- Turn Left onto CR 491
- Turn Right onto Saunders Way
- Turn Left onto W. Sovereign Path; follow to Lecanto Government Building.

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**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 -- 3:30 P.M.

**LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166
Lecanto, Florida 34461**

At the discretion of the Board, items may be taken out of order to accommodate the needs of the Board and the public.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Introductions and Announcements**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. As-Needed Engineering and Professional Services Work Order to Water Resource Associates . . .**
Richard Owen, WRWSA
- 7. Cooperative Funding Initiative Application to the SWFWMD . . .** Pete Hubbell, WRA
- 8. Charles A. Black Wellfield Contract for Water Supply . . .** Richard Owen, WRWSA
- 9. Board Policy – Charges for Copying and Electronic Information . . .** Richard Owen, WRWSA
- 10. Executive Director’s Report . . .** Richard Owen, WRWSA
 - a. Bills to be Paid** [August Bills in Board Packet; September Bills to be provided at the meeting]
 - b. Public Officials Liability Policy**
 - c. Third Quarter Financial Report**
 - d. Correspondence**
 - e. News Articles**
 - f. Other**
- 11. Legislative Report . . .** Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant
- 12. Attorney’s Report . . .** Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
- 13. Other Business**
- 14. Next Meeting Time and Location . . .** October 21, 2015, 3:30 p.m., Lecanto Government Building,
Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461
- 15. Adjournment**

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Item 4.
Minutes

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes of the Meeting
July 15, 2015**

TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lecanto Government Building
ADDRESS: 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida 34461

The numbers preceding the items listed below correspond with the revised published agenda.

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Al Butler, Chairman, called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. Roll Call

Richard Owen, Executive Director, called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Al Butler, *Chairman*, Sumter County
Commissioner
Dennis Damato, *Treasurer*, Citrus County
Commissioner
Robert Battista, Brooksville City Councilor
Scott Carnahan, Citrus County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilor
Don Hahnfeldt, Sumter County Commissioner

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Alys Brockway, Hernando County
Dave Burnell, City of Crystal River
Bruce Hickle, City of Bushnell
Flip Mellinger, Marion County

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Stan McClain, *Vice-Chairman*, Marion County
Commissioner
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Earl Arnett, Marion County Commissioner
Ken Brown, Crystal River City Councilor
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Nick Nicholson, Hernando County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilor

WRWSA STAFF PRESENT

Richard Owen, Executive Director
Larry Haag, Attorney
Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Liaison
Nancy Smith, Administrative Assistant
LuAnne Stout, Administrative Assistant

3. Introductions and Announcements

- *Joe Johnson Obituary.* Mr. Owen informed the Board that Mr. Johnston of the City of Brooksville passed away. Mr. Johnston served on the Board from December 2011 to November 2014.
- *WRWSA Administrative Assistant.* Mr. Owen thanked Ms. Smith for her service to the Authority as she moves forward to work for the City of Ocala. He introduced Ms. Stout who accepted the position and has begun providing assistance.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jacob Arnette, Marion County
Debra Burden, Citrus County Water Conservation
Mike Czerwinski, Michael G. Czerwinski P.A. Environmental Consultants
James Kimbrough, Vice Chairman, Tampa Region, SunTrust
Richard Radacky, DPW City of Brooksville
Phyllis Rosetti, Crystal River Waterfronts Advisory Board
Kevin Smith, Marion County

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the June 17, 2015 minutes was provided in the Board packet for review. Mr. Owen noted a scrivener's error on page 3 and said the motion should reflect approval for C & D Engineering.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2015 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carnahan and carried unanimously.**

5. **Public Comment**

- *SWFWMD Headquarters.* Jim Kimbrough addressed the Board regarding the proposed relocation of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) headquarters from its Brooksville campus to its Tampa service office. He thanked the Board for being the first agency to address the issue and noted the other entities that had also approved resolutions for the headquarters to remain at the Brooksville campus. Mr. Kimbrough encouraged Board members to request the Governor appoint a person to fill the vacant at-large seat representing the northern area of the SWFWMD. He suggested that person be appointed from Citrus or Sumter counties.
- There was no other public comment.

At this time, Dave Burnell arrived.

6. **Irrigation Audit Program Status Report . . . Nancy Smith, WRWSA**

A status report of the irrigation system evaluation programs was provided in the Board packet. Nancy Smith updated the Board on the two Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) programs for residential water conservation currently underway. Mr. Owen noted that Ms. Stout will be replacing Ms. Smith in administering these projects. He said the conservation coordinators will be developing a CFI application for another phase that will start in October 2016. Mr. Owen noted he has requested Pete Hubbell with Water Resource Associates provide assistance with that application to ensure the needs of the local governments, District and Authority are included.

7. **Local Government Grant Application Review . . . Richard Owen, WRWSA**

At its March 18, 2015 meeting, the Board allocated \$130,000 and directed that the grants program focus on supporting water conservation activities. For review prior to this meeting, the Board received copies of the local government grant applications in their packets.

Mr. Owen said the Authority received three grant applications that reflect continuation of member government proven effective water conservation programs and meet the Authority's grant program requirements. He noted that the Authority was approached by the cities of Crystal River and Inverness but no applications were received. Mr. Owen provided a revised staff recommendation for the Board's consideration.

Exhibit A		
2015-16 WRWSA Water Conservation Grant Applications		
Applicant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Citrus County	\$36,875	\$36,875
Hernando County	\$47,750	\$47,750
Marion County	\$35,475	\$35,475
Total	\$120,100	\$120,100

Jacob Arnette, Marion County; Alys Brockway, Hernando County; and Debra Burden, Citrus County, provided brief overviews of their respective water conservation programs and grant applications.

Following consideration, **Mr. Damato moved the staff recommendation to (1) approve the Fiscal Year 2015-16 WRWSA Water Conservation Grant Applications in the amount of \$120,100 as shown in Exhibit A and (2) authorize the Chair to execute the grant agreements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hahnfeldt and carried unanimously.**

8. Executive Director's Report . . . Richard Owen, WRWSA

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Owen presented the July 2015 bills and requested approval of payment of the bills totaling \$20,467.38.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve payment of the July 2015 bills in the amount of \$20,467.38. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carnahan and carried unanimously.**

b. Annual Calendar of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Meeting Dates

Mr. Owen presented the Annual Calendar of Meeting Dates reflecting the Board's monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at the Lecanto Government Building. He noted that August and December are usually canceled, and the Board will make that determination at the appropriate time.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the Annual Calendar of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Meeting Dates as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst and carried unanimously.**

c. Correspondence

Recent correspondence was provided in the Board's packet. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

d. News Articles

Mr. Owen noted that the Board's packet includes several news articles. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

e. Other

- *City of Wildwood.* Mr. Owen noted that the Authority was approached by the City of Wildwood to consider alternative water supply options for its northern service area. He said he will continue to advocate for a role of the Authority to participate in a possible project.
- *SWFWMD Headquarters.* Mr. Owen said he met with SWFWMD's Executive Director and Chief of Staff to advocate for Authority's position to oppose any move of the headquarters. He noted he will attend the appropriate meeting of the SWFWMD Governing Board to reiterate this Board's position.
- *SWFWMD Springs Coast Management Committee.* Mr. Owen informed the Board that the Rainbow River has experienced long-term declines in flow since the early 1970s to date. He said most of the decline is attributable to rainfall—19-percent reduction in flow but only two percent is due to withdrawals in the springshed. He said the focus is on water quality issues, nutrients and exotic plant species growth. Flip Mellinger said the management committee voted to vet all action items at its next meeting.
- *City of Brooksville.* Mr. Owen said the Authority was approached to partner with the City to apply for a grant from the Smithsonian for the "Museum on Main Street" education program. He noted there is no financial commitment.
- *Annual Water Forum.* Mr. Owen and Mrs. Salz requested approval to attend the September Annual Water Forum in Orlando at an estimated cost of \$700. **Mr. Damato moved to approve the total maximum travel cost of \$700 for both Mr. Owen and Mrs. Salz. Mr. Carnahan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- *American Groundwater Trust Conference.* Mr. Owen requested approval to attend the two-day September conference at an estimated cost of \$500. **Mr. Damato moved to approve the maximum travel cost of \$500 for Mr. Owen. Mr. Hahnfeldt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

9. Legislative Report . . . Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant

Mrs. Salz noted that she attended the Environmental Permitting Course held a week ago and thanked the Board for allowing her to be there. She said a special legislative session just ended but an additional special session for redistricting will begin shortly. The interim committee meetings will begin in September with the regular session beginning January 12, 2016 and ending March 11, 2016. Mrs. Salz said discussion on key issues needs to begin now and she will provide a draft policy matrix for the Authority Board members to discuss at its September meeting to stake out a position on the relevant issues. No comprehensive water policy was enacted last session so there are a number of issues waiting for consideration. One issue of concern is a new water resource advisory council be established creating a new level of bureaucracy for review of water project proposals statewide and decide which warrant funding. The House position was that the council was unnecessary due to the Water Management Districts' framework under the supervision of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mrs. Salz said another issue is reclaimed water and impediments for use of this water. The DEP has made an extensive effort to collect all the data on reclaimed water and emphasis was placed on reclaimed water at the Environmental Permitting Course. Mr. Owen noted there are communities nearby that are currently doing indirect potable reuse—taking reclaimed water to inject into the ground to supplement wellfields. He said the cost is expensive which may cause these communities to look for other alternatives available in the areas to their north. Mrs. Salz said she will provide the Board with a draft policy matrix for discussion purposes.

10. Attorney's Report . . . Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney

There was no report from the attorney.

11. Other Business

Mr. Damato requested information on the quality of reclaimed water versus drinking water and the permit that allows injection to supplement wellfields.

12. Next Meeting Time and Location

Mr. Owen reminded the Board that its monthly August meeting is usually canceled and requested approval to advertise the cancelation.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to cancel the August 19, 2015 monthly meeting of the WRWSA Board of Directors and advertise the cancelation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst and carried unanimously.**

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting location is the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida.

13. Adjournment

Chair Butler announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Al Butler, Chairman

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

Item 6.
WRA Work Order

Item 6. As-Needed Engineering and Professional Services Work Order to Water Resource Associates

. . . Richard Owen, WRWSA

At the November 2012 meeting, the Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contracts with eight firms for as-needed General Professional Engineering/Technical Services. The Board also authorized staff to issue the first work order to Water Resource Associates (WRA) for as-needed engineering and technical support services in an amount of \$25,000. That work order expired at the end of September 2013 and was renewed in February of 2014 to extend to September 30, 2015. This year's budget contains \$75,000 for potential engineering/technical support services.

Staff has need for continued as-needed engineering/technical support from WRA, including support for proposed revisions to the Charles A. Black wellfield agreement with Citrus County. Staff believes that, among the pre-approved consultants for as-needed support services, WRA is uniquely qualified to provide these required services. The purpose of this Work Order is to engage WRA to provide engineering and technical general support services to the Authority Board and Executive Director on an as-needed basis, including support for revising the Citrus County agreement and other related engineering and technical services in support of the Authority activities. A copy of the proposed Work Order is included as an Exhibit to this item.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends Board approval of Work Order 2016-01, as contained in the exhibit to this item, in an amount of \$25,000 for purposes of providing as-needed engineering/technical support services, with a termination date of September 30, 2016.

GENERAL ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL SERVICES

WORK ORDER 2016-01

General Support Services

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

This Work Order 2016-01, "General Support Services," is approved this _____ day of _____ 2015 and is incorporated by reference into the Agreement for General Professional Engineering Technical Services entered into on _____ between the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority or WRWSA) and Water Resource Associates, LLC (Consultant), for General Professional Engineering & Technical Services.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Consultant will assist the Authority Board and Executive Director with policy, programmatic and technical aspects of the Authority on an as-needed basis. This work requires the expertise of a water supply engineering firm to provide a wide range of disciplines for its successful implementation.

The Consultant responsibilities will include, but not be limited to:

1. Assisting the Authority Executive Director with water-related policy, technical and programmatic issues;
2. Assisting in the development and negotiation of a revised purchase agreement between the Authority and Citrus County regarding the Charles A. Black water supply facilities;
3. Providing technical assistance regarding the regional water supply planning and implementation process;
4. Assisting in responding to inquiries and investigations from member governments, the water management districts, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and other interested parties;
5. Attendance at various board, water management district, county and city meetings;
6. Participation and coordination with Authority member governments;
7. Coordination with the SWFWMD and SJRWMD;
8. Presentations regarding the Authority's activities to various boards, commissions, councils and other organizations;
9. Development of position papers and providing assistance developing Authority Board meeting material; and
10. Other related activities requested and approved by the Executive Director.

COMPENSATION

The Consultant shall receive compensation and reimbursement for travel and other expenses not to exceed the sum of \$25,000, consistent with the rate schedule attached as Exhibit A to the Agreement.

SCHEDULE

The schedule for Consultant services will commence upon execution of this Work Order by the Authority and will continue through September 30, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Work Order as of the day and year first written above.

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Richard S. Owen
Executive Director

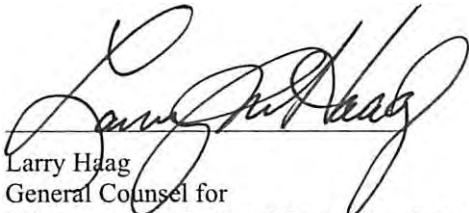
Date:_____

WATER RESOURCE ASSOCIATES, LLC

Peter G. Hubbell
Principal

Date:_____

APPROVED BY:

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Larry Haag
General Counsel for
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

Item 7.
CFI Application

Item 7. Cooperative Funding Initiative Fiscal Year 2017 Application – Enhanced Regional Irrigation System Evaluations and Conservation Incentive Program . . . Pete Hubbell, WRA

The Fiscal Year 2017 Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) program process has begun for funding in the District's 2016-2017 budget year. The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) is proposing a funding application that would be a continuation of its water conservation program known as the Regional Irrigation System Evaluations and Conservation Incentive Program (Program). This is the fourth-year of the program which evaluates and recommends improvements to homeowners lawn and landscape irrigation systems, which can be one of the largest water uses in the home and often times wastes enormous amounts of water. To date, the program has reached over 464 homeowners in Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties; and is estimated to have saved over 158,900 gallons per day (58 million gallons per year).

The Program has targeted home irrigation systems by setting up free inspections by a certified irrigation contractor who evaluates systems for leaks and other wasteful conditions, inspects irrigation controllers for their working order, assesses irrigation timers for zone irrigation and days of the week, and a general review of the turf and landscape requirements of the yard. Recommendations are made to the homeowner on repairs and modifications to the irrigation system that will conserve water and ultimately save the property owner money.

WRWSA staff has met with the conservation coordinators for the four counties and discussed the program and potential modifications that would make it better. The following enhancements for the program were discussed and are recommended in the application for fiscal year 2017 District funding:

- a. Supply and install replacement batteries in controllers;
- b. Replacement of obsolete controllers with Water Sense® approved controllers;
- c. Rebate incentives for homeowners who replace landscape and/or irrigation systems that are water conserving; and
- d. Provide landscape and irrigation contractor training for certification in water conserving practices.

Enhancements to the Program are thought to garner additional interest in homeowner participation and will lead to greater water savings in the region.

The CFI program schedule is as follows:

2015

- October 2 – CFI Applications due to SWFWMD
- November – SWFWMD Staff review of applications
- December – SWFWMD Governing Board receives copies of project proposals

2016

- February – SWFWMD staff presents preliminary evaluations/rankings of proposals to Governing Board
- April - SWFWMD staff presents final evaluations/rankings of proposals to Governing Board
- June – Projects and budgets reviewed by Governing Board for tentative approval
- September – Projects and budgets reviewed by Governing Board for final approval
- October – Contracts awarded for fiscal year 2017 budget year

As a reminder to the Board, approved projects funded by the CFI program generally require a 50% match to District funding by the cooperator. In past years, this 50% match has been split equally between the WRWSA and the participating counties. Staff recommends this match again for this funding cycle.

Currently, the draft CFI application is being circulated internally within the WRWSA and the county conservation coordinators for comments and approval. The final draft will be sent to the Board under separate cover prior to the Board's September 16, 2015 meeting.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends Board approval of the continuation of the Program and the SWFWMD CFI application for fiscal year 2017 funding for the Enhanced Program. The recommended CFI application and total funding level will be provided prior the Board's meeting under separate cover after input from the county conservation coordinators.

DRAFT

FY 2017 Cooperative Funding Initiative Application

Project Name: Enhanced Regional Irrigation System Evaluations and Conservation Incentive Program

Cooperator: Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

Contact: Richard S. Owen, Executive Director
Address: Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228, Lecanto, FL 34461

Project Type: Water Supply

Strategic Initiatives: Conservation (Incentives; Education; and Requirements)

Indicate All Counties to Benefit from Project: Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter

Project Description:

- A. This is a continuation (fourth phase) and enhancement of the program that has been co-funded by the SWFWMD in fiscal years 2011, 2013 and 2015.
- B. A service area map that outlines the area covered by the program is attached.
- C. The project includes an **education** strategy; advertising and marketing; and the administration of irrigation audits in Citrus & Hernando counties, eligible portions of Marion County, the Village Center Development District (VCDD) and the North Sumter County Utility Development District (NSCUD) located in Sumter County within the SWFWMD for up to 150 site specific evaluations with recommendations. It is anticipated that as much as 51,300 gpd will be saved through the proper installation of rain sensors, appropriate water scheduling, and implementation of Florida-friendly landscaping practices. It may also be used to provide a cost-sharing financial incentive to implement recommendations.
- D. Enhancements to the existing program include to supply and install replacement batteries in controllers; replacement of obsolete controllers with Water Sense® approved controllers; rebate incentives for homeowners who replace landscape and/or irrigation systems that are water conserving; and providing landscape and irrigation contractor training for certification in water conserving practices.
- E. The project will include the verification through inspection of the proper installation of efficiency devices by way of follow-up site visits and interviews concerning landscaping practices.
- F. The water savings will favorably affect groundwater, public water supply and reclaimed water demand.
 - i) There are 14 General Water Use Permits issued to local governments for a total of 50.237 mgd.
 - ii) There are approximately 154,000 total residential water customers within the participating utilities within the region.
- G. The project is located within the District's Northern Planning Area.
- H. The project is consistent with District priorities for cost-effectively reducing water demand. Water supply will be enhanced by providing residential users with rain sensors, where appropriate, thereby reducing the demand for potable water by implementing Florida-friendly landscaping practices.

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Describe your organizations efforts in developing, implementing and enforcing water conservation and flood protection ordinances.

1. Developing, implementing and enforcing water conservation:

- a) The project will optimize the management of water through enhanced conservation practices for landscaping and irrigation by reducing demands on the potable water supply and improving ground and surface water quality;
- b) The project will be identified specifically in the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Annual Budget and in the WRWSA Regional Water Supply Plan Update;
- c) The project helps the members of the WRWSA meet potable water demands from growth and other impacts, and delays the need for developing more expensive alternative water sources;
- d) The WRWSA does not develop, implement or enforce flood protection ordinances. A listing of applicable city and county codes and ordinances is attached.

2. Measurable Benefits:

The amount of water to be saved is approximately 51,300 gpd, or 18.7 mgd. The estimated cost/benefit ratio for the eligible portion of the project calculated at an 8% annual rate of interest over five years is \$1.74 per 1,000 gallons for the project, based on a total eligible project cost of \$192,200.

- a) The project is consistent with the District's *2015 Regional Water Supply Plan*;
- b) The long-term benefits that can be derived from this project include:
 - i) A reduction in potable water consumed in the region; and
 - ii) Improved ground and surface water quality in the region.

3. Deliverables:

Funding Source	Prior Funding	FY2013	FY2014	Total Funding
Applicant Share	\$100,000	96,100	96,100	\$ 292,200
SWFWMD	\$100,000	96,100	96,100	\$ 292,200
Total	\$200,000	192,200	192,200	\$ 584,400

Irrigation Audits Begin	January 1, 2017
Irrigation Incentive Begin	January 1, 2017
Irrigation Audits End	December 31, 2017
Follow-ups Begin	January 1, 2018
Irrigation Incentive Ends	January 1, 2018
Follow-ups End	January 1, 2019
Final Report	May 1, 2019

Item 8.
CAB Wellfield

Item 8. Charles A. Black Wellfield Contract for Water Supply . . . Richard Owen, WRWSA

The purpose of this item is to reacquaint the Board with the existing agreements between the Authority and Citrus County governing the Charles A. Black (CAB) wellfield and the need to enter into a new agreement.

There are currently several agreements between Citrus County and the Authority governing the CAB wellfields. These include the *Joint Use, Operation and Management Agreement* and the *Contract for Water Supply*, both executed on August 22, 1989. The former was amended four times, while the latter was amended once. The *Contract for Water Supply* (Agreement) is the most pertinent in terms of the need to be updated or entirely replaced. There are a number of provisions in the existing Agreement that are out of date and no longer pertinent. Most importantly, under the Agreement, the County's initial annual entitlement to water from the facilities was 2 million gallons per day (mgd). The Agreement states that when this quantity of water was reached, the Agreement was to be amended to reflect this higher use. Although the County's use of water from the CAB wellfield has exceeded this 2 mgd consistently since the mid-1990's, the Agreement has not been amended. In recent years the County has been pumping in excess of 4.0 mgd and this amount is expected to increase in the future as population growth continues, and through the potential expansion of the CAB service area.

The County and the Authority began discussions of revising or replacing the Agreement as early as April, 2011. New draft Agreement terms have been discussed at the staff level but for a variety of reasons further discussions have been postponed until recently.

The original Agreement was based on the need for Citrus County to grow its customer base, whereby special accommodations were made for the initial payments to the Authority to be reduced and increased over time as the County gained more customers and water sales. Rather than a customary wholesale rate per 1,000 gallons of water produced, the County was charged a discounted bulk water rate. The current cost to the County for water from the CAB wellfield includes a project facility charge in the amount of \$163,000 per year as a means to repay to the Authority the capital costs of the CAB facilities. These funds are available for the Authority to fund new water supply projects. The County also pays a fixed amount of \$60,000 per year for a portion of the Authority's administrative costs. Finally, the County contributes to a Replacement and Renewal (R&R) fund in the annual amount of \$144,000. Total annual costs (amortization, administrative and R&R) to the County for CAB water are \$367,000. Citrus County in turn sells the water from the CAB facilities to its approximately 12,000 residential customers, other types of customers within the CAB service area and the Ozello Water Association.

Conditions have significantly changed since the original Agreement was executed. Most importantly, Citrus County has grown its customer base and expanded its water use from the CAB wellfields significantly over the past 25-years, including selling water to the Ozello Water Association and the City of Crystal River. Potential future expansion of the CAB service area, such as in sections of northwest Citrus County, and interconnection with other County facilities could cause an increase in future demand for CAB wellfield water.

County and Authority staff have developed a draft new Agreement that would replace key provisions of the existing agreements. The new agreement will address operation, maintenance, capital facility replacement funds, water rates and payments. The schedule for completing the new agreement is to allow sufficient time for the County and the Authority to incorporate these changes as they prepare their respective 2016-17 fiscal year budgets. This schedule will require approval of the new agreement in the January – March 2016 time frame.

Key provisions of the draft new agreement include:

- The County continues to be responsible for operation and maintenance of the CAB facilities;
- The current amortization and administration fixed payments are replaced with a volume-based, per-thousand gallons charge;
- The County continues to make contributions to the R&R fund, but at a significantly reduced rate based upon experience to-date and the latest CAB Engineering Evaluation report;
- The R&R fund is transferred to the Authority for administration and future County R&R payments are made to the Authority for inclusion in the R&R fund;
- The County would notify the Authority in advance for anticipated utilization of R&R funds and would request reimbursement of costs incurred. The Authority in-turn would review the request to determine whether it was an eligible for cost recovery from the R&R fund; and
- Total costs to the County (amortization, administration and R&R combined) will remain relatively stable in the initial transition to the volume-based rate.

Staff will provide the Board with further information on the current Agreement, the various aspects that have become out-of-date and need to be amended or replaced, and key components of the proposed new purchase agreement. The staff presentation is included as an Exhibit to this item.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board concur with the major provisions of the proposed new agreement as outlined above and further explained at the meeting and to direct staff to continue working with Citrus County staff to finalize the new agreement for Board consideration at a future meeting in early 2016.

See Exhibit.



**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

Charles A. Black Wellfield

Overview of Presentation

- Why was the CAB Water Supply Facility (WSF) built?
- How were the facilities funded and constructed?
- How was the Citrus/Authority Agreement negotiated?
- What does the revenue stream from the CAB WSF mean to the Authority's future?
- Board actions taken to-date.
- Recommendations for future action.

Citrus County's Master Water Plan

- Citrus County prepared a Master Water & Sewer Plan in 1986-87 to create a County water supply system.
- County had 2 small water supply facilities donated by DRI developers – Meadowcrest and Hampton Hills.
- Both water supply facilities were sized to serve only the DRI developments – not capable of serving large portions of the County.
- The County wanted to develop its own utility and serve customers throughout the County.

SWFWMD Seed Money

- **SWFWMD** was striving to promote regional water supply authorities to work with the District to handle local water supply problems.
- The **Authority** had been trying to partner with its member counties to establish a water supply facility to efficiently and effectively meet member government needs while also making itself more financially self-sufficient.
- **Citrus County** needed a large investment in its water infrastructure in order to expand its customer base.

Seed Money Agreements

- 1987 interlocal agreement between WRWSA & SWFWMD for grant to construct a facility at the existing Hampton Hills site for seed money to help make Authority more self-sufficient.
- 1989 Interlocal Agreement between Citrus & WRWSA for County to purchase bulk water to pay back cost of facility built by Authority.
- 1989 Citrus/WRWSA Interlocal Agreement also allowed County to operate and maintain the facility and required the County to establish a Renewal & Replacement (R&R) fund for Authority's facilities.

Citrus Wellfield

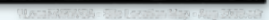
- Citrus Water Supply Facility dedicated and named the Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility
- SWFWMD grant of \$350,000 for design
- Facilities built with grant of \$4.7 million from SWFWMD Basin Boards as seed money to the Authority for future projects
- Constructed from 1988 to 1992 in four phases

CAB 1 & 2 Wellfield Facilities

- Total of 7 wells (3 @ 12", 2 @ 16", 2 @ 24")
- County transferred 2 existing wells to WSA.
- Total capacity of 19.2 mgd.
- WUP quantity at 4.597 mgd average.
- Two 4mg ground storage tanks.
- Hi-svc pumps.

CAB 1 & 2 Wellfield Facilities (cont.)

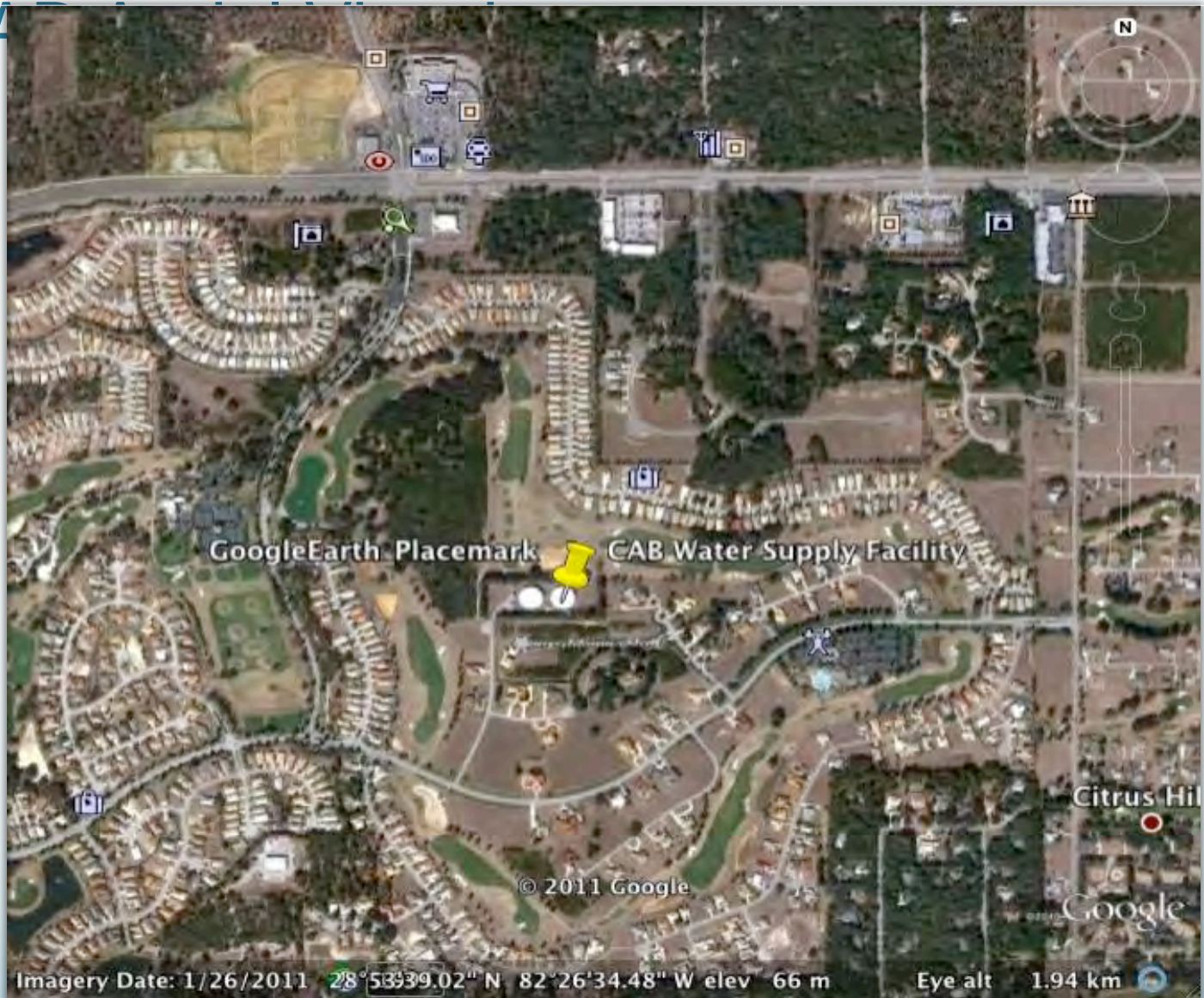
- Water treatment plant.
- 18" interconnect from Hampton Hills to Meadowcrest, upgraded by County to 24".
- Location of CAB 1 on highest point in Citrus County (200 ft.); with 8 mg of ground storage, plant can provide County's water needs for 30 hours with total loss of electric power through gravity feed.



CAB FACILITIES

CAB #1, #2 and 18" INTERCONNECT

CAB



CAB WATER FACILITY IN HAMPTON HILLS

wrwsa.org

CAB Facilities



CAB WTP #1 Office and Chemical Storage Facilities



CAB WTP #1



CAB WTP #1 Ground Storage and Distribution



CAB WTP #2 Facilities

wrwsa.org

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

COST OF DESIGN AND FACILITIES BY YEAR - FY1988-1992

	FY 88	FY 89 & FY90	FY 91	FY 92	TOTALS
DESIGN GRANT	\$350,000				\$350,000
WELLS		\$75,280	\$214,000	\$362,916	\$652,196
PLANT		\$451,349	\$431,651	\$46,860	\$929,860
PIPING		\$869,508	\$54,176	\$76,520	\$1,000,204
GROUND STORAGE		\$597,943	\$0	\$585,361	\$1,183,304
ENGINEERING/ CONSTRUCTION		\$74,615	\$105,190	\$25,000	\$204,805
OTHER		\$433,663	\$144,983	\$178,343	\$731,610
TOTALS	\$350,000	\$2,502,358	\$950,000	\$1,275,000	\$5,051,979
LESS \$350,000 AS A GRANT FROM SWFWMD FOR DESIGN					<u>-\$350,000</u>
TOTAL TO BE REPAID BY CITRUS COUNTY					<u>\$4,701,979</u>

Negotiations

- SWFWMD would provide seed money, but **facilities must belong to the Authority.**
- The cost of the facility would be **paid back to the Authority, but at 0% interest over 30 years.**
- An additional **5 years was added** to accommodate a second 4 mg ground storage tank.
- Citrus wanted a **break on payback on the front end** to allow County to build its customer base.
- The **County** wanted **to operate the facility** since the Authority had no staff and to avoid County layoffs.

Negotiations (cont.)

- County wanted **first “dibs” on water** coming from the wells and to **serve other governmental entities** in the County.
- Payment was to be based on sale of water, but **County did not have a large enough customer base** to develop a cost per 1,000 gallons without raising water rates.
- Interim payment stream was developed based on **amortization of capital cost of plant plus an additional administrative charge** for the Authority.

Citrus County's Entitlement

- The County's water entitlement was 2 mgd average and 6 mgd maximum.
- An increase in its entitlement was subject to amendment of the contract. If no amendment occurred, the first year entitlement would remain in place.

Payback Accommodation

- First 5 years (92-97) Authority reduced payments by 50% with 10% increase each year to help Citrus achieve customer base.
- Since 1997 Citrus has paid Authority \$163,587/year in plant cost amortization and a small annual administrative fee.
- Cost for CAB facility on open bond market would have been >\$8 million and greatly increased water rates.

Developments Over Time

- **County has received and used all of the water production** from the wellfield to expand its customer base.
- **County has contracted with additional entities** to provide service or to provide standby capacity (e.g., Ozello Water Association and City of Crystal River).
- As development in Citrus County proceeds, **additional capacity from CAB may be required.**

CAB Facility Critical to Future Revenue Needs

- Authority receives \$223,587 annually from CAB amortization through 2021. Current member annual assessment fees are @ \$145,000.
- Total funding for Authority is approximately \$368,000 annually (not including cooperative project matching funds).
- Currently, \$130,000± annually is allocated for local grants for water conservation, leaving \$238,000 to administer the Authority. Does not include matching funds for other projects (e.g., Irrigation Audit, RWSP, etc.)

CAB Facility Critical to Future Revenue Needs (cont.)

- Reserves are \$1.3 million± and have decreased slightly over the recent past.
- In 10 years, the CAB amortization will be essentially complete, removing one of the Authority's main source of funds.

CENTRAL CITRUS WELLFIELD FACILITY									
AMORTIZATION COST RECOVERY AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE									
Year	Funding Year 1-3 Amort.	System Util. Adjustment	Tot. Amort. Cost	Gen+Admin Expense	Funding Year 4 Amort.	Total Annual Pmt	Total Am't Remaining	Cumulative Capt Recapture	Year
1992	\$114,233	(\$57,117)	\$57,116	\$25,400		\$82,516	\$6,050,327	\$57,116	1992
1993	\$114,233	(\$45,693)	\$68,540	\$26,670		\$95,210	\$5,955,117	\$125,656	1993
1994	\$114,233	(\$34,270)	\$79,963	\$28,004		\$107,967	\$5,847,150	\$205,619	1994
1995	\$114,233	(\$22,847)	\$91,386	\$29,403		\$120,789	\$5,726,361	\$297,005	1995
1996	\$114,233	(\$11,423)	\$102,810	\$30,874		\$133,684	\$5,592,677	\$399,815	1996
1997	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$32,416	\$42,500	\$196,003	\$5,396,674	\$563,402	1997
1998	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$34,037	\$42,500	\$197,624	\$5,199,050	\$726,989	1998
1999	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$35,739	\$42,500	\$199,326	\$4,999,724	\$890,576	1999
2000	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$37,526	\$42,500	\$201,113	\$4,798,611	\$1,054,163	2000
2001	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$39,403	\$42,500	\$202,990	\$4,595,621	\$1,217,750	2001
2002	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$41,372	\$42,500	\$204,959	\$4,390,662	\$1,381,337	2002
2003	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$43,441	\$42,500	\$207,028	\$4,183,634	\$1,544,924	2003
2004	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$45,613	\$42,500	\$209,200	\$3,974,434	\$1,708,511	2004
2005	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$47,893	\$42,500	\$211,480	\$3,762,954	\$1,872,098	2005
2006	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$50,289	\$42,500	\$213,876	\$3,549,078	\$2,035,685	2006
2007	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$52,408	\$42,500	\$215,995	\$3,333,083	\$2,199,272	2007
2008	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$54,528	\$42,500	\$218,115	\$3,114,968	\$2,362,859	2008
2009	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$56,755	\$42,500	\$220,342	\$2,894,626	\$2,526,446	2009
2010	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$59,093	\$42,500	\$222,680	\$2,671,946	\$2,690,033	2010
2011	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$2,448,359	\$2,853,620	2011
2012	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$2,224,772	\$3,017,207	2012
2013	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$2,001,185	\$3,180,794	2013
2014	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$1,777,598	\$3,344,381	2014
2015	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$1,554,011	\$3,507,968	2015
2016	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$1,330,424	\$3,671,555	2016
2017	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$1,106,837	\$3,835,142	2017
2018	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$883,250	\$3,998,729	2018
2019	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$659,663	\$4,162,316	2019
2020	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$436,076	\$4,325,903	2020
2021	\$114,222	\$6,854	\$121,076	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,576	\$212,500	\$4,489,479	2021
2022					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$170,000	\$4,531,979	2022
2023					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$127,500	\$4,574,479	2023
2024					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$85,000	\$4,616,979	2024
2025					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$4,659,479	2025
2026					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$0	\$4,701,979	2026
TOTALS	\$3,426,979	\$0	\$3,426,979	\$1,430,864	\$1,275,000	\$6,132,843			

Future Authority Funding Needs

- Develop and fund water conservation programs.
- Assist member governments in water supply planning and permitting.
- Monitor and provide input to MFLs, funding for hydro-geologic studies.
- Update Regional Water Supply Plan.
- Continue to develop long-range programs to develop and utilize traditional as well as alternative water supply sources.
- Monitor water supply planning and development of adjacent regions.

Renegotiation of Project Facility Charge

- 8/22/89 Citrus County & WRWSA Interlocal provides for a renegotiation of the PFC, based upon
- Reflection of an accurate consumption level of the County's customer base, if an increase does not substantially affect the County's rates, or
- Whether the Authority may need an increase in its general administrative cost as associated with the Citrus County Wellfield Project.

Contract vs. Current Use

- 1989 Interlocal Agreement provides a **2 mgd average and 6 mgd maximum daily use** entitlement for the County.
- Consumption has been well above that entitlement for many years without being renegotiated – approximately at **4.0–4.5± mgd average daily use**.
- CAB facilities currently permitted at 4.597 mgd average and 6.574 mgd maximum.

Past Board Directions

- Directed staff to review CAB Project Facility Charge Agreement with Citrus County and recommend future modifications that may need to be made. (Action: April 20, 2011 Board meeting)
- Approved placing Purvis Gray & Co. under contract to help staff and Citrus County develop recommendations on modifying current Project Facility Charge Agreement. (Action: October 19, 2011 Board meeting)
- Retained Cardno TBE to prepare an Engineering Evaluation Report for the CAB Facilities, including the R&R fund. (Action: April 18, 2012 Board meeting)

Past Board Directions (cont.)

- Accepted the Engineering Evaluation Report for the CAB Facilities prepared by Cardno TBE. (Action: January 2013 Board meeting)
- Received reports from Citrus County on the potential use of the R&R funds for replacement of backup generators. (Action: May 2014 and January 2015 Board meetings)

Recommended Contract

Major Provisions

- Citrus County continues to be responsible for operation and maintenance of the CAB facilities.
- The current amortization and administration fixed payments are replaced with a volume-based, per-thousand gallons charge.
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Recommended Contract

Major Provisions (cont.)

- The R&R fund is transferred to the Authority for administration and future County R&R payments are made to the Authority for inclusion in the R&R fund.
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- Total costs to Citrus County (amortization, administration and R&R combined) are to remain relatively stable in the transition to the volume-based rate.

Staff Recommendations

- Board concurrence with the major components of the proposed new purchase agreement with Citrus County.
- Board direction to staff to continue negotiating with Citrus County for a mutually acceptable new Water Supply Contract.

Questions and Comments

Item 9.
Board Policy

Item 9. Board Policy – Charges for Copying and Electronic Information

The purpose of this item is for the Board to adopt a new Board policy entitled “Charges for Copying and Electronic Information.” The benefit of adopting a policy will be to provide clarity and consistency to the Board and staff as to when and how much to charge for the costs associated with providing copies of Authority documents. Staff is seeking any input from the Board on the draft policy. A copy of the draft policy is included as an Exhibit. This Policy, if approved by the Board, will replace previous guidance on copying charges, including (1) *Memorandum dated March 7, 1995 from Jack Sullivan re: Copying Policy* and (2) *Resolution No. 2010-02, Location of Public Records and The Charging for Copies Thereof*. Copies of these previous documents are also included as Exhibits for the Board’s information.

The following table summarizes Board Policies adopted to date and potential topics for future consideration.

NUMBER	TOPIC	LAST ADOPTED
ADOPTED Board Policies		
2015-01	Election of Board Officers	January 21, 2015
2015-02	Conduct of Board Meetings	January 21, 2015
2015-03	Responsibilities of Officers and Members	March 18, 2015
2015-04	Alternate Board Members	May 20, 2015
PROPOSED Board Policy		
2015-05	Charges for Copying and Electronic Information	

Potential Topics for Future Consideration		
	Investment	
	Expenditure of Authority Funds	
	Direct Deposit of Funds	
	Accounting Policies and Procedures	
	Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program	
	Travel Policy	

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board adopt Board Policy 2015-05, Charges for Copying and Electronic Information, as shown in Exhibit A.

See Exhibits:

- A. Proposed Board Policy – Charges for Copying and Electronic Information
- B. Memorandum dated March 7, 1995 from Jack Sullivan re: Copying Policy
- C. Resolution No. 2010-02, Location of Public Records and The Charging for Copies Thereof

BOARD POLICY WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY			
TITLE:	CHARGES FOR COPYING AND ELECTRONIC INFORMATION		
NUMBER	2015-4		PAGE: 1 OF 1
APPROVED BY:	_____ AL BUTLER, CHAIR	EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/16/2015	SUPERSEDES: Memorandum dated March 7, 1995 and Resolution No. 2010-02

The purpose of this Policy is to set forth the fees the Authority will charge for copying and for providing electronic information. Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, governs the fees the Authority may charge for copying documents and for providing electronic information. Based upon these statutory provisions, the Authority will charge for copying and otherwise providing information as follows:

Copying Charges

- No charges for up to 10 pages of documents that are up to 8.5 inches by 14 inches in size.
- No charges to other governmental agencies, regardless of the document size, unless the cost to the Authority will exceed, when combined with other copying costs incurred to-date and projected copying costs, the annual copying budget. In such cases the actual cost incurred, up to the amounts specified below, will be charged.
- Charges for documents greater than 10 pages are as follows (note: charges are assessed for all pages, including the first 10 pages):
 - \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies up to 8.5 inches by 14 inches in size.
 - \$0.05 additional for two-sided copies up to 8.5 inches by 14 inches in size.
 - For copies of documents larger than 8.5 inches by 14 inches, the actual cost of duplication plus any reasonable labor and travel costs associated with the duplication.

Electronic Files

- No charge for providing electronic files when the requestor provides the media on which the files are to be stored. When the Authority provides the storage media, a charge will be assessed for the actual cost of the storage media.

If the nature or volume of public records requested to be inspected or copied is such as to require extensive use of Authority information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, or both, the Authority may charge, in addition to the actual cost of duplication, a special service charge, which shall be reasonable and shall be based on the cost incurred for such extensive use of information technology resources or the labor cost of the personnel providing the service that is actually incurred by the Authority or attributable to the Authority for the clerical and supervisory assistance required, or both.

The Executive Director may, based upon the specific circumstances of a particular copying or information request, modify the above charges, as long as such modifications are consistent with Chapter 119.07, Florida Statutes.

AUTHORITY: Chapter 373, Florida Statutes
Chapter 119.07, Florida Statutes

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated March 7, 1995 from Jack Sullivan re: Copying Policy
Resolution No. 2010-02, Location of Public Records and The Charging for
Copies Thereof

**MEMORANDUM**

March 7, 1995

To: Board of Directors, WRWSA
From: Jack Sullivan, Executive Director
Re: Copying Policy

Because of recent requests for significant amounts of administrative information from various sources, I have become concerned about the copying costs plus the amount of clerical time needed to fill some of these requests. For example, during January and February, I had two different major requests for information. The largest was for records of individual travel sheets for all Board members and myself, budgets and audits for the past five years, contracts, interlocal agreements and our Regional Master Plan. It took my secretary three hours to assemble the information and copy it. In the past, we have never had such requests and never saw the need for a policy on copying. However, I feel that to conserve our copying budget of \$1,300 for the year, we need to recover at least some of the copying costs associated with such requests.

Section 119.07, Florida Statutes allows for the following costs to be charged for information:

- Actual costs up to 15¢ per one-sided copy (8 1/2 x 14)
- No more than an additional 5¢ per two sided copy
- Actual cost = cost of materials and supplies but not labor.
- For copies of documents larger than 8 1/2 x 14, the actual cost of duplication plus any reasonable labor cost and overhead associated with duplication.
- Any document that requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance may charge a special service charge based on the actual cost incurred in the use of the technology or clerical/supervisory assistance.

Since the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council (WRPC) maintains our official signed documents, I called them to find out their policy regarding copying requests. It is as follows:

- Under 10 pages - no cost
- Over 10 pages - 10¢ per page
- If research is required beyond one hour to assemble the data, a labor charge for the time spent is levied.
- Costs are levied to all requests regardless of whether it is an individual or a government agency.

Because of the extensive amount of networking we do with other agencies and individuals, I think we need to be sensitive to this fact in how we charge fees. My concern is recapturing costs that are unusually large and time consuming, therefore, I would recommend the following:

1. No cost to other governmental agency requests unless the request is unusually large;
2. First 10 pages to anyone, no cost;
3. If more than 10 pages, 10¢ per page for 8 1/2 x 11 or 14 sized pages; actual cost for other copying such as maps, etc.
4. Any clerical time required beyond one hour to assemble or copy information will be charged at the hourly rate of the employee involved;
5. No charge for Board Packages.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 2

A RESOLUTION OF THE WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY ("AUTHORITY") DECLARING ITS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS AND THE CHARGING FOR COPIES THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, ("Authority"), stores its public records at several locations, those being the Hernando County Public Records Depository, the Authority's offices in the District Headquarters of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the office of the Executive Director located in Tallahassee, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to establish the fees charged to the general public requesting copies of public records of the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, due to the location of the Authority's public records, several different fees may be charged due to the fact that they are stored by different governmental agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, ("Authority"), at its regular meeting on the 15th day of September, 2010, as follows:

1. All records of the Authority stored at the Hernando County Public Records Depository shall be available to the public for inspection and, if copies are desired, the cost of said copies would be equal to whatever rate is charged by Hernando County for copies at their records depository facility. All funds collected by Hernando County for copying the records of the Authority shall be considered funds of Hernando County and not that of the Authority.

2. All records of the Authority held at the Authority's office located at the District Office of the Southwest Florida Water Management District shall be available to the public for inspection and, if copies are desired, the cost of said copies would be equal to whatever rate is charged by the Southwest Florida Water Management District for copies at their facility. All funds received by the Southwest Florida Water Management District from the copying of the Authority's records shall be considered the revenue of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and not that of the Authority.

3. All public records of the Authority held in the possession of the Executive Director shall be open to inspection and should a member of the public desire copies thereof said copies shall be provided free of charge. Any cost of duplication for said copies shall be borne by the Authority.

4. Elected officials of any of the member counties and cities of the Authority, as well as their managers, administrators and department heads, shall receive copies of the Authority's records free of charge. Any cost of duplication for said copies shall be borne by the Authority.

DONE AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2010.

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER
SUPPLY AUTHORITY

By:


RICHARD HOFFMAN
Chairperson

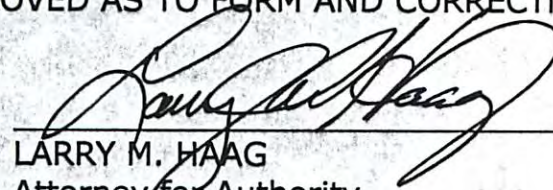
ATTEST:

By:


JACKSON E. SULLIVAN
Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

By:


LARRY M. HAAG
Attorney for Authority

Item 10.a.
Bills to be Paid

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228
Lecanto, Florida 34461

Bills For Payment
8/17/2015

<u>Administrative Invoices</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richard S. Owen, AICP	2015-07	8/3/2015	\$6,822.21
Nancy Smith, Administrative Assistant	2015-07	8/6/2015	\$3,125.00
C. LuAnne Stout, Administrative Assistant	001-Jul-2015	8/1/2015	\$2,163.46
Haag, Friedrich & Williams, PA	31101-31102	7/28/2015	\$858.24
Diane Salz - Monthly Contract fee	#073115	7/31/2015	\$3,500.00
Diane Salz - Travel	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/15/2015	\$191.98
Diane Salz - Env Permitting Summer School	Travel	7/15/2015	\$971.10
Al Butler - Board Member Travel	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/15/2015	\$27.59
Gary Ernst - Board Member Travel	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/15/2015	\$36.49
Karen Allen, Web Maintenance	#0065	8/10/2015	\$75.00
Wayne Hohl, Tech Support (PC Replacement Prj)	15081	8/6/2015	\$1,140.00
FL Dept of State - Advertising Aug Mtg Canceled	600258	7/28/2015	\$38.08
Sun Trust Business Card Statement (see attached)	08.02.15	8/2/2015	\$96.77
Total Administrative Invoices			\$19,045.92

<u>Water Supply Studies and Facilities (FY 14-15)</u>	<u>Contract/Budget</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Current Invoice</u>
General Services Contract	\$75,000.00	\$47,645.76	
Work Order 14-03. Water Resource Associates	\$27,354.24	\$16,096.45	\$1,024.45 (1)
FY14-15 Local Government Water Supply Projects			
Citrus Water Conservation Pgm	\$40,250.00	\$17,178.35	\$3,956.87 (2)
Hernando Water Conservation Pgm	\$48,150.00	\$48,150.00	\$0.00
Marion Water Conservation Pgm	\$32,350.00	\$32,350.00	\$0.00
Phase 2 Irrigation Program (2013-2015)	\$69,584.00	\$66,784.00	\$100.00 (3)
Phase 3 Irrigation Program	\$57,000.00	\$23,280.65	\$5,065.00 (4)
Purvis Gray CAB Rate Analysis Work Order	\$12,000.00	\$9,900.00	\$0.00
Total FY 14-15	\$334,334.00	\$245,288.76	\$10,146.32

Total Bills to be Paid	\$29,192.24
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State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA2 to SBA1	\$10,146.32
State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA1 to SunTrust Bank	\$29,192.00

Notes:

(1) WRA - WO 14-03	\$1,024.45	Invoice 15-1000.6
(2) Citrus Co - Local Gov't Water Supply Funding Assistance Program (Grant):	\$3,956.87	Invoice CCU 15-03
(3) Reinspection - Jack Overdorff:	\$100.00	Invoice 199
(4) Breakdown of charges for Phase 3		
Jack Overdorff, evaluations:	\$4,565.00	Invoice 198
C. LuAnne Stout, administration:	\$500.00	Invoice 2015-N640-07

Item 10.b.
Public Officials Liability Policy



**Professional
Governmental
Underwriters, Inc.**
The Authority.

- ☐ Darwin National Assurance Company
☐ Allied World Surplus Lines Insurance Company

THIS IS AN APPLICATION FOR A CLAIMS MADE POLICY WHICH APPLIES ONLY TO CLAIMS FIRST MADE DURING THE POLICY PERIOD OR ANY EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD. DEFENSE EXPENSES WILL BE APPLIED AGAINST THE RETENTION AMOUNT.

**CLAIMS MADE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY
RENEWAL APPLICATION**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Legal name of entity: Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Current Population: 754,469
Street address : 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228
City: Lecanto State: FL Zip: 34461
County: Citrus FEIN number _____

Human Resource Contact (Name) See attachment for explanation of WRWSA organization and staffing
(Phone Number) 352-527-5796

2. Within the last 12 months have any of the following taken place?
a. Grand Jury investigations into activities of any official or employee. ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "yes" provide details.
b. Indictment of any official or employee. ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "yes" provide details.

3. Provide revenues and expenditures for the most recent fiscal year.
Provide an explanation for any deficit or large surplus.

FISCAL YEAR	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	SURPLUS (+)/ DEFICIT (-)	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/ DEFICIT
2013-14	\$467,694	\$706,202	-\$238,508	+ \$2,714,339 net position

4. Current bond rating (Standard & Poor's or Moody's): N/A

II. CLAIMS HISTORY

1. Check here if there have been no claims made against the public entity during the last 12 months. ☒
2. Does any official or employee have knowledge of acts, errors, and/or omissions that might reasonably give rise to a claim or suit? ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. a. Check the boxes which describe the types of complaints/disputes the public entity has received during the last 12 months.
☐ Zoning ☐ Permits Issuance ☐ Sex Harassment ☐ Termination ☐ Equal Pay
☐ Suspension ☐ Discrimination ☐ Land Use ☐ License Issuance ☐ Variances
☐ Promotion ☐ Demotion ☐ Hiring ☐ Segregation
b. Have such complaints/disputes been reported to us? ☐ Yes ☐ No

III. PUBLIC OFFICIALS INFORMATION

1. Check the boxes which with services provided or activities performed by the public entity.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department | <input type="checkbox"/> License Issuance | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Utility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Assessment/ Collection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Port Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Landfill | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water/ Sewer Utility | <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital/ Nursing Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permits Issuance | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utility | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daycare | | |

Any new services provided or activities performed during the last 12 months which were not declared on the application of the expiring policy require completion of applicable portions pages 2-3 of the main Application Form POL 1010 (2/2012).

IV. EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES INFORMATION

1. Total number of employees: Full time: 0 Part time: 0 Seasonal: 0
2. Have any of the following taken place during the last 5 years?
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|--|---|------------------------|----------|
| A. Strike, slowdown or other disruption? | | Provide # of Incidents | <u>0</u> |
| B. Layoff or reduction in staff? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Provide # of Incidents | <u>0</u> |
| C. Employee suspensions? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Provide # of Incidents | <u>0</u> |
| D. Employee terminations/dismissals? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Provide # of Incidents | <u>0</u> |
| E. Employee transfers? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Provide # of Incidents | <u>0</u> |
| F. Non-renewal of employment contracts? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Provide # of Incidents | <u>0</u> |
| G. Employee termination? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Provide # of Incidents | <u>0</u> |
| H. Administrative appeals? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Provide # of Incidents | <u>0</u> |
| I. Formal Grievances? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Provide # of Incidents | <u>0</u> |

Provide explanation on a separate sheet of paper for any "yes" response to questions 2A-I.

3. Personnel policies and procedures been reviewed by legal counsel within the last 12 months? NA
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Have supervisors and/or employees received employment practices training during the last 12 months? NA
☐ Yes ☐ No

V. IMPORTANT NOTICES; AUTHORIZED ENTITY REPRESENTATIVE

This application is for Claims-Made coverage. Upon receipt, read the policy carefully.

THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, PARTNER, DIRECTOR OR OFFICER AGREES THAT IF THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED ON THIS APPLICATION CHANGES BETWEEN THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS EXECUTED AND THE TIME THE PROPOSED INSURANCE POLICY IS BOUND OR COVERAGE COMMENCES, THE NAMED INSURED WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE INSURER IN WRITING OF SUCH CHANGES. THE INSURER RESERVES ITS RIGHTS TO MODIFY OR WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSAL.

THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS ON BEHALF OF THE NAMED INSURED AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR WHOM INSURANCE IS BEING SOUGHT THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND AFTER DILIGENT INQUIRY, THE STATEMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS APPLICATION AND ANY ATTACHMENTS HERETO ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STATEMENTS IN THIS APPLICATION, INCLUDING MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO OR OBTAINED BY THE INSURER, ARE MATERIAL TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RISK, AND RELIED UPON BY THE INSURER.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS: "IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES MAY INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES OR A DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS."

NOTICE TO ALABAMA APPLICANTS: "ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT, OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO RESTITUTION FINES OR CONFINEMENT IN PRISON, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF."

NOTICE TO ARKANSAS APPLICANTS: “ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT, OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON.”

NOTICE TO COLORADO APPLICANTS: “IT IS UNLAWFUL TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING FACTS OR INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING OR ATTEMPTING TO DEFRAUD THE COMPANY. PENALTIES MAY INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES, DENIAL OF INSURANCE AND CIVIL DAMAGES. ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY WHO KNOWINGLY PROVIDES FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING FACTS OR INFORMATION TO A POLICYHOLDER OR CLAIMANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING OR ATTEMPTING TO DEFRAUD THE POLICYHOLDER OR CLAIMANT WITH REGARD TO A SETTLEMENT OR AWARD PAYABLE FROM INSURANCE PROCEEDS SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE COLORADO DIVISION OF INSURANCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.”

NOTICE TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPLICANTS: “WARNING: IT IS A CRIME TO PROVIDE FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURER FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE INSURER OR ANY OTHER PERSON. PENALTIES INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT AND/OR FINES. IN ADDITION, AN INSURER MAY DENY INSURANCE BENEFITS IF FALSE INFORMATION MATERIALLY RELATED TO A CLAIM WAS PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.”

NOTICE TO FLORIDA APPLICANTS: “ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO INJURE, DEFRAUD, OR DECEIVE ANY INSURER FILES A STATEMENT OF CLAIM OR AN APPLICATION CONTAINING ANY FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE.”

NOTICE TO HAWAII APPLICANTS: “FOR YOUR PROTECTION, HAWAII LAW REQUIRES YOU TO BE INFORMED THAT PRESENTING A FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OF BENEFIT IS A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY FINES OR IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH.”

NOTICE TO KENTUCKY APPLICANTS: “ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR OTHER PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION OR CONCEALS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO COMMITS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT, WHICH IS A CRIME.”

NOTICE TO LOUISIANA APPLICANTS: “ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON.”

NOTICE TO MAINE APPLICANTS: “IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES MAY INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES OR A DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS.”

NOTICE TO MARYLAND APPLICANTS: “ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY OR WILLFULLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR WHO KNOWINGLY OR WILLFULLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON.”

NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY APPLICANTS: “ANY PERSON WHO INCLUDES ANY FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN INSURANCE POLICY IS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES.”

NOTICE TO NEW MEXICO APPLICANTS: “ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL FINES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.”

NOTICE TO OHIO APPLICANTS: “ANY PERSON WHO, WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD OR KNOWING THAT HE IS FACILITATING A FRAUD AGAINST AN INSURER, SUBMITS AN APPLICATION OR FILES A CLAIM CONTAINING A FALSE OR DECEPTIVE STATEMENT IS GUILTY OF INSURANCE FRAUD.”

NOTICE TO OKLAHOMA APPLICANTS: “WARNING: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY, AND WITH INTENT TO INJURE, DEFRAUD OR DECEIVE ANY INSURER, MAKES ANY CLAIM FOR THE PROCEEDS OF AN INSURANCE POLICY CONTAINING ANY FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY (365:15-1-10, 36 §3613.1).”

NOTICE TO OREGON APPLICANTS: “ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD OR SOLICIT ANOTHER TO DEFRAUD AN INSURER: (1) BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION, OR (2) BY FILING A CLAIM CONTAINING A FALSE STATEMENT AS TO ANY MATERIAL FACT, MAY BE VIOLATING STATE LAW.”

NOTICE TO PENNSYLVANIA APPLICANTS: "ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR OTHER PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE OR STATEMENT OF CLAIM CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION OR CONCEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO COMMITS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT, WHICH IS A CRIME AND SUBJECTS SUCH PERSON TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES."

NOTICE TO RHODE ISLAND APPLICANTS: "ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON."

NOTICE TO TENNESSEE APPLICANTS: "IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES AND DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS."

NOTICE TO TEXAS APPLICANTS: "ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR THE PAYMENT OF A LOSS IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN STATE PRISON."

NOTICE TO VERMONT APPLICANTS: "ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE MAY BE GUILTY OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND SUBJECT TO PENALTIES UNDER STATE LAW."

NOTICE TO VIRGINIA APPLICANTS: "IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES AND DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS."

NOTICE TO WASHINGTON APPLICANTS: "IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES AND DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS."

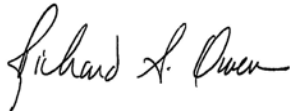
NOTICE TO WEST VIRGINIA: "ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON."

NOTICE TO NEW YORK APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO, KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD ANY INSURANCE COMPANY, OR OTHER PERSON, FILES AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE OR STATEMENT OF CLAIM CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION, OR CONCEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO, COMMITS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT, WHICH IS A CRIME, AND SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THE STATED VALUE OF THE CLAIM FOR EACH SUCH VIOLATION.

1. Provide the name and title of the individual designated to receive any and all notices from the insurer concerning any policy issued as a result of this application.

Name	<u>Richard S. Owen</u>
Title	<u>Executive Director</u>

2. Attestation: The authorized signer of this application attests to the best of his/her knowledge that statements set forth herein are true; that no fact, circumstance nor situation indicating the probability of a claim or action now known to any entity, official, or employee has not been declared; and it is agreed by all concerned that omission of such information shall exclude any such claim or action from coverage under the insurance being applied for. It is further acknowledged that the signing of this application does not bind the signer to purchase the insurance. However, it is agreed that this Application shall be the basis of the contract and any policy which might be issued.



Authorized Signatory of Entity

August 12, 2015

Date

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director
Print Name and Title

Use this space to provide details for any responses which require further explanation.

#3. The values shown here are for the Operating Budget and do not include reserves or capital assets. The operating deficit shown for FY2013-14 in the amount of \$238,508 was driven primarily by project-related costs incurred during the year and depreciation of plant equipment at the Charles A. Black facilities. The operating deficit was funded by the utilization of reserves. Net position of the Authority was a positive \$2,714,339 at the end of the fiscal year.

ATTACHMENT
To
Claims-Made Public Official & Employment Practices Liability Application

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Statement of Agency Organization

- (1) The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority) is an independent special district authorized by section 373.1962, Florida Statutes (F.S.), as subsequently reenacted in section 373.713, F.S., and created by an interlocal agreement executed pursuant to section 163.01, F.S., in 1977, amended in 1984 and as expressed in the Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement approved in 2014.
- (2) The Board of Directors (Board) of the Authority consists of Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties and a municipal representative from each member county. Each representative is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governing bodies of the parties. Members of the Board serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in Section 112.016, F.S. The Board's officers consist of a chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer, each of whom serve for a term of one year, or until their respective successor is elected and qualified. The Board is vested with all of the powers of the Authority. The Executive Director serves as the Secretary to the Board.
- (3) The Authority has no employees. Staffing needs are provided by contract with:
 - Richard S. Owen, Executive Director;
 - Larry M. Haag, Attorney;
 - Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant;
 - Carolyn LuAnne Stout, Administrative Assistant;
 - Purvis Gray & Company, Accountant; and
 - Other technical and engineering consultants on an as-needed basis.

Item 10.c.
Third Quarter Financial Report

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To The Governing Board
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Ocala, Florida

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (the Authority), an Independent Special District, as of and for the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2015. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management of the Authority is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist the management of the Authority in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and the statement of cash flows as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures and the statement of cash flows were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Authority's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information. The supplementary information has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the supplementary information.

Purvis, Gray and Company

September 1, 2015
Tallahassee, Florida

Certified Public Accountants

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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2015

Assets

Current Assets

Cash in Bank - SunTrust	\$ 1,721.18
Cash in Bank - LGIP	515,062.63
Cash in Bank - LGIP/Citrus Revenue	968,887.55
A/R - Villages	103.75
Prepaid Expense	<u>170.64</u>

Total Current Assets	1,485,945.75
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Property and Equipment

Equipment	3,728.84
Accum Deprec - Equipment	(1,947.10)
Citrus Co. Wellfield	4,895,231.21
Accum Deprec - Wellfield	<u>(3,589,839.29)</u>

Total Property and Equipment	1,307,173.66
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Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,793,119.41</u>
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Liabilities and Net Position

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable - Special Projects	\$ 1,955.00
Accounts Payable - General	<u>18,512.38</u>

Total Current Liabilities	20,467.38
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Net Position

Net Position - Unrestricted	2,714,339.16
Net Income	<u>58,312.87</u>

Total Net Position	<u>2,772,652.03</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 2,793,119.41</u>
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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Statement of Revenue and Expenses
For the Period Ended June 30, 2015

	3 months ended June 30, 2015	%	9 months ended June 30, 2015	%
Revenue				
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 6,676.00	6.55 %	\$ 20,028.00	7.03 %
Hernando Co. Assessments	8,256.00	8.11 %	24,768.00	8.69 %
Sumter Co. Assessments	4,992.50	4.90 %	14,977.50	5.26 %
Marion County Assessment	15,913.00	15.62 %	47,739.00	16.76 %
Interest Income - SBA Accounts	762.71	0.75 %	2,027.25	0.71 %
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	40,896.75	40.15 %	122,690.25	43.07 %
Citrus County Wlfld Admin Recov	15,000.00	14.73 %	45,000.00	15.80 %
Phase 2 SWFWMD MatchRegIrrAudit	812.50	0.80 %	912.50	0.32 %
LG Match Phase 2 Irr Audit Pgm	378.75	0.37 %	(1,435.00)	(0.50)%
Ph 3 Irrig Aud Pgm SWFWMD Match	8,170.68	8.02 %	8,170.68	2.87 %
Total Revenue	101,858.89	100.00 %	284,878.18	100.00 %
Operating Expenses				
Consulting Admin Asst	9,375.00	9.20 %	28,125.00	9.87 %
Executive Director	20,000.01	19.64 %	60,000.03	21.06 %
Advertising	38.22	0.04 %	106.82	0.04 %
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00 %	15.00	0.01 %
Lecanto Rent	0.00	0.00 %	2,047.68	0.72 %
Registration/Dues	650.00	0.64 %	1,188.00	0.42 %
Legal - Monthly Meeting	1,000.00	0.98 %	3,000.00	1.05 %
Legal - Other Services	802.66	0.79 %	3,408.38	1.20 %
Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00 %	2,362.68	0.83 %
Office Supplies	180.09	0.18 %	341.71	0.12 %
Printing & Reproduction	450.01	0.44 %	934.52	0.33 %
Postage	119.62	0.12 %	379.49	0.13 %
Audit	0.00	0.00 %	9,130.00	3.20 %
Bookkeeping/Financial Asst.	500.00	0.49 %	500.00	0.18 %
State Fees/Assessments	0.00	0.00 %	175.00	0.06 %
Web Page/Internet Services	4,204.88	4.13 %	4,807.76	1.69 %
Telephone	236.02	0.23 %	705.80	0.25 %
Travel	1,044.71	1.03 %	3,934.03	1.38 %
Contingency Funds	0.00	0.00 %	190.00	0.07 %
Legislative Consultant	10,500.00	10.31 %	31,500.00	11.06 %
FY12 Purvis Gray Rate Analysis	2,100.00	2.06 %	2,100.00	0.74 %
Phase 2 Irrigation Auditor	400.00	0.39 %	2,800.00	0.98 %
FY15 Local Govt Water Cons Proj	23,071.65	22.65 %	23,071.65	8.10 %
General Services Acct	720.00	0.71 %	11,257.79	3.95 %
Phase 3 Irrigation Audit Progra	11,918.00	11.70 %	34,483.97	12.10 %
Total Operating Expenses	87,310.87	85.72 %	226,565.31	79.53 %
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 14,548.02	14.28 %	\$ 58,312.87	20.47 %

ACCOMPANYING SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Budget to Actual
For the Period Ended June 30, 2015

	9 months ended June 30, 2015 Actual	9 months ended June 30, 2015 Budget	Variance Over/(Under) Budget	Annual Budget	Variance
Revenue					
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 20,028.00	\$ 20,028.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 26,704.00	\$ 0.00
Hernando Co. Assessments	24,768.00	24,768.00	0.00	33,024.00	0.00
Sumter Co. Assessments	14,977.50	14,977.50	0.00	19,970.00	0.00
Marion County Assessment	47,739.00	47,739.00	0.00	63,652.00	0.00
Interest Income - SBA Accounts	2,027.25	0.00	2,027.25	0.00	2,027.25
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	122,690.25	122,690.25	0.00	163,587.00	0.00
Citrus County Wifld Admin Recov	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00
Phase 2 SWFWMD MatchReglrrAudit	912.50	26,471.25	(25,558.75)	35,295.00	(25,558.75)
LG Match Phase 2 Irr Audit Pgm	(1,435.00)	2,875.50	(4,310.50)	3,834.00	(4,310.50)
Ph 3 Irrig Aud Pgm SWFWMD Match	8,170.68	21,375.00	(13,204.32)	28,500.00	(13,204.32)
Ph 3 Irrig Aud Pgm County Match	0.00	10,687.50	(10,687.50)	14,250.00	(10,687.50)
Total Revenue	284,878.18	336,612.00	(51,733.82)	448,816.00	(51,733.82)
Operating Expenses					
Consulting Admin Asst	28,125.00	29,774.98	(1,649.98)	39,700.00	(1,649.98)
Executive Director Richard Owen	60,000.03	60,000.01	0.02	80,000.00	0.02
Advertising	106.82	749.99	(643.17)	1,000.00	(643.17)
Lecanto Rent	2,047.68	1,536.00	511.68	2,048.00	511.68
Registration/Dues	1,188.00	1,500.00	(312.00)	2,000.00	(312.00)
Legal - Monthly Meeting	3,000.00	4,500.00	(1,500.00)	6,000.00	(1,500.00)
Legal - Other Services	3,408.38	10,500.01	(7,091.63)	14,000.01	(7,091.63)
Liability Insurance	2,362.68	1,732.50	630.18	2,310.00	630.18
Office Supplies	341.71	900.00	(558.29)	1,200.00	(558.29)
Printing & Reproduction	934.52	1,500.00	(565.48)	2,000.00	(565.48)
Postage	379.49	675.00	(295.51)	900.00	(295.51)
Audit	9,130.00	6,847.50	2,282.50	9,130.00	2,282.50
Bookkeeping/Financial Asst.	500.00	1,500.00	(1,000.00)	2,000.00	(1,000.00)
Publications/Software	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	200.00	(150.00)
State Fees/Assessments	175.00	131.25	43.75	175.00	43.75
Web Page/Internet Services	4,807.76	6,112.49	(1,304.73)	8,150.00	(1,304.73)
Telephone	705.80	825.00	(119.20)	1,100.00	(119.20)
Travel	3,934.03	7,125.00	(3,190.97)	9,500.00	(3,190.97)
Contingency Funds	190.00	921.75	(731.75)	1,229.00	(731.75)
Legislative Consultant	31,500.00	31,500.00	0.00	42,000.00	0.00
FY12 Purvis Gray Rate Analysis	2,100.00	9,000.00	(6,900.00)	12,000.00	(6,900.00)
Phase 2 Irrigation Auditor	2,800.00	52,188.00	(49,388.00)	69,584.00	(49,388.00)
FY15 Local Govt Water Cons Proj	23,071.65	97,500.00	(74,428.35)	130,000.00	(74,428.35)
General Services Acct	11,257.79	56,250.00	(44,992.21)	75,000.00	(44,992.21)
Phase 3 Irrigation Audit Progra	34,483.97	42,750.00	(8,266.03)	57,000.00	(8,266.03)
Total Operating Expenses	226,565.31	426,169.48	(199,604.17)	568,226.01	(199,604.17)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	58,312.87	(89,557.48)	147,870.35	(119,410.01)	147,870.35

Item 10.d.
Correspondence



August 26, 2015

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Mr. Richard Owen
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Dear Mr. Owen: *Richard*

Since 2011, 1000 Friends of Florida has attracted more than 4,000 participants to its webinars, which address some of the most critical issues facing our state. I hope WRWSA will consider sponsoring our 2015-2016 DeGrove Community Steward Webinar Series in the amount of \$250.

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1000 Friends' webinars provide Florida-specific approaches to build better communities and save special places in our rapidly growing state. Recent webinars have focused on the 2015 Florida legislative session, legal issues associated with planning for sea level rise, effective street design and much more. Information on and recordings of many of our past webinars are available at www.1000friendsofflorida.org/communications/past-webinars/.

We will launch the 2015-2016 series in September. Based on feedback from our recent participant survey, this year we plan to offer two webinar tracks. Recognizing the importance of educating Florida's professionals on workable sustainability strategies, our professional track will continue to offer low-cost certification credits making these events more attractive for planners, attorneys, floodplain managers and others. This fall, we also will launch a citizen track, offering occasional free webinars geared to those volunteering their time to make Florida a better place in which to live and work.

As you can imagine, it is costly to conduct these webinars, including the subscription for Go-To-Webinar, fees for certification credits for the American Institute of Certified Planners and Florida Bar, and costs associated with upgrading computer equipment and the considerable staff time it takes to produce these webinars. This year, we also seek additional funding to underwrite the free citizen webinar track. Additionally, as the webinars become increasingly popular we routinely reach our 200 person Go-to-Webinar capacity. While this is good news, it means we need to upgrade to a higher capacity program which, understandably, costs more.

To allow us to continue and expand the highly popular DeGrove Webinar Series, we hope you will consider sponsoring the 2015-2016 series. We look forward to your support!

Warm regards,

Charles

Charles Pattison, FAICP
Policy Director

*We'd really like to have you join
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Dr. John M. DeGrove Community Steward Webinar Series
2015-2016

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Can't You Read the Sign? Sign Regulation after Reed v. Town of Gilbert, AZ
Wednesday, September 16, 2015, noon to 1:30

The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in Reed v. Town of Gilbert may make it more difficult for local governments to regulate signs in a content neutral manner under the First Amendment. City of Clearwater Council member Bill Jonson, a local elected official who has advocated successfully for many years for scenic values, including sign regulation, will explain how communities are affected by signs and why local governments regulate signs. National legal experts on sign regulation, Susan L. Trevarthen, Esq., FAICP and William Brinton, Esq., will then provide a history of the facts and issues in Reed, examine the Supreme Court's decision in Reed, and analyze the impact the Court's decision will have on local governments, planners, and communities in Florida. **This event has been approved for 1.5 AICP CM LEGAL CREDITS for planners (#e.31195) and 1.5 CLE for Florida attorneys (#150524N)**

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CITIZEN WEBINAR: Citizens Organizing for Positive Community Change
Wednesday, October 14, 2015, noon to 1:30 p.m.

As anthropologist Margaret Mead famously noted, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." 1000 Friends' free October webinar will focus on how thoughtful citizens in Florida can organize for positive community change. Using case studies, speakers will share effective strategies to mobilize citizens, build coalitions, work with the media, persuade elected officials, raise funds, and more. The webinar will conclude with a question and answer period. Presenters include Pamela Hall, one of the leaders of the citizen-based Keep It Rural coalition, Laura Reynolds, Executive Director of Tropical Audubon and an active leader in the decade-old Hold the Line Coalition in Miami-Dade County, and Cris Costello, Sierra Club Senior Organizing Representative.

TENTATIVE

Form-Based Codes in Florida -- Speakers and content being finalized
Wednesday, November 18, 2015, noon to 1:30 p.m.

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The Economics of Downtown Revitalization in Florida
Wednesday, December 9, 2015, noon to 1:30 p.m.

What is the economic impact of downtown revitalization in Florida's communities? Internationally known real estate expert Donovan Rypkema will overview the economic impacts of downtown revitalization nationally and share results from his new study on economic development activity in Florida's main streets. Principal of PlaceEconomics, a Washington, DC-based real estate and economic development consulting firm, Rypkema's fields of consultation include feasibility analyses for real estate development, training in community-based development, economic revitalization of downtowns and neighborhood commercial centers, and the rehabilitation of historic structures.

CONFIRMED
2016 Florida Legislative Preview
Wednesday, January 13, 2016

With the 2016 session starting on January 12, 1000 Friends President Ryan Smart, Policy Director Charles Pattison, FAICP and Board Member Emeritus Lester Abberger will discuss key community planning and conservation bills to be considered during the 2016 legislative session, and how they could impact state and local governance in Florida.

TENTATIVE
CITIZEN WEBINAR: Topic to be Determined
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

CONFIRMED
2016 Florida Legislative Wrap Up
Wednesday, March 23, 2016

The 2016 Florida Legislative Session is slated to wrap up on March 11. 1000 Friends President Ryan Smart, Policy Director Charles Pattison, FAICP and Board Member Emeritus Lester Abberger will discuss key community planning and conservation bills that passed and failed during the session and how legislative changes impact state and local governance in Florida.

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Water 2070
Wednesday, April 20, 2016

One of the biggest issues facing Florida is the availability of a sufficient supply of clean water to meet the ever-increasing needs of people, agriculture and the environment. Diminishing water supply and declining quality combined with a growing population make the historic competition between these users even more intense. A compelling map series will show Florida's current and projected water demand on statewide and regional levels as population increases, and panelists will discuss strategies to reduce water demand for a more sustainable future.

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Vision 2070
Wednesday, May 18

Building on Water 2070, Vision 2070 will depict more sustainable alternative patterns for future development, addressing Florida's critical need for water sustainability and agriculture both statewide and regionally. Panelists will share steps needed to make the vision a reality.



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Broadcasts of many of 1000 Friends of Florida's past webinars are posted on YouTube at
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Item 10.e.
News Articles

Controversial water permit for ranch operation wins state approval

By [Kevin Spear](#) Orlando Sentinel

July 14, 2015

A Marion County ranch gets permits to pump from aquifer near Silver Springs.

A water permit linked to the declining health of Silver Springs and fiercely opposed by a broad coalition of environmentalists and Central Florida residents was approved Tuesday by state regulators.

The St. Johns River Water Management District will allow the pumping of nearly 1.5 million gallons a day by Sleepy Creek Lands, a ranch operation in Marion County owned by Canadian industrialist and billionaire Frank Stronach.

The permit application had been contested in a trial-like administrative hearing conducted by the state last year, which resulted in a judge's siding with Stronach.

Action at the district's headquarters in Palatka had been widely expected to be a formal ratification of the judge's decision.

But dozens of impassioned speakers on Tuesday called on the agency's board to deny a permit for Sleepy Creek as certain to cause further injury to Silver Springs, which is the source of Silver River at the west edge of Ocala National Forest.

"We think you are not protecting our water," said Whitey Markle, a Sierra Club member, directing forceful comments toward the agency's board members. "We hope you follow the science and realize we are running out of water."

The 18-county district, which spans from the Orlando area to Jacksonville, has previously disclosed evidence that Silver Springs is in trouble because of heavy pumping from the Floridan Aquifer by cities and agriculture.

That finding was the basis of the water district's determining that it would reject a second water permit sought by Sleepy Creek.

But that background was excluded from debate Tuesday because of legal formalities stemming from the administrative hearing.

Supporters of agriculture said approval of the Sleepy Creek permit would stand as important precedent for the viability of ranching in Florida.

Curt Williams, spokesman for Florida Farm Bureau, said issuing the permit to Sleepy Creek will support creation of jobs and production of food. Meat from a cow will "feed a family of four for a year," he said.

Another advocate for agricultural and proponent of the Sleepy Creek permit said: "We are hunger fighters."

That comment was quickly followed by one from a mother holding two small children, who said she doubted that hunger stems from a lack of "meat farms."

The fate of Silver Springs, one of the state's first tourist destinations, has galvanized environmentalists in recent years like few other conflicts over water or land in Florida.

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State outlines plan to protect Silver Springs

By [Kristine Crane](#)
Staff writer

Published: Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

“What is a BMAP?”

That was the question that Mary Paulic, an environmental consultant at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, posed to a group of about 75 environmental activists and concerned citizens at the Marion County Public Library in Ocala on Thursday afternoon.

Most of them already knew that a BMAP is more than a cool sounding acronym. They came eager for more information on the state’s roadmap to providing greater protection of Silver Springs.

BMAP stands for Basin Management Action Plan, and there are several around the state that aim to improve the quality of water in the Floridan Aquifer.

This particular BMAP covers the roughly 30 springs in the Silver Springs system, Mammoth Springs and the Silver River. Sixty percent of it is in Marion County, with other affected waters in Alachua, Putnam, Sumter and Lake counties.

The specific purpose of this BMAP is to control the nitrate levels of the water that reaches the aquifer. Ultimately, they would like to reduce the nitrate load by 79 percent, to .35 milligrams per liter.

Doing that is no easy task, but to chip away at it, the DEP is armed with data showing estimates of who is responsible for how much nitrate loading.

Although 50 percent of the land use in the BMAP area is divided between agriculture on one hand, and business and residential properties on the other, septic tanks are responsible for 38 percent of the nitrate loading.

“Seventy to eighty percent of Marion County is in septic tanks,” said Lisa Saupp, a local scientist and springs activist who was sitting in the audience. “This is a very septic tank-heavy county.”

There are an estimated 66,000 septic tanks in the BMAP area, and part of the plan is to reduce some of those by getting Silver Springs off the septic tanks, Paulic said.

Cattle farms are estimated to contribute 17 percent of the nitrate load in the aquifer, with crop fertilizers responsible for another 11 percent, according to the DEP data.

The BMAP also aims to make farmers more accountable by enforcing best management practices. Several members of the public questioned the DEP’s ability to enforce these, however.

“Presumption of compliance is a weak way of looking at it,” said Guy Marwicke, the executive director of the Felburn Foundation, an Ocala-based philanthropy non-profit specialized in water protection.

“It’s gonna take inspections to make it work,” Marwicke continued.

Saupp added that periodic monitoring that is non-regulatory, non-punitive and site-specific needs to occur. Otherwise, she explained, “For us to assume progress for a five-year period” and then obtain it would be unfortunate.?????

Paulic added that one proactive thing being done in Ocala is the phasing out of old wastewater facilities and reliance upon newer ones that work well.

Other members of the public voiced concerns about other issues affecting water quality, such as the recent approval of a substantial water-use permit for Sleepy Creek Lands, a Marion County cattle farming operation.

The St. Johns River Water Management District two weeks ago approved ranch owner Frank Stronach's use of up to 1.46 million gallons of water a day.

"If you have less water and allow one person to take more water, isn't the concentration of nitrates going to go up?" one person asked.

"It looks to me like you're trying to kill an elephant with a BB gun," another said.

Paulic tried to keep the meeting focused on the BMAP, however. "Having a management plan helps push funding out of the Legislature," she said.

The BMAP includes 130 projects, and the public can comment on those until Aug. 19 by going to the DEP's website: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/bmap.htm>

At the end of the meeting, Saupp looked at the audience and told Paulic that the people before her represented thousands of volunteer hours that had gone toward saving the springs.

"How can we ensure that this [BMAP] is more than just a document?" she asked.

Other members of the public mentioned that more people have to become involved and encourage businesses and neighborhoods to engage in springs-friendly policies, with the "carrot" of giving them official springs-friendly recognition in the form of a plaque or sign.

That would get the message across, Saupp said, that "pro-environment is not anti-business."

Paulic said one of the components of BMAPs is educating the public and encouraging public participation, since all levels of government and several private entities are part of the BMAP working team.

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IN OUR OPINION

The value of conservation

Published: Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 9:54 p.m.

Marion County residents have long shown they understand the value of conserving land, as a way to protect the flora and fauna on it and the water flowing through and beneath it.

Too bad that officials in Tallahassee don't appear to share that view. In fact, some of them seem outright hostile to land conservation.

The land and water conservation amendment passed in the fall with nearly 75 percent of the vote. Yet this past session, state lawmakers ignored the intent of voters by setting aside just a small percentage of the money dedicated through the measure for buying land.

A guest column on Sunday from former Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, the amendment's deputy campaign manager, outlined how lawmakers have given the environment short shrift in spending amendment money on insurance, technology and other expenses that have little to do with land protection or management. A companion column by state Sen. Alan Hays, R-Umatilla, attempted to defend those decisions but barely conceals the disdain he has shown for the whole idea of publicly owned lands.

Other members of the Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott's administration have shown a similar attitude with their push for state parks to pay for themselves. Department of Environmental Protection Interim Secretary Jon Steverson has told lawmakers that parks covered 77 percent of their expenses, but he wanted to boost that figure to 100 percent.

After a plan to put privately run golf courses in state parks fizzled, officials have turned to opening up parks for more cattle grazing, logging and other uses that conflict with their intended purpose. The idea was first floated at Myakka River State Park near Sarasota and now appears to be spreading statewide.

A state analysis has been conducted of private cattle grazing at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, which was a cattle ranch before it was purchased in 1970 as the first state preserve.

Even the analysis suggests that grazing could disrupt endangered species and other wildlife, damage vegetation and habitat and impact water quality. This makes little sense given that millions in public money have been spent to remove pollution from water flowing to the prairie.

Hunting, grazing and timber harvesting can be done in a way that actually benefits the environment. But it's hard to trust Scott administration officials have the best interests of the environment in mind, given their track record. They have slashed enforcement of environmental laws, used springs money to subsidize polluters and now are weakening protections for endangered species such as the Florida panther.

When 27 former managers of state parks write a letter to the editor criticizing the grazing and logging idea, as they do in Star-Banner today, the public needs to pay attention.

Protecting natural Florida for future generations requires a public investment. Voters in Marion County and throughout the state understand that. Now we just need to make sure that Tallahassee gets the message.

SJRWMD WATER NEWS

July 28, 2015

Comment period on CFWI planning documents extended to Aug. 17

The public comment period on the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) draft 2035 Water Resources Protection and Water Supply Strategies Plan (Solutions Plan) and minor changes to the draft 2015 Regional Water Supply Plan has been extended to Aug. 17, 2015. The time extension will provide additional opportunity for the public to review and comment on the documents. The two draft documents will set a path forward for meeting water supply needs in central Florida for the next 20 years.

CFWI is a collaborative effort among the St. Johns, South Florida and Southwest Florida water management districts, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, regional public water supply utilities and other stakeholders to develop a unified process to address central Florida's current and long-term water supply needs. The CFWI planning area includes Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole and southern Lake counties.

When finalized, the Solutions Plan will provide detailed information about water conservation; specific water supply project options and partnerships with water users; a financial assessment of the project options; and management and implementation strategies.

The draft plans are available at cfwiwater.com. Comments can be provided online or by mail and email. Details are available on the website. The comment period will close on Aug. 17, 2015.

Permitting tip

Wetland monitoring reports due in August; use e-Permitting to submit

Environmental resource permit wetland monitoring reports are typically due in August and can be submitted online using e-Permitting.

Submitting reports online is easy. After logging in, select the "compliance submittal" tab and enter the permit number, the desired date range and then click "submit query" button. The wetland monitoring report due for that permit will be displayed. When uploading documents, please be aware that only certain formats are acceptable and are shown on the screen for your convenience.

For additional information or assistance, please call the District's customer service line at (386) 329-4570

July 31, 2015

District Governing Board to meet in Orlando Aug. 11

The St. Johns River Water Management District will hold the first in a series of off-site Governing Board meetings when the Board holds its monthly meeting in Orlando on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015.

The public meeting will be held at Orlando City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 400 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32802.

While Board meetings are routinely held at District headquarters in Palatka, periodically holding an off-site meeting will allow Board members and staff to hear from elected officials and their staffs, and members of the public who might not otherwise be able to travel to Palatka for the monthly meeting.

"Part of being able to help find solutions for local water resource issues is to hear about them first-hand from the people who live in those communities," says Ann Shortelle, District executive director. "We look forward to visiting Orlando and other areas of our District to speak with local officials and residents."

Holding off-site meetings will allow Board members to be more accessible to the public and enhance transparency in District business. The Governing Board anticipates holding meetings at other locations throughout the 18-county District a few times throughout the year.

The Aug. 11 Board meeting schedule is as follows:

- Projects and Land Committee, 9 a.m.
- Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, 10 a.m. (or upon conclusion of the Projects and Land Committee, whichever is later)
- Regulatory Committee, 11 a.m. (or upon conclusion of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, whichever is later)
- Governing Board, 11:15 a.m. (or upon conclusion of the Regulatory Committee, whichever is later)

Aug. 6, 2015

Cooperative project to improve Silver Springs water quality and flow moving forward



Work continues to move ahead on upgrades to the Silver Springs Shores wastewater treatment plant and to increase the distribution and reuse of reclaimed water, a partnership project among Marion County, the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to improve water quality and flow in Silver Springs.

The cooperative project will help Marion County reduce the amount of nutrients that flow into Silver Springs and is among those listed in DEP's recently released draft Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) for Silver Springs. The BMAP documents projects aimed at reducing the introduction of nitrates to the Upper Floridan aquifer, the source of Silver Springs' flow.

"This project is a prime example of the collaboration that is so vital to the successful restoration of Silver Springs," said Tom Frick, director of DEP's Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration. "We are proud to be a partner with the county and water management district in improving our springs."

"Reducing nutrient loading, groundwater usage and minimizing impacts to the springs are vital to protecting Silver Springs' health and unique ecosystem," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "This partnership demonstrates our shared commitment to long-term springs protection that is science based, cost-effective and collaborative."

When completed in March 2016, the project will upgrade the existing wastewater treatment plant located in Silver Springs Shores to reclaimed water quality effluent standards. It will also relocate the wastewater discharge from the facility, which is located near Silver Springs, and redirect it for beneficial reuse at area golf courses. Marion County has finished the plant upgrades and has completed 55 percent of the reclaimed water pipe installation.

The combined plant upgrade and relocation of the discharge to area golf courses will eliminate a nutrient source near the head of the spring and result in an estimated reduction of more than 40,000 pounds of nitrogen entering the aquifer per year.

The project also will reduce groundwater withdrawals for the area golf courses and may improve the flow of Silver Springs.

"Our community is blessed with world-class springs, and protecting them and our other natural resources is a key priority for Marion County," said Stan McClain, chairman of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. "We are glad to be actively working with our state and District partners on this initiative in Silver Springs that will positively impact our water bodies."

Funding for the \$8.2 million project comes from local government funds, the District, DEP and a 2013 legislative appropriation for St. Johns River restoration and protection.

Silver Springs is a first-magnitude spring that forms the headwaters of the Silver River, in Marion County. Silver Springs is a group of large vents and smaller springs in the bed or in coves at the edges of the Silver River. There are 30 springs in the Silver Springs group.

For information about this and other springs protection cost-share projects, visit the District's website at floridaswater.com/springs/projects.html.

Aug. 11, 2015

District approves \$25 million for cooperative funding projects

The St. Johns River Water Management District's Governing Board on Aug. 11 approved \$25 million in cooperative funding for 50 local projects that when leveraged with local partners' funding represents more than \$98 million in total project investment.

These projects will conserve more than 1.7 million gallons of water a day (mgd), develop more than 56 mgd of alternative water supplies, reduce total nitrogen loading to waterways and springs by nearly 540,000 pounds per year and reduce total phosphorus loading by more than 113,000 pounds per year.

"Through this program, we are partnering with public and private entities on projects that will significantly help local communities conserve water, develop alternative water supplies, or improve surface water quality," said Board Chairman John Miklos of Orlando. "These projects are shovel-ready, so construction can get under way quickly."

Projects include reclaimed water projects, storm water or surface water treatment and enhancement projects, wastewater treatment plant upgrades, alternative water supply development and water conservation enhancements.

Project applications were ranked on the overall quality of the application, support of core mission areas, District priorities, potential for success and problem solving, and cost effectiveness. The projects address one or more of the District's strategic priorities, including springs protection and water quality protection in the Indian River Lagoon, Northern Coastal Basins, and middle and lower St. Johns River basins.

Click [here](#) for a listing of the projects...see "Cost-share funding, FY 2015-2016" below.

The Board also directed staff to initiate a second round of solicitations to generate proposed projects for an additional \$5 million. The additional funding will be specifically for innovative projects and projects in Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) communities.

Cost-share funding, FY 2015–2016

The St. Johns River Water Management District accepted applications until March 13, 2015, for cost-share funding for water conservation and construction projects that will contribute to any of the following:

- **Water conservation** that reduces water demands by:
 - Increasing irrigation efficiency for both crops and landscapes, including soil moisture sensors, rain sensors and irrigation head upgrades
 - Automating the tracking of customer water use by water utilities to enhance water conservation measures and educate water users about their water use and conservation measures and benefits
 - Installation of high-efficiency indoor plumbing retrofits, automatic line flushing devices or hydrant flushing devices, and pre-rinse spray valves
 - The District encourage industrial, commercial, agricultural and institutional water users, as well as homeowner and condominium associations, to apply for funding.
- **Alternative water supply development** that replaces existing or planned groundwater use with other sources such as reclaimed water, surface water and seawater
- **Water quality/nutrient-loading reduction** in springsheds and other water bodies with adopted nutrient total maximum daily load requirements including: the middle and lower St. Johns River, the Indian River Lagoon and Northern Coastal Basins waterways. Nutrient reduction projects can include reduction or elimination of domestic wastewater discharges, removal of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems and connection to central sewer, stormwater storage and infrastructure modification, sediment reduction facilities and retrofits.
- **Water resource development** that increases the source of water available, such as providing storage of wet weather flows for potential use during dry periods.

The benefits of funded projects are directed to one or more of the following District priorities:

- [Water conservation](#)
- [Springs Protection Initiative](#)
- [North Florida Water Initiative](#)
- [Central Florida Water Initiative](#)
- Minimum Flows and Levels Development and Prevention and Recovery Strategies
- [Indian River Lagoon Protection Initiative](#)
- [Middle and Lower St. Johns River Water Quality Improvement Initiative](#)
- [Northern Coastal Basins Initiative](#)

Disclaimers

- Funding is contingent upon the District Governing Board's final budget approval in September 2015.

NEWS RELEASE: District Approves Proposed Millage Rate

July 28, 2015

District Approves Proposed Millage Rate

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) adopted a proposed FY2015-16 millage rate of 0.3488 mill, 4.6 percent lower than the current fiscal year.

For the owner of a \$150,000 home with a \$50,000 homestead exemption, the District tax would be \$34.88 a year, or about \$2.91 per month. The fiscal year runs from Oct. 1, 2015, through Sept. 30, 2016. The total FY2015-16 proposed budget for the District is \$183.4 million.

The budget reflects the District's commitment to protect Florida's water resources and to improve Florida's economic vitality. All programs and projects advance the core mission of the District and are designed to provide the highest quality service to residents within the District.

The proposed budget includes more than \$109 million for Cooperative Funding Initiatives and District projects. The District funds are leveraged with its partners' resulting in a total investment of more than \$150 million for water resource management projects.

The District will hold a tentative budget hearing on Sept. 15 at 5:01 p.m. at the Tampa Service Office, located at 7601 U.S. Highway 301. The Governing Board will vote on the final budget on Sept. 29 at 5:01 p.m., at the Tampa Service Office, located at 7601 U.S. Highway 301.

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DROPPING THE BALL

In judgment, court joins state in failing to protect waters

The state's position on two local rivers has gotten murkier.

Unfortunately, over the years, so have the rivers.

In March, an alliance known as Save Our Springs-Nature's Original Wealth (SOS-NOW) —

consisting of the Save the Homosassa River Alliance, the Chassahowitzka River Restoration Committee, Save the Manatee Club Inc., Brad Rimbey, Mitchell Newberger and Priscilla Watkins — filed an appeal in a case against the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

over the health of the Chassahowitzka and Homosassa River systems. In short, their argument was twofold: First, current state policy of withdrawing water from the systems via a management practice known as minimum flows and levels (MFLs) is inconsistent with the rivers' designation as Outstanding Florida Waters; and second, members of SOS-NOW were being harmed by the degradation of the rivers, which they attributed to the MFL policy.

THE ISSUE:

Court rebuffs environmental group in clash over rivers.

OUR OPINION:

Despite ruling, management of waterways conflicts with rivers' protected status.

The second part of the argument is likely where the coalition fell flat, but it's the first part we think is the most cogent, and where we think the First District Court of Appeal erred in siding — without explanation — with the state.

A couple of quick explanations, for the unfamiliar: MFLs are, in the words of the South Florida Water Management District, "the minimum water levels and/or flows ... required to prevent significant harm to the water resources resulting from water withdrawals. ... MFLs define how often and for how long high, average and low water levels and/or flows should occur to prevent significant harm. When use of water resources alter the water levels below the defined MFLs, significant ecological harm can occur."

MFLs are set by the governing boards of the state's regional water management districts. The logic behind them is simple: Manage how much water is in a given system to prevent habitat destruction and saltwater intrusion from irreparably damaging the arteries which feed Florida's ecology.

OFWs are bodies of water deemed worthy of special protection because of their value to the ecosystem. The designation is intended to protect water quality. Per the DEP, projects regulated by a water district or the DEP in an OFW "must not lower existing ambient water quality." Furthermore, "activities or discharges within an OFW ... must be 'clearly in the public interest,'" DEP states citing Florida statute.

See the conflict? The state, apparently, doesn't — and if it does, it's not yet willing to act to resolve it.

For those who, like the state, have trouble putting two and two together, here's the bind: In river systems with naturally low flows, continued withdrawals further concentrate nitrates and other pollutants. Continued withdrawals can also pull salt water from the Gulf into freshwater tributaries and lower ground-

water levels, which gives rise to saltwater intrusion — a tenacious process which can turn fresh waters brackish, threaten supplies of drinking water, destroy established habitats and lower biodiversity. In systems with high flows, withdrawals aren't so noticeable — this is why the Rainbow River appears to be healthier than either the Chassahowitzka or Homosassa Rivers, despite having higher levels of pollutants. Rising sea levels

— irrespective of their cause — only hasten saltwater intrusion, and the science is clear: Global sea levels are on the rise.

With the Legislature punting for a second year on water policy while misappropriating Amendment 1 funds and the state's water districts obligated to allow cheap, private withdrawal permits — like the \$50 unmetered permit issued in 2012 to Healthwood Investments LLC of Crystal River and Mistletoe LLC of Ocala to withdraw 76,000-plus gallons of water a day from a Crystal River well for transport to a bottling plant — the court's ruling is hardly surprising, but it's still disappointing.

We mention the permit in part because the good folks at the Southwest Florida Water Management District get annoyed every time we do, and because we think there's a lesson in their frustration: In the district's eyes, 76,000 gallons is a drop in the aquifer. To those living nearby who have watched the waters they not only cherish but depend upon degrade year after year, it's a torrent.

The district might argue — and rightly so — that the degradation of those waters is due to a host of factors, many which need to be addressed at the individual and local levels. (Commissioners, if you're reading, limiting the sale and use of fast-release fertilizers — as other, more sensible counties in the state have done — would be a good start.) Still, the question vexes: If we can't trust the state to be a stalwart steward of our waters, who can we trust?

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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Legislative/Regulatory Issues 2015-2016

September 16, 2015

ISSUE	TYPE OF CHANGE
Support the allocation of funds from the Florida Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment in a manner that promotes regional partnerships for water resource and supply development.	Legislative and Regulatory
Support enhanced funding for restoration and protection of springs.	Legislative and Water Management Districts
Support funding for the Water Protection and Sustainability Program (SB 444), and funding for implementing the WRWSA 2014 Regional Water Supply Plan Update.	Legislative (section 403.890 and 403.891, F.S.)
Support Senate confirmations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Governing Board Members: Jeff Adams (Pinellas County); Ed Armstrong (Pinellas County); Michael Moran (Charlotte, Sarasota counties); Randall Maggard (Pasco County); Paul Senft, Jr. (Polk County)• SWFWMD Executive Director Robert Beltran	Legislative (section 373.073, F.S.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Governing Board Members: Ron Howse (At Large); Chuck Drake (St. Johns River Basin above the Ocklawaha River hydrologic unit); Fred Roberts (Ocklawaha River Basin)• SJRWMD Executive Director Ann Shortelle	
Support a gubernatorial appointment to fill the SWFWMD Governing Board vacancy representing Citrus, Lake, Levy, and Sumter counties.	Legislative (section 373.073, F.S.)
Monitor proposal for multi-source water use permits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicable to all users;• Includes total demand;• Prioritizes use of alternative supplies;• Allows "conjunctive use" of multiple sources to meet demand.	Legislative (section 373.236, F.S.) and Regulatory
Monitor the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Reclaim Water Study to be completed by December 1, 2015, and implemented by DEP and water management districts.	Legislative and Regulatory
Support a collaborative approach to water management when there are cross-district impacts for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water supply planning;• Setting Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs), Reservations;• Resource recovery or impact prevention strategies.	Legislative and Regulatory
Support a state water project funding process that enhances water management district cooperative funding and promotes local/regional collaboration.	Legislative (section 403.0616, F.S.)