



WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Package

November 16, 2022
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

Effective March 2022

Office	Board Members
Chair	The Honorable Kathy Bryant
Vice Chair	The Honorable Jeff Kinnard
Treasurer	The Honorable Eliza-BETH Narverud

Jurisdiction	Board Members
Citrus County	The Honorable Holly Davis
	The Honorable Jeff Kinnard
Hernando County	<i>Vacant (as of November 8)</i>
	The Honorable Eliza-BETH Narverud
Marion County	The Honorable Kathy Bryant
	The Honorable Michelle Stone
	The Honorable Craig Curry
Sumter County	The Honorable Craig Estep
	The Honorable Don Willey
City of Belleview	The Honorable Ray Dwyer
City of Brooksville	The Honorable David Bailey
City of Bushnell	The Honorable Dale Swain
City of Inverness	The Honorable Gene Davis

Meeting Dates

The schedule of meetings for the 2022-2023 fiscal year are as follows:

November 16, 2022
January 18, 2023
March 15, 2023

May 17, 2023
July 26, 2023
September 20, 2023



November 7, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Supply Authority Board of Directors and Interested Parties

From: Suzannah J. Folsom, Executive Director

Subject: Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Board of Directors Meeting

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will hold a regular business meeting on **Wednesday, November 16, 2022 3:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Center Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.**

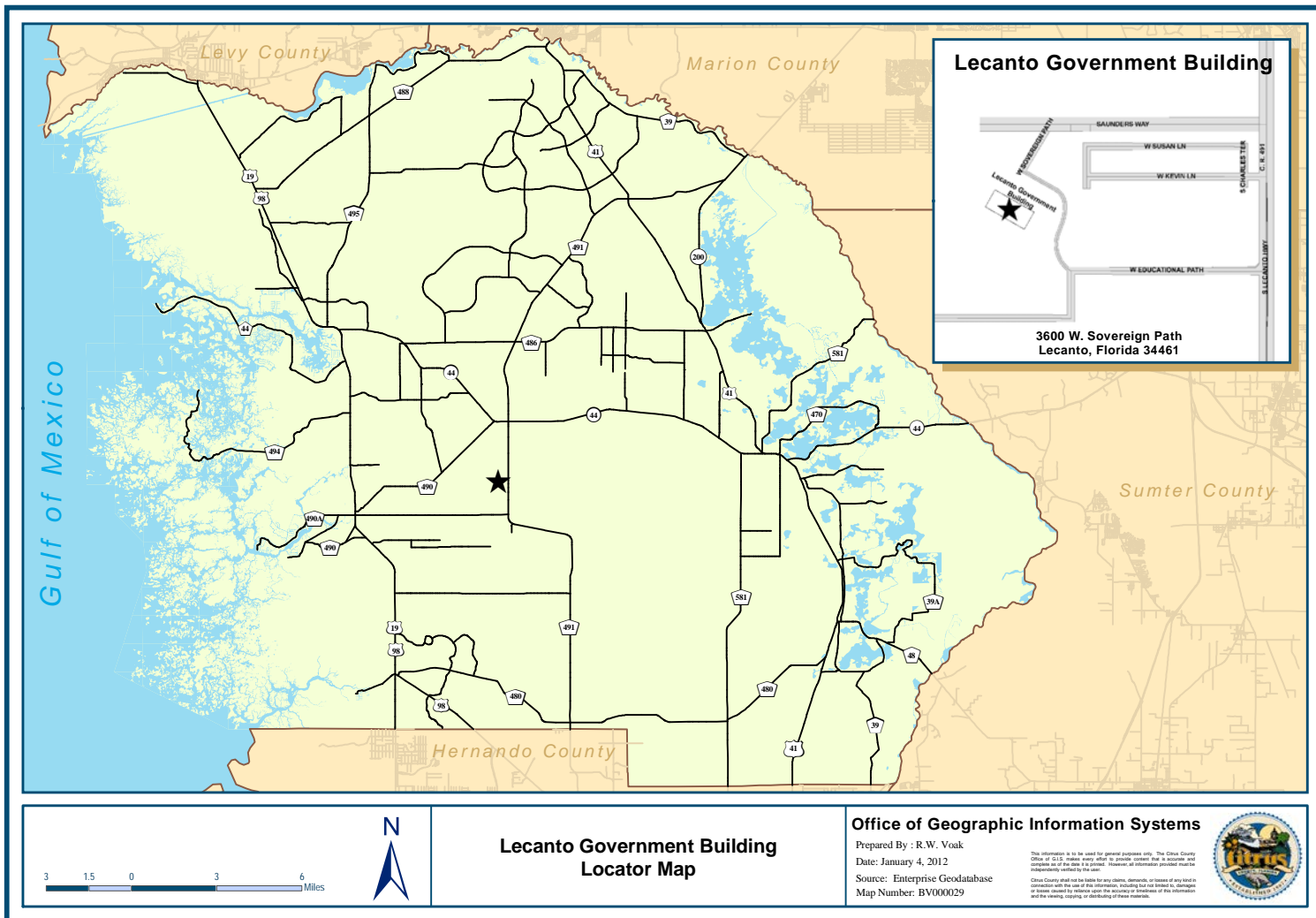
Enclosed for your review are the following items:

- Agenda
- Minutes of September 21, 2022
- Board Package*

Please note that if a party decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the above cited meeting, that party will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, that party may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes that testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Enclosures

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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**

A G E N D A

**November 16, 2022 -- 3:30 p.m.
LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING -- ROOM 166
3600 W. Sovereign Path, 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.

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2. **Roll Call** . . . Suzy Folsom, WRWSA Executive Director
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16. **Adjournment**

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Item 6.a.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

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WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the Meeting September 21, 2022

TIME: 3:32 p.m.
PLACE: Lecanto Government Building
ADDRESS: 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 280, Lecanto, Florida 34461

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

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Kinnard called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and requested a roll call.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Suzannah Folsom, WRWSA Executive Director, called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Jeff Kinnard, *Vice Chair*, Citrus Co Commissioner
Craig Curry, Marion County Commissioner
Gene Davis, Inverness City Councilor
Craig Estep, Sumter County Commissioner
Jeff Holcomb, Hernando County Commissioner
Michelle Stone, Marion County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilor
Don Wiley, Sumter County Commissioner

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Kathy Bryant, *Chair*, Marion County Commissioner
Beth Narverud, *Treasurer*, Hernando County Commissioner
David Bailey, Brooksville City Councilor
Holly Davis, Citrus County Commissioner
Ray Dwyer, Belleview City Commissioner

BOARD ALTERNATE(S) PRESENT – None

3. Introductions and Announcements

WRWSA STAFF PRESENT

Suzannah J. Folsom, PE, PMP, Executive Dir
Robert W. Batsel, Jr., General Counsel
LuAnne Stout, Administrative Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Bracciano, Hazen and Sawyer
Alys Brockway, Hernando Co Water Resource Mgr
Debra Burden, Citrus Co Water Conservation Mgr
Frank Gargano, SWFWMD Govt Affairs Reg Mgr
Jody Kirkman, Marion Co Environmental Svcs Mgr
Lisa Krentz, Hazen and Sawyer
Ron Parker, Black & Vetch

4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Kinnard led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **Public Comment** – There being no members of the audience requesting to address the Board, Vice Chair Kinnard closed public comment.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval of Minutes** – The July 20, 2022, draft minutes were provided in the Board's meeting materials and recommended for approval as presented.
- b. **Public Officials Liability Insurance Policy** – Recommended approval of policy renewal (included in 2022-23 budget).
- c. **Bills to be Paid** – Recommended for ratification of August (\$14,636.33) bills and approval of September (\$30,216.66) bills.
- d. **Third Quarter Financial Report** -- Accepted as presented.
- e. **Fiscal Year 2022-23 Calendar of Board Meeting Dates** – Recommended for approval: 11/16/2022, 1/18/2023, 3/15/2023, 5/17/2023, 7/26/2023, 9/20/2023.

- f. Marion County Local Government Grants Program** – Recommended for approval grant funding agreement line-item adjustments.

Mr. Estep moved, seconded by Mr. Curry, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 6.a., 6.b., 6.c., 6.d., 6.e. and 6.f., as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. As-Needed Technical and Engineering Services

Ms. Suzannah Folsom, WRWSA Executive Director, presented this item.

a. Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Qualified Firms

At its May 2022 meeting, the Board authorized staff to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for General Professional Engineering and Technical Services. Six (6) Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) were timely received, and all met the RFQ requirements. The six firms are listed below in alphabetical order.

Firms (listed alphabetically)	Location
Applied Sciences Consulting, Inc.	Tampa
Cardno, now Stantec	Riverview
CHA Consulting, Inc.	Tampa
Hazen and Sawyer	Tampa
INTERA Incorporated	Lutz
Kimley-Horn	Ocala

Included as exhibits to this item are a summary of the SOQ scoring, and the proposed agreement template for these services. The agreements with these firms do not authorize any work; work is authorized through the issuance of subsequent Work Orders, which must be approved by the Board (see item 9.b. below). The agreements are to be effective October 1, 2022, the beginning of the new fiscal year; and are for a three-year period and may be extended for two one-year periods upon mutual written agreement of both parties.

Ms. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Wiley, to (1) approve the recommended list of firms for award of contracts for General Professional Engineering/Technical Services, as presented above; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with each firm consistent with the contract template exhibit. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Authorization to Issue Work Orders

Contingent upon the Board's action on Agenda Item 7.a., staff recommends issuance of the following Work Orders for the General Engineering and Technical Services:

Hazen and Sawyer – The purpose of this Work Order is to provide general engineering and technical support services to the Authority Board and Executive Director on an as-needed basis. The Work Order amount is \$10,000.

INTERA – The purpose of this Work Order is to continue ongoing representation of the Authority on the Springs Coast Technical Advisory Board. The Work Order amount is \$10,000.

A copy of the proposed Work Orders were included in the Board's meeting materials as exhibits to this item.

Ms. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Wiley, to authorize the Executive Director to issue: (1) Work Order to Hazen and Sawyer in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the period through September 30, 2022; and (2) Work Order to INTERA in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the period through September 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Phase 7 Irrigation System Audit Program – Contractor Selection

Ms. Suzannah Folsom, Executive Director, presented this item. At its July 2022 meeting the Board authorized staff to issue a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for Phase 7, Irrigation System Evaluation Program. Staff advertised publically on the DemandStar website, WRWSA website and in the Florida Administrative Weekly.

One quote was received in response to the RFQ. The submitted quote, by Eco Land Designs, LLC, meets the RFQ requirements. Mr. Jack Overdorff, RLA, is the president of the firm and has been conducting irrigation audits for the Authority under previous phases of the program. His work to-date has met and surpassed all contract requirements.

The proposed Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) agreement is anticipated to be approved by SWFWMD in November 2022. If, for some reason the Authority and the SWFWMD do not enter into a CFI agreement for this project, the contract with the contractor has provisions allowing the Authority to cancel the contract. If the Board approves the staff's recommendations, as presented below, the Authority's attorney will review and approve the final CFI agreement between the SWFWMD and the WRWSA before the Executive Director executes the agreement. The proposed Agreement between the contractor and the WRWSA was included as an exhibit to this item in the Board's meeting materials.

Mr. Curry moved, seconded by Ms. Stone, for the Board to approve the following action items and motion carried unanimously:

- a) **Select Eco Land Design, LLC, as contractor to perform the irrigation system evaluations for Phase 7, Irrigation System Evaluation program (Q306);**
- b) **Approve the contract between WRWSA and Eco Land Design, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$102,000; and authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract; and**
- c) **Authorize the Executive Director to sign the CFI agreement for Phase 7, Irrigation System Evaluation program, between the SWFWMD and the WRWSA, following review and approval by the Authority Attorney.**

9. 2024 Regional Water Supply Plan Update – Request for Statements of Qualifications

Mrs. Suzannah Folsom, WRWSA Executive Director, presented this item. At the September 2021 meeting, the Board authorized staff to submit a cooperative funding request to the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for the preparation of an updated Regional Water Supply Plan. The project Q324 is on the proposed list of cooperatively funded projects and is scheduled to be approved at the SWFWMD Board of Directors meeting on September 20, 2022.

The Authority staff is working with the SWFWMD staff on a cooperative funding agreement, which is anticipated to be presented to the Board at its January 17, 2023, meeting. The WRWSA 2024 Regional Water Supply Plan will be completed in 2024 so that information from the Authority's report can be used by the District as it updates its Regional Water Supply Plan. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for \$350,000 and will receive 50% cooperative funding from SWFWMD.

Staff is recommending the Authority begin the consultant recruitment process at this time. The purpose of this item is to obtain Board authorization to issue a Request for Statements of Qualifications for 2024 Regional Water Supply Plan Update. If approved, staff will return to the Board at its November 2022 meeting with a shortlist of firms to negotiate with, and at its January 2023 meeting with recommendations for entering into contract. The Tentative schedule or the procurement is:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Date</u>
Advertise the Request for SOQs	September 22, 2022
Submittals Due	October 19, 2022
Board Approval of Top Ranked Firm	November 16, 2022
Board Approval of Consulting Contract	January 18, 2023

As an exhibit to this item is the proposed Request for Statements of Qualifications which is included in the Board's meeting materials.

Mr. Estep moved, seconded by Mr. Curry, to approve staff issuing the Request for Qualifications for the 2024 Regional Water Supply Plan in substantially the same form. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Legislative Report

Mrs. Suzy Folsom, Executive Director, presented this item. She provided information regarding the State of Florida's legislative redistricting and changes made to areas that include the Authority. In response to Ms. Stone's inquiry, Ms. Folsom said she reach to SJRWMD after the upcoming elections. Ms. Folsom said she is requesting a guest speaker for the Board's next meeting.

This item was for information only and no action was required.

11. Attorney's Report

Mr. Batsel noted that several of the agreements for Item 7 are lacking exhibits for certification of liability and fee schedule. Staff will request these documents and resubmit agreements for the Authority's attorney to execute.

This item was for information only and no action was required.

12. Executive Director's Report – Ms. Folsom presented the following items.

- a. **Charles A. Black Water Use Permit Renewal** – The Wellfield WUP number 7121.006 is being reviewed and an extension of time has been requested.
- b. **Water Use Permit Demand Summary** - A summary was in the Board's meeting materials.
- b. **Water Management Information System Water Use Permit Notifications** – A list of notifications was included in the Board's meeting materials. Ms. Folsom noted the large new Blue Goose permit for public supply in Sumter County.
- c. **Correspondence** – Several items were included in meeting materials.
- d. **News Articles** – Several articles included in meeting materials for the Homosassa River Restoration Project, Brooksville wastewater spill, Weekiwachee Preserve septic to sewer project, Citrus County's Three Sister Springs algae bloom, Inverness developing blueprint for environmental progress.

13. Other Business – None

14. Next Meeting Time and Location

- Next Regular Board Meeting – November 16, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166.

15. Adjournment – Vice Chair Kinnard adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Kathy Bryant, Chair

Suzannah J. Folsom, Executive Director

Financial Accounts, Bills to be Paid, and Payment Process

Ms. Suzannah Folsom, Executive Director, will present this item.

WRWSA funds are maintained in four accounts:

1. SBA1 – Operating Account Funds
2. SBA2 – Project Funds
3. Checking Account
4. Renewal and Replacement Fund

Our Renewal and Replacement Account is maintained by Citrus County to have a balance of between \$2 and \$3 Million, and is used to maintain the Charles A Black Wellfield and Treatment Plants.

We maintain two State Board of Administration Accounts with Florida Prime to maximize the return on our investments. These accounts are available for State Governments. The SBA 1 account is used for WRWSA operating funds for administrative expenses and is funded by a per capita assessment of the four counties, and interest from SBA 1 and SBA 2 accounts. The SBA 2 account is used for WRWSA project funds and is funded by CAB Wellfield supply sales to Citrus County and SWFWMD and cooperator reimbursements. In recent years, interest from these accounts has ranged from \$3,000 to \$42,000 per year depending on the Florida Prime rates, however we do not include this revenue in our budget, as the interest rates are unpredictable.

Our Truist Checking is used to pay our monthly bills, and is funded via monthly transfers from SBA1 and SBA2. We maintain a minimum balance of \$15,000. Our monthly Bills to be Paid are reported at each board meeting. Checks are typically signed by the Executive Director and Board Chair.

We manage our accounting using Quickbooks software. Every month we reconcile our bank statements. Each quarter we post our books and have quarterly and annual audits by Purvis Gray.

In August, we missed a transfer from SBA 2, and subsequently bounced a check to Marion County for their conservation grant funding reimbursement. We have made payment to Marion County via cashiers check, including a 5% fee.

In order to make sure this does not occur again, we plan to increase our minimum balance in our Truist checking account to \$30,000, and have an signed up for an online banking login so that we can check our real time bank balance weekly.

The Bills paid for October and November reflect these events.

Staff Recommendation:

Board ratify bills paid in October 2022 and approve bills for payment in November 2022, including an increase in our Truist Checking account to maintain an minimum balance of \$30,000.



Bills to be Paid and Financial Processes

November 16, 2022
Board Meeting

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WRWSA Accounts

- 1. SBA1 – Operating Account Funds
- 2. SBA2 – Project Account Funds
- 3. Checking Account
- 4. Renewal and Replacement Fund

Maintained by Citrus County

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Checking Account



- Pay Bills monthly
- Typically two signatures
 - Executive Director
 - Board Chair
- Transfer From SBA 1 for Administrative Expenses
- Transfer from SBA2 for Project Expenses
- Maintain \$15,000 minimum balance

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State Board of Administration Accounts

- Florida Prime
- Maximizes earnings on invested funds
- Reduces Taxes/Assessments
- For state and local government agencies



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SBA 1 – Administrative Funds ~\$700,000

Funds In

- Quarterly Member Government (County) Assessments
- Interest
 - SBA 1
 - SBA 2

Funds Out

- Transfer to Checking for Administrative Expenses

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SBA 2 – Project Funds ~\$1,400,000

Funds In

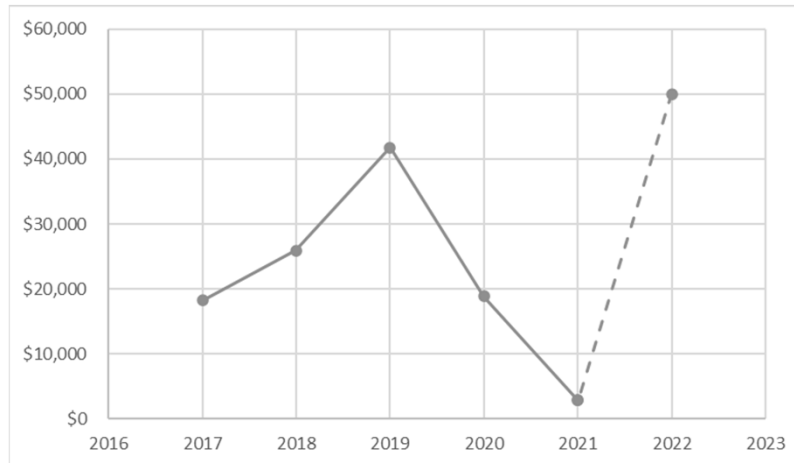
- Monthly Wellfield Water Sales
- SWFWMD Co-Funding
- Cooperator Funds

Funds Out

- Transfer to Checking for
 - Grant Funding
 - Conservation and Water Supply Projects
- Interest transferred to SBA 1

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SBA 1 and 2 Interest per year



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Checking Account – Check Issue

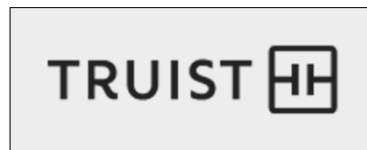
- August - missed a scheduled transfer from SBA 2
- Bounced check to Marion County for their grant reimbursement
 - 5% fee
 - Bank fee from Truist
 - Temporary lost check payment privileges
 - Cashiers Check



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Revised Procedures

- Maintain a Higher Balance of \$30,000
- Online banking balance check - weekly



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More information on our Financials

- Board Packets
 - Bills to be Paid
- WRWSA Handbook
 - Tab F 1.5 Accounting Policies and Procedures
- WRWSA.org
 - About Us → Annual Audit Reports
 - About Us → Annual Budget

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Request Approval

- Ratify October Bills to be paid
- Approve November Bills to be paid
- Transfer from SBA1 to increase Checking minimum Balance to be \$30,000

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

Bills For Payment
10/19/2022

<u>Administrative Invoices</u>	<u>Invoice Number(s)</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Suzannah J. Folsom, PE, Executive Director	1195	9/30/2022	\$7,356.41
Rob Batsel, General Counsel	1056	9/30/2022	\$517.00
C. LuAnne Stout, Admin Asst (Services) (deduct \$838.11)	9-Sep-22	10/3/2022	\$3,218.75
Kathy Bryant (July Board Travel)		7/20/2022	\$36.49
Don Wiley (Sept Board Travel)		9/21/2022	\$27.59
PMG Florida/Citrus Co Chronicle (Mtg Cal)	50045070	9/22/2022	\$68.94
Times Publishing Company (Mtg Cal)	248901	9/25/2022	\$84.00
FL Dept of Economic Opportunity (Special District Fee)	86579	10/3/2022	\$175.00
Karen Allen (Web Maintenance)	152	10/1/2022	\$175.00
Truist Bank Business Card Statement	10.2.2022	10/2/2022	\$684.67
Total Administrative Invoices			\$12,343.85

<u>Water Supply Studies and Facilities</u>	<u>Contract/ Budget</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Current</u>
2022 General Services Contract	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
Work Order 2022-01 INTERA Incorporated	\$10,000.00	\$5,800.00	
Work Order 2022-02 PWR-RESPEC	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Work Order 2022-03 WRA	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
FY21-22 Water Conservation Grants Program	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	
Citrus County	\$44,250.00	\$44,250.00	
Hernando County	\$48,750.00	\$48,750.00	
Marion County	\$21,847.00	\$5,804.85	\$16,042.15 (1)
Sumter County	\$22,000.00	\$710.00	
Phase 5 Irrigation Program (Q040)	\$145,000.00	\$30,981.27	
Phase 6 Irrigation Program (Q138)	\$121,200.00	\$11,966.35	
Total Project Invoices	\$603,047.00		\$16,042.15

Total Bills to be Paid		\$28,386.00
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State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA2 to SBA1	\$16,042.15
State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA1 to SunTrust Bank	\$28,386.00

Notes:

(1) Marion County Water Conservation Program

	FY 2021-2022	\$16,042.15	Letter Dated 8-31-2022
Check 2943 returned due to insufficient funds -- Marion County BCC:	\$	16,844.26	
August SBA1 and SBA2 funds not transferred to Truist Bank account.			
Truist return fee \$36.00 (next statement).			

2024 Regional Water Supply Plan Update – Consultant Selection

Ms. Suzannah Folsom, Executive Director, will present this item.

At its September 21, 2022 meeting, the Board approved issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for purposes of soliciting consultant interest in undertaking the Authority's Regional Water Supply Plan Update project. Two consulting firms responded to the RFQ, including (listed alphabetically):

- CHA Consulting, Inc.
- Hazen and Sawyer

A committee comprised of staff representatives of Marion, Citrus and Hernando reviewed, scored and ranked these SOQ's. A summary of the scoring and ranking is included as an exhibit to this item.

The firms are ranked in the following order:

- 1) Hazen and Sawyer
- 2) CHA Consulting, Inc.

See Exhibit

Staff Recommendation:

The Board approve the selection committee ranking and authorize the Executive Director to enter into negotiations with the firms in ranked order for professional services agreement for the Regional Water Supply Plan Update project for an amount not to exceed \$350,000. This Contract will be brought back for Board Approval on January 18, 2023.

2024 Regional Water Supply Plan

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS Scoring Summary

Reviewer 1

Name	CHA	Hazen
Score	68	87
Rank	2	1

Reviewer 2

Name	CHA	Hazen
Score	47	90
Rank	2	1

Reviewer 3

Name	CHA	Hazen
Score	81	90
Rank	2	1

Item 9

Charles A. Black Wellfield Fiscal Year 2021-22 Revenues

Mrs. Suzannah Folsom, WRWSA Executive Director, will present this item.

The end of Fiscal Year 2021-22 represented the sixth full year operating under the revised Water Supply Contract with Citrus County. The purpose of this agenda item is to report to the Board the status of water sales to Citrus County and corresponding revenues for the fiscal year. The FY 2022-23 budget included the minimum contract charge of \$224,000. The revenue received reflects a surplus revenue of \$49,428.15.

The following table summarizes quantities of water sold water and revenues for FY 2021-22.

Month	Pumpage Reported by Citrus Co.	Rate	Amount Billed	Payment	Payment Date
Oct	155,079,000	0.1417	\$21,974.69	\$21,974.69	11/3/2021
Nov	144,584,000	0.1417	\$20,487.55	\$20,487.55	12/2/2021
Dec	149,344,000	0.1417	\$21,162.04	\$21,162.04	1/4/2022
Jan	142,554,000	0.1417	\$20,199.90	\$20,199.90	2/2/2022
Feb	140,138,000	0.1417	\$19,857.55	\$19,857.55	3/3/2022
Mar	162,190,000	0.1417	\$22,982.32	\$22,982.32	4/3/2022
Apr	172,892,000	0.1417	\$24,498.80	\$24,498.80	5/4/2022
May	186,736,000	0.1417	\$26,460.49	\$26,460.49	6/6/2022
Jun	180,811,000	0.1417	\$25,620.92	\$25,620.92	7/7/2022
Jul	173,137,000	0.1417	\$24,533.51	\$24,533.51	8/4/2022
Aug	183,758,000	0.1417	\$26,038.51	\$26,038.51	9/7/2021
Sep	138,404,000	0.1417	\$19,611.85	\$19,611.85	10/4/2021
Total	1,929,627,000	0.1417	\$273,428.15	\$273,428.15	

Staff Recommendation:

This is an information item only and no Board action is required.

Minimum Flows and Levels – Priority Lists and Schedules

Suzannah Folsom, WRWSA Executive Director, will present this item.

The purpose of this item is to provide a status report to the Board of the establishment of minimum flows and levels (MFLs) in the Authority's four-county area.

Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, requires each of the water management districts to have a Priority List and Schedule for the establishment of MFLs. This Priority List and Schedule identifies water bodies for which the District plans to establish minimum flows and levels and also identifies planned water reservations. Minimum flows and levels are limits set by the District Governing Board for surface waters and groundwater systems that are intended to prevent significant harm to the water resources or ecology of the area that may be caused by water withdrawals. Reservations set aside water from withdrawals for the protection of fish and wildlife or public health and safety.

The Districts are required to update this List and Schedule each year and provide the updated List to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) by November 15th.

Included as exhibits to this item are the MFLs that have been established to-date, and the proposed Priority Lists and Schedules for waterbodies within the WRWSA four-county area that are to be approved by the District Governing Boards for submittal to the DEP in November. A GIS map of the MFL locations and the current status of the MFL are provided by the DEP Office of Water Policy at:

<https://fdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=dff89179a4994477a70e6ed3dfc16647>

The Water Management Districts will use these MFLs to assess the health of the environment and will limit the issuance of future water supply permits based on monitoring these locations.

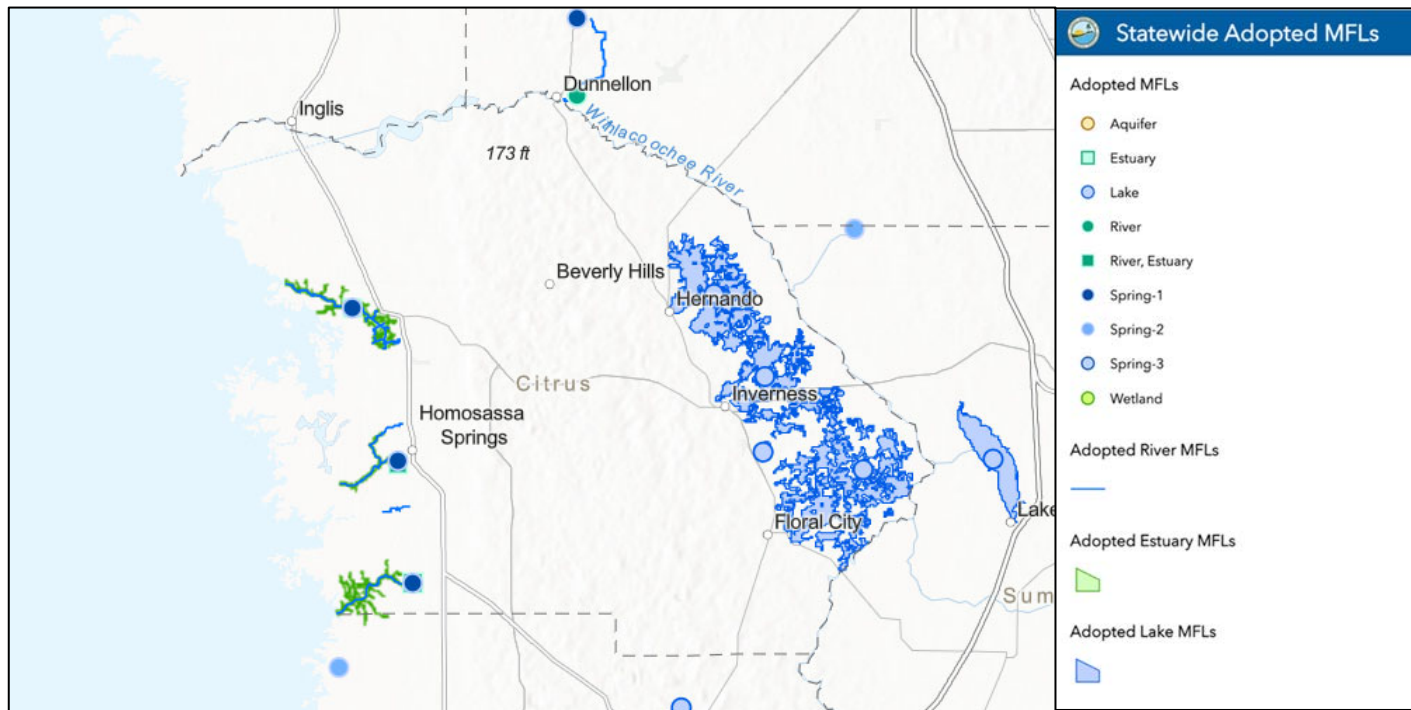
All MFLs are currently being met except for the Silver Spring MFL, which is listed as "Prevention" which means that the SJRWMD has a Prevention Strategy in place to bring it back to "Meeting" the MFL. This strategy includes conservation, aquifer recharge with the Ocala wetland aquifer recharge park, relocating supply to the lower Floridan aquifer, and increasing use of reclaimed water for irrigation.

The most relevant upcoming MFLs to be set will be four locations along the Withlacoochee River to be set by 2024. The Withlacoochee River has been identified as a potential alternative water supply source for the region, but the potential quantities that could be available cannot be determined until the minimum flows are set. WRWSA will continue to monitor and report on efforts to set these MFLs.

Staff Recommendation:

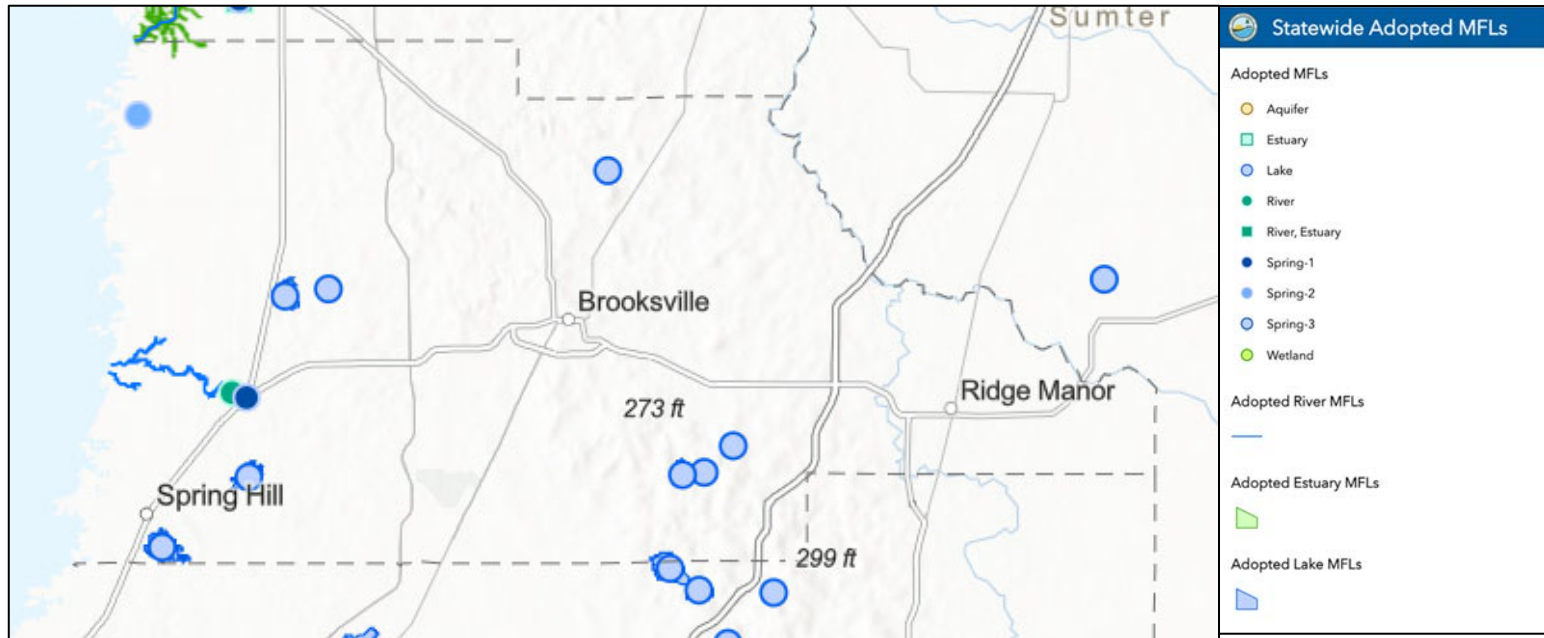
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Citrus County



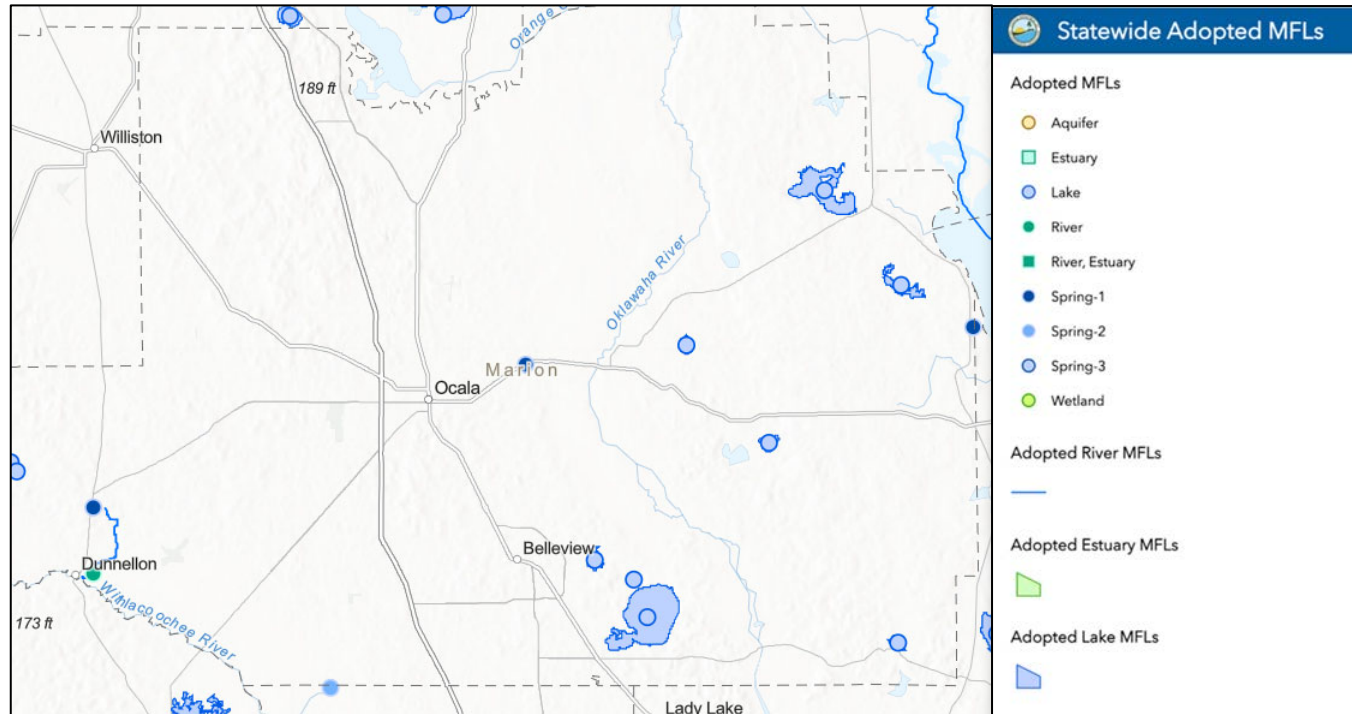
Citrus County				
WMD	Waterbody Name	Waterbody Type	Year Adopted	Current Status
SWFWMD	Ft. Cooper	Lake	2007	Meeting
SWFWMD	Tsala Apopka – Floral City, Inverness and Hernando Pools	Lake	2007	Meeting
SWFWMD	Chassahowitzka River/Chassahowitzka Spring Group (OFS) and Blind Springs	River/Spring Group	2013 2020 reevaluation complete	Meeting
SWFWMD	Homosassa River/Homosassa Spring Group (OFS)	River, Spring Group	2013 2020 reevaluation complete	Meeting
SWFWMD	Rainbow River/Rainbow Spring Group (OFS)	River, Spring Group	2017	Meeting
SWFWMD	Crystal River/Kings Bay Spring Group (OFS)	River, Spring Group	2018	Meeting

Hernando County



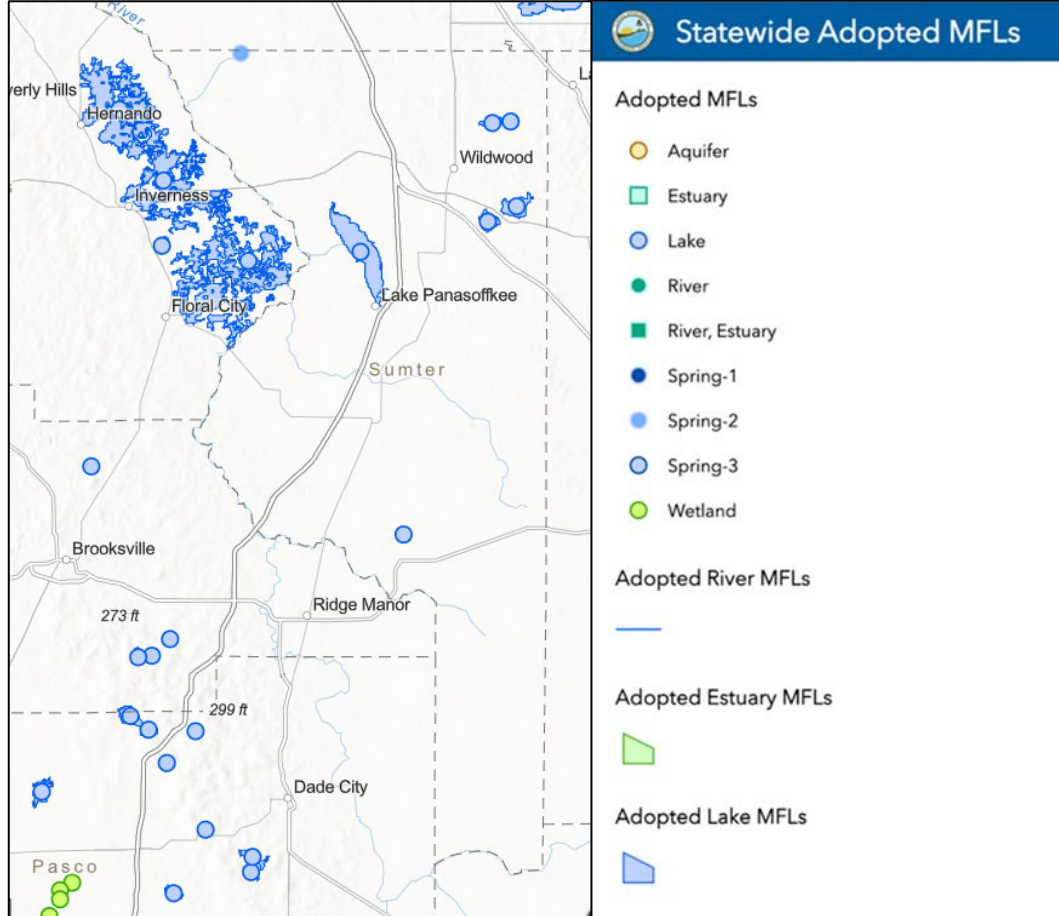
Hernando County				
SWFWMD	Mountain	Lake	2021 reevaluation	Meeting
SWFWMD	Neff	Lake	2021 reevaluation	Meeting
SWFWMD	Spring	Lake	2005	Meeting
SWFWMD	Weekiwachee Prairie	Lake	2005	Meeting
SWFWMD	Hunters	Lake	2021 Reevaluation	Meeting
SWFWMD	Lindsey	Lake	2021 Reevaluation	Meeting
SWFWMD	Weeki Wachee River/Weeki Wachee Spring Group (OFS)	River, Spring Group	2009	Meeting
SWFWMD	Chassahowitzka River/Chassahowitzka Spring Group (OFS) and Blind Spring	River/Spring Group	2020 reevaluation	Meeting
SWFWMD	Tooke	Lake	2013	Meeting
SWFWMD	Whitehurst	Lake	2013	Meeting

Marion County



Marion County				
WMD	Waterbody Name	Waterbody Type	Year Adopted	Current Status
SJRWMD	Kerr	Lake	1996 – 2016 reevaluated	Meeting
SJRWMD	Weir	Lake	2000 – scheduled for reevaluation	Meeting
SJRWMD	Charles	Lake	2003	Meeting
SJRWMD	Halfmoon	Lake	2003	Meeting
SJRWMD	Bowers	Lake	2004	Meeting
SJRWMD	Hopkins Prairie	Lake	2004	Meeting
SJRWMD	Nicotoon	Lake	2004	Meeting
SJRWMD	Smith	Lake	2004	Meeting
SWFWMD	Bonable	Lake	2013	Meeting
SWFWMD	Little Bonable	Lake	2013	Meeting
SWFWMD	Tiger	Lake	2013	Meeting
SJRWMD	Silver	Spring	2017	Prevention
SJRWMD	Silver Glen	Spring	2017	Meeting
SWFWMD	Rainbow River/Rainbow Spring Group (OFS)	River, Spring Group	2017 2019 reevaluation	Meeting Meeting

Sumter County



Sumter County				
SWFWMD	Big Gant	Lake	2007	Meeting
SWFWMD	Black	Lake	2007	Meeting
SWFWMD	Deaton	Lake	2007	Meeting
SWFWMD	Miona	Lake	2007	Meeting
SWFWMD	Okahumpka	Lake	2007	Meeting
SWFWMD	Panasoffkee	Lake	2007	Meeting
SWFWMD	Gum Slough Spring Run	Spring	2016	Meeting

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Minimum Flows and Levels Priority Lists and Schedules

WMD	Year	New or Re-Evaluation	Waterbody Name	Waterbody Type	County(s)	Cross-Boundary Impacts from Adjacent WMD?
SWFWMD	2024	New	Withlacoochee River (lower segment)	River, Estuary	Citrus, Levy	Yes
SWFWMD	2024	New	Withlacoochee River (upper segment, U.S. Geological Survey Holder gage to U.S. Geological Survey Wysong gage)	River	Citrus, Marion, Sumter	Yes
SWFWMD	2024	New	Withlacoochee River (upper segment, U.S. Geological Survey Wysong gage to U.S. Geological Survey Croom gage)	River	Citrus, Sumter, Hernando	No
SWFWMD	2024	New	Withlacoochee River (upper segment, upstream of U.S. Geological Survey Croom gage)	River	Hernando, Sumter	No
SWFWMD	2026	Reevaluation	Gum Slough Spring Group	Spring	Sumter	Yes
SWFWMD	2027	Reevaluation	Crystal River	River, Estuary	Citrus	Yes
SWFWMD	2027	Reevaluation	Kings Bay Spring Group (OFS)	Spring	Citrus	Yes
SWFWMD	2027	Reevaluation	Rainbow River	River	Marion	Yes
SWFWMD	2027	Reevaluation	Rainbow Spring Group (OFS)	Spring	Marion	Yes
SWFWMD	2029	Reevaluation (second)	Chassahowitzka River	River, Estuary	Citrus, Hernando	No
SWFWMD	2029	Reevaluation (second)	Chassahowitzka Spring Group (OFS)	Spring	Citrus, Hernando	No
SWFWMD	2029	Reevaluation (second)	Blind Spring	Spring	Citrus, Hernando	No
SWFWMD	2029	Reevaluation (second)	Homosassa River	River, Estuary	Citrus	No
SWFWMD	2029	Reevaluation (second)	Homosassa Spring Group (OFS)	Spring	Citrus	No

Item 11

Legislative Report

PFAS Legislation – presentation for meeting

Legislative Report

Mr. Viraj deSilva, Freese and Nichols will present this item.

The 2023 Legislative Regular Session will begin March 7, 2023 and end May 5, 2023. Staff will gather information on relevant bills that are related to conservation and water supply from SWFWMD, 1000 Friends of Florida, and the Florida Engineering Society's Conservation and Environmental Quality Committee, and the House and Senate websites.

One bill that we tracked during the 2022 legislative session was SB 7012/HB 1475 on PFAS, which was sponsored by Senator Albritton and Representative McClure. This Bill included:

- Creating the task force within the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Providing the membership, organization, and duties of the task force.
- Requiring the department to provide staffing to assist the task force in the performance of its duties.
- Requiring the task force to convene by a specified date.
- Requiring the task force to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date.

Mr. deSilva will give an overview on PFAS as an emerging contaminant and will present on the potential concerns within the WRWSA service area for public water supply.

Staff Recommendation:

This item is for information only and no action is required.

Item 12

Attorney's Report

To be provided at meeting

Item 13

Executive Director's Report

Item 13.a.

Charles A Black Wellfield Water Use Permit Renewal

Ms. Suzannah Folsom, Executive Director will present this item.

The Charles A. Black Wellfield Water Use Permit number 7121.006 expired on March 13, 2022. Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority is a co-applicant with Citrus County. The wellfield consists of seven public supply drinking water wells. The current permit has an average supply of 4,597,000 gallons per day (GPD) and a peak flow of 6,574,000 GPD.

Citrus County hired Jones Edmunds and Associates to assist in preparing the permit renewal application. WRWSA staff reviewed the permit application and provided comments prior to submittal. The following actions have been taken in the renewal process:

January 31, 2022	Application submitted by Citrus County
March 1, 2022	SWFWMD Request for Additional Information
May 27, 2022	Additional information sent by Citrus County
August 11, 2022	Time Extension Request Approval
August 17, 2022	Clarification of Received Information sent by SWFWMD
TBD Mid November	Clarification information to be sent by Citrus County

The requested term is 20 years, with an average permitted supply of 7,181,900 GPD and a peak supply of 9,121,013 GPD. This increase in capacity is based on population projections. The population served is expected to increase 39,630 by 2042. This includes the existing service area, service area expansion, and new proposed developments.

Staff Recommendation:

This item is for information and no action is required.

Item 13.b.

Executive Director's Report

Water Use Permit Demand Summary

Summary of Major Water Use Permits in WRWSA Service Area

Updated 11/2/22

Water Use Permit #	Applicant/Permittee Name	Permit Expiration Date	Permitted Average GPD	Actual 12-Month Rolling Average GPD*	Actual 5-Year Rolling Average GPD**	Actual Use / Permit Capacity	WRWSA RWSP Projection for 2022 GPD	RWSP Accuracy for 2020 +/- %
Citrus County								
207.007	City of Crystal River	3/27/2032	919,000	1,025,548	795,094	111.6%	744,000	-27.5%
419.013	City of Inverness	5/18/1931	1,535,000	1,134,088	1,093,069	73.9%	1,136,000	0.2%
1118.008	Floral City Water Association, Inc.	2/28/2038	395,000	391,979	347,475	99.2%	304,000	-22.4%
2842.011	Citrus County	8/25/2035	4,780,000	2,736,372	2,565,694	57.2%	2,616,000	-4.4%
4153.014	Rolling Oaks Utilities, Inc.	8/20/2038	1,573,000	1,414,022	1,549,316	89.9%	1,510,000	6.8%
4406.009	Homosassa Special Water District	8/25/1932	951,000	805,167	825,544	84.7%	764,000	-5.1%
7121.007	Citrus County - Charles A Black***	3/13/2022	7,181,900	5,286,641	4,776,993	73.6%	3,762,000	-28.8%
9791.011	Citrus County - Sugarmill Woods	11/17/2025	2,435,300	2,212,176	2,123,668	90.8%	2,346,000	6.0%
11839.01	GCP Walden Wds. One & Two, LLC, c/o Sun Communities, Inc.	4/23/2039	187,900	177,650	162,612	94.5%	140,000	-21.2%
Hernando County								
5789.013	Hernando Co. BOCC, Wiscon Maintenance Compound/Attn: Landis Legg	8/26/2035	23,299,000	20,218,973	18,369,707	86.8%	19,214,000	-5.0%
7627.005	City of Brooksville	2/25/2024	2,448,000	1,413,856	1,354,176	57.8%	1,136,000	-19.7%
Marion County - SWFWMD								
1156.013	Bay Laurel Community Development District	2/23/2041	7,560,900	3,968,395	3,490,152	52.5%	2,698,000	-32.0%
2999.005	Marion Utilities, Inc. Rainbow Lakes Estates	2/27/2035	126,000	94,712	95,822	75.2%	100,000	5.6%
5643.008	Utilities, Inc. of Florida - Golden Hills	2/23/2036	188,400	125,479	138,886	66.6%	160,000	27.5%
6151.014	Marion County Utilities Consolidated WUP***	9/7/2021	16,552,300	6,584,575	5,477,219	39.8%	5,278,000	-19.8%
8020.008	Association of Marion Landing Owners, Inc.	9/9/2040	179,400	122,664	132,230	68.4%	160,000	30.4%
8339.008	Florida Governmental Utility Authority- Dunellon	3/21/2035	1,117,100	1,233,125	1,197,943	110.4%	938,000	-23.9%
8481.006	Marion Utilities, Inc.- Spruce Creek	6/24/2039	834,400	955,984	719,797	114.6%	722,000	-24.5%
Marion County - SJRWMD								
2993-12	CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company - South Marion Regional Water System	5/27/2042	231,000	161,863	162,688	70.1%	234,000	44.6%
2995-7	Tradewinds Utilities Inc	2/27/2035	227,000	96,151	92,002	42.4%	100,000	4.0%
3016-4	Ocala East Villas Inc	8/27/2031	107,000	86,305	91,454	80.7%	100,000	15.9%
3021-5	Rolling Greens Communities	9/13/2025	610,000	376,247	386,827	61.7%	350,000	-7.0%
3043-7	Florida Governmental Utility Authority - Ocala Oaks	1/6/2040	194,000	133,351	133,200	68.7%	178,000	33.5%
3130-5	CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company - Sunray Estates	8/17/2040	195,000	180,992	145,258	92.8%	150,000	-17.1%
3137-5	City of Belleview	10/11/2036	1,022,000	1,025,860	944,965	100.4%	876,000	-14.6%
4578-8	Marion County Utilities Consolidated CUP	9/10/2023	7,090,000	6,132,255	5,920,704	86.5%	6,728,000	9.7%
50324-9	City of Ocala	8/7/2027	17,540,000	12,257,774	11,702,074	69.9%	11,524,000	-6.0%
Sumter County								
1368.008	Lake Panasoffkee Water Assoc Inc	8/22/2024	410,000	283,584	272,927	69.2%	326,000	15.0%
6519.01	City of Bushnell	3/29/2031	1,366,800	454,668	460,070	33.3%	670,000	47.4%
7185.007	City of Webster***	8/29/2022	102,900	94,004	87,260	91.4%	180,000	91.5%
8135.013	City of Wildwood	3/31/2035	4,344,800	1,445,592	2,057,606	33.3%	4,594,000	217.8%
8193.006	City of Center Hill***	9/10/2022	170,500	69,721	67,912	40.9%	174,000	149.6%
13005.01	Village Center Community Development District	1/23/2038	19,345,900	11,559,852	12,043,592	59.8%	24,564,000	112.5%
20597.000	City of Wildwood-Continental Country Club	6/17/2026	238,400	135,948	134,829	57.0%	214,000	57.4%
* 12-month Rolling Average for most recent available data								
** 5-year Rolling Average for most recent available data								
***Renewal submitted; Permitted GPD represents WUP request; no new expiration date confirmed; revision number updated to reflect submittal								

Item 13.c.

Executive Director's Report

WMIS WUP Notifications

Summary of Recent Water Use Permit Activity in WRWSA Service Area

Updated November 2022

Water Use Permit #	Applicant/Permittee Name	Activity Type	Date	Avg GPD	Peak GPD	Use Type	Status
Citrus County							
7121.007	Charles A Black Water Supply System	Renewal	1/31/2022	7,181,900	9,121,013	Public Supply	In Review
9964.006	Southern Oaks Property Group LLC	Ownership Transfer	9/20/2022	223,600	546,100	Landscape/ Recreation	In Review
13279.003	Cabot Citrus OpCo	Letter Modification	10/11/2022	734,800	1,645,000	Landscape/ Recreation	In Review
1108.005	Fenco Farms	Renewal	10/21/2022	99,000	508,170	Agricultural	In Review
Hernando County							
12233.003	Heartwood 91-3, LLC / Attn: Bruce Parker	Renewal	4/11/2022	307,000	821,000	Landscape/ Recreation	Issued: 10/4/22
4893.009	FDEP and SWFWMD / Attn: Marcia Karcher	Renewal	4/15/2022	135,500	229,900	Landscape/ Recreation	In Review
10760.004	Rivard Golf Club	Renewal	7/6/2022	194,000	495,700	Landscape/ Recreation	Issued: 10/13/22
5789.015	Hernando County Water System	Modification	8/10/2022	24,360,000	31,911,600	Public Supply	In Review
13279.003	Cabot Citrus OpCo	Letter Modification	10/11/2022	734,800	1,645,000	Landscape/ Recreation	In Review
Marion County - SWFWMD							
6151.014	Marion County Utilities / Jody Kirkman	Renewal	9/7/2021	16,552,300	24,693,400	Public Supply	Completed: 10/7/22
13123.005	Florida Grande Motor Coach Resort	Modification	8/22/2022	14,000	290,000	Public Supply	In Review
20319.003	Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC	Renewal	9/20/2022	887,800	2,387,100	Agricultural	Application Withdrawn
20319.004	Sleepy Creek Lands	Renewal	9/23/2022	887,800	2,387,100	Agricultural	In Review
21071.000	TTRES at Ocala 48th FL	New	9/23/2022	22,300	64,200	Landscape/ Recreation	Issued: 10/13/22
21074.000	Argos USA	New	10/13/2022	34,300	52,500	Industrial and Commercial	Completed: 10/13/22
10148.002	T.G. Lybass Limited Partnership	Renewal	10/27/2022	500	800	Agricultural	Completed 10/27/2022
7178.007	Marion County Utilities Oak Run	Renewal	10/27/2022	614300	1904400	Landscape/ Recreation	In Review
Sumter County							
6151.014	Marion County Utilities / Jody Kirkman	Renewal	9/7/2021	16,552,300	24,693,400	Public Supply	Completed: 10/7/22
21031.000	Blue Goose Utility Company, LLC	New	4/4/2022	6,000,000	8,600,000	Public Supply	In Review
21039.000	Blue Goose Water Conservation Authority	New	5/9/2022	5,372,500	35,578,396	Landscape/ Recreation	In Review
8675.009	Florida National Cemetary	Letter Modification	7/14/2022	817,400	2,336,100	Landscape/ Recreation	In Review
7185.007	City of Webster	Renewal	8/25/2022	102,900	123,200	Public Supply	In Review
8193.006	City of Center Hill	Renewal	8/31/2022	170,500	264,600	Public Supply/ Industrial Commercial	In Review
1491.006	Toms Ranch	Renewal	9/7/2022	95,200	764,400	Agricultural	Issued: 10/13/22
8135.015	City of Wildwood	Letter Modification	9/26/2022	4,344,800	6,345,900	Public Supply	In Review
20687.008	Southeast Wildwood Water Conservation Authority	Modification	10/5/2022	2,633,900	18,166,949	Landscape/ Recreation	In Review
<i>*WUP is located within Marion and Sumter Counties</i>							

Item 13.d.

Executive Director's Report

Correspondence



October 20, 2022

Mr. Gregory C. Harrell
Clerk of Court and Comptroller
Marion County
Finance Department
Post Office Box 1030
Ocala, Florida 34478

RE: Conservation Grant Reimbursement
Reinstatement of Check Writing Privileges

Dear Mr. Harrell:

We recently received notification of a Returned Check #2943 for \$16,042.15. This check was sent by WRWSA to Marion County as grant funding reimbursement for the County's conservation activities in FY 2021-22.

We were late in transferring funds into our checking account and our balance was not able to cover the check we sent to Marion County. We apologize for our error and have enclosed a cashier's check for the reimbursement amount of \$16,042.15 plus a 5% penalty of \$802.11.

We understand this error has caused great inconvenience for Marion County. We have increased our minimum balance that we keep in our checking account, and have implemented procedures to assure that our future account transfers will be completed prior to issuing payments.

We request that you please reinstate our privilege to send payment via check for our future transactions.

Sincerely,

Suzannah J. Folsom, PE, PMP
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: J. Schoppe, Finance, Marion County



GREGORY C. HARRELL
CLERK OF COURT AND COMPTROLLER – MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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October 13, 2022

**Withlacoochee Regional
Water Supply Authority
3600 W Sovereign Path, Ste 228
Lacanto, FL 34461**

**RE: Notification of Returned Check
Returned Check #2943**

Written Amount \$16042.15

You are hereby notified that a check, numbered 2943 issued by you on 09/21/2022 drawn upon SunTrust Bank, and made payable to Marion County BOCC, (Utilities/Engineering Department) has been dishonored.

Pursuant to Florida law, **you have 15 days from the date of this notice** to tender payment of the full amount of such check plus a service charge of \$25 if the face value **does not exceed \$50, \$30 if the face value exceeds \$50 but does not exceed \$300, \$40 if the face value exceeds \$300, or 5 percent** of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater, the total amount due being **\$ 16844.26**, payable in exact cash, cashier's check, or money order. Please return a copy of this letter with your remittance.

In addition to the service charge for the return of this item, **your privilege of paying by check has been permanently suspended pursuant to Florida Statute 61.181(5).** *To restore your check writing privileges, you must send a letter addressed to Gregory C Harrell, Clerk of Court and Comptroller requesting that your privileges be reinstated.*

Unless this amount is paid in full within the time specified above, the holder of such check may turn over the dishonored check and all other available information relating to this incident to the state attorney for criminal prosecution.

You may be additionally liable in a civil action for triple the amount of the check, but in no case less than \$50, together with the amount of the check, a service charge, court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and incurred bank fees, as provided in s. 68.065.

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**Withlacoochee Regional
Water Supply Authority**
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Please govern yourself accordingly. Should you have any questions or require any additional information concerning this matter, please contact the Accounting and Finance Division of the Clerk's Office at (352)671-5520.

Sincerely,

Gregory C Harrell
Clerk Of Court and Comptroller
Marion County, Florida

By: J. Schoppe
J. Schoppe

cc: **Engineering Department & Clerk**

Pay at the Clerk Annex, 2nd floor. The annex is south of the parking garage, corner of Pine & 40, by the court house. Hours 8-4 M-F

If mailed Please put Attn: Finance on the envelope.

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Attn: Finance
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October 25, 2022

**Withlacoochee Regional
Water Supply Authority
3600 W Sovereign Path Ste 228
Lacanto, Florida 34461**

**RE: Returned Check #2943
Written Amount: \$16042.15
Written to: Marion County BOCC (Engineering)**

The Clerk, based on the circumstances involved, has approved your request for reinstatement of check writing privileges.

Sincerely,

Gregory C Harrell
Clerk of Court and Comptroller
Marion County, Florida


J. Schoppe
Senior Clerk

Cc: MC Engineering & Clerk



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Notice of Overdraft



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On 10-11-22 1 Item totaling \$16,042.15 was presented for payment. Of these,

0 item for \$0.00 was paid and
1 item for \$16,042.15 was returned.

Your account XXXXXXXXX94072 was charged a(n)
Overdraft Fee of \$0.00

Returned Item Fee of \$36.00

Please be aware that you may be assessed fees for the item(s) above.

Check No.	Amount
2943	\$16,042.15



October 25, 2022

Mr. Ken Cheek, PE
Director, Department of Water Resources
Citrus County Board of County Commissioners
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 291
Lecanto, Florida 34461

Subject: Cost of Living Increase for Fiscal Year 2023 rate per 1,000 gallons

Dear Ken:

This letter serves as formal confirmation of the annual cost of living rate increase for fiscal year 2023 effective October 1, 2022 as required in Section 10.2 of the Water Supply Contract.

The rate in fiscal year 2022 was \$0.1417 per 1,000 gallons. In an email on October 25, 2022, your staff confirmed that Citrus County is adjusting the rates applied to your customers by 5.0% in fiscal year 2023. The Master Water Contract allows for the same adjustment to be applied to the water rate that WRWSA charges Citrus County. The new calculated rate for fiscal year 2023 will be \$0.1487 per 1,000 gallons.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Suzannah Folsom, PE, PMP
Executive Director

cc: Gary Loggins, Operations Division Director

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Exemptions:
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AD VALOREM TAXES						
TAXING AUTHORITY	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TAXABLE VALUE	MILLAGE RATE	TAXES LEVIED	
General County	68,830	68,830	0	6.5057	0.00	
Transportation Trust	68,830	68,830	0	.7860	0.00	
Health Department	68,830	68,830	0	.0614	0.00	
Library	68,830	68,830	0	.3147	0.00	
Fire District	68,830	68,830	0	0.0000	0.00	
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Mosquito Control	68,830	68,830	0	.4307	0.00	
TOTAL				14.4255	\$0.00	

RETAIN THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS.
WALK-IN CUSTOMERS,
PLEASE BRING FOR RECEIPT.

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS		
LEVYING AUTHORITY	RATE	AMOUNT
Avoid waiting in line-Pay ONLINE at www.citrustc.us		
TOTAL		\$0.00

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Financial Disclosure Coordinators
 FROM: Kimberly R. Holmes, Program Administrator
 RE: Request for Updated Information
 DATE: October 25, 2022

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kimberly R. Holmes", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memorandum.

The Commission on Ethics is responsible for compiling a mailing list of elected and appointed officials and employees subject to filing financial disclosure forms annually. We are assisted in the endeavor by coordinators who provide the information for the update process. In order to prepare for compiling the year 2023 mailing list, please indicate the following in the enclosed Response Sheet:

- 1) **If there has been any change for the information on record for the agency contact person.** See Response Sheet enclosed listing the name, address, telephone number, and email of the person previously designated as your contact person, or financial disclosure coordinator.
- 2) The Response Sheet also lists suborganizations within your agency currently subject to the disclosure law. **If applicable, indicate whether the duties of any of the boards have changed, if a board is inactive, or if a board has been abolished. (Do not provide names of board members at this time, as we will request this information in January.)**
- 3) **If any new boards have been created, provide the name of the board and enclose for each newly created board its enabling legislation or other documentation of its power and duties.** Upon receipt of this information, we will review and notify you if members are subject to filing financial disclosure forms.

Please respond by **November 8, 2022. (If there are no changes, please mark the box indicating no changes and return to our office by November 8.)** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the financial disclosure staff at the following:

Telephone: (850) 488-7864 or (800) 262-8824
 Fax: (850) 488-3077
 Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

Enclosure

**FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS
FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
RESPONSE SHEET 2022**

NAME OF AGENCY: Withlacoochee Reg. Water Supply Authority

(1) AGENCY COORDINATOR (List coordinator information that has changed.)

NAME: LuAnne Stout

TITLE: Administrative Assistant

ADDRESS: 3600 W Sovereign Path STE 228

CITY: Lecanto

STATE: FL

ZIP: 34461

TELEPHONE: (352) 527 5795

EXT:

FAX: (352) 527 5797

E-MAIL: lstout@wrwsa.org

(2) EXISTING SUBORGANIZATIONS (List and attach documentation for boards whose powers have changed. **Do not provide names of filers, as we will request this information in January.**)

Board of Directors

(3) NEW BOARDS (List and attach documentation for new boards. **Do not provide names of board members, as we will request this information in January.**)

CHECK HERE ONLY IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO REPORT: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY **NOVEMBER 8, 2022** TO:
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Item 13.e.

Executive Director's Report

News Articles

Florida Springs Council's plan shows springs restoration, though difficult, is achievable

August 31, 2022
The Gainesville Sun

We've all heard the saying, "If you want something done right, do it yourself." When it comes to creating a better Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) for the Santa Fe River, that's exactly what the Florida Springs Council did.

The purpose of a BMAP is to reduce water pollution levels back down to the point where we don't have algae blooms and mass manatee die-offs, or get sick from going into the creeks in our backyards. For Outstanding Florida Springs — like Ichetucknee, Poe, Silver and Rainbow — the law requires these plans to achieve water quality goals within 20 years.

In 2018, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection proposed BMAPs for 24 impaired Outstanding Florida Springs. Several of these, including the BMAP for springs of the Santa Fe River, fell woefully short of that basic statutory goal.

The most obvious failing in the Santa Fe BMAP is that it only proposes a small fraction of the nitrate reductions necessary to clean up the springs. At the same time, it ignores the increased pollution that will inevitably occur in the next 20 years from population growth and greater agricultural intensity.

At best, DEP's BMAP is a prescription for treading water. At worst, our springs will be more polluted in 20 years than they are today.

Paddlers navigate kayaks around Poe Springs, which is noticeably green in color, at Poe Springs Park in High Springs in 2021.

In response, a handful of Florida environmental groups and several brave individuals challenged the legitimacy of five Outstanding Florida Springs BMAPs in court. We expect a ruling from the First District Court of Appeals on those cases soon.



During this long legal process, the Florida Springs Council concluded that, since the state was shirking its responsibility to create a credible BMAP, we would do it ourselves. The result is a “Better BMAP for the Santa Fe River Springs,” available at floridaspringscouncil.org/betterbmap.

What makes a small non-profit think it can write a better BMAP than a state agency with a multi-billion annual budget?

We have the great advantage of caring not a whit about political considerations but only the health of the springs. Unlike DEP, we’re honest about the scope of the problem and the seriousness of the measures that will have to be undertaken to reverse decades of manmade degradation.

Everyone agrees that we must reduce nitrate pollution in the Santa Fe River basin by approximately two-thirds, or 1.8 million pounds per year. That’s no small task. DEP’s BMAP only gets us about a quarter of the way there. So what will it take to restore the Santa Fe?

Crowds swim and float at Ginnie Springs in High Springs.

First, we have to stop making the problem worse. That means requiring all new residential and commercial developments to connect to advanced wastewater treatment facilities, prohibiting in-ground lawn irrigation systems and the use of lawn fertilizer containing nitrogen on new lots, and placing a moratorium on new agricultural water use permits.

Then we have to deal with the existing pollution by allocating the required nitrate reductions to specific categories of pollution sources (farm fertilizer, septic tanks, urban fertilizer, etc.), and finding policies and projects capable of achieving those reductions.

In the case of the Santa Fe River, and many other Florida waters, agriculture is the major source of pollution and, therefore, must be responsible for the vast majority of the reductions. While urban fertilizer and septic tank pollution are real issues that must be addressed, even if they were eliminated the springs of the Santa Fe River would still not meet water quality goals.

The challenge is showing how agricultural pollution can be cut by approximately 70% percent in a state where farmers have the legal right to pollute our waters. It will involve more advanced agricultural practices, like precision fertilizer placement and soil-moisture sensors, but more importantly it will require large-scale conversions of intensive agriculture to non-polluting land uses like forestry.

These initiatives will require legislation creating a new type of groundwater and nutrient conservation easement and ongoing ecosystem payments for farmers willing to convert their lands, as well as hundreds of millions of dollars in funding annually from the state to implement.

Our “Better BMAP” is intended to show the people of Florida, as well as our elected and appointed leaders, that springs restoration, though difficult, is achievable.

In the end, we can only hope that they will take our recommendations seriously. If not, they should have the decency to admit that, although recovering our springs is a worthy and achievable goal, they don’t have the political will to make it happen.

Ryan Smart is the executive director of the Florida Springs Council. The “Better BMAP for the Santa Fe River Springs” was funded in part by a grant from the nonprofit Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida via proceeds from the ‘Protect Florida Springs’ license plate.

Wildwood leaders hold special meeting to discuss yellow, brown water issues facing residents

September 19, 2022
WFTV 9, wftv.com

WILDWOOD, Fla. — Residents of one Central Florida city said they are tired of dealing with discolored water and that they have been dealing with the problem for weeks.

The city of Wildwood held a special meeting on Monday to talk about the water problem and what city plans to do to fix the issue, permanently.

During Monday's meeting, the city said the problem was a new water main connecting to a treatment plant that was causing extra pressure in the older pipes downtown, and that was knocking rust into the water that was causing the water to change color.

City officials maintain that the water has been safe to drink the entire time, but residents told Channel 9 that they won't drink it.

"If they feel like it's safe, each one of them can get a glass and then swallow, then I'll say 'okay, it is safe,'" said resident Carolyn Lewis. Lewis and her neighbors told Channel 9 that the water has been discolored for weeks and it is starting to stain sinks and bathtubs.

"We've definitely offered our sincerest apologies for this happening," said Wildwood Mayor Ed Wolf. "It's embarrassing. We're not going to try to dodge it." In Monday's special city council meeting, city leaders voted to give impacted residents 40% off their bill for this past month.

Leaders said the problem started with a new water main from the Oxford Water Treatment Plant which put extra pressure on the system changing the flow and knocking rust into the water from old galvanized pipes in the downtown area.

"So we're not going to bring the water from Oxford back down here until we have a better plan in terms of what we can do to rectify this so that this doesn't particularly happen," said Wildwood City Manager Jason McHugh.

Over the weekend, the city disconnected that line from downtown and flushed the lines. City leaders said it seemed to have cleared things up. Residents told Channel 9 that it did help and that the water is lighter, but still has a yellow tint to it.

The city said it will eventually have to change all the old pipes downtown for a more permanent solution, but they're hoping these new efforts will help for now.

Wildwood residents to see 40 percent discount in bill over discolored water

September 19, 2022
Villages-News.com

Wildwood residents suffering with discolored water will receive a 40 percent discount on this month's utility bill as the city takes steps to resolve the issue.

The City Commission voted unanimously at a special meeting Monday morning to offer the discount.

Eligible residents live in the older section of the city, roughly between the U.S. 301 overpass and State Road 44. Downtown businesses also were affected.

Iron residue in older pipes colored the water over the past several weeks after city workers connected a new pipeline, which increased the flow and shook loose deposits.

Utilities Director Mark Odell said the discolored water is safe to drink.

To address the issue, he said the new water main, which he calls the Peppertree line, has been disconnected from the older section of the system. The line runs south from Oxford and past the Peppertree Apartments.

Odell said employees also flushed 175 fire hydrants a week ago and are continuing an aggressive flushing routine, especially where complaints are received.

Money in the next fiscal year's budget, which begins Oct. 1, also will allow the city to replace some of the older galvanized pipe, he said.

Odell said the entire system will be treated with polyphosphates, which create a film over iron deposits to keep them from coming loose.

"It's embarrassing and we're not going to dodge it," said Mayor Ed Wolf. "I just think we should have anticipated the possibility of something like this happening."

Wolf said disconnecting the new line is a "temporary fix" because it must eventually be connected to the rest of the system.

“It may be a Band-Aid until we find out what we need to do,” said City Manager Jason McHugh.

He said the flushing may be working because he received no new complaints on Monday morning.

Wolf said residents may want to flush their own pipes, which could have the same deposits, by turning on an outside hose. He suggested that the city could offer a credit for water bill increases due to flushing.

The problem became public when Lee Coffey, a resident of an older part of the city, complained about the discolored water and brought samples to a City Commission meeting last month.

Coffey said his toilet water was so yellow that it looked like he hadn't flushed it.

Wildwood approves \$2.3 million contract for new sewage treatment plant to cope with growth

October 10, 2022
Villages-News.com

Approving a \$2.3-million design and engineering contract, Wildwood commissioners Monday took the first step to upgrading the city's current sewage treatment plant and building a new one next to it, capable of handling six million gallons of wastewater daily.

The contract with CPH Engineers covers all pre-construction phases of both plants, including engineering design, construction loan applications, permitting and preparing site plans.

Wildwood's rapid growth in both the Villages of Southern Oaks and due to apartment construction elsewhere in the city have spurred the need for increased capacity from the 40-year-old treatment plant.



Wildwood's waste water treatment facility is 40 years old.

"We're growing a little faster than we anticipated so this goes on the front burner real quick," said Mayor Ed Wolf.

The current plant processes about 1.7 million gallons of wastewater daily, a 16.7 percent increase from a year ago.

Although the plant was designed to handle 3.5 million gallons a day, it's capacity is 2.8 million due to inefficiency. It is expected to reach capacity in about three years.

Construction could begin early next year, even before design and engineering work have been completed.

Last month, commissioners heard a report from Benjamin Fries, a CPH vice president, on the status of the current plant and a blueprint for expansion.

He recommended a two-pronged approach that includes upgrading the current plant and building a new plant on adjacent city-owned property.

CPH Engineers of Sanford also was hired earlier this year to prepare the report and commissioners voted Monday to accept the findings.

Fries said the current plant can be more efficient with piping changes that would distribute wastewater equally between two oxidation ditches.

The new plant would be built in phases and the old plant would continue operating until it is fully completed. Then the old plant would be demolished.

Item 13.f.

Hernando Springs Workshop – Save the Date

Ms. Suzannah Folsom, Executive Director will present this item.

SAVE THE DATE!

Hernando County will be hosting a Springs Workshop on Friday, April 14, 2023 at the Sandhill Scout Reservation.

Alys Brockway will come back at our January Meeting with more information on this event.

Staff Recommendation:

For the Board's information only.

Citrus County Wins Region IV Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest

Suzannah Folsom, WRWSA Executive Director, will present this item.

Special congratulations to Citrus County for winning the Region IV Florida Section American Water Works Association Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest on October 28. They beat out 18 other utilities from the region. They submitted water from the Charles A. Black Wellfield, which is owned by WRWSA and operated by the County.

Citrus County will compete against other utilities from around the State at the end of November at the State AWWA conference in Orlando.

Citrus County and WRWSA will also help to host the Region IV Taste Test next year in October 2023.



