



**WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL
WATER
SUPPLY
AUTHORITY**

Board Meeting Package

March 16, 2011
4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

SWFWMD Headquarters
Governing Board Meeting Room
2379 Broad Street (US 41 South)
Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899



WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Supply Authority Board of Directors and Interested Parties
From: Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director
Date: March 2, 2011

Subject: Monthly Meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional
Water Supply Authority

The next meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will be on **Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**, at the **SWFWMD Headquarters Governing Board Meeting Room, 2379 Broad Street (US 41 South), Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899.**

Enclosed for your review are the following items:

- Agenda
- Minutes of the February 16, 2011 meeting
- Board Package*

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Please note that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the above cited meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he 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.

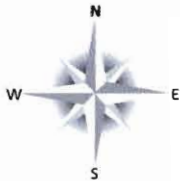
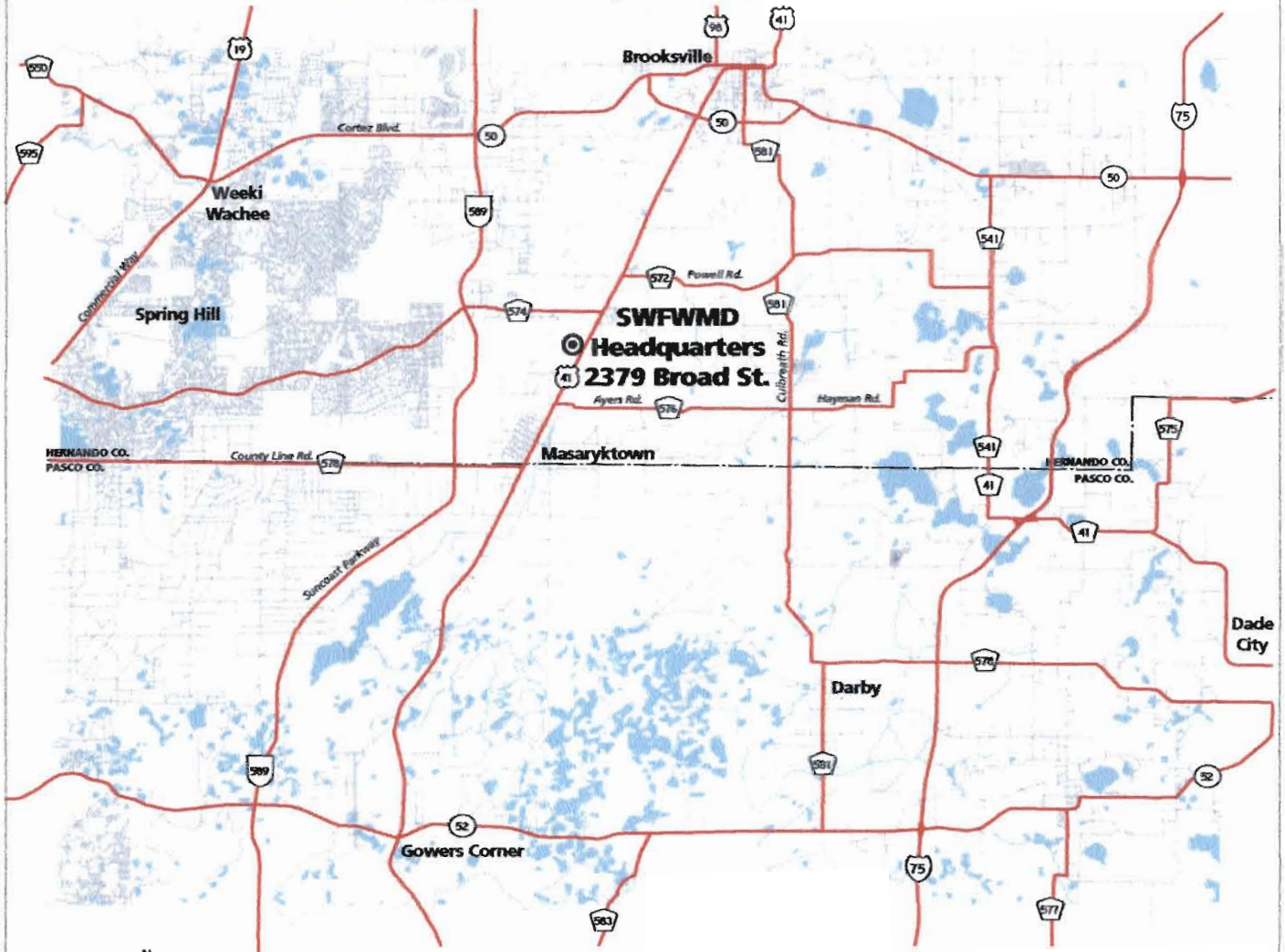
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**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA**

**SWFWMD Headquarters Governing Board Meeting Room
2379 Broad Street (US 41 South)
Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899**

**March 16, 2011
4:30 p.m.**

- Item #1 Call to Order**
- Item #2 Roll Call**
- Item #3 Introductions and Announcements**
- Item #4 Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2011 Meeting**
- Item #5 SWFWMD Report on Wells Within the WRWSA Area ... SWFWMD Staff**
- Item #6 Progress on Regional Framework Planning Program ... Pete Hubbell, Water Resource Associates**
- Item #7 Executive Director's Report ... Jack Sullivan, WRWSA**
 - a. Bills to be Paid**
 - b. Progress on Regional Utility Forum**
 - c. Correspondence**
 - d. News Articles**
- Item #8 Legislative Update ... Diane Salz, Legislative Consultant**
- Item #9 Attorney's Report ... Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney**
- Item #10 Other Business**
- Item #11 Public Comment**
- Item #12 Next Meeting Time and Location ... April 20, 2011, 4:30 p.m., Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Headquarters Conference Room, 1241 SW 10th Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34474-0323**

The Regional Utility Forum on water conservation will meet on April 20, 2011 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Conference Room in Ocala, Florida
- Item #13 Adjournment**

4. 2/16/11 Minutes

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2011**

TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council
1241 SW 10th Street (SR 200)
Ocala, Florida 34471-0323

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stan McClain called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Jack Sullivan, Executive Director, called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Hoffman, Chairman, Sumter County Commissioner
Stan McClain, New Chairman, Marion County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Vice-Chair, Citrus County Commissioner
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilman
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner
Maureen McNiff, Crystal River City Councilwoman
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Druzbeck, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner
Joe Bernardini, Brooksville City Councilman
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner
John Priester, Ocala City Councilman
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner

3. Introductions and Announcements

Mr. Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Debra Burden, Citrus County Water

Kim Dinkins, Marion County
Al Grubman, TOO FAR
John Ferguson, SWFWMD
David Hornsby, SJRWMD
Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates
Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities
Cara Martin, SWFWMD
Flip Mellinger, Marion County Utilities
Richard Radacky, City of Brooksville
Lori Silvera, District Secretary for State Representative Dennis Baxley
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

4. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2011 Meeting

A copy of the minutes was provided in the board packet for review. Mr. Damato noted the minutes stated Ms. Maureen McNiff was from the City of Inverness when she is representing the City of Crystal River.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the corrected minutes for the January 19, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

5. Orientation of New Board Members and Discussion of Role of Authority

Mr. Sullivan gave a presentation for new board members explaining the history, formation, organization, member representation and funding sources of the WRWSA. Ms. McNiff stated she thought 41 percent for general administration cost was high. Mr. Sullivan stated generally 60 to 65 percent is considered normal. Commissioner Winn Webb agreed with Mr. Sullivan stating that law enforcement is even higher, around 80 percent. Mr. Sullivan added the amount was not just salary, but included costs such as the website, legal fees and office supplies. Mr. Sullivan continued by reviewing water management districts and how they interact with the WRWSA.

6. Executive Director's Report

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the WRWSA detailing January 2011 bills, which totaled \$26,763.99. Mr. Sullivan requested the WRWSA approve the payment of those bills. Ms. McNiff stated she did not want to receive travel reimbursement and asked the amount be removed from the total. Mr. Sullivan stated the new total was \$26,738.18.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve payment of the January 2011 bills totaling \$26,738.18. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst and carried unanimously.**

b. 1st Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the financial report and asked for its approval.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the 1st Quarter Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rich and carried unanimously.**

c. Water Conservation Coalition Initiative

Mr. Sullivan asked for the WRWSA's approval to coordinate a Water Forum with local utilities on water conservation. He stated one reason to have such a meeting is that SWFWMD requires all utilities to lower their water consumption to 150 per capita per day by 2018. Mr. Sullivan suggested having one meeting this year in April at which time the utilities could decide whether they would like to participate in additional meetings. Ms. Bay stated the major concern was water conservation and that private wells were not monitored. A lengthy discussion ensued on private wells, and some people considered it an invasion of privacy to monitor versus the need to get accurate data for water conservation. However, the number of wells could be estimated by the construction permits issued by the SWFWMD. Mr. Flip Mellinger, Marion County Utilities, stated that USGS in conjunction with SWFWMD is currently working on a program to monitor a test group of 300 private wells to estimate domestic use. Following the well discussion, Chairman McClain asked for a vote to hold a Water Forum with local utilities in April.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. McNiff to hold the Water Forum. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

d. Correspondence

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the correspondence enclosed in the meeting handouts.

This item was presented for the WRWSA's information; no action was required.

e. News Articles

Mr. Sullivan provided news articles on water supply issues relating to areas both regional and statewide.

This item was presented for the WRWSA's information; no action was required.

7. Legislative Update

Mr. Sullivan stated Ms. Diane Salz is in Tallahassee and a list of the bills she is tracking was included in the handouts.

8. Attorney's Report

a. Contract with The Villages CDDs for Irrigation Audit Program

Mr. Haag reviewed the edited Cooperative Funding Agreements with the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District and the Village Center Community Development District.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Webb to approve the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.**

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Village Center Community Development District as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

b. Other

None.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Public Comment

Mr. Mellinger commented it is unfair for public use of wells being limited on consumption when private use is unlimited; however, it is intrusive of government to meter private wells. He stated it was a difficult situation. Mr. Mellinger stated there is a cost to water conservation. He explained that utilities have the same cost of running facilities; so lowering consumption would result in higher fees to customers to cover current operating expenses.

Mr. Grubman representing TOO FAR stated that the new Board needed to be aware that the Authority had proposed a pipeline from Citrus to Hernando County in the Master Plan. He also mentioned that the Authority proposed taking 7.5 mgd of groundwater from the Homosassa spring shed.

11. Next Meeting Time and Location

Next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Water Management District Headquarters, Governing Board Room, 2379 Broad Street (US 41 South), Brooksville, FL 34604.

1. Adjournment

Chairman McClain announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Stan McClain, Chairman

Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director

**5. Wells Within the
WRWSA Area**

**MEMORANDUM**

March 2, 2011

To: Board of Directors, WRWSA
From: Jack Sullivan, Executive Director *JCS*

Re: SWFWMD Report on Wells Within the WRWSA Area

At the February 16, 2011 Board meeting there was considerable discussion regarding monitoring of domestic wells as a means of determining the impact of such wells on the groundwater resources within the region. It was determined in the meeting that all wells do receive a construction permit, but those of less than 6 inches do not require a consumptive use permit. Individuals with domestic wells, especially in rural areas, are opposed to having their wells monitored.

At the conclusion of the meeting some Board members asked me if it would be possible to request a presentation from the SWFWMD on the number and type of wells that have been constructed within the region without regard to water consumption. I made such a request to the District staff and they agreed to pull the necessary information together and present it at the March 16 Board meeting.

The District's well construction regulation manager will begin the presentation with a well construction permitting requirement overview and then discuss when a well would require a water use permit. Then District staff from the hydrologic evaluation section will discuss how the District estimates water use from wells that are not associated with a water use permit (domestic self supply) and how it models both domestic wells and wells that have a water use permit.

The presentation will take approximately 30 minutes. A copy of the power point presentation was not available yet for the Board Package, but will be handed out at the meeting.

**6. Progress on
Regional Framework**

**MEMORANDUM****March 3, 2011**

To: Board of Directors, WRWSA
From: Jack Sullivan, Executive Director *JES*
Re: Progress on Regional Framework Planning Program

As you are aware, the regional framework concept has been embraced by the WRWSA Board as the planning tool for the development of remaining traditional groundwater supplies in a manner that will allow the efficient introduction of regionally developed alternative water supplies. Water Resource Associates (WRA) has been developing the next steps of the framework based on a Board approved amendment to our planning process entitled: "Amendment to Scope of Services for the Withlacoochee Master Regional Water Supply Planning and Implementation Program (Phase VII): Northern District Modeling & Local Community Technical Support (HO37)" – (Scope of Services Attached.)

The initial workshop will be held with the WRWSA Technical Review Committee (TRC) regarding this effort on March 16 prior to the WRWSA Board meeting. The workshop is an opportunity for member utilities to share information regarding their existing water supply systems, research being done on alternative water supplies and any expansion plans that they are contemplating. This information will help guide the development of the Regional Framework Initiatives.

WRA will be updating the Board on the results of the TRC meeting and next steps in the process.

Recommendation:

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

Amendment to Scope of Services for the Withlacoochee Master Regional Water Supply Planning and Implementation Program (Phase VII): Northern District Modeling & Local Community Technical Support (HO37).

The objective of this additional task is to begin the development of the WRWSA Regional Framework, which will assist in guiding future water supply development within the region for member governments. The regional framework concept has been embraced by the WRWSA Board as the planning tool for the development of remaining traditional groundwater supplies in a manner that will allow the efficient introduction of regionally developed alternative water supplies. The task includes the development of conceptual alternatives for utility interconnections, potential routes for pipelines, investigation of rights-of-way and lands required for water supply development.

Another objective of this task is to begin the implementation of recommendations included in the Phase II report regarding short-term water supply development. This includes coordination with members that require groundwater and consideration of developing these projects in a regional manner. In addition, within this task will be coordination with the water management districts to develop incentives for regional cooperation among members in water supply development.

The additional Task 2.2.5 to be added to HO37 would read as follows:

2.2.5 Design and facilitate a workshop that includes WRWSA TRC members and utility personnel to discuss the process of developing the framework and gather input into its formulation; Develop a conceptual plan for the WRWSA Regional Framework to include the following;

- Determine actual water demand numbers considering demand management and compliance per capita numbers;
- Identify potential partners (short, mid and long-term) based on latest population and demand data;
- Determine land requirements for water supply development and infrastructure;
- Develop alternatives for interconnections between partners;
- Consider potential routes for pipelines and other utility infrastructure;
- Prioritize interconnections based on demands;
- Develop preliminary cost estimates; and
- Develop schedules for implementation.

7.a. Bills to be Paid

Bills to be Paid Will Be Handed Out at the Board Meeting

**7.b. Progress on
Regional Utility Forum**

**MEMORANDUM**

March 2, 2011

To: Board of Directors, WRWSA
From: Jack Sullivan, Executive Director *JES*

Re: Regional Utility Forum

In accordance with the direction of the Board, I have worked with the Water Management Districts and the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council (WRPC) to set up the Regional Utility Forum for April 20, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the WRPC Conference Room. The Southwest Florida WMD has provided the Authority with in-kind services to help design and mail invitations to the Forum to all utilities within the region.

In addition, Cara Martin, SWFWMD Community Affairs Manager for the northern portion of the District and Brent White, SWFWMD Water Conservation Analyst has helped put together a program for this initial meeting of the Forum. The agenda is not completely finalized yet, but there will be presentations from Tampa Bay Water, both the Southwest Florida and St. Johns River Water Management Districts and a survey by the Authority to determine future meetings and types of programs of interest.

This initial meeting of the Forum will take place prior to the Authority Board meeting and the results will be reported at the meeting.

7.c. Correspondence

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

February 17, 2011

Mr. Jack Sullivan
Executive Director
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
1107 Shalimar Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

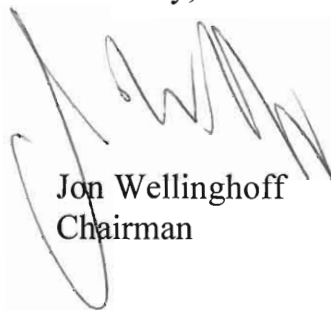
Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your January 29, 2011 letter regarding the Inglis Hydropower Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) Project No. 12783). The project would be located at the existing Inglis bypass channel and spillway on the Withlacoochee River, west of Lake Rousseau and Inglis Dam, within the town of Inglis and Levy, Citrus, and Marion counties, Florida.

We welcome your comments, and they will be considered in our environmental review and decision-making process on this project. You are on our mailing list to receive a copy of the environmental assessment when it is issued.

As is our practice, your letter and this reply will be made a part of the public record for this docket, which serves to alert the Commission to the concerns of interested individuals and groups. If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, I hope you will not hesitate to get back in touch with me.

Sincerely,



Jon Wellinghoff
Chairman

7.d. News Articles

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Subject: **2/18 Update on WMD 25% tax holiday**
Date: February 18, 2011 10:16:01 AM EST
To: Jack Sullivan <jesull@comcast.net>

Jack,

As previously reported, Governor Scott's recommended budget includes a 25% reduction in ad valorem taxes for all five water management districts which is projected to result in a \$178 million savings over a 2-year period. Legislators have filed a variety of bills over the years to create stronger state and legislative oversight for the water management districts, and district budgets in particular. Commonly viewed as autonomous fiefdoms with non-elected governor-appointed governing boards, water management districts are envied for their taxing authority, and criticized for having differing approaches to water management. Its been speculated that any water management district ad valorem reduction would likely be off-set by currently available reserve funds. Questions have been privately expressed by district staff whether once reduced ad valorem can be regained following the prescribed 2-year "tax holiday," since enactment (in 2007) of a 3% growth cap on taxing by local government and water management districts. To date, the water management districts are planning to implement the tax holiday reduction as directed in next year's budgets. SWFWMD Governing Board (meeting beginning at 10 a.m.), Finance & Administration Committee will be reviewing ad valorem reduction scenarios on Tuesday, 2/22, at district headquarters in Brooksville, (2379 Broad St.) during a fiscal year 2012 budget update, agenda item #44. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Diane

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Subject: **Local Sources First to be considered...**
Date: February 25, 2011 10:27:02 AM EST
To: Jack Sullivan <jesull@comcast.net>

Scott's tax-cut plan for water management districts questioned by House chairman
Bruce Ritchie, 02/24/2011 - 05:28 PM

The chairman of a House committee studying water policy on Thursday raised concerns about the effects of water-management district tax cuts requested by **Gov. Rick Scott**.

The **House Select Committee on Water Policy** on Thursday agreed on an outline of seven areas of study during the coming year including policies affecting water supply. The committee chairman, **Rep. Trudi Williams**, said she expects the panel to also study the controversial "local sources first" policy that discourages the construction of water pipelines.

House Speaker Dean Cannon in December established the House Select Committee on Water Policy to study water issues and make recommendations. He also asked the committee to issue reports prior to the 2011 and 2012 legislative sessions.

The local sources first policy in state law encourages utilities to consider more expensive water supply alternatives, such as desalination, before they begin piping water from other regions. Growing South Florida historically has eyed rural North Florida's rivers as a potential water source.

The committee on Thursday heard public comment and agreed on a three-page report that outlines areas of study for the coming year. While not mentioning the "local sources first" policy, the first of the seven recommendations suggests the need to study policies affecting the allocation of "scarce water resources" to address current and future conditions.

Williams, R-Fort Myers, in January said she expected "local sources first" to be studied, then she said it was too early to tell what would be reviewed. On Thursday, she again said the policy would be a subject of discussion.

"We hadn't discussed 'local sources first' in this pre-session," she said. "We will definitely be discussing 'local sources first.'"

The committee also will evaluate the relationship between growth management and water supply, the preservation of agricultural lands for water storage and the division of responsibilities between the **Department of Environmental Protection**, the state's five water management districts and other agencies to address inefficiencies and duplicative regulations. The committee will also review the manner in which water management district board members are chosen.

Speakers from **Associated Industries of Florida**, the **American Water Works Association** and **Audubon of Florida** said state money is needed for alternative water supply projects. Representatives of Audubon and AWWA also raised concerns about how the water management districts could function with 25 percent less property tax revenue as the governor has requested.

Tax revenue collected by the **South Florida Water Management District** already have dropped from \$549 million in fiscal year 2007-08 to \$397 million this year.

Williams, a former district governing board member, said she doesn't know how the district can absorb a 25-percent cut and continue to operate pumps for flood control as well as carry out other agency responsibilities, such as permitting.

But she also acknowledged that there isn't much the Legislature can do about Scott's request because the governor appoints all of the district board members and has veto authority over the agencies' budgets.

"The Legislature has no point of entry in any of the dealings of the water management districts," Williams said. "All we can do is make recommendations to the governor. Decreasing their budget by 25 percent is totally unrealistic looking at how their revenues have dropped."



Select Committee on Water Policy

Thursday, February 24, 2011
12:15 PM
404 HOB

Dean Cannon
Speaker

Trudi K. Williams
Chair

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Select Committee on Water Policy

Start Date and Time: Thursday, February 24, 2011 12:15 pm

End Date and Time: Thursday, February 24, 2011 02:15 pm

Location: 404 HOB

Duration: 2.00 hrs

1. Open public testimony regarding Florida's water policy.
2. Discussion of and vote on the Select Committee's Preliminary Report to the Speaker of the House.

NOTICE FINALIZED on 02/17/2011 16:15 by Love.John

The Florida House of Representatives

Select Committee on Water Policy

Dean Cannon
Speaker

Trudi K. Williams
Chair

February __, 2011

The Honorable Dean Cannon, Speaker
The Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Re: The Select Committee on Water Policy - Preliminary Report

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On December 7, 2010, you announced the creation of the House Select Committee on Water Policy and directed the committee to "conduct a comprehensive review of the state's water policies and recommend legislative actions to further ensure Florida uses its water resources in an effective and sustainable manner to meet future water supply needs." You also directed the committee to report its preliminary findings and recommendations prior to the 2011 regular session and final findings and recommendations prior to the 2012 regular session. I hereby submit to you the committee's preliminary findings and recommendations.

In order to arrive at these preliminary findings and recommendations, the committee met during four of the five interim committee weeks. The committee's four meetings may be summarized as follows:

Meeting 1 - January 13, 2011: In an effort to introduce members to the various governmental entities that have a role in Florida's water policy and governance structure, the committee heard testimony from representatives of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (DACCS), and the water management districts. I also invited any interested party to submit written comments or suggestions to the committee by January 25, 2011, with the intention of providing those comments to the members at the next meeting.

Meeting 2 - January 27, 2011: The introduction to the agencies and entities involved in implementing Florida's water policy was completed when the committee heard testimony from representatives of cities, counties, and water utilities. The committee was also introduced to major issues in water resource management and supply when it heard from a panel of speakers representing agricultural interests, business interests, environmental interests, and utilities. Lastly, the members were provided with a

compilation of written comments provided by 25 interested parties representing a wide range of interests and perspectives.

Meeting 3 - February 10, 2011: The committee was introduced to the issues surrounding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's numeric nutrient criteria rule by hearing from representatives of the FDEP, the Florida Attorney General's Office, and a panel of speakers representing agricultural interests, environmental interests, local governments, business interests, and utilities. The committee also discussed its preliminary findings and recommendations.

Meeting 4 - February 24, 2011: The committee completed its pre-session work by taking open public testimony from various interested parties. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussing and approving the committee's preliminary findings and recommendations.

Preliminary Findings

Based upon the testimony heard and written comments received by the committee thus far, the committee finds that:

1. The long-term wellbeing of the people and economy of this state depends upon an adequate, sustainable, and affordable water supply for all existing and future reasonable beneficial uses, including the state's natural systems.
2. While Florida may be considered a water-rich state, there are areas of the state where growing demands have resulted in environmental impacts, shortages, and litigious competition for water.
3. Prior to refining Florida's existing water laws and policy to address these complex and interrelated concerns, a thorough and deliberative analysis should be performed, providing an equal voice to all regions and constituencies in Florida.
4. The state must consider strategies to minimize the economic impact on the state and other affected parties of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's numeric nutrient criteria, or any other criteria developed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and assure that the criteria ultimately applied has a sound scientific basis.

Preliminary Recommendations

Therefore, the committee recommends that, for remainder of 2011, it proceed with a thorough and deliberative analysis of water resource management issues, water supply issues, and water quality issues including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Evaluating Florida's policies and regulations affecting the allocation of scarce water resources to determine what, if any, changes are necessary to address current and future conditions in Florida.
2. Evaluating the manner in which alternative water supplies and water storage capabilities are developed and funded, including disbursed water storage,

reservoirs, reverse osmosis, desalination, aquifer storage and recovery, and water reuse.

3. Evaluating water conservation as a demand management tool for public water supply utilities to ensure sustainability of the state's water resources by efficiently and economically using existing and alternative water resources, and evaluating financial options to incentivize water utilities to further implement water conservation programs.
4. Evaluating the implementation and effectiveness of current programs, including minimum flows and levels and water reservations, to protect the natural systems in Florida while considering the social and economic consequences of those programs.
5. Evaluating the interrelationship between growth management and water supply and whether refinements are advisable to promote adequate and sustainable water supplies for areas with growing populations.
6. Evaluating whether the current division of responsibilities between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the five WMDs, regional water supply authorities, and local water utilities should be refined to address inefficiencies in the implementation of Florida's water policy, including duplicative regulations. This evaluation will also examine whether the current regulations and allocation of responsibilities for water supply planning and permitting are appropriate and effective.
7. Evaluating the manner in which the state encourages preservation of agricultural lands for purposes of water storage and treatment and ground water recharge, including an evaluation of public-private partnerships to further the objectives of the state with respect to water resource management.
8. Evaluating the manner in which water management district board members are selected to determine if modifications to the current selection process are warranted.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as the Chair of the Select Committee. I look forward to working with you and the members to address these very important issues.

Respectfully,

Trudi K. Williams, Chair

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Subject: **septic tank legislation**
Date: February 22, 2011 10:31:41 AM EST
To: Jack Sullivan <jesull@comcast.net>

Home-builders are concerned draft septic tank legislation could go too far
Bruce Ritchie, 02/21/2011 - 08:25 PM

A Senate committee is considering a draft bill that would replace the state's septic tank inspection requirement with a state model ordinance that would allow local governments to implement their own programs.

The requirement in last year's **SB 550** that septic tanks statewide be inspected every five years has been met with an outcry from rural homeowners. The Legislature in November voted to move the start of the inspection program from Jan. 1 to July 1.

The **Florida Department of Health** says 10 percent of the state's 2.7 million septic tanks are failing. The septic tank inspection requirement last year was promoted by supporters as an effort to protect Florida's groundwater and springs from contamination.

Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness and chairman of the **Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation**, has introduced **SB 130** to repeal the requirement. On Monday, he discussed draft legislation that would go further, directing the Florida Department of Health to develop a model ordinance for local inspection tank programs.

The draft bill also would allow the **Florida Department of Environmental Protection** to develop rules that would allow cities and counties to exempt some areas from inspection requirements. Cities and counties also could adopt stricter inspection rules if they meet certain requirements.

Keith Hetrick, representing the **Florida Home Builders Association**, said his group has concerns that a state model ordinance or local program could be too intrusive. FHBA and environmental groups supported SB 550, but Hetrick said the bill got "sidetracked" by inspection requirements.

FHBA wants a statewide uniform standard for local governments to follow so that businesses won't have to deal with requirements that vary from city to city or county to county, Hetrick said. FHBA also is working with the **Florida Realtors**, the **Florida Onsite Wastewater Association** and **Associated Industries of Florida** to make recommendations.

"We agree with Senator Dean there should be an option for local governments to have a septic tank inspection program," Hetrick said. "As long as it's a very basic, simple, minimal approach to an evaluation program, it should be at the option of local government."

Sharon Glass, a Tea Party Patriots activist from Santa Rosa County, said septic tank owners were being singled out for regulation but businesses and utilities were not. But **Janet Bowman**, representing **The Nature Conservancy**, suggested that inspections may be cheaper than other steps to reduce pollution of waterways, such as hooking up to sewage treatment plants.

Sen. Jack Latvala, R-St. Petersburg, suggested that local governments should be allowed to opt out of the state inspection requirement rather than choosing to participate. He said he's reluctant to do away with the existing system of regulation.

"We've got a governor who is not for regulation," he said. "We've got a governor who demonstrated [by opposing high-speed rail] last week that he isn't necessarily going to do what the legislature says we ought to do ... And those departments work for him. I'm just not comfortable with that part of the bill and tying all the future regulation to some model ordinance they may or may not do in the future."

Dean responded, "There are those who do not feel that one shoe fits all in the state of Florida too. They would like to have a different perspective not only on the regulations but on who does the regulating."

Scott Dudley, representing the **Florida League of Cities**, said after the meeting that his group had not participated in drafting the legislation, and should have been informed.

On Tuesday, two bills that would repeal the inspection requirement come up before committees. **SB 168** by **Sen. Greg Evers**, R-Crestview, will be considered by the **Senate Health Regulation Committee** and **HB 13** by **Rep. Marti Coley**, R-Marianna, will be heard by the **House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee**.



Priority list and schedule

Year 2011

Water body type	Water body name	County	Voluntary peer review
Rivers	Ocklawaha River at State Road (SR) 40	Marion ✓	Yes
	Silver River	Marion ✓	Yes
	St. Johns River at SR 520 (Lake Poinsett)	Brevard/Orange	Yes
Aquifers (springs)	DeLeon Springs	Volusia	Yes
	Silver Springs	Marion ✓	Yes
Lakes	East Crystal	Seminole	Yes
	Searcy	Seminole	Yes

Year 2012

Water body type	Water body name	County	Voluntary peer review
Aquifers (springs)	Gemini Springs	Volusia	Yes
Lakes	Johnson	Clay	Yes
	Pebble	Clay	Yes
	Saunders	Lake	Yes
Re-evaluations	Banana, Como, Little Como, Trone chain-of-lake (4 lakes)	Putnam	Yes
	Brooklyn	Clay	Yes
	Cowpen	Putnam	Yes
	Cow Pond	Volusia	Yes
	Kerr	Marion ✓	Yes
	Melrose	Putnam	Yes
	Norris	Lake	Yes
	Purdom	Volusia	Yes

Year 2013

Water body type	Water body name	County	Voluntary peer review
Rivers	Alexander Springs Creek	Lake	Yes
Aquifers (springs)	Alexander Springs	Lake	Yes
	Silver Glen	Marion/Lake ✓	Yes
Lakes	Apopka	Lake/Orange	Yes
	Beauclair	Lake	Yes
	Dora	Lake	Yes
	Eustis	Lake	Yes
	Griffin	Lake	Yes
	Harris	Lake	Yes
	Hodge	Seminole	Yes
	Island	Seminole	Yes
	Yale	Lake	Yes
Re-evaluations	Wekiva River at SR 46 Bridge	Seminole/Lake	Yes



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The Southwest Florida Water Management District urges year-round water conservation. Water levels may rise and fall, but our water resources remain limited. The District encourages efficient, non-wasteful uses of water to sustain our high quality of life. For more information about ways to conserve water, contact the District at 1-800-423-1476 or visit the District's web site at WaterMatters.org

Water Resource Monthly Update Feb. 4, 2011

Aquifer Levels (in feet) *

Regions **	Jan 31	Previous week	Same date last year	Normal range ***
North	-0.30	-0.53	0.44	0 to +3
Central	1.62	0.47	3.17	0 to +5.5
South	-0.46	-2.56	2.99	0 to +8

* Aquifers are underground layers of rock and sand that hold water. In southwest Florida, more than 80 percent of the water supply comes from aquifers.

** **North** (Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties)
Central (Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk counties)
South (Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee and Sarasota counties)

*** Aquifer levels normally fluctuate to varying degrees in different regions. The normal range shows how much each region normally fluctuates, with 0 as the bottom of the normal range.

**** Readings show how current levels compare to normal ranges for this time of year. Anything below a zero is below the normal range.

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2011 Rainfall (in inches) *

	Jan 1-31	Jan
	Actual **	Historic Avg. ***
North	4.68	2.78
Central	5.36	2.43
South	2.89	2.19

Historic Rainfall (January - December in inches)

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Jan – Dec
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Historic Avg.
North	49.61	50.63	49.30	45.43	38.73	58.85	62.50	53.95	53.51
Central	49.29	51.56	46.64	41.44	43.13	51.62	68.52	53.86	52.45
South	48.61	48.84	47.37	38.53	42.28	61.65	62.65	55.61	52.39

* The rainfall values for the current month and year are considered provisional and subject to revision. The other annual figures are final.

** Actual rainfall for the time frame referenced at the top of the column.

*** Historical average rainfall for the time frame referenced at the top of the column. The District's historical rainfall records date back to 1914.

Lake Levels (in feet, relative to MLM) *

Regions **	Jan levels	Previous month	Same date last year
Northern	-4.32	-4.38	-3.96
Tampa Bay	0.21	-0.27	0.07
Polk Uplands	-1.33	-1.52	-2.16
Lake Wales Ridge	-4.27	-4.15	-4.65

* Each month the District measures water levels in 76 lakes. The lake levels are compared to the lakes' adopted minimum low management (MLM) levels. The MLM level is how low each lake has historically dropped at the end of the dry season each year.

** **Northern** (Citrus, Hernando and Sumter counties)
Tampa Bay (Hillsborough and Pasco counties)
Polk Uplands (Northern Polk County)
Lake Wales Ridge (Portions of Polk and Highlands counties)

Streamflows *

	Jan percentile **	Previous month percentile	Same date last year percentile	Normal range percentile ***
Withlacoochee River near Holder	8	7	13	25-75
Withlacoochee River near Trilby	9	4	22	25-75
Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills	49	21	52	25-75
Peace River at Arcadia	42	15	57	25-75
Peace River at Bartow	14	5	29	25-75

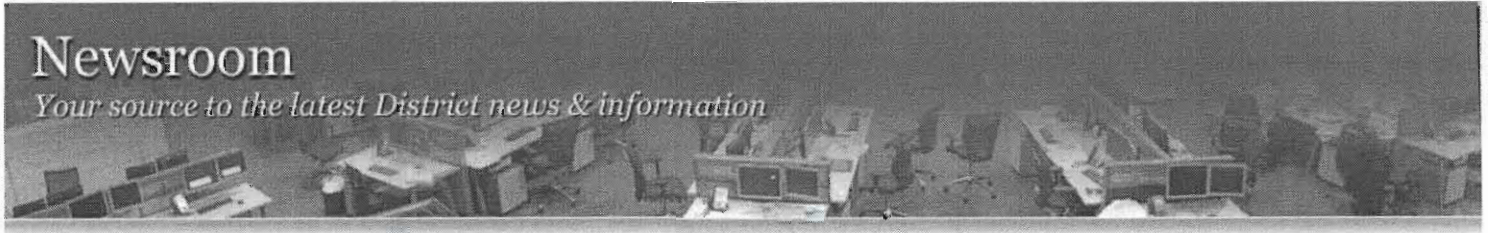
* **Streamflow**, also known as discharge, is the volume of water passing a location in a certain amount of time, usually measured as cubic feet per second.

** The **percentile** compares current flows to historical flows during the same time of year on a scale of 0-100. For example, if the river is shown at the 50th percentile, it means that half of the historical flows for this time of year were higher and half were lower than the current flow.

*** Any flow that falls between the 25th and the 75th percentile is considered **normal**. Less than the 25th would be considered below normal and above the 75th above normal.

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Citrus County to Benefit From Three Community Education Grants

March 1, 2011

Three Citrus County projects expected to reach up to 167,000 people were awarded Community Education Grants from the [Southwest Florida Water Management District](#).

This year the District awarded 29 grants Districtwide for a total of \$120,471. This is the 14th year [Community Education Grants](#) have been available. These grants offer reimbursement up to \$5,000 to help fund projects that provide communities an opportunity to learn about water resources.

The overall goal of the Community Education Grant program is to actively engage adults in water-related issues including conservation, protection and preservation. Funded by the [District's Basin Boards](#), the program is intended to motivate communities to get involved in protecting their water resources through various educational activities.

The Citrus County Extension received a \$3,400 grant for its "Get Out and Explore Citrus Waters" project. The project will encourage local residents to experience natural areas in and around Citrus County and the Chassahowitzka River by participating in a two-day event. Event attendees will learn how to preserve and protect the watershed and may participate in activities such as boating, hiking and listening to tales of early Chassahowitzka. The project received funding from the District's Coastal Rivers and Withlacoochee River Basin Boards.

The Islands Condominium Association received a \$4,000 grant to install a Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ demonstration garden at the Islands Condominium Association in Crystal River. In cooperation with the Citrus County Extension and the Native Plant Society, five workshops and three plantings will be held to educate residents about Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles. The project received funding from the District's Coastal Rivers Basin Board.

The Hoffman Environmental Research Institute, Karst Conservancy received a \$4,950 grant to educate residents about karst groundwater systems, use of scientific data to measure groundwater quality and quantity, and best practices for living on karst. Karst is an area of irregular limestone in which erosion has produced fissures, sinkholes, underground streams, and caverns. The project received funding from the District's Coastal Rivers Basin Board.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's 2012 Community Education Grant program will begin its application process in June 2011. For more information, visit WaterMatters.org/communitygrants/.

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Citrus County Home Meets Florida Water StarSM Gold Standard

February 28, 2011

A Citrus County home was certified as Florida Water StarSM Gold by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The model home is the first in Citrus County to receive the water-saving certification. Built by Rusaw Homes by Pinecrest Building Corp., the model home is located in the county's Heritage subdivision. It is equipped with water-saving appliances and fixtures. Florida-Friendly LandscapingTM principles that conserve water and protect water quality were used to create beautiful curb appeal for the property. Irrigation has been designed for optimum efficiency and features micro-irrigation in all landscape beds.

For access to the home, call Tom Chancy at (352) 422 0199. The entrance to the Heritage subdivision is on CR 486, about 0.34 miles east of Forest Ridge Boulevard. The house is located at 476 Cobblestone Loop.

Florida Water StarSM is a voluntary certification program for builders, developers and homeowners. It encourages water efficiency in appliances, plumbing fixtures, irrigation systems and landscapes. Landscape criteria are based on the Florida-Friendly LandscapingTM "right plant, right place" principle. Irrigation criteria are designed to increase the overall efficiency of irrigation systems and promote correct scheduling. Indoor criteria help meet the needs of the occupants while reducing wasted water.

Residential certification uses points-based criteria and is suitable for high-, medium- and low-income housing projects. Residential certification can be awarded at the Silver tier for basic certification or the Gold tier for a higher water-conserving performance level. The District certified its first Florida Water StarSM home in March 2009.

Florida Water StarSM aligns with other green certification and recognition programs, such as ENERGY STAR®, the Florida Green Building Coalition's green standards and the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) program.

For more information on the Florida Water StarSM certification, contact Susan Douglas, Florida Water StarSM program coordinator, 1-800-423-1476, ext. 4752 or visit the District's web site at WaterMatters.org/fws/.

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Public Invited to Season's Last Open House at Three Sisters Springs

February 24, 2011

The [US Fish and Wildlife Service](#), the [Friends of Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge](#) and the [Southwest Florida Water Management District](#) are holding their last public open house of this manatee season at the newly acquired Three Sisters Springs property on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 8 a.m. to noon.

"This will be the last open house this manatee season, but we plan to host more open house events during next manatee season" said Wildlife Refuge Manager, Michael Lusk. "We hope to begin boardwalk construction in a couple of months to improve the visitor experience for next manatee season."

Staff from the District, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Friends of Chassahowitzka will show the public what the future holds for manatees and visitors to Three Sisters Springs. Guides will give visitors walking tours of the property and there will be several informational booths. Free water and portable restroom facilities will also be available.

As an improved road and parking lot on the property have not yet been constructed, free shuttles to the property will be provided. Shuttles will depart from the southeast corner of the Kings Bay Shopping Plaza parking lot on US 19, just north of the former Sonic fast food diner beginning at 8 a.m. Shuttles will run every 5 to 10 minutes, with the last shuttle returning at noon. Only mobility impaired individuals will be allowed to drive to the Three Sisters Springs property while escorted in their respective mobility impaired designated vehicles. All other visitors must use the shuttle to Three Sisters Springs. The property does not yet have established trails, so expect rough and uneven walking terrain. Walking distance to the springs from the shuttle drop-off area is about 40 yards. Fishing, swimming or other access to the springs from the property will not be permitted during the open house.

The Fish and Wildlife Service assumed management of the Three Sisters Springs property on July 28, 2010. The property is being managed as part of the existing Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge. The District purchased part of the property to construct a wetland treatment system to remove pollutants from stormwater before it runs into Kings Bay.

For more information contact Ivan Vicente, US Fish and Wildlife Service, at (352) 563-2088, ext. 213.

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Reservoir General Contractor

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Tampa Bay Water's board of directors today approved a settlement agreement with the Regional Reservoir's general contractor, Barnard Construction. Under the terms of the agreement, Barnard Construction and its subcontractor McDonald Construction Corp., will pay Tampa Bay Water \$750,000 before trial; Barnard remains liable for up to \$5 million depending on the outcome of the trial scheduled for July 2011.

The settlement reflects the overwhelming evidence gathered in the discovery process that shows that the soil-cement cracking at the reservoir was caused by the engineer's bad design and not by any deficiencies in the actual construction of the embankment.

"This agreement allows Tampa Bay Water to focus its litigation efforts on HDR Engineering, and keeps Barnard Construction in the case to defend itself and its work against HDR's claim that construction is responsible for the cracking," said Richard A. Harrison, Tampa Bay Water's counsel for the litigation. "Barnard and its earthworks subcontractor are the people in the best position to defend their own work and we expect they will do so vigorously and persuasively."

Tampa Bay Water filed the lawsuit in federal court in December 2008 against HDR Engineering, Inc., the reservoir's design engineer; Barnard Construction, the contractor; and CDG, which provided construction management. The board reached a settlement agreement with CDG in October 2010. The legal case against HDR Engineering, Inc. continues, with a trial scheduled for this summer.

"Tampa Bay Water will continue to pursue the litigation against the design engineer, HDR Engineering," affirms Tampa Bay Water General Manager Jerry Seeber. "The evidence and testimony gathered through the discovery process demonstrates that HDR's defective design is the cause of the cracking at the reservoir. We will hold the engineer accountable for its failures on this important public project."

As the legal case progresses, Tampa Bay Water is procuring a permanent fix for the soil cement cracking so the reservoir can function as intended for the long-term.

Tampa Bay Water provides wholesale water to the public utility systems of Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties as well as the cities of New Port Richey, St. Petersburg and Tampa.

For more information, go to www.tampabaywater.org or call Tampa Bay Water at 727.796.2355.

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Tampa Bay Water Board Approves 2011 Budget

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Tampa Bay Water's Board of Directors approved the agency's Fiscal Year 2011 budget. The approved budget reduces agency expenditures by more than \$16 million and results in a wholesale drinking water rate of \$2.53 per 1,000 gallons.

The new wholesale rate equates to a \$1.05 per month increase for the typical family residential customer in the Tampa Bay Water service area using 8,000 gallons.

Koni Cassini, Director of Finance and Administration for Tampa Bay Water said, "The approved budget meets the agency's goals to provide clean, safe water every day; to insure we are operating within all of our permits; and to protect the region's investment in alternative drinking water sources and a drought-resistant water supply."

Highlights of the Fiscal Year 2011 budget include:

- Reduced overall agency budget from \$176 million in current year to \$160 million, a 9 percent reduction.
- Reduced staff by 3 positions to 125 full-time equivalent positions, a 2.3 percent decrease in staffing.
- Minimized the unavoidable rate increase in light of an 8 percent decrease in water sales projected for the coming year.

With the exception of the surface water treatment plant expansion and litigation expenses related to the reservoir, Tampa Bay Water reduced all items in its budget.

Tampa Bay Water is the largest wholesale water supplier in Florida, providing high-quality drinking water to its members, who in turn, supply water to more than 2.4 million residents of the Tampa Bay area. Tampa Bay Water member governments include the cities of New Port Richey, St. Petersburg and Tampa, and the counties of Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas.

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9. Legislative Update

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
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2011 Bills (27)			
Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0013 (C: 0167) (S: 0082 0168) (I: 0130)	Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Revises legislative intent; eliminates provisions directing DOH to create & administer statewide septic tank evaluation program; eliminates procedures & criteria for evaluation program; terminates grant program for repair of onsite sewage treatment disposal systems identified pursuant to evaluation program, to conform; eliminates provisions authorizing DOH to collect evaluation report fee & provisions relating to disposition of fee proceeds & revenue-neutral fee schedule. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 11/16/10 HOUSE Filed 01/10/11 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 01/10/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee 02/15/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 02/22/11, 1:00 pm, 102 H 02/22/11 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay 02/22/11 HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee	Coley	02/22/11
SB 0078 (I: 0453)	Relating to Environmental Surcharge On Bottled Water Environmental Surcharge On Bottled Water; Establishes a surcharge on bottled water sold at retail in this state. Provides an exception. Requires that moneys collected from the surcharge be deposited into the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011 11/23/10 SENATE Filed 11/29/10 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation, Commerce and Tourism, Budget	Lynn	11/29/10
SB 0082 (C: 0167) (S: 0013 0130 0168)	Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Eliminates provisions directing the Department of Health to create and administer a statewide septic tank evaluation program. Eliminates procedures and criteria for the evaluation program. Eliminates provisions authorizing the department to collect an evaluation report fee. Eliminates provisions relating to disposition of fee proceeds and a revenue-neutral fee schedule, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law 11/23/10 SENATE Filed 11/29/10 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget	Lynn	11/29/10
HB 0107 (I: 0224)	Relating to Local Government Accountability Local Government Accountability; Revises provisions relating to procedures for declaring special districts inactive; specifies level of detail required for local governmental entity's proposed budget; revises provisions for local governmental entity's audit & annual financial reports; requires local governmental entity's budget to be posted online; revises budgetary guidelines for district school boards. Effective Date: October 1, 2011 12/30/10 HOUSE Filed 01/10/11 HOUSE Referred to Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Economic Affairs Committee 01/10/11 HOUSE Now in Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee 02/02/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Community & Military Affairs, 02/09/11, 1:00 pm, 17 H 02/09/11 HOUSE Favorable by Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays 02/10/11 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee	Smith (J)	02/10/11
SB 0130 (C: 0167) (S: 0082 0168) (I: 0013)	Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Eliminates provisions directing the Department of Health to create and administer a statewide septic tank evaluation program. Eliminates procedures and criteria for the evaluation program. Repeals a provision to terminate the grant program for repair of onsite sewage treatment disposal systems identified pursuant to the evaluation program, to conform, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law 11/23/10 SENATE Filed 11/29/10 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget	Dean	11/29/10
HB 0167 (C: 0013 0082 0130 0168)	Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Revises date by which DOH must create & administer onsite sewage treatment & disposal system evaluation program; revises date by which Surgeon General must determine revenue neutral fee schedule for specified onsite sewage treatment & disposal system services. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 01/11/11 HOUSE Filed 01/12/11 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction	Coley	01/12/11
HB 0223 (C: 0950)	Relating to Water and Wastewater Utilities Water and Wastewater Utilities; Provides for recovery through surcharge of costs for water & wastewater system improvement projects; requires PSC approval of surcharge; limits surcharge amount; provides requirements for surcharge billing, reconciliation, & adjustment; provides project eligibility criteria; provides requirements for notice, maintenance, & availability of certain records. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 01/18/11 HOUSE Filed 02/01/11 HOUSE Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 02/01/11 HOUSE Now in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee	Hudson	02/01/11
SB 0224 (I: 0107)	Relating to Local Government Accountability Local Government Accountability; Amends provisions relating to the Legislative Auditing Committee to clarify when the Department of Community Affairs may institute procedures for declaring that a special district is inactive. Specifies the level of detail required for each fund in the sheriff's proposed budget. Revises the schedule for submitting a local governmental entity's audit and annual financial reports to the Department of Financial Services. Revises provisions relating to the guidelines for district school boards to maintain an ending fund balance for the general fund, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011 12/07/10 SENATE Filed	Dean	01/25/11

01/05/11 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget
 01/14/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/25/11, 8:30 am, 412 K
 01/25/11 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
 01/25/11 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 0239 (C: 1090)	Relating to Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria: Prohibits implementation of certain federal numeric nutrient water quality criteria rules by DEP, water management districts, & local governmental entities; authorizes DEP to adopt numeric nutrient water quality criteria for surface waters; provides that certain total maximum daily loads & associated numeric interpretations constitute site specific numeric nutrient water quality criteria; provides for effect, governance, & challenge of such criteria. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 01/18/11 HOUSE Filed 02/01/11 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Federal Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 02/01/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Williams (T)	02/01/11
HB 0285 (I: 0310)	Relating to Public Meetings Public Meetings: Provides right for members of public to be heard at meetings of certain governmental boards & commissions; prescribes conditions qualifying, & exceptions to, such right; provides for adoption of rules governing conduct of, & behavior at, such meetings. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 01/20/11 HOUSE Filed 02/01/11 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 02/01/11 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee	Eisnaugle	02/01/11
SB 0310 (I: 0285)	Relating to Public Meetings Public Meetings; Provides a right for members of the public to be heard at meetings of certain governmental boards and commissions. Prescribes conditions qualifying, and exceptions to, the right. Provides for the adoption of rules governing the conduct of, and behavior at, the meetings. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 12/22/10 SENATE Filed 01/05/11 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules	Negron	01/05/11
HB 0389 (I: 0934)	Relating to Surface Water Improvement and Management Plans and Programs Surface Water Improvement and Management Plans and Programs: Requires water management districts to establish permitting programs for urban redevelopment projects located in specified redevelopment areas; provides for development of stormwater adaptive management plans to address water quantity discharge for such redevelopment areas; provides for certain discharge rates in such redevelopment areas; requires stormwater discharges in such redevelopment areas to meet state water quality standards; provides water quality criteria for such discharges. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 01/25/11 HOUSE Filed 02/07/11 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 02/07/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Glorioso	02/07/11
HB 0421 (I: 1174)	Relating to Agricultural-related Exemptions to Water Management Requirements Agricultural-related Exemptions to Water Management Requirements: Revises exemption for agricultural-related activities to include certain impacts to surface waters & wetlands & provides retroactive application; provides exclusive authority to DACS to determine whether certain activities qualify for agricultural-related exemption under specified conditions; requires memorandum of agreement between DACS & water management districts; provides exemption from mitigation requirements for converted agricultural lands under certain conditions; revises definition of term "agricultural activities" to include cultivating, fallowing, & leveling & to provide for certain impacts to surface waters & wetlands. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 01/25/11 HOUSE Filed 02/07/11 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 02/07/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 02/15/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 02/22/11, 1:00 pm, 102 H 02/22/11 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay 02/22/11 HOUSE Now in Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee	Bembry	02/22/11
HB 0453 (I: 0078)	Relating to Environmental Surcharge on Bottled Water Environmental Surcharge on Bottled Water: Establishes surcharge on bottled water sold at retail in this state; provides exception; requires that moneys collected from surcharge be deposited into Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund. Effective Date: October 1, 2011 01/25/11 HOUSE Filed 02/07/11 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Committee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 02/07/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Rehwinkel Vasilinda	02/07/11
SB 0486	Relating to Water Management District Governing Boards Water Management District Governing Boards; Establishes a water management district governing board nominating commission. Provides criteria for governing board member nominees. Provides for the appointment of commission members by the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Provides for terms and duties of commission members. Requires the Executive Office of the Governor to provide administrative support to the commission and to adopt rules, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 01/19/11 SENATE Filed 01/25/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget	Hays	01/25/11
HB 0507	Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems: Exempts certain systems from permitting & maintenance requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 01/25/11 HOUSE Filed 01/26/11 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction	Fullwood	01/26/11
HB 0649 (I: 0882)	Relating to Water Management Districts Water Management Districts: Revises provisions relating to membership of basin boards; provides that basin board members designated by district governing board chairs are voting members, counted for quorum purposes, & basin board chairs & co-chairs; authorizes basin boards to transact official business if vacancy occurs; exempts cooperative funding programs from certain rulemaking requirements; authorizes local governments to adopt & implement ordinances relating to landscape irrigation restrictions; revises requirements for expenditure of funds provided pursuant to Water Protection & Sustainability Program & authorizes Suwannee River Water Management District to use such funds for additional purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 02/08/11 HOUSE Filed 02/22/11 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 02/22/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Pilon	02/22/11
HB 0651 (C: 1001)	Relating to Reuse of Reclaimed Water Reuse of Reclaimed Water: Provides requirements for water management districts in evaluating applications for the consumptive use of water in mandatory reuse zones. Effective Date: July 1, 2011	Pilon	02/16/11

02/08/11 HOUSE Filed

02/16/11 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 0882 (I: 0649)	Relating to Water Management Districts Water Management Districts; Revises provisions relating to the membership of basin boards. Specifies the terms of service for basin board members designated by district governing board chairs. Provides that basin board members designated by district governing board chairs are voting members and counted for quorum purposes. Provides for designated district governing board members to serve as basin board chairs and co-chairs. Provides that a quorum of remaining members may conduct business if there is a vacancy on the board, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 02/08/11 SENATE Filed 02/17/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget	Detert	02/17/11
SB 0934 (I: 0389)	Relating to Surface Water Improvement and Management Surface Water Improvement and Management; Requires water management districts to establish permitting programs for urban redevelopment projects located in specified redevelopment areas. Provides for the development of stormwater adaptive management plans to address water quantity discharge for such redevelopment areas. Provides for certain discharge rates in such redevelopment areas. Requires stormwater discharges in such redevelopment areas to meet state water quality standards. Provides water quality criteria for such discharges. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 02/09/11 SENATE Filed 02/17/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Budget	Storms	02/17/11
SB 0950 (C: 0223)	Relating to Water And Wastewater Utilities Water and Wastewater Utilities; Provides for recovery through a quarterly surcharge of certain costs relating to water and wastewater system improvement projects. Defines a "non-revenue producing project." Requires utilities to submit surcharge tariffs reflecting the surcharge calculation for recovery of such costs to the Florida Public Service Commission for approval and to provide specified notice of such surcharge tariff filings, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 02/10/11 SENATE Filed 02/17/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Budget	Bennett	02/17/11
HB 0991 (S: 1404)	Relating to Environmental Permitting Environmental Permitting; Creates, amends, & revises numerous provisions relating to development, construction, operating, & building permits; permit application requirements & procedures, including waivers, variances & revocation; local government comprehensive plans & plan amendments, programmatic general permits & regional general permits; permits for projects relating to coastal construction, surface water management systems, dredge & fill activities, inland multimodal facilities & commercial & industrial development, biofuel & renewable energy facilities, & mining activities; revises requirement for demonstrating injury in order to seek relief under Environmental Protection Act. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 02/24/11 HOUSE Filed	Patronis	02/24/11
HB 1001 (C: 0651)	Relating to Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water; Requires consumptive use permits to be issued for period of 20 years; provides exception; eliminates requirements for permit compliance reports; removes authority of DEP & governing boards to modify or revoke consumptive use permits; provides for modification of existing consumptive use permits; provides requirements for water management districts in evaluating applications for consumptive use of water in mandatory reuse zones; requires water management districts to implement sustainable water use permit program; provides related criteria & requirements; directs water management districts to consult with DEP & to provide reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 02/24/11 HOUSE Filed	Williams (T)	02/24/11
SB 1048	Relating to Public Utilities Public Utilities; Revises the definition of the term "public utility" to exclude certain renewable energy production facilities. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 02/14/11 SENATE Filed 02/17/11 SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Budget	Lynn	02/17/11
SB 1090 (C: 0239)	Relating to Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria; Prohibits the Department of Environmental Protection, the water management districts, and other governmental entities from implementing federal rules relating to numeric nutrient water quality criteria. Provides that the prohibition does not limit a water management district or a state, regional, or local governmental entity from applying for a pollution discharge permit or complying with the permit or from implementing certain practices or measures, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 02/15/11 SENATE Filed 03/01/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Budget	Dean	03/01/11
SB 1174 (I: 0421)	Relating to Exemptions to Water Management Requirements Exemptions to Water Management Requirements; Revises an exemption for agricultural-related activities to include certain impacts to surface waters and wetlands. Provides for retroactive application of the exemption. Provides exclusive authority to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to determine whether certain activities qualify for an agricultural-related exemption under specified conditions. Requires a specified memorandum of agreement between the department and each water management district. Authorizes the department to adopt rules, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 02/16/11 SENATE Filed 03/01/11 SENATE Referred to Agriculture; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget	Siplin	03/01/11
SB 1404 (S: 0991)	Relating to Environmental Permitting Environmental Permitting; Authorizes the provision of certain notices under the Administrative Procedure Act via a link to a publicly available Internet website. Provides that the construction and operation of a biofuel processing facility or renewable energy generating facility and the cultivation of bioenergy by a local government is a valid and permitted land use. Authorizes expedited permitting for certain inland multimodal facilities and for commercial or industrial development projects that individually or collectively will create a minimum number of jobs, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law 02/24/11 SENATE Filed	Evers	02/24/11

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