



**WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL
WATER
SUPPLY
AUTHORITY**

Board Meeting Package

April 20, 2011
4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council
Headquarters Conference Room
1241 SW 10th Street (SR 200)
Ocala, Florida 34474-0323



WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Supply Authority Board of Directors and Interested Parties
From: Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director
Date: April 6, 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, April 20, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**, at the **Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Headquarters Conference Room, 1241 SW 10th Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34474-0323**

Enclosed for your review are the following items:

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

* Copies of the Board Package are available through the Internet. Log on to www.wrwsa.org. On the Authority's Home Page go to the left side of the page and click on "Meetings." On the slide out menu is a button for the current Board Package. Click on the Board Package to download and print the Board Package.

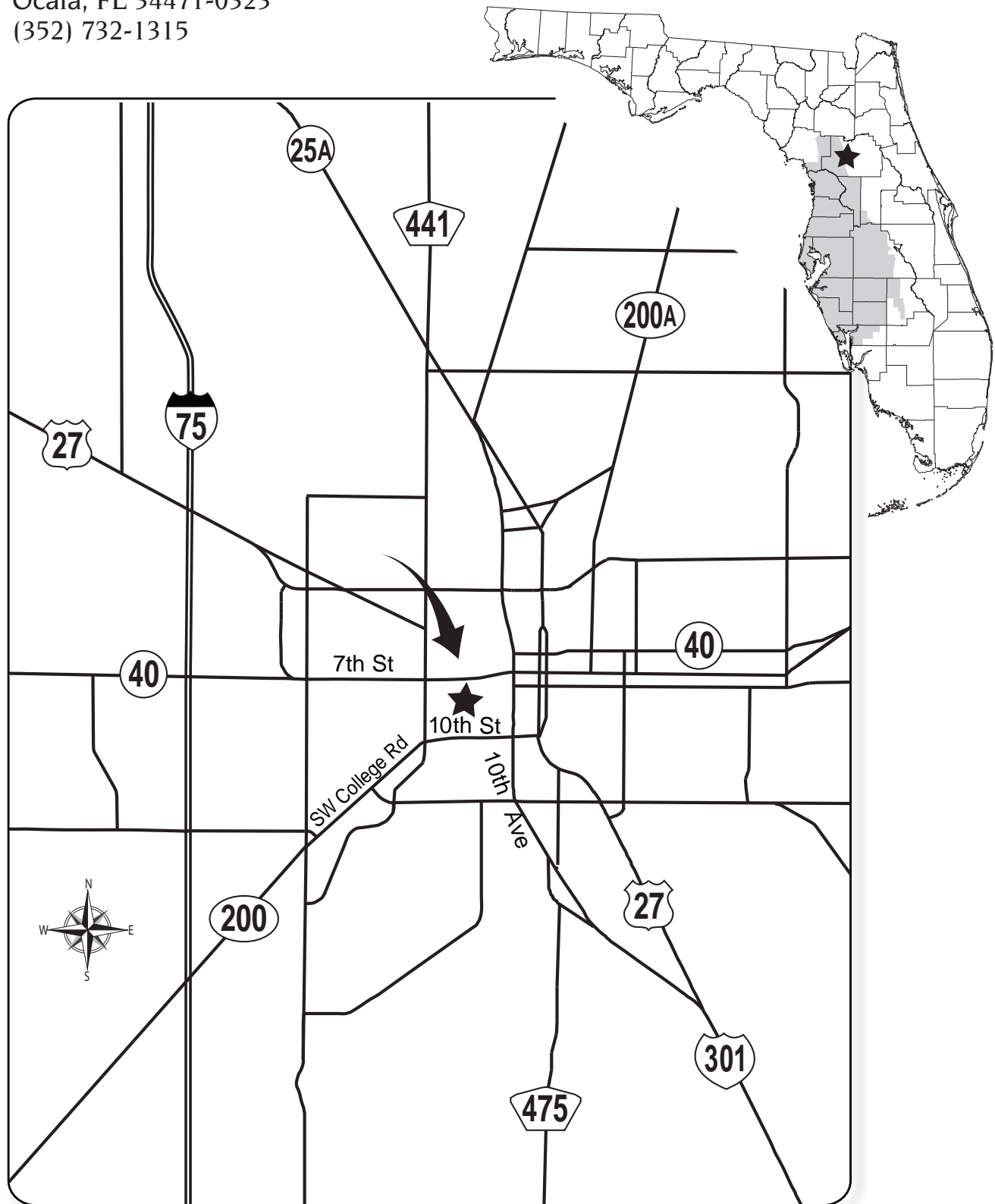
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**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA**

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM
1241 SW 10TH STREET (SR 200)
OCALA, FLORIDA 34474-0323**

**April 20, 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 Orientation of Board Members re: Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility
... Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities and Jack Sullivan, E.D., WRWSA**
- Item #6 Executive Director's Report ... Jack Sullivan, WRWSA**
 - a. Bills to be Paid**
 - b. Regional Utility Forum Update**
 - c. Irrigation Audit Training Update**
 - d. Water Conservation Month Resolution**
 - e. News Articles**
- Item #7 Legislative Update ... Diane Salz, Legislative Consultant**
- Item #8 Attorney's Report ... Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney**
- Item #9 Other Business**
- Item #10 Public Comment**
- Item #11 Next Meeting Time and Location ... May 18, 2011, 4:30 p.m., SWFWMD
Headquarters Governing Board Meeting Room, 2379 Broad Street (US 41
South), Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899**
- Item #12 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 Radack, 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. CAB WSF Orientation



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Overview of Presentation

- Why was the CAB WSF built?
- How were the facilities funded and constructed?
- How was the Citrus/Authority Agreement negotiated?
- What does the revenue stream from the CAB WSF mean to the Authority's future?
- Recommendations for future action.

Citrus County's Master Water Plan

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

SWFWMD Seed Money

- **SWFWMD** was striving to promote regional water supply authorities to work with the District to handle local water supply problems;
- The **Authority** had been trying to partner with its member counties to establish a water supply facility to make itself more economically self-sufficient;
- **Citrus County** needed a large investment in its water infrastructure in order to expand its customer base.

SEED MONEY AGREEMENTS

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

Citrus Wellfield

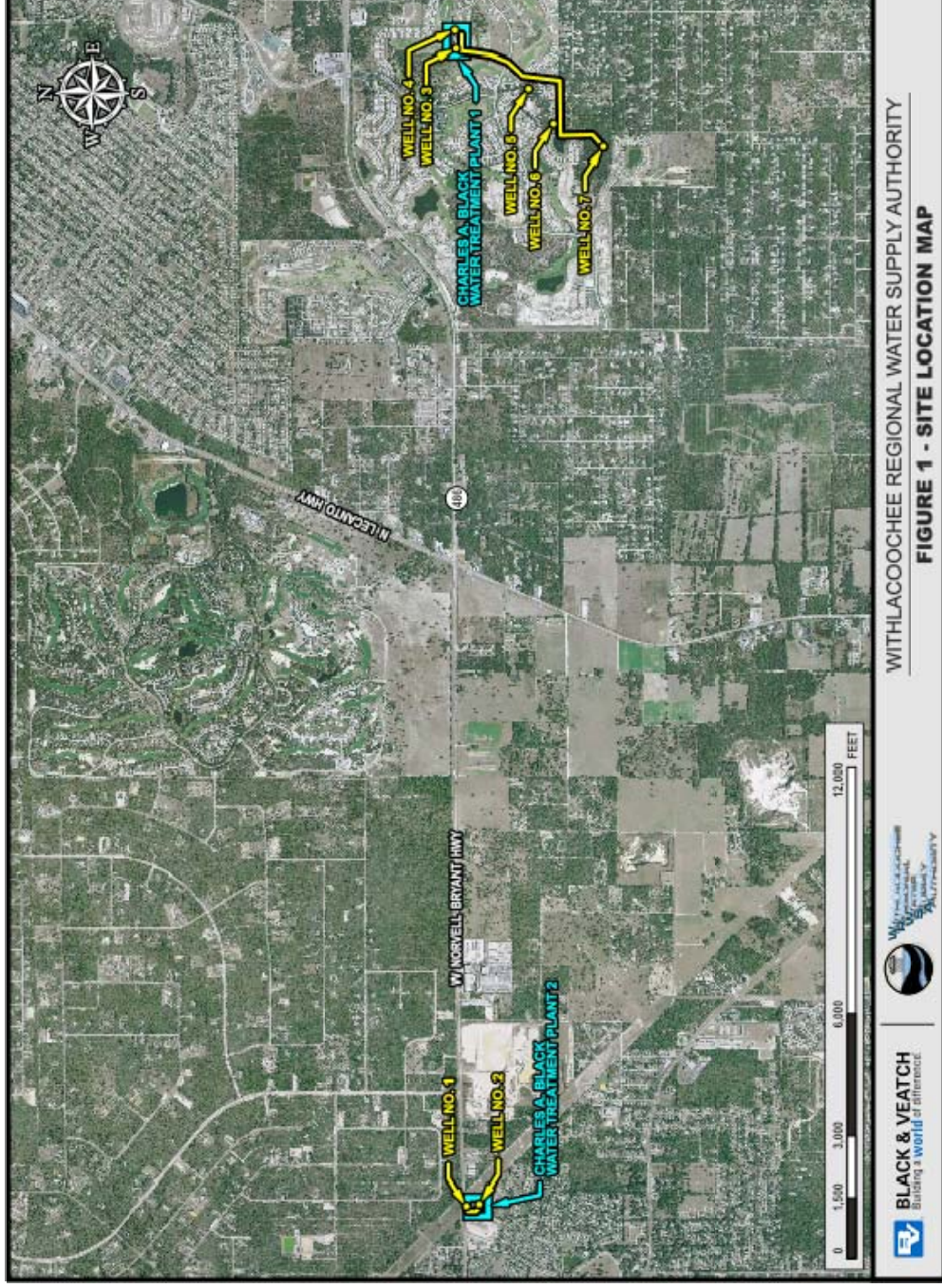
- Citrus Water Supply Facility dedicated and named the Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility
- SWFWMD grant of \$350,000 for design
- Facility built with grant of \$4.7 million from SWFWMD as seed money to the Authority for future projects
- Constructed from 1988 to 1992 in four phases

Citrus Wellfield Facilities

- 3 Wells constructed; capacity of ± 12 mgd
- County transferred 2 existing wells to WSA;
- Constructed two 4mg ground storage tanks;
- Hi-svc pumps;
- Water treatment plant;
- 18" interconnect from Hampton Hills to Meadowcrest



CAB WATER FACILITY IN HAMPTON HILLS



CAB FACILITIES – CAB #1 – CAB #2 AND 18” INTERCONNECT

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COST OF DESIGN AND FACILITIES BY YEAR - FY1988-1992

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

Negotiations

- SWFWMD would provide seed money, but facilities must belong to the Authority, including existing CAB wells 3 & 4;
- The cost of the facility would be paid back to the Authority, but at 0% interest over 30 years;
- An additional 5 years was added to payback to accommodate a 2nd 4 mg ground storage tank;
- Citrus wanted a break on payback on the front end to allow County to build its customer base;
- The County wanted to operate the facility since the Authority had no staff and to avoid County layoffs;

Negotiations (con't)

- County wanted first “dibs” on water coming from the well and to serve other governmental entities in the County;
- Payment was to be based on sale of water, but County did not have a large enough customer base to develop a cost per 1000 gal without raising water rates;
- Payment was developed based on amortization of capital cost of plant plus an additional administrative charge for the Authority.

More Negotiations

- The County's water entitlement for the first year was the amount of the initial consumptive use permit – 2 mgd average and 6 mgd maximum
- An increase in its entitlement was subject to amendment of the contract. If no amendment occurred, the 1st year entitlement would remain in place;

Payback Accommodation

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

CITRUS WELLFIELD AMORTIZATION

Year	Year 1-3 Cost Recov	System Util Adjustment	Tot. Amort Cost	Gen+Admin Expense	Cost
1992	\$114,233	(\$57,116)	\$57,116	\$25,400	
1993	\$114,233	(\$45,693)	\$68,540	\$26,670	
1994	\$114,233	(\$34,270)	\$79,963	\$28,004	
1995	\$114,233	(\$22,847)	\$91,386	\$29,403	
1996	\$114,233	(\$11,423)	\$102,809	\$30,874	
1997	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$32,416	\$
1998	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$34,037	\$
1999	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$35,739	\$
2000	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$37,526	\$
2001	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$39,403	\$
2002	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$41,372	\$
2003	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$43,441	\$
2004	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$45,613	\$
2005	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$47,893	\$
2006	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$50,280	\$

Additional Accommodations

- County has received all of the water production from the wellfield to expand its customer base
- County has contracted with additional governmental entities to provide service or to provide standby capacity (e.g. Ozello Water Association and City of Crystal River).
- As development of the Levy nuclear plants proceed, development in NW Citrus may require additional service from CAB.

CAB Facility Critical to Future Revenue Needs

- Authority will receive \$223,587 annually from CAB amortization through 2021. Current member annual assessment fees are \$139,350.
- Total funding for Authority is approximately \$363,000 annually.
- Currently, ±\$130,000 annually is allocated for local grants for water conservation, leaving \$232,000 to administer the Authority
- Reserves are ±\$1.5 million and have remained static for 10 years.
- In 10 years, the CAB amortization will be essentially complete, removing the Authority's main source of funds.

CITRUS WELLFIELD AMORTIZATION COST

Year	Year 1-3 Cost Recov	System Util Adjustment	Tot. Amort Cost	Gen+Admin Expense	Yr. 4 Cost Recov	Total Annual Cost	Cumulative Capital Recapture	Declining Capital Balance
1992	\$114,233	(\$57,116)	\$57,116	\$25,400		\$82,516	\$57,116	\$4,644,863
1993	\$114,233	(\$45,693)	\$68,540	\$26,670		\$95,210	\$125,656	\$4,576,323
1994	\$114,233	(\$34,270)	\$79,963	\$28,004		\$107,967	\$205,619	\$4,496,360
1995	\$114,233	(\$22,847)	\$91,386	\$29,403		\$120,789	\$297,005	\$4,404,974
1996	\$114,233	(\$11,423)	\$102,809	\$30,874		\$133,683	\$399,814	\$4,302,165
1997	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$32,416	\$42,500	\$196,003	\$563,401	\$4,138,578
1998	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$34,037	\$42,500	\$197,624	\$726,987	\$3,974,992
1999	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$35,739	\$42,500	\$199,326	\$890,574	\$3,811,405
2000	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$37,526	\$42,500	\$201,113	\$1,054,161	\$3,647,818
2001	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$39,403	\$42,500	\$202,990	\$1,217,747	\$3,484,232
2002	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$41,372	\$42,500	\$204,959	\$1,381,334	\$3,320,645
2003	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$43,441	\$42,500	\$207,028	\$1,544,921	\$3,157,058
2004	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$45,613	\$42,500	\$209,200	\$1,708,507	\$2,993,472
2005	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$47,893	\$42,500	\$211,480	\$1,872,094	\$2,829,885
2006	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$50,289	\$42,500	\$213,876	\$2,035,681	\$2,666,299
2007	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$52,408	\$42,500	\$215,995	\$2,199,267	\$2,502,712
2008	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$54,528	\$42,500	\$218,115	\$2,362,854	\$2,339,125
2009	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$56,755	\$42,500	\$220,342	\$2,526,440	\$2,175,539
2010	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$59,093	\$42,500	\$222,680	\$2,690,027	\$2,011,952
2011	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$2,853,614	\$1,848,365
2012	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$3,017,200	\$1,684,779
2013	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$3,180,787	\$1,521,192
2014	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$3,344,374	\$1,357,605
2015	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$3,507,960	\$1,194,019
2016	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$3,671,547	\$1,030,432
2017	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$3,835,133	\$866,846
2018	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$3,998,720	\$703,259
2019	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$4,162,307	\$539,672
2020	\$114,233	\$6,854	\$121,087	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,587	\$4,325,893	\$376,086
2021	\$114,233	\$6,853	\$121,086	\$60,000	\$42,500	\$223,586	\$4,489,479	\$212,500
2022					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$4,531,979	\$170,000
2023					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$4,574,479	\$127,500
2024					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$4,616,979	\$85,000
2025					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$4,659,479	\$42,500
2026					\$42,500	\$42,500	\$4,701,979	\$0

TOTALS	\$3,426,979	\$0	\$3,426,979	\$1,430,864	\$1,275,000	\$6,132,843		
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Future Program Funding Needs

- Updating Master Plan population and water demands;
- Continue to monitor groundwater availability and funding for hydro-geologic studies;
- Work with local governments to develop and fund water conservation programs;
- Continue to develop long-range programs to develop and utilize traditional as well as alternative water supply sources.

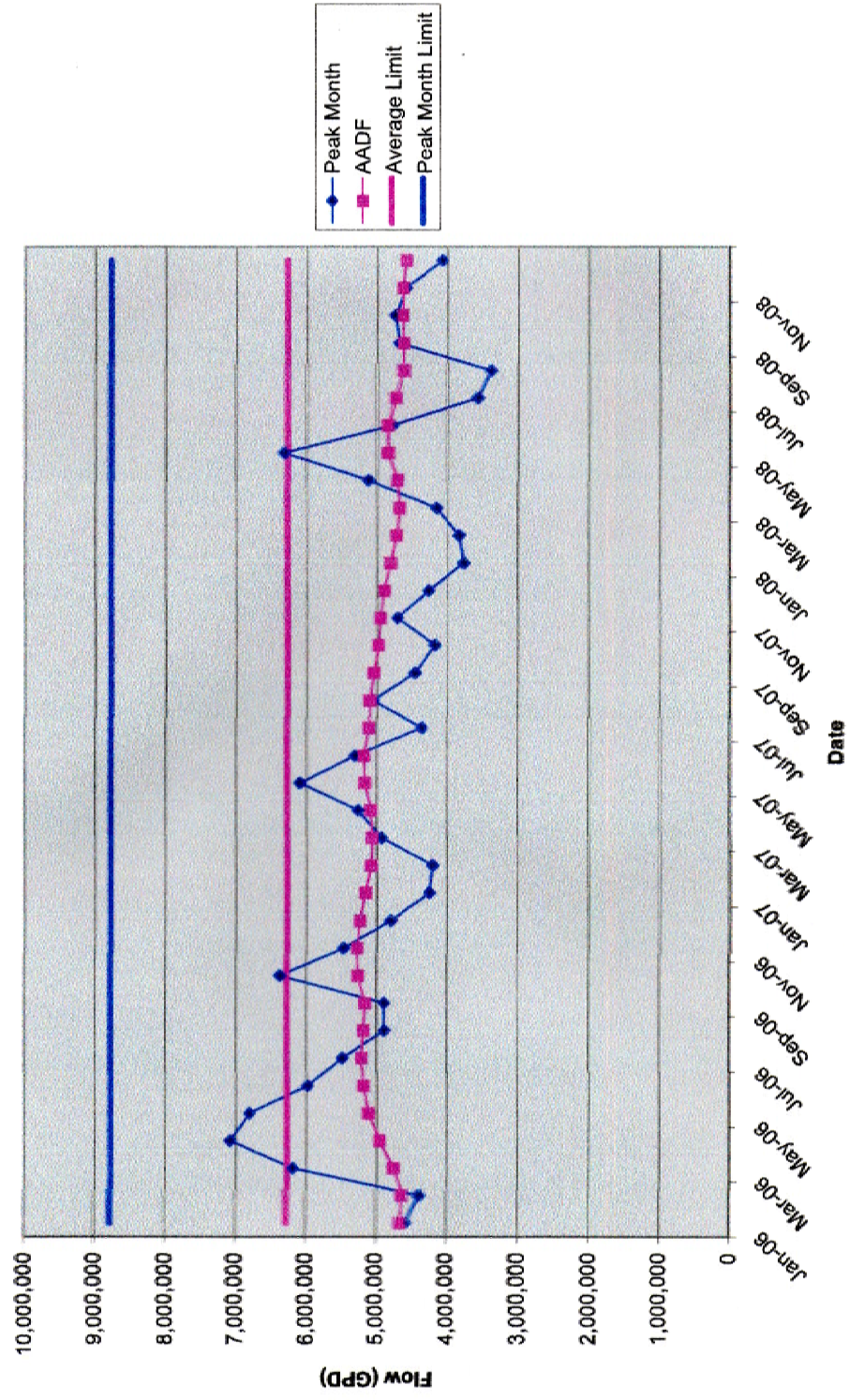
Renegotiation of Project Facility Charge?

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

Contract vs. Current Use

- 1989 Interlocal Agreement provides a 2mgd average and 6mgd maximum entitlement for the County.
- Consumption has been well above that entitlement for many years without being renegotiated – approximately at $\pm 4.5 - 5$ mgd average daily use.

Figure 2 Combined Well Flows (2006 Through 2008)



Recommended Future Directions

- Direct staff to review CAB Project Facility Charge Agreement with Citrus County and recommend future modifications that may need to be made.
- Board should direct staff to evaluate funding needs to accomplish adopted program objectives and evaluate future funding strategies.
- In addition, Board should evaluate a transition strategy from current Authority staffing to future needs.

Questions and Comments



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6.a. Bills to be Paid

**BILLS TO BE PAID FOR APRIL 2011 WILL BE
HANDED OUT AT THE APRIL 20, 2011 BOARD MEETING**

**6.b. Utility
Forum Update**

**MEMORANDUM**

April 6, 2011

To: Board of Directors, WRWSA
From: Jack Sullivan, Executive Director
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 have 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.

Regional Utility Forum

A forum for water conservation information exchange.

When: April 20, 2011, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Where: Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council
1241 SW 10th Street (SR 200), Ocala, FL 34474

Contact: Jack Sullivan, WRWSA
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Agenda

Regional Utility Forum
WRPC Conference Room
Ocala, Florida
April 20, 2011
1:30 pm

- 1:30 – 1:45 Welcome and Introductions Jack Sullivan, Executive Director, WRWSA
- 1:45 – 2:05 Background on WRWSA and Reason for Water Conservation Forum Jack Sullivan, WRWSA
- 2:05 – 2:25 Tampa Bay Water Region – Conservation Coalition Alliance Dave Bracciano, Tampa Bay Water
- 2:25 – 2:45 Water Conservation Issues in the St. Johns River Water Management District Don Brandes, Assistant Director, SJRWMD Water Use Regulation
- 2:45 – 3:05 Utility Outreach Program Brent White, Water Conservation Analyst, SWFWMD
- 3:05 – 3:25 Survey of Utilities re: future meetings and desired program topics Jack Sullivan, WRWSA
- 3:25 – 3:30 Adjournment

**Regional Utility Forum
Preference Survey
April 20, 2011**

1. Utility forums have been used elsewhere to help water conservation staff from local governments, private suppliers and water supply authorities share information regarding techniques, local projects, and collaboration opportunities. Do you think that a Regional Utility Forum will assist your utility in its efforts to meet the new compliance requirement of 150 gallons per capita per day?

___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know

2. Which of the following water conservation initiatives would help your utility meet the new compliance requirement (circle up to 3)?

- A. Water Conserving Rate Structures_____
- B. Indoor Residential Programs_____
- C. Outdoor Programs_____
- D. Industrial/Commercial/Institutional Programs_____
- E. Water Restriction Enforcement_____
- F. Supply-Side Efficiency Improvements_____
- G. Community Based Social Marketing_____
- H. Legislative Efforts (Local Ordinances, etc.)_____
- I. Other: _____
- J. Not Sure

3. For any answer other than "I" in #2, please explain how you came to this conclusion:

- A. Customer demographics
- B. Experience with current initiatives
- C. Experience with past initiatives
- D. Water conservation training
- E. Water conservation research
- F. Other: _____

4. Do you have a staff position dedicated to water conservation?

Yes No (circle)

5. If "Yes" to #4, please supply the following information:

Position has existed for ___ years

Current employee has been in this position for ___ years

Employee's title is _____

6. If the Regional Utility Forum is continued, how many times per year should it meet?

☐ Once per year ☐ Twice annually ☐ Quarterly
☐ Monthly Bi-Monthly ☐
☐ Other (Specify) _____

7. How long should each Regional Utility Forum meeting last?

☐ One hour
☐ Two hours
☐ Four hours
☐ Full day
☐ Depends on how often it meets

8. What specific topics would you like on the agenda for future Regional Utility Forum meetings (check all that apply)?

☐ Compliance progress reports
☐ Round-Table discussions
☐ Financial aid opportunities
☐ Presentations from colleagues and outside experts
☐ Presentations from conservation technology companies
☐ Water use trends (short-term and long-term) by utility and region_
☐ Related legislative and professional association updates
☐ WMD conservation-related Rulemaking updates
☐ Regional communication efforts
☐ Regional hydrologic condition updates
☐ Other (Specify):

9. What specific concerns do you have regarding the concept of a Regional Utility Forum?

6.c. Irrigation Audit Training Update

**MEMORANDUM**

April 6, 2011

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

Re: Irrigation Audit Training – April 14-15

As part of the Regional Irrigation Audit program, the Authority authorized an appropriation of \$5,000 toward holding a training program for irrigation auditors. The impetus for this was the concern by local Water Conservation Coordinators that there were not enough certified irrigation auditors within the region to effectively complete the proposed 250 irrigation audits that the Authority was undertaking in conjunction with the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Subsequently, I worked with Brent White and Cara Martin of the SWFWMD staff to put together a two-day training program to certify auditors within the region. The training course will be held on April 14-15 at the SWFWMD Headquarters and will be taught by instructors from the Florida Irrigation Society (FIS).

The Authority's appropriation has been directed toward subsidizing irrigation contractors within the Withlacoochee Region who want to take the training course to be certified as irrigation auditors. To ensure that the irrigation contractors were serious about the course and to assist in spreading the subsidy as far as possible, each student was required to pay the first \$50 of the \$290 for the course. The Authority would then pay the balance of the training fee of \$240. This allowed the \$5,000 appropriation to subsidize up to 20 students. Each county Water Conservation Coordinator was allocated 5 slots to fill for the training course. The only requirement of the contractor was that they had to be licensed to work in the four-county region.

As of the date of this memorandum, approximately 12 students from the four-county area had signed up for the training course and the subsidy. I anticipate more students signing up before the April 14 deadline. I will report the final numbers at the April 20 Board meeting.



Irrigation Auditing Training

Southwest Florida Water Management District
SWFWMD Brooksville Office
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34604-6899
Building 4 – 1st floor – Conference Rooms 112 A & B

Thursday, April 14, 2011: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, April 15, 2011: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Presented by: Florida Irrigation Society

Course Description

The Irrigation Auditing Training Course is recommended for Mobile Irrigation Lab operators, irrigation contractors and consultants interested in providing auditing services to local utilities and government inspectors enforcing new irrigation codes. Familiarity with irrigation system design, installation, maintenance and management is a recommended prerequisite for taking this course.

Day one of this two day course will cover report writing, common irrigation components, hydraulics, application rates, soils, plant water requirements and the levels of evaluations. Prepare to get wet on day two as students obtain hands-on experience by collecting field data, making recommendations for improving the system and calculating before and after water usage. There will be a review exam on the second day.

Class Fees

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) has entered into an agreement with the Southwest Water Management District to provide a sponsorship for training. This sponsorship is available to the first 17 contractors to register providing they are from Marion, Hernando, Citrus or Levy Counties. This sponsorship will cover \$240.00 of the \$290.00 registration fee for the course and the attendee is responsible for preregistering and paying the \$50.00 difference to the Florida Irrigation Society. Anyone that would like to take this course that is not eligible for the sponsorship may preregister and pay the \$290.00 registration fee to the Florida Irrigation Society.



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Thursday, April 14, 2011	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, April 15, 2011	8:00am – 4:00pm

Return completed registration form:

FAX: (813) 839-4759

Email: administration@fisstate.org attention Jennifer Amarosa

Mail Check to:

The Florida Irrigation Society
P.O. Box 13502, Tampa, FL 33681
(800) 441-5341 or (813) 839-4601

Please complete one form per attendee

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tuition Paid: \$50.00 WRWSA sponsored attendees \$290.00 Non-sponsored attendees (check one)

Select Payment Form: Check Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Make Check Payable to: The Florida Irrigation Society

For credit card purchase:

Account number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Authorization Signature: _____

**6.d. Water Conservation
Month Resolution**

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION 2011-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY
AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS DESIGNATING APRIL AS WATER
CONSERVATION MONTH.**

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need of every living creature; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority designate April as water conservation month, and we urge every consumer to become more aware of the need to save water and to take appropriate measures to conserve and protect this vital natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Board of Directors supports and encourages water conservation measures within the Withlacoochee Region; and

WHEREAS, the support of April as Florida's Water Conservation Month reinforces conservation messages and efforts put forth by the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HEREBY PROCLAIMS APRIL 2011, AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH
IN THE WITHLACOOCHEE REGION.**

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 20th day of April 2011, A.D.

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

Stan McClain, Chairman

Attest:

Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director

6.e. News Articles

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Subject: **Fw: House committee passes substantially revised water quality bill**
Date: April 5, 2011 10:05:16 PM EDT
To: Jack Sullivan <jesull@comcast.net>

FYI.

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Subject: House committee passes substantially revised water quality bill

House committee passes substantially revised water quality bill
Bruce Ritchie, 04/05/2011 - 06:29 PM

A House bill dealing with water quality on Tuesday was revised substantially to address **Department of Environmental Protection** concerns, but the measure still faces environmental opposition.

HB 239 would have prohibited the state, water management districts and local governments from enforcing water quality limits established in December by the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**. Industry and agriculture groups say the numeric nutrient criteria for lakes and flowing streams will be expensive and difficult to meet.

But DEP official **Jerry Brooks** told lawmakers in March that the "well-intended" bill could force businesses to get permits from the EPA rather than the state. He also said the bill directs DEP to set nutrient limits for each waterway across the state, a process that he said could take 15 or 20 years.

Rep. Trudi Williams, R-Fort Myers and the bill's sponsor, on Tuesday supported a proposed committee substitute that removed language dealing with the federal water standards. She said she DEP's concerns were shared by **Secretary Herschel Vinyard** and **Gov. Rick Scott**.

"They [DEP officials] had some real concerns," Williams said. "We want to alleviate any of those concerns [and show] that we will not shut down permitting if the EPA comes here."

The bill passed the **House Federal Affairs Subcommittee** 9-5 with the panel's five Democrats voting against it. **Rep. Daphne Campbell**, D-Miami, apologized to Williams after the meeting and said some Democrats had told others on the committee to vote against the bill.

Some environmentalists who had opposed the original bill remained unhappy with the revised version. That's because it would establish a new waterway classification system in Florida that environmentalists say would reduce protections for some water bodies.

Most Florida waterways are now classified as "fishable swimmable," meaning pollution must be maintained or reduced to levels to allow swimming and allow fish to be eaten. The **Florida Stormwater Association** in 2008 petitioned DEP to create a new classification system so that canals and ditches would not require expensive cleanup.

The bill establishes a new waterways category in which water contact would be only "incidental or accidental" with a "minimal" chance of ingestion. Another category calls for water contact that is "limited or restricted due to unsafe physical conditions."

"It doesn't seem to me to be good public policy to establish a new classification system where the classification system acknowledges pollution limits are so high they are public health threats," said **David Guest**, managing attorney for the nonprofit **Earthjustice** law firm in Tallahassee. He represents environmental groups which filed a federal lawsuit against the EPA.

DEP last year adopted a new category that would apply to canals and dredged water bodies. Williams said DEP and the **Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** asked for the new waterway classification system to be established in the bill.

"If they are really impaired, those would be the ones we could clean up first," she said. "We could identify where the pollutants are coming from and clean them up."

From: "Cara S. Martin" <Cara.Martin@swfwmd.state.fl.us>
Subject: **FW: Hernando County to Benefit From \$5,000 Community Education Grant**
Date: March 9, 2011 1:07:13 PM EST
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From: Robyn O. Felix
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 12:44 PM
Subject: Hernando County to Benefit From \$5,000 Community Education Grant

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1-800-423-1476, ext. 4770 or
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March 9, 2011

Hernando County to Benefit From \$5,000 Community Education Grant

A Hernando County project expected to reach up to 150 people was recently awarded a Community Education Grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

This year the District approved 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.

Hernando County Utilities received a \$5,000 grant to educate citizens, developers and leaders about water issues specific to Hernando County. Participants will learn how new water legislation and ordinances apply to the county and learn about groundwater and springs protection. The project received funding from the District's Coastal Rivers and Withlacoochee River basin boards

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

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From: Robyn O. Felix
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 12:47 PM
Subject: Marion County to Benefit From \$4,800 Community Education Grant

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March 9, 2011

Marion County to Benefit From \$4,800 Community Education Grant

A Marion County project expected to reach up to 30,000 people was recently awarded a Community Education Grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

This year the District approved 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 Marion County Board of County Commissioners received a \$4,800 grant to educate homeowners living in 55+ communities about Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles and the benefits of using micro-irrigation. Marion County will conduct educational workshops and distribute micro-irrigation kits to county residents. The project received funding from the District's Withlacoochee River Basin Board.

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

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Subject: FSU: proposed environmental policy changes
Date: March 9, 2011 8:36:02 AM EST
To: Jack Sullivan <jesull@comcast.net>

TALLAHASSEE, FL (wfsu) - Supporters of the state's environmental programs came out to the Capital on the first day of session to draw attention to several land use bills making their way through the legislature. As Lynn Hatter reports the groups are for some of them, and against others.

At the top of the groups list of concerns is a septic tank law that is up for repeal. It was met with an outcry from rural homeowners who said the costs associated with the measure were too high. Preston Robertson with the Florida Wildlife Federation says he understands those concerns, but the state has to make protecting the environment a priority.

"We're not for any of the bills that will denigrate water quality. The septic tank bill was a great idea two years ago, but now with the turmoil and crashing of our economy, people are very upset about having to pay any extra dollars. So I'm very sympathetic to that though I do think people need to get their septic tanks cleaned out and people are responsible to their neighbors to do so, so as to not befoul our drinking water."

Marianna Republican Marti Coley is sponsoring the repeal bill. She says it's been the biggest issue all year in her rural North Florida district.

"Everyone wants clean water. We all want to be responsible. But having a statewide mandate that treats a widow-woman with one septic tank on 10 acres of land, the same as someone in a densely populated area is absurd. This was bad policy."

The law sets septic inspections at every five years and mandates the replacement of tanks if they fail. Environmentalists are also watching what happens to the state's land-buying conservation program Florida Forever. It was zeroed-out of Governor Rick Scott's budget proposal. But Julie Wraithmell with the Audubon Society of Florida says the state should continue to invest in the program and look for alternatives.

"You need a certain amount of funding for continuity sake. Now the good thing about Florida Forever is that we can buy conservation easements. That means instead of buying the land outright you simply buy the development rights for it. And that helps to keep the land in production if its agricultural, the owner can continue living on it, it doesn't take it off of tax rolls, and it's a way to stretch our dollars further."

Those easements may be a possible solution as lawmakers look to fill the state's budget deficit. They're also being promoted by Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam. He says not only will this keep government from dictating how property owners use their land, but it would be a viable alternative to the state spending money it doesn't have for lands it wants to protect.

"And that is an evolving change of thought by the state that is gaining widespread acceptance by landowners and allows the state to stretch their dollars further and protect more acres with less impact to local government tax bases."

Lawmakers are also looking a bill on fertilizers that would take away local governments ability to regulate its use. The bill has sparked concerns that it could further hurt Florida's water quality.

Still, there is agreement that virtually all of the environmental policy changes this year will come down to water. Proposals dealing with fertilizers, septic tanks and land-acquisition all fall within that scope. And the state will be looking to try and balance the environmental issues with a dwindling amount of money.

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From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Subject: **Some balk at repealing septic tank requirement**
Date: March 11, 2011 8:51:38 AM EST
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Some senators balk at repealing septic tank requirement
Bruce Ritchie, 03/10/2011 - 12:10 PM

Several senators on a committee Thursday objected to a proposed bill that would repeal a statewide septic tank inspection requirement.

Last year's lawmakers mandated inspections every five years but it was met with an outcry from rural homeowners. The bill's supporters said the inspections of the state's estimated 2.7 million septic tanks were needed to protect springs and water quality.

Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness and chairman of the **Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation**, is sponsoring two bills, **SB 130** and **SB 1698**, to repeal the inspection requirement, which Dean says is a one-size-fits-all mandate. His draft bill language would allow counties to create local inspection programs.

But **Sen. Dennis Jones**, R-Seminole, said the proposal would undo five years of work on springs legislation that led to the passage of last year's law.

"Just to start right off by saying we are going to repeal everything, I think we are taking some major steps backwards," Jones said.

Sen. Eleanor Sobel, D-Hollywood, questioned where the springs protection language was in the draft bill. But Dean assured her there would be springs protection.

Sen. Jack Latvala, R-St. Petersburg, has offered draft language that allows counties to opt out of the requirement rather than having to opt in. **HB 13**, which has passed two committees in the House, would repeal the bill and doesn't contain a provision for a local inspection program.

Some members of **Santa Rosa Tea Party Patriots** spoke against allowing inspections in some areas, saying an inspection requirement was discriminatory against septic tank owners.

"The Tea Party all over the state of Florida is behind the people with this septic tank issue and we're not going to stand for it," said **Sharon Glass** of Pace.

But Latvala responded that Hudson Beach in his district was frequently under advisories against swimming because of contamination caused by septic tanks.

"In that case we're against completely innocent folks who all they want to do is take their kids to the beach every day," Latvala said.

Glass responded, "Prove the septic tanks are doing this. I'm all for it if we're doing it."

Other Tea Party members complained they drove for hours but were not allowed to speak. Dean said the committee next week would allow more time for speakers on the issue.

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Senate plan to fold (and cut) WMDs into state's budget advances...

By Aaron Deslatte March 31, 2011 04:16 PM

TALLAHASSEE -- The Florida Senate's powerful Budget Committee advanced a plan Thursday to fold the state's five water-management districts into the state budget, forcing them to enact property tax cuts next year.

The bill, SB 7154, would cut the property tax rates 30 percent for four of the five districts, excluding the Northwest district serving the Panhandle. The cut would lower the tax revenue collected by the other four districts by \$210 million -- cutting \$120 million of it from the South Florida Water Management District, the state's largest. The St. Johns River district would cut \$30 million in taxes.

Here's [a staff analysis of the bill](#).

While House and Senate leaders have said their spending plans contain none of the tax cuts favored by Gov. **Rick Scott**, the governor had included a \$178 million property tax "holiday" in his budget pitch earlier this month. So the tax cuts, which would take effect when the districts' budget year starts Oct. 1, would give the governor a win.

The House doesn't envision folding the water management districts into the budget, so the issue will get hashed out over the coming weeks.

From: disalz@yahoo.com
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Date: March 31, 2011 6:21:15 PM EDT
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Date: Thu, 31 Mar 2011 17:54:09 -0400
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Subject: Water Management Districts

PLANS WOULD REIN IN WATER DISTRICTS

By MICHAEL PELTIER
THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

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THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, March 31, 2011.....Lauded - and criticized - for their fiscal autonomy, water management districts would find their budgets determined by the Legislature and their spending approved by the governor under a pair of bills advancing Thursday in the House and Senate.

More immediately, the districts would see their budgets cut by up to 30 percent, under a Senate effort that would reduce taxes for water management district residents by \$210 million statewide.

The Senate Budget Committee on Thursday approved a measure (SB 7154) that would require lawmakers to annually set the tax rate for water management districts to levy.

The Senate proposal, which passed the committee on a 21-0, requires the districts to submit their budget requests to the governor, who would submit the proposals as part of his budget request. The Legislature, however, would ultimately decide funding levels.

"When it comes to the expenditure of dollars, it comes back to the fact that Legislature has the authority and responsibility of looking after (taxpayers) dollars," said Budget Chairman Sen. J.D. Alexander, R-Lake Wales.

"If somebody says I want to tax the people of Florida a billion dollars, I kind of want to know what they're using the billion dollars for," Alexander added.

A measure traveling in the House would also provide for gubernatorial oversight of the water management districts, but the measure stops short of putting lawmakers in charge of the budget purse strings.

The House proposal (PBC SCWP 11-01), approved Thursday by the Select Committee on Water Policy by unanimous vote, would also require the districts to review their holdings every five years and put up for sale land no longer considered essential for conservation or water management purposes. The sales could occur only if the parcels would return to the tax rolls following the sale. Lands held jointly between the districts and a local government could not be sold without the consent of local officials.

Further, the proposal would require the governor to approve fund transfers within the water management districts. Under current law, the governor approves a district's overall budget but has no control over how the money is spent after that point.

A favorite target of lawmakers because of the massive taxing authority they command, the water districts are again under the microscope as Gov. Rick Scott and Republican lawmakers look to trim government collections and spending.

The South Florida Water Management District, for example, is expected to collect \$404 million a year in property taxes from the residents who live in the district. The money is used for flood control, maintenance of canals and other storm water efforts. A significant portion also goes toward Everglades restoration.

"For these people to have the ability to tax without being elected . . . I kind of thought that's why we had a revolution a couple hundred years ago," said Sen. Mike Bennett, R-Bradenton.

Scott has proposed reducing water management district taxes by 25 percent for the next two years. The Senate bill would trim the South Florida district's budget by 30 percent next year, a \$120 million reduction, and allow lawmakers to set rates after that.

House water committee Chairwoman Trudi Williams, R-Fort Myers, said earlier this year that even a 25 percent cut would delay discretionary programs such as the district's long term commitment to re-plumbing the Everglades.

On Thursday, Janet Bowman, legislative director for the Nature Conservancy, said the House proposal largely puts in statute what has been common practice within the districts. The Senate version, however, would break new ground.

Bowman cautioned that lawmakers could run into constitutional problems if they give the Legislature or the governor too much oversight of the districts, which are given constitutional authority to levy taxes.

"There could be some constitutional issues if you go too far in that direction," Bowman said.

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Budget Committee

BILL: SPB 7154

INTRODUCER: For consideration by the Budget Committee

SUBJECT: Water Management Districts

DATE: March 28, 2011

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Pigott/Aller/ Diez-Arguelles	Meyer, C.		Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

The bill substantially amends current law regarding oversight of the authority of water management districts (district) to levy ad valorem taxes and the development and approval of water management district budgets.

The bill provides that the Legislature will annually review the authorized millage rate for each district and set the maximum revenue authorized to be raised from ad valorem taxes. In any year in which the Legislature does not act by July 1 to set the maximum property tax revenue to be raised, the districts are not authorized to raise additional revenue through the levy of ad valorem taxes on property.

The bill makes significant changes to the process by which water management district budgets are developed and approved by:

- Conforming the water management districts fiscal year to the state fiscal year, beginning on July 1, 2012.
- Requiring the districts to annually develop and submit their legislative budget requests to the Governor and Legislature by October 15th following the same process as state agencies.
- Providing that the Governor will include his recommendations for water management district budgets in his budget recommendations to the Legislature.
- Providing that the budget for each district is the budget approved by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.

As with any appropriation in the General Appropriations Act, the Governor will have line-item veto authority over water management district budgets.

Other features of the bill include:

- Retention of existing statutory requirements for water management district budget content.
- Expanding the purposes of the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund within the Department of Environment Protection, for legislative approval of water management district budgets.
- Continuing the current public process used by the water management district governing boards for annual establishment of the millage rate, consistent with the legislatively approved budget.
- Provision of an approval process for lump sum salary bonuses, budget controls, and budget modifications, such as fund transfers and inclusion of additional revenue.
- Requiring that specified financial information be made available to the public on each water management district website.
- Retention of requirements for audits, a five-year capital improvements plan, and a five-year water resource development work program.

The bill also includes provisions for the state fiscal year transition period from October 1, 2011 until July 1, 2012, and corrects statutory cross references.

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 373.026, 373.036, , 373.503, 373.536, 373.707, 373.709 and 403.891.

The bill creates section 373.502, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Water management districts are funded from several different revenue sources. They are unique in that they may be authorized by law to levy ad valorem taxes, as provided under Art. VII, s. 9(b) of the State Constitution. In addition, the constitution further specifies that the maximum levy for water management purposes is up to 1.0 mill, with the exception of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, which is limited to 0.05 mill.

As permitted by the constitution, the Legislature has authorized, in s. 373.503, F.S., the levy of ad valorem taxes and placed limits on the districts' ad valorem millage rates as follows:

- 0.05 mill - Northwest Florida.
- 0.75 mill - Suwannee River.
- 0.6 mill - St. Johns River.
- 1.0 mill - Southwest Florida.
- 0.8 mill - South Florida.

The status of the districts' budget for fiscal year 2010-11, including millage rate information, total budget and the percentage that ad valorem revenue contributes to each budget, is reflected below.

Water Management District	Constitution (millage cap)	Florida Statutes (millage cap)	Actual Millage	FY 10-11 Adopted Budget (All Sources)*	Ad valorem percentage
Northwest Florida WMD	.05 mill	.05 mill	.0450 mill	\$117.1 million	3.4%
Suwannee River WMD	1 mill	.75 mill	.4399 mill	\$56.5 million	10.4%
St. Johns River WMD	1 mill	.6 mill	.4158 mill	\$254.7 million	43.5%
Southwest Florida WMD	1 mill	1 mill	.3770 mill	\$279.8 million	57.5%
Basin Board Range ⁺			.1481-.2600 mill		
South Florida WMD	1 mill	.8 mill	.2549 mill	\$1,072.8 million	31%
Basin Board Range ⁺			.0894-.2797 mill		

+Basin board millage may be in addition to regular district millage rate.

*Information obtained from the "Review of Water Management District Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010-11, December 15, 2010" by the Executive Office of the Governor.

The districts operate on a federal and local government fiscal year, which begins on October 1 and ends on September 30. The state government fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.

The current statutory framework for development, review, and oversight of district budgets is specified in s. 373.536 F.S. The review and oversight process was summarized by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) as follows:

The districts must submit their proposed annual budgets to several entities, including the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of all substantive and fiscal committees by August 1 of each year. The House and Senate appropriation committee chairs may submit comments and objections to each district on their proposed budgets by September 5. In adopting their final budget, the district governing board must include a written response to any comments and objections of the appropriation chairs.

The Executive Office of the Governor is required to review the districts' proposed budgets and may veto all or part of these proposed budgets. The office must report annually to the Legislature the results of its review of the districts' proposed budgets; the report also identifies those districts that do not comply with reporting requirements. State funds can be withheld from a water management district that fails to comply with these reporting requirements.

During the 2008 Legislative Session, bills were filed that provided for annual legislative review and authorization of district millage rates. In addition, to provide an opportunity for meaningful legislative review of district budgets, both bills would have realigned the district fiscal year and

budget review dates to correspond to the state fiscal year. Ultimately, neither of these bills were passed by the Legislature and neither would have modified the current authority of the Governor to review and approve district budgets or substantially changed the role of the Legislature in the budget review process.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 creates s. 373.502, F.S., to establish water management district local accounts for appropriation purposes, effective October 1, 2011. This section requires that all revenues received by a water management district and all unexpended balances in a district's local account as of September 30, 2011, are considered deposited into the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund and appropriated to the local account of each water management district. The section specifies that the expenditure of funds from a district's local account may not exceed the authority provided in the General Appropriations Act, unless approved pursuant to ch. 216, F.S. In the event that a court finds that this restriction is invalid, all revenues are to be deposited into the State Treasury.

Section 2 amends s. 373.503, F.S., to require the Legislature to annually review the authorized millage rate for each district and set the maximum amount of revenue to be raised. If the Legislature fails to set the annual maximum amount of property tax revenue on or before July 1 of each year, the districts are not authorized to raise additional revenue through the levy of ad valorem taxes on property.

Section 3 substantially amends s. 373.536, F.S., as follows:

- Changes the water management district fiscal year from October 1 through September 30 to July 1 through June 30 to conform to the state fiscal year.
- Maintains current law with respect to budget content and the Governor's involvement in district budget development and analysis.
- Eliminates the Governor's authority to approve or disapprove water management districts' budget in whole or in part.
- Requires the districts to hold in reserve a minimum of 25 percent of property taxes levied for the following fiscal year.
- For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the bill requires the water management districts to develop and submit, through the Department of Environmental Protection, a legislative budget request following the same process used by state agencies.
- Provides that the Governor will include recommendations for water management district budgets as part of his/her budget recommendations to the Legislature.
- Provides that the budget for each district shall be the budget approved by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act, subject to review, approval, or veto by the Governor, and that it may be amended under specified circumstances.
- Requires each district to begin posting financial data on its website by September 1, 2011.
- On or after July 1, 2012, requires the districts maintain financial data in accordance with financial management codes adopted by the Chief Financial Officer.
- Allows districts to expend funds approved by the Legislature until its final budget is adopted by the local governing board.

- Specifies certain budgetary controls related to lump sum bonuses, fund transfers, and unanticipated receipt of funds after the adoption of the final budget.
- Maintains current law with respect to audits, a five-year capital improvements plan, and a five-year water resource development work program.

Section 4 amends s. 403.891, F.S., to expand the purpose of the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund to include appropriations of local accounts for water management districts.

Sections 5 through 8 provide clarifying and conforming changes to other sections of the bill.

Section 9 provides for a transition period beginning on October 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2012. To ensure sufficient funds are available for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the bill allows each water management district to adopt a millage rate that is 33.33 percent higher than the millage rate needed to fund the October 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, fiscal year. Also, the bill limits the amount of ad valorem taxes each district may levy to specified amounts. Finally, the bill provides an appropriation for all prior year incurred obligations as defined in this section and authorizes districts to spend funds prior to the adoption of a final budget.

Section 10 provides an effective date of upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

The bill limits the ability of water management districts to raise property tax revenues by specifying the amount that each district will be allowed to levy for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011. These amounts are: Northwest Florida: \$3,946,969; Suwannee: \$5,412,674; St. Johns River: \$85,335,619; Southwest Florida: \$107,766,957; and South Florida: \$284,901,967. These limitations result in the reductions shown in the following table.

District	Current Year Millage Rate	Ad Valorem Revenue Taxes Levied For FY 2010-11	Proposed Ad Valorem Reduction (dollars)	Proposed Ad Valorem Reduction (percent)
Northwest	0.0450	\$3,946,969	\$0	0%
Suwannee River	0.4399	\$5,912,674	(\$500,000)	8%
St. Johns River	0.4158	\$115,335,619	(\$30,000,000)	26%
Southwest	0.3770	\$167,766,957	(\$60,000,000)	36%
South Florida	0.2549	\$404,901,967	(\$120,000,000)	30%
Total		\$697,864,186	(\$210,500,000)	30%

B. Private Sector Impact:

Property owners will experience a reduction in 2011 property taxes in all areas of the state, except those located in the Northwest Florida Water Management District's territory.

C. Government Sector Impact:

As delineated below, SPB 7084 provides a nine month budget for each water management district for Fiscal Year 2011-12, beginning on October 1, 2011.

Water Management Districts Transition Budget for FY 2011-12		
District	FTE	All Funds
Northwest	120.0	\$35,675,186
Suwannee River	68.0	\$34,277,207
St. Johns River	717.5	\$151,867,304
Southwest	744.0	\$180,810,935
South Florida	1,842.0	\$642,041,748
Total	3,491.5	\$1,044,672,380

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Subject: **Septic Tank Inspection Program Update**
Date: April 2, 2011 8:08:45 AM EDT
To: Jack Sullivan <jesull@comcast.net>

FYI: the Senate Environmental Preservation Committee favorably considered a proposal that would require counties to establish a Model Ordinance that must be adopted, but includes an OPT OUT provision for some counties. Areas with impaired water bodies or First magnitude springs are not eligible for OPT OUT in the bill as amended in Senate Environmental Committee; the House proposal simply repeals mandated inspection program adopted last year.

From: "Cara S. Martin" <Cara.Martin@swfwmd.state.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Water Resource Monthly Update
Date: April 1, 2011 4:21:45 PM EDT

Have a great weekend-
Cara

From: Amy K. Harroun
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 1:46 PM
Subject: Water Resource Monthly Update

Robyn Felix
1-800-423-1476, ext. 4770 or
Cell Phone: (813) 781-9817

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
April 1, 2011

Aquifer Levels (in feet) *

Regions **	March 30	Previous week	Same date last year	Normal range ***
North	-0.77	-0.61	1.80	0 to +3
Central	1.13	1.27	5.14	0 to +5.5
South	-0.72	0.00	8.40	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.

2011 Rainfall (in inches) *

	Mar 1-30	Mar	Jan - Mar	Jan - Mar
	Actual **	Historic Avg. ***	Actual	Historic Avg.
North	4.44	3.95	11.20	9.81
Central	5.20	3.46	11.36	8.77
South	4.49	2.93	7.75	7.72

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 **	March levels	Previous month	Same date last year
Northern	-4.52	-4.18	-3.01
Tampa Bay	0.14	0.35	0.76
Polk Uplands	-1.49	-1.39	-1.41
Lake Wales Ridge	-4.69	-4.39	-4.35

* 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 *

	Mar percentile **	Previous month percentile	Same date last year percentile	Normal range percentile ***
Withlacoochee River near Holder	7	12	71	25-75
Withlacoochee River near Trilby	7	27	74	25-75
Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills	39	38	88	25-75
Peace River at Arcadia	25	28	76	25-75
Peace River at Bartow	19	15	50	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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From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Subject: **NNC: DEP vs EPA on rule costs...**
Date: April 5, 2011 8:09:03 AM EDT
To: Jack Sullivan <jesull@comcast.net>

FYI.

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From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
To: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tue, April 5, 2011 8:08:12 AM
Subject: **NNC: DEP vs EPA on rule costs...**

Department of Environmental Protection vs. EPA on water quality rule costs

By [Virginia Chamlee](#) | 04.04.11 | 1:45 pm

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Though it isn't exactly news that the EPA and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection are at odds over how much a set of numeric nutrient criteria to govern Florida water pollution could cost the state, internal emails reveal that the department has debated aggressively attacking the EPA's cost assessment in the past. #

Last November, a review of internal Department of Environmental Protection emails showed that questions about overinflated cost estimates were rife within the department. A recent selection of the department's emails shows that cost estimates still vary widely and that the two agencies in charge of implementing the criteria (the EPA and the department) still cite discordant estimates. #

The EPA is the federal agency proposing the criteria, following a January 2009 Clean Water Act determination and a consent decree from a 2008 lawsuit. The agency estimates that the costs of implementing the water quality rules could equal a billion dollars over time, but won't be in the tens of billions, as industry groups and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection have stated. #

Other documents indicate that, even with uncertain estimates, some Environmental Protections employees have wanted to aggressively challenge the EPA's cost projections. From a Nov. 24, 2010 email, written by the department's Jerry Brooks: #

I'm of the opinion that all of the suggested language options have the effect of suggesting deferment to the EPA estimate of costs as only they can know how they would implement the criteria. If EPA knows how they would implement the criteria then they should have articulated such in their promulgated rule. On many occasions we promoted the establishment of approved TMDLS [Total Maximum Daily Loads] as [Site Specific Alternative Criteria.] They rejected the idea consistently and chose to not include them in their promulgated rule. As such, I think it is inappropriate for them to suggest in their economic assessment that these TMDL will reduce the cost of implementation. In fact they assume no additional costs resulting from the promulgated rule where a TMDL has been adopted. How can you reject TMDLS (and they did reject) on one level and embrace them in another? ... **I am of the opinion we should be very direct in stating why the economic assessment put forward by EPA is flawed.** [Emphasis added.] #

In a statement to The Florida Independent, Department of Environmental Protection Press Secretary Dee Ann Miller said that there are three main reasons the EPA's cost estimates differ from her agency's: #

In their cost estimates EPA assumed that only a certain level of treatment (e.g., Advanced Wastewater Treatment) for wastewater is necessary; DEP assumed implementation of a level of treatment necessary to achieve criteria concentrations in wastewater before discharge would be necessary. EPA's cost estimates for each of the sectors (wastewater, stormwater, agriculture, etc.) did not address the full range of costs contained in DEP's estimates. Thirdly, EPA's cost estimate assumes there would be no cost for waters for which there is or eventually would be a TMDL, which assumes that future actions (not the current rule) would recognize the TMDL as the criterion for those waters. #

According to the EPA, costs associated with implementing the Total Maximum Daily Loads weren't included in cost estimates, because those costs would be incurred regardless of whether or not nutrient criteria are implemented. #

"To determine the cost associated with EPA's numeric nutrient criteria for Florida's inland waters, EPA first assessed the condition of Florida's waters and the nutrient control requirements that were already in effect before the rule was promulgated," says Davina Marracini, EPA public affairs specialist. "Many water bodies were already expected to meet nutrient reduction targets established in existing or forthcoming Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), therefore, those costs would have been incurred even if the rule is not implemented and were not included in EPA's estimate." #

Though the state Department of Environmental Protection often cites and defends higher cost estimates than the EPA, reps have said on many occasions that estimates concerning numeric nutrient criteria "will always involve a wide range of uncertainty." #

In another chain of emails, dated Jan. 13, 2011, Environmental Protection workers discussed reworking the department's message on nutrient criteria. #

In one email, the department's Drew Bartlett edited a draft of the message, including this: #

Based on even the lowest cost estimates, the numeric nutrient criteria for inland streams, rivers and lakes in the state of Florida promulgated by EPA on December 6, 2010 will result in additional costs to many Floridians. DEP is currently analyzing the remaining legal and scientific issues, as well as the policy considerations associated with nutrient criteria, to explore whether State rules could be developed in a practical way that provides protection to our water resources without causing unnecessary spending of public and private money. #

He ended his email with a suggestion to change one of the sentences: #

Final thought: You may want to change one phrase from "explore whether State rules could be developed" to "explore whether State action could be taken". What we do may not be rulemaking and this leaves the door open. #

A recent Gallup poll reveals that clean water issues top the list of Americans' environmental concerns. #

Seventy-nine percent of those polled said that they worried a "great deal" about the pollution of rivers, lake and reservoirs — the very waterways that would be protected by the EPA's numeric nutrient criteria. Yet those opposed to the criteria (mostly agricultural and industrial representatives) continue to cite (.pdf) overblown cost estimates to Floridians and politicians alike. According to their detractors, the nutrient criteria would lead to major hikes in water bills and are based on "bad science." #

7. Legislative Update

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
4/1 Legislative Update (in alphabetical order)

Basin boards - identical bills have been filed to provide that basin board members designated by district governing board chairs are voting members and counted for quorum purposes. In the event a vacancy occurs, the legislation provides that remaining members of the basin board may continue to transact official business, providing a quorum. **HB 649 by Rep. Ray Pilon will next be considered by the House Subcommittee on Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations. SB 882 by Senator Nancy Detert was favorably considered by the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight & Accountability on 3/30. At the same time, DEP and the SWFWMD governing board have been discussing the possible consolidation or elimination of the district's basin boards.**

Community Planning Act - the House Committee on Community Affairs has advanced HB 7179 to substantially revise local government comprehensive planning, including planning for potable water supplies. HB 7179 was favorably considered & amended by the House Economic Affairs Committee. Similar legislation, SB 1122 by Senator Mike Bennett is now in the Senate Committee on Environmental Protection and will likely be revised to conform with HB 7129.

EPA's numeric nutrient criteria - HB 1401 by Rep. Greg Steube is a memorial urging Congress to keep EPA from overextending its agency mandate & to direct the EPA to not intrude into Florida's approved clean water program. HB 1401 has been placed on the Calendar for second reading.

Septic tanks - numerous bills have been filed to eliminate, revise effective dates, or reformulate the statewide septic tank inspection program enacted in SB 550 during 2010. (HB 13 by Rep. Marty Coley, SB 82 by Senator Evelyn Lynn, SB 130 by Senator Charlie Dean, **HB 1479 by Rep. Marty Coley, SB 168 by Senator Greg Evers, SB 1698 by Senator Charlie Dean**) **HB 13 is on the House Calendar for 2nd reading. HB 1479 would lift a ban in 2016 on spreading septic tank waste on land, and was favorably considered by the House Subcommittee on Agriculture & Natural Resources on 3/30. On the House Floor, Rep. Coley will introduce an amendment to prohibit spreading septic tank waste within a certain distance of impaired water ways. SB 1698 was favorably considered by the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation on 3/30.**

Water management districts - the Senate Budget Committee has advanced SB 7154 which would provide for the Legislature to annually review the authorized millage rate for each district & set the maximum revenue raised from ad valorem taxes. SB 7154 proposes to reduce SWFWMD ad valorem revenue by 36% (\$60 million), and reduce SJRWMD by 26% (\$30 million). In the House, Proposed Committee Bill for the Select Committee on Water Policy (PCB SCWP 11-01) advanced on 3/31 would require the districts to review their land holdings every five years and put up for sale land no longer considered essential for conservation or water management purposes. The sales could occur only if the parcels would return to the tax rolls following the sale. Lands held jointly with a local government could not be sold without consent of local officials.

Water use permitting - several bills have been filed to revise permitting for the consumptive use of water, including issuing permits for period of 20 years; eliminating requirements for permit compliance reports; removing the authority of DEP and the water management district governing boards to modify or revoke consumptive use permits; and would require water management districts when evaluating applications for the consumptive use of water in mandatory reuse zones (created by a local government or special district) for requiring persons to connect to a reclaimed water system for irrigation and other non-potable uses. (HB 1001 by Rep. Trudi Williams and SB 1514 by Senator Jack Latvala, SB 1914 by Senator Greg Evers) **SB 1514 was favorably considered by the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation on 3/30.**

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
 Subject: 4/1 WRWSA Bill Tracking Report
 Date: April 1, 2011 10:59:58 AM EDT
 To: Jack Sullivan <jesull@comcast.net>

Jack,
 Here's how our bills are shaping up at mid-session. Please let me know if there are any questions.
 Thanks,
 Diane

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 From: Diane Salz <noreply@lobbytools.com>
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 Sent: Fri, April 1, 2011 10:52:48 AM
 Subject: 4/1 WRWSA Bill Tracking Report

2011 Bills (45)			
Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0013 (C: 0167 1698) (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 03/04/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/08/11, 3:15 pm, 212 K 03/08/11 HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 3 Nays 03/09/11 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee 03/15/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/17/11, 8:00 AM, 17 H 03/17/11 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs; 15 Yeas, 2 Nays 03/17/11 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading	Coley	03/17/11
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 1698) (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 (S: 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 03/21/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Subcommittee, 03/23/11, 8:00 AM, 306 H 03/23/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Operations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/25/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/28/11 HOUSE Reference to Appropriations Committee removed; Remaining reference: Economic Affairs Committee 03/28/11 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee 03/29/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Affairs Committee, 03/31/11, 12:00 PM, 102 H 03/31/11 HOUSE Favorable by Economic Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays	Smith (J)	03/31/11
SB 0130 (C: 0167 1698) (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 1698)	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
SB 0168 (C: 0167 1698) (S: 0013 0082 0130)	Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Deletes legislative intent relating to 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 12/01/10 SENATE Filed 12/16/10 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget 02/14/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Regulation, 02/22/11, 9:00 am, 412 K 02/22/11 SENATE Favorable by Health Regulation; 8 Yeas, 4 Nays 02/22/11 SENATE Now in Environmental Preservation and Conservation	Evers	02/22/11
HB 0223 (S: 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; provides that surcharges are subject to refund under certain conditions. 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 03/11/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Energy & Utilities Subcommittee, 03/15/11, 8:30 am, 212 K - PCS 03/15/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/23/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/24/11 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee	Hudson	03/24/11
SB 0224 (S: 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 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	Dean	01/25/11
HB 0239 (C: 1490) (S: 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, & other governmental entities; clarifies authority of water management districts & other governmental entities with respect to pollution control; provides construction; 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 03/11/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 03/15/11, 12:30 pm, 102 H - PCS 03/15/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 3 Nays 03/17/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/18/11 HOUSE Now in Federal Affairs Subcommittee	Williams (T)	03/18/11
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	Eisnagle	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 (C: 0934)	Relating to Conceptual Permits for Urban Redevelopment Projects Conceptual Permits for Urban Redevelopment Projects: Authorizes municipalities & counties to adopt stormwater adaptive management plans & obtain conceptual permits for urban redevelopment projects; provides requirements for establishment of such permits by water management districts in consultation with DEP; provides that certain urban redevelopment projects qualify for noticed general permit. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 01/26/11 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 03/11/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 03/15/11, 12:30 pm, 102 H 03/15/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/17/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/18/11 HOUSE Now in Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee 03/25/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 03/29/11, 12:00 pm, 212 K 03/29/11 HOUSE Favorable by Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays	Glorioso	03/30/11

HB 0421 (S: 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 03/14/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee, 03/16/11, 9:00 am, 306 H 03/16/11 HOUSE Favorable by Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/16/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee	Bembry	03/16/11
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 (S: 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; 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 03/04/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 03/08/11, 3:15 pm, 102 H 03/08/11 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/09/11 HOUSE Now in Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee 03/21/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee, 03/23/11, 1:00 pm, 306 H 03/23/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/24/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/25/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee	Pilon	03/25/11
HB 0651 (C: 1001 1514)	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 02/08/11 HOUSE Filed 02/16/11 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction	Pilon	02/16/11
HB 0707 (C: 0803 0408) (I: 0858)	Relating to Agriculture Agriculture: Prohibits county from enforcing certain limits on activity of bona fide farm operation on agricultural land or charging such land for stormwater management assessments & fees; allows assessment to be collected if credits against assessment are provided for implementation of best management practices; provides exemptions from certain restrictions on county's powers over activity on agricultural land; creates "Agricultural Land Acknowledgement Act"; requires applicant for certain development permits to acknowledge certain contiguous agricultural lands as condition of permit; authorizes certain sellers of agricultural products to qualify for exemption from obtaining local business tax receipt; revises term "farm tractor" for purposes of driver's licenses; exempts tropical foliage from agricultural products dealer regulations; exempts farm fences from Florida Building Code; exempts nonresidential farm buildings & farm fences from county & municipal codes & fees; requires that gross written premiums for certain crop insurance not be included in insurer's gross writing ratio; requires certain insurers to disclose breakout of gross written premiums for crop insurance; revises requirements for open burning. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 02/10/11 HOUSE Filed 02/22/11 HOUSE Referred to Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee, Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee, Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, State Affairs Committee 02/22/11 HOUSE Now in Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee 02/23/11 Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference; 02/25/11, 9:00 a.m., 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) 03/02/11 Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference; 03/04/11, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) 03/17/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 03/21/11, 4:00 pm, 212 K 03/21/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/21/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 03/23/11, 8:00 AM, 212 K 03/23/11 HOUSE Not Considered by Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee	Crisafulli	03/24/11

03/23/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/24/11 HOUSE Now in Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee

SB 0882	Relating to Water Management Districts	Detert	03/30/11
(S: 0649)	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		
	03/03/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 03/10/11, 1:00 pm, 110 S		
	03/10/11 SENATE Favorable by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/10/11 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability		
	03/25/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 03/30/11, 3:45 pm, 110 S		
	03/30/11 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays		
SB 0914	Relating to Effective Public Notices By Governmental Entities	Bennett	02/17/11
(I: 0089)	Effective Public Notices by Governmental Entities; Authorizes a local government to use its publicly accessible website for legally required advertisements and public notices. Provides conditions for such use. Provides for advertisement on a publicly accessible website of a taxing authority's intent to adopt a millage rate and budget. Provides for advertisement of notice on such website of funding availability through a local housing assistance plan under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Act, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011		
	02/09/11 SENATE Filed		
	02/17/11 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Budget		
SB 0934	Relating to Stormwater Management Permits	Storms	03/29/11
(C: 0389)	Stormwater Management Permits; Requires that the Department of Environmental Protection initiate rulemaking to adopt a general permit for stormwater management systems serving airside activities at airports. Provides for statewide application of the general permit. Provides for any water management district or delegated local government to administer the general permit. Provides that the rules are not subject to any special rulemaking requirements relating to small business, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011		
	02/09/11 SENATE Filed		
	02/17/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Budget		
	03/14/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 03/17/11, 1:15 pm, 110 S		
	03/17/11 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/21/11 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
	03/22/11 SENATE Now in Community Affairs		
	03/29/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/04/11, 1:00 PM, 412 K		
SB 0950	Relating to Water and Wastewater Utilities	Bennett	03/28/11
(C: 0223)	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		
	03/18/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Conservation and Preservation, 03/23/11, 1:00 pm, 110 S		
	03/23/11 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/25/11 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
	03/28/11 SENATE Now in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities		
HB 0991	Relating to Environmental Permitting	Patronis	03/23/11
(C: 1404 1966)	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 surface water management systems, coastal construction, dredge & fill activities, inland multimodal facilities & commercial & industrial development, biofuel & renewable energy facilities, & mining activities; provisions relating to innocent victim petroleum storage system restoration, ambient air quality & water quality standards, & solid waste disposal; authorizes sale of unblended fuels for certain uses; revises DEP rules relating to uniform mitigation assessment method for activities in surface waters & wetlands; directs DEP to make changes to conform; provides for reassessment of mitigation banks under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2011		
	02/24/11 HOUSE Filed		
	03/03/11 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee		
	03/03/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee		
	03/11/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 03/15/11, 12:30 pm, 102 H		
	03/15/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays		
	03/18/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
	03/21/11 HOUSE Now in Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee		
	03/21/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee, 03/23/11, 1:00 pm, 306 H		
	03/23/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays		
HB 1001	Relating to Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water	Williams (T)	03/03/11
(C: 0651) (I: 1514)	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		
	03/03/11 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee		
	03/03/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee		
SB 1048	Relating to Public Utilities	Lynn	02/17/11
	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		
SB 1090	Relating to Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria	Dean	03/01/11
	Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria; Prohibits the Department of Environmental Protection, the water management districts, and other governmental entities from		

(C: 1490) (S: 0239)	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		
SB 1174 (S: 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 that the exemption applies to certain agricultural lands and certain activities requiring an environmental resource permit and does not apply to specified permitted activities. 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, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 02/16/11 SENATE Filed 03/01/11 SENATE Referred to Agriculture; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget 03/16/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Agriculture, 03/21/11, 10:15 am, 37 S 03/21/11 SENATE Favorable with CS by Agriculture; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/23/11 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/24/11 SENATE Now in Environmental Preservation and Conservation 03/25/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 03/30/11, 1:30 pm, 110 S 03/30/11 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/31/11 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed 04/01/11 SENATE Now in Budget	Siplin	04/01/11
HB 1401	Relating to Federal Intrusion into State's Clean Water Program Federal Intrusion into State's Clean Water Program; Urges Congress to keep EPA from overextending its mandate & to direct agency not to intrude into Florida's previously approved clean water program. Effective Date: Not Specified 03/08/11 HOUSE Filed 03/14/11 HOUSE Referred to Federal Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 03/14/11 HOUSE Now in Federal Affairs Subcommittee 03/24/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Federal Affairs Subcommittee, 03/28/11, 12:00 pm, 212 K 03/28/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Federal Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/28/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/29/11 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee 03/29/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/31/11, 12:00 pm, 17 H 03/31/11 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 2 Nays 03/31/11 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading	Steube	03/31/11
SB 1404 (C: 0991 1153 1718 1966)	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 03/07/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Agriculture; Budget 03/25/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 03/30/11, 1:30 pm, 110 S 03/30/11 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Environmental Preservation and Conservation	Evers	03/30/11
HB 1457 (I: 2014)	Relating to Municipal Water and Sewer Utilities Municipal Water and Sewer Utilities; Prohibits certain municipalities from imposing certain surcharges on consumers outside their boundaries for provision of water or sewer utility services. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 03/11/11 HOUSE Filed 03/18/11 HOUSE Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee 03/18/11 HOUSE Now in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee	Watson	03/18/11
HB 1485	Relating to Water Management Districts Water Management Districts; Provides for election of members to governing boards of water management districts; provides for termination of current appointed officeholders; provides for terms of office, nonpartisan elections, filling of vacancies, & residency requirements; revises fiscal year & budget submission provisions; transfers budget approval authority from Governor to Legislature. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 03/28/11 HOUSE Filed 03/30/11 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee 03/30/11 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee	Metz	03/30/11
SB 1490 (C: 0239 1090)	Relating to Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria; Prohibits the implementation of certain federal numeric nutrient water quality criteria rules by the Department of Environmental Protection, water management districts, and local governmental entities. Authorizes the department to adopt numeric nutrient water quality criteria for surface waters under certain conditions. Provides that certain total maximum daily loads and associated numeric interpretations constitute site specific numeric nutrient water quality criteria. Provides for effect, governance, and challenge of such criteria. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 03/01/11 SENATE Filed 03/09/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Budget	Evers	03/30/11
SB 1514 (C: 0651) (I: 1001)	Relating to Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water; Requires consumptive use permits to be issued for a period of 20 years. Directs each water management district to consult with the Department of Environmental Protection to examine options for improving the coordination between the consumptive use permitting process and the water supply planning process by extending and reconciling certain permitting provisions. Requires each water management district to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 03/02/11 SENATE Filed 03/09/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Agriculture; Budget 03/25/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 03/30/11, 1:30 pm, 110 S 03/30/11 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays 04/01/11 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed	Latvala	04/01/11
SB 1698	Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems	Dean	03/30/11

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Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems; Defines the term "bedroom." Provides for any permit issued and approved by the Department of Health for the installation, modification, or repair of an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system to transfer with the title of the property. Provides circumstances in which an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system is not considered abandoned. Provides for the validity of an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system permit if rules change before final approval of the constructed system, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law

03/04/11 SENATE Filed

03/10/11 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget

03/23/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Regulation, 03/28/11, 3:15 pm, 412 K

03/28/11 SENATE Favorable with CS by Health Regulation; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/29/11 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/30/11 SENATE Reference to Community Affairs added; Remaining references Environmental Preservation and Conservation, Community Affairs, Budget

03/30/11 SENATE Now in Environmental Preservation and Conservation

03/30/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 03/30/11, 1:30 pm, 110 S

03/30/11 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 1842

Relating to Water Management District Budgets

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03/14/11

Water Management District Budgets; Requires budget review and approval by the Executive Office of the Governor. Requires that the governing board give notice to the Executive Office of the Governor within 30 days after unanticipated and unallocated funds are applied during a disaster or emergency. Prohibits the district from using other means to enact a proposal rejected by the Governor. Requires that funds be withheld from a water management district that fails to comply with the review requirements. Requires an accounting of the source and balance of unobligated funds or net cash balance on hand, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

03/04/11 SENATE Filed

03/14/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget

SB 1914

Relating to Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water

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Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water; Prohibits the governing board of a water management district or the Department of Environmental Protection from requiring a county or municipality to adopt any resolution or ordinance or require review or approval of the resolution or ordinance as a condition for a permit. Limits the requests for additional information by a district or the department after initial notification of an error or omission in a permit application, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

03/07/11 SENATE Filed

03/16/11 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Budget

SB 2014

Relating to Municipal Water And Sewer Utilities

Braynon

03/22/11

(I: 1457)

Municipal Water and Sewer Utilities; Prohibits certain municipalities from imposing certain surcharges on consumers outside their boundaries for provision of water or sewer utility services. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law

03/14/11 SENATE Filed

03/22/11 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Budget

HB 4089

Relating to Soil and Water Conservation

Nelson

03/02/11

(I: 0628)

Soil and Water Conservation: Eliminates soil & water conservation districts, watershed improvement districts, & Soil & Water Conservation Council. Effective Date: July 1, 2011

01/31/11 HOUSE Filed

02/16/11 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

02/16/11 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

03/02/11 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

HB 5005

Relating to Deregulation of Professions and Occupations

Business & Consumer Affairs
Subcommittee

03/31/11

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4013 4021 4023
4133 4171 4195
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1624 1626 1634
1824)

Deregulation of Professions and Occupations: Deletes provisions establishing Florida Board of Auctioneers & Motor Vehicle Repair Advisory Council, deletes provisions for regulation of yacht & ship brokers, auctioneers, talent agencies, athlete agents, persons practicing hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping, interior designers, professional fundraising consultants & solicitors, water vending machines & operators, health studios, ballroom dance studios, commercial telephone sellers & salespersons, movers & moving brokers, certain outdoor theaters, certain business opportunities, motor vehicle repair shops, sellers of travel, contracts with sales representatives involving commissions, & television picture tubes; revises name & membership of Board of Architecture; revises license classifications of public lodging establishments. Effective Date: July 1, 2011

03/16/11 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB BCA1)

03/18/11 HOUSE Referred to Economic Affairs Committee; Appropriations Committee

03/18/11 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee

03/22/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Affairs Committee, 03/24/11, 8:30 am, 102 H - PCS

03/24/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Economic Affairs Committee; 11 Yeas, 7 Nays

03/24/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/24/11 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

03/28/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 03/30/11, 10:00 am, 212 K

03/30/11 HOUSE Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 15 Yeas, 8 Nays

03/31/11 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading

HB 5007

Relating to Reducing and Streamlining Regulations

Business & Consumer Affairs
Subcommittee

03/31/11

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Reducing and Streamlining Regulations: Revises various provisions relating to professions & occupations regulated by DBPR or DOACS, including distribution of motor vehicle consumer's rights pamphlet; transfer of certain driver license information by DHSMV to DBPR; requirements for home inspectors, mold assessors & remediators, asbestos consultants & contractors & landscape architects; professional practice standards for real estate brokers & sales associates; criminal penalties for persons who violate orders or rules of Florida Real Estate Commission or Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board or persons who violate Florida Cosmetology Act or rules of Board of Cosmetology; continuing education requirements for reactivating licenses to practice certain regulated professions & occupations; licensure requirements for CPAs & firms; education requirements for licensed real estate brokers & sales associates; certification of business organizations practicing architecture or interior design; method of payment of certain fees; terminology for reprocessor schools & training facilities; penalties for food safety violations committed by cottage food operations; exemptions for cottage food operations from food permitting requirements; regulation of public lodging & food service establishments & fire protection system contractors; department responsibility for Motor Vehicle Warranty Enforcement Act; & regulation of real estate appraisers & appraisal management companies. Effective Date: July 1, 2011

03/16/11 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB BCA2)

03/18/11 HOUSE Referred to Economic Affairs Committee; Appropriations Committee

03/18/11 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee

03/22/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Affairs Committee, 03/24/11, 8:30 am, 102 H - PCS

03/24/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Economic Affairs Committee; 9 Yeas, 6 Nays

03/24/11 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/24/11 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

03/28/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 03/30/11, 10:00 am, 212 K

03/30/11 HOUSE Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 16 Yeas, 6 Nays

03/31/11 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading

SB 7154	Relating to Water Management Districts	Budget	03/31/11
Water Management Districts; Provides requirements with respect to revenues received by each water management district and the unexpended balances of a district's local account. Requires that each district's expenditure of funds be as provided the General Appropriations Act. Provides for a contingency if a court finds such restriction to be invalid. Provides that the Legislature may annually set the amount of revenue a district may raise through its ad valorem tax authority. Prohibits a district from imposing ad valorem taxes if the Legislature does not set the amount of revenue, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law			
03/28/11 SENATE Filed			
03/28/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Budget, 03/31/11, 9:00 am, 412 K			
03/29/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Budget, 04/01/11, 9:00 am, 412 K			
03/30/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Budget, 04/02/11, 9:00 am, 412 K			
03/31/11 SENATE Submitted as Committee Bill by Budget			
03/31/11 SENATE Removed from meeting agenda - Budget, 04/01/11, 9:00 am, 412 K			
03/31/11 SENATE Removed from meeting agenda - Budget, 04/02/11, 9:00 am, 412 K			
HB 7187	Relating to Florida Water Resources Act of 1972	Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	03/30/11
Florida Water Resources Act of 1972: Repeals provision relating to liberal construction of ch. 373, F.S. Effective Date: July 1, 2011			
03/29/11 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB ANR5)			
03/30/11 HOUSE Referred to State Affairs Committee			
03/30/11 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee			
SCWP1	Relating to Fiscal Management of Water Management Districts	Select Committee on Water Policy	03/31/11
PCB SCWP 11-01 -- Fiscal Management of Water Management Districts			
03/29/11 HOUSE Filed			
03/29/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Select Committee on Water Policy, 03/31/11, 9:30 am, 404 H			
03/31/11 HOUSE Submitted as Committee Bill by Select Committee on Water Policy; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays			

