



**WITHLACOOCHEE  
REGIONAL  
WATER  
SUPPLY  
AUTHORITY**

## **Board Meeting Package**

May 18, 2011  
4:30 p.m.

### **Meeting Location:**

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



# WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

## MEMORANDUM

To: Water Supply Authority Board of Directors and Interested Parties  
From: Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director  
Date: March 2, 2011  
  
Subject: Monthly Meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional  
Water Supply Authority

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The next meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will be on **Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**, at the **SWFWMD Headquarters Governing Board Meeting Room, 2379 Broad Street (US 41 South), Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899.**

Enclosed for your review are the following items:

- Agenda
- Minutes of the April 20, 2011 meeting
- Board Package\*

\* Copies of the Board Package are available through the Internet. Log on to [www.wrwsa.org](http://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.

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

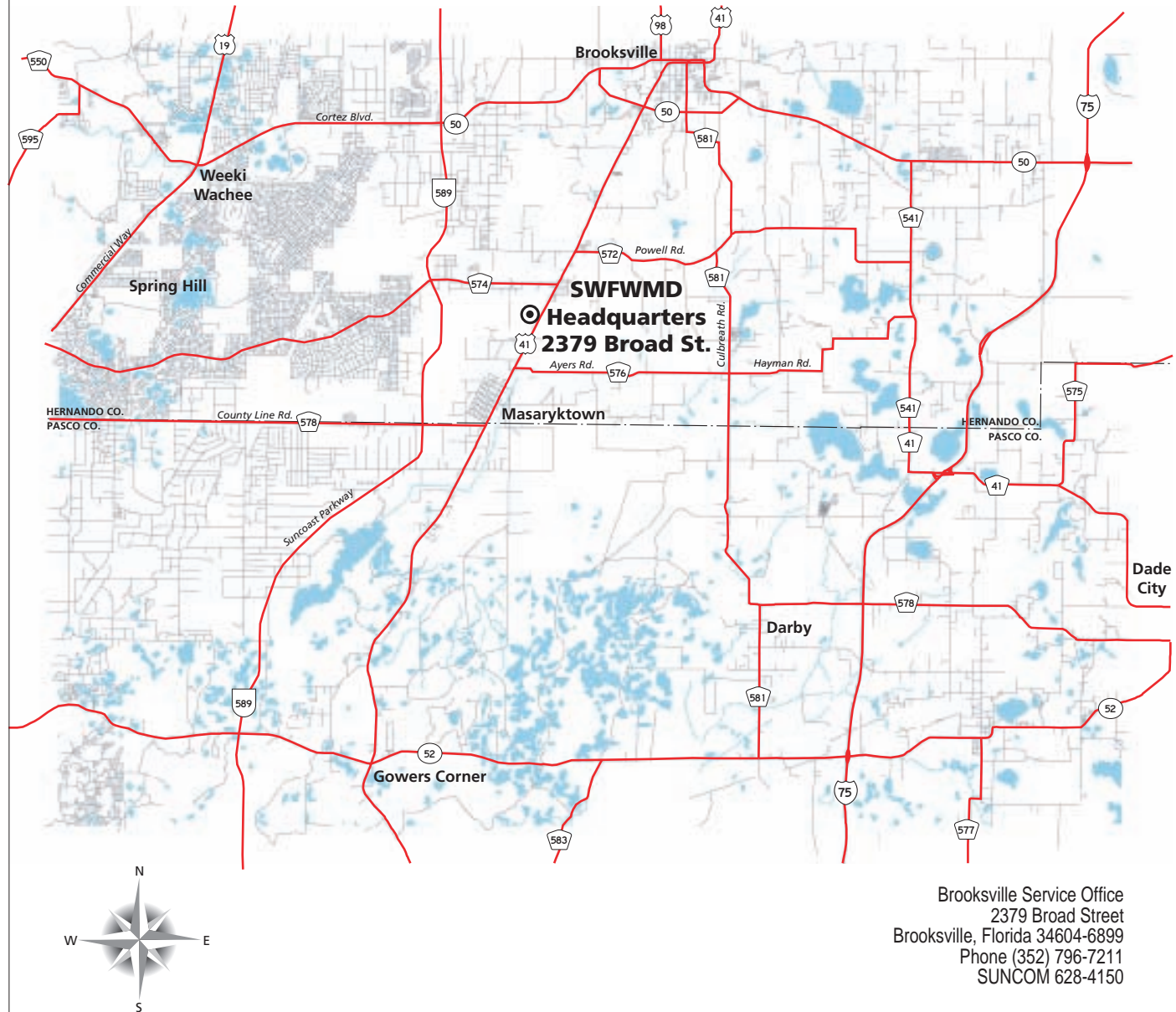
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# Brooksville Service Office

*of the Southwest Florida Water Management District*



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

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

**May 18, 2011  
4:30 p.m.**

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| <b>Item</b> | <b>#1</b>  | <b>Call to Order</b>   |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#2</b>  | <b>Roll Call</b>   |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#3</b>  | <b>Introductions and Announcements</b>   |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#4</b>  | <b>Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2011 Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#5</b>  | <b>SWFWMD Report on Wells Within the WRWSA Area ... SWFWMD Staff</b>   |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#6</b>  | <b>Progress on Regional Framework Planning Program ... Pete Hubbell, Water Resource Associates</b>   |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#7</b>  | <b>Executive Director's Report ... Jack Sullivan, WRWSA</b>  |
|             |            | <b>a. Bills to be Paid</b>   |
|             |            | <b>b. Proposed Assessments FY 2011-12</b>  |
|             |            | <b>c. Correspondence</b>   |
|             |            | <b>d. News Articles</b>  |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#8</b>  | <b>Legislative Update ... Diane Salz, Legislative Consultant</b>   |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#9</b>  | <b>Attorney's Report ... Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney</b>  |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#10</b> | <b>Other Business</b>  |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#11</b> | <b>Public Comment</b>  |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#12</b> | <b>Next Meeting Time and Location ... June 15, 2011, 4:30 p.m., Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Headquarters Conference Room, 1241 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34474-0323</b> |
| <b>Item</b> | <b>#13</b> | <b>Adjournment</b>   |



**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 20, 2011**

**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council  
1241 SW 10<sup>th</sup> 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 4:32 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**

Stan McClain, Chairman, Marion County Commissioner  
John Druzbeck, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner  
Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner  
Gary Ernst, Bellview City Councilman  
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner  
Maureen McNiff, Crystal River City Councilwoman  
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dennis Damato, Vice-Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner  
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner  
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner  
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner  
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner  
Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner  
Emory Pierce, Brooksville City Councilman  
John Priester, Ocala City Councilman  
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman  
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner  
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

**3. Introductions and Announcements**

Mr. Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director  
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney  
Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities  
Debra Burden, Citrus County

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

**4. Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2011 Meeting**

A copy of the minutes was provided in the board packet for review.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Adkins to approve the minutes for the February 16, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mask and carried unanimously.**

**5. Orientation of Board Members – Re: Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility**

Mr. Sullivan gave a history of how the Charles A. Black (CAB) Water Supply Facility was funded using \$4.7 million in grant money from SWFWMD. Citrus County originally had two small facilities donated by DRI developers and wanted to create a county wide water supply system. SWFWMD was striving to promote regional water supply authorities and funded the project through WRWSA. Since the WRWSA did not have staff to run the facility, negotiations were made with Citrus County to run the facility, donate the two DRI facilities to the WRWSA, setup a Renewal and Replacement Fund for the facility, and required Citrus County to purchase bulk water to pay back the cost of the facility. The current payment plan was created on a 30-year amortization schedule, since Citrus County did not have a customer base to establish payment by water use. Mr. Sullivan stated the original contract consisted of a 2 mgd average and a 6 mgd maximum entitlement for Citrus County and after 20 years the current consumption is 4.5 to 5 mgd average daily use. Mr. Sullivan recommended that staff review the CAB Project Facility Charge Agreement with Citrus County.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Druzbeck to begin negotiations to update the Project Facility Charge in the contract with Citrus County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Akins.**

Chair McClain expressed concerns about the age of the project. Mr. Sullivan stated it had been well maintained under the Repair and Replace Fund, stating the interconnect had been up graded from 18 inches to 24 inches. Mr. Knight stated Citrus County would not want to increase fees to its customers. Mr. Sullivan stated negotiation meetings would include Mr. Knight, Mr. Haag and himself.

Mr. Sullivan had two additional recommendations. First, he requested the WRWSA direct staff to evaluate funding needs to accomplish adopted program objectives and evaluate future funding strategies for the WRWSA. Second, Mr. Sullivan requested the WRWSA evaluate a transition strategy from current staffing to future needs. Mr. Sullivan stated he planned to retire in the next year or so.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Druzick to amend his motion to include the two additional recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Akins and carried unanimously.**

## **6. Executive Director's Report**

### **a. Bills to be Paid**

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the WRWSA detailing March 2011 bills, which totaled \$33,155.99. Mr. Sullivan requested the WRWSA ratify the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Mask to ratify payment of the March 2011 bills totaling \$33,155.99. The motion was seconded by Ms. McNiff and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the WRWSA detailing April 2011 bills, which totaled \$28,895.69. Mr. Sullivan requested the WRWSA approve the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Druzick to approve payment of the April 2011 bills totaling \$28,895.69. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swain and carried unanimously.**

### **b. Regional Utility Forum Update**

Mr. Sullivan stated the first Regional Utility Forum meeting took place today at 1:00 p.m. just before the current WRWSA meeting. He said six utilities, consisting of Marion, Sumter, Citrus and Hernando Counties and the Cities of Crystal River and Wildwood, participated. Mr. Sullivan stated the meeting was productive and he hoped the next meeting would include some privately-owned utilities.

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

### **c. Irrigation Audit Training Update**

Mr. Sullivan stated the training took place on April 14 and 15, 2011 at the SWFWMD Headquarters in Brooksville. He said 11 of the 15 participants passed the final test. Mr. Sullivan reported that of the \$5,000 budgeted for the course \$3,610 was spent.

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



**d. Water Conservation Month Resolution**

Mr. Sullivan stated the SWFWMD had adopted the month of April as a Water Conservation Month, and he requested approval of Resolution 2011-1 for the WRWSA to also designate April as Water Conservation Month.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Swain approve the resolution declaring April as a Water Conservation Month. The motion was seconded by Ms. McNiff and carried unanimously.**

**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 is included in the meeting handouts. He gave the WRWSA members Ms. Salz's telephone number, so they could contact her directly for addition information.

Mr. Sullivan advised the Board there would be a Water Forum 2011 in Orlando on June 3, 2011 sponsored by Associated Industries of Florida and American Water Works Association. He stated Ms. Salz participated last year, and he asked the Board to approve funding not to exceed \$500 for her to attend again this year.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Mask to approve expenditures up to \$500 for Ms. Salz to attend the Water Forum 2011. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst and carried unanimously.**

**8. Attorney's Report**

Mr. Haag stated he had nothing new to report to the board.

**9. Other Business**

Ms. Brockway announced Hernando County's Water World Seminar to be held on May 6, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sand Hill Scout Reservation in Brooksville. She asked the WRWSA to please send in their RSVPs.

**10. Public Comment**

Mr. Hubbell announced there would be a TRC meeting on May 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. before the WRWSA meeting. He said the subject of the meeting would be the Regional Framework.

**11. Next Meeting Time and Location**

Next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 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.

**12. Adjournment**

Chairman McClain announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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Stan McClain, Chairman

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Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director



**MEMORANDUM**

May 4, 2011

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

Re: SWFWMD Report on Wells Within the WRWSA Area

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

At the conclusion of the meeting some Board members asked me if it would be possible to request a presentation from the SWFWMD on the number and type of wells that have been constructed within the region without regard to water consumption. I made such a request to the District staff and they agreed to pull the necessary information together and present it at the March 16 Board meeting. That meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum. The presentation was rescheduled for the May 18 Board meeting.

The District's well construction regulation manager will begin the presentation with a well construction permitting requirement overview and then discuss when a well would require a water use permit. Then District staff from the hydrologic evaluation section will discuss how the District estimates water use from wells that are not associated with a water use permit (domestic self supply) and how it models both domestic wells and wells that have a water use permit. The presentation will take approximately 30 minutes.

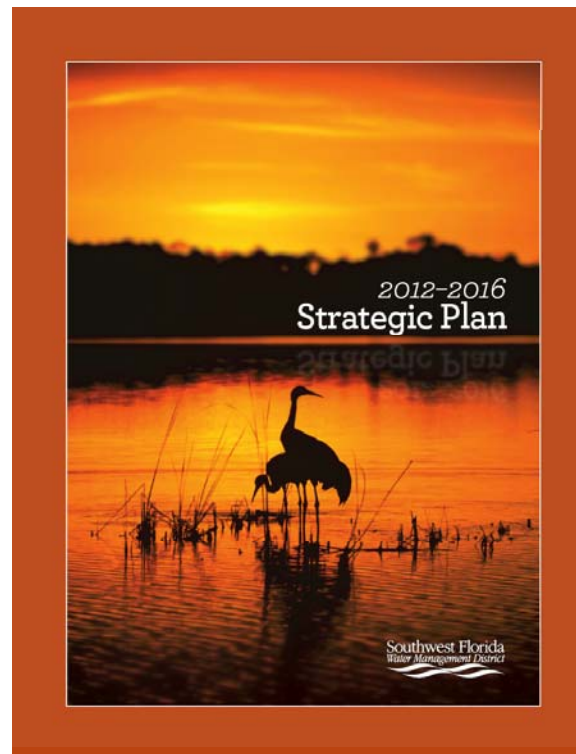


**Anthony E. Gilboy, P.G.**  
**SWFWMD Well Construction Program Manager**

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## SWFWMD Well Construction Program Manager

# Well Construction Program Overview



The program ensures that the construction and abandonment of wells does not jeopardize the quality of groundwater resources.



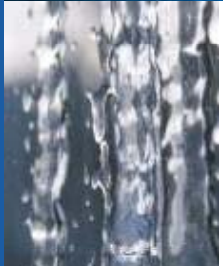


# Well Construction Program Overview

## CHAPTER 373, PART III, FLORIDA STATUTES (F.S.) REGULATION OF WELLS

Statewide regulation of water well construction and the water well industry was mandated by the Legislature in 1972:

The Legislature recognized that a threat to the public and the environment exists if water resources become contaminated through improperly constructed wells.







# Well Construction Program Overview

## Notable Requirements

- All wells require a permit.
- All wells must be constructed by a licensed water well contractor.
- Minimum construction requirements.
- On-site inspections.
- Compliance / Enforcement.
- Rule development.
- Public outreach.
- As-built data entry with QA/QC.



# Well Construction Program Overview

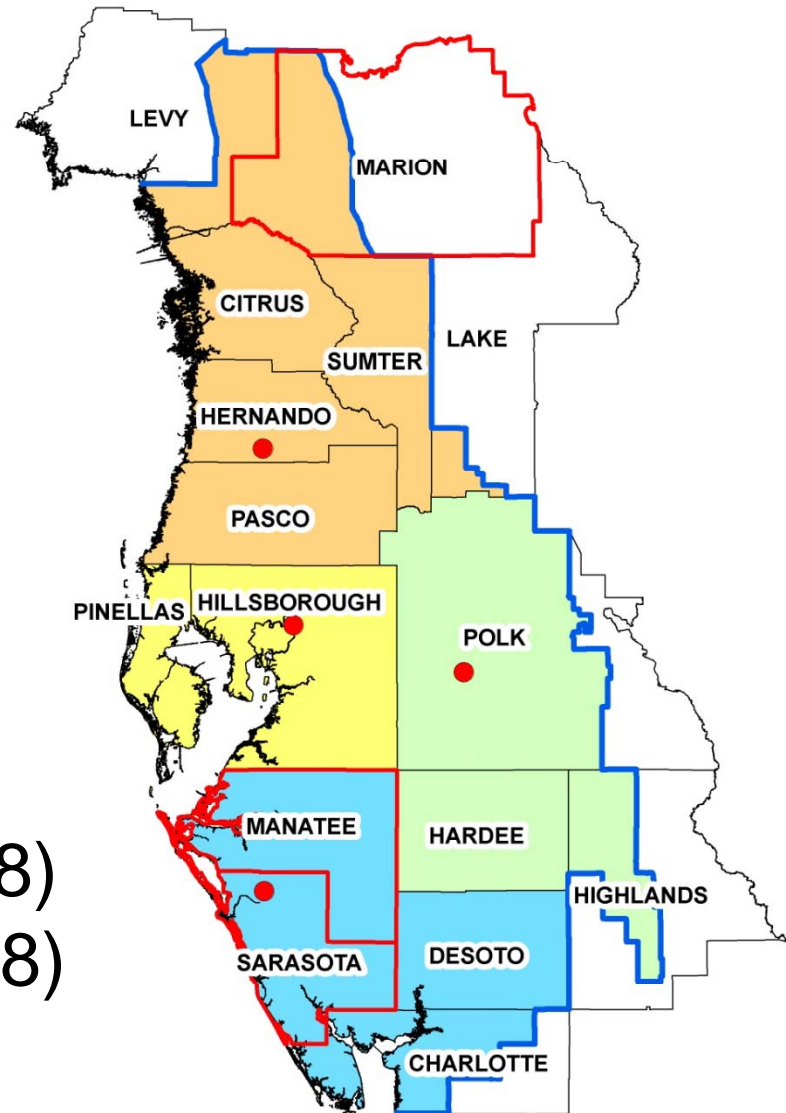
## Permitting Locations

### SWFWMD

- Brooksville
- Tampa
- Bartow
- Sarasota

## Delegated Counties

- Manatee (since 1978)
- Sarasota (since 1978)
- Marion (since 2006)



# Well Construction Regulation Overview



The screenshot shows the Southwest Florida Water Management District website. The header includes the district's name and the tagline "BALANCING WATER NEEDS... PROTECTING WATER RESOURCES". A left sidebar lists various site sections. The main content area features a large banner for "Florida-Friendly Fertilizing" with a sub-headline about protecting water quality. Below the banner are several smaller tiles, including one for "e-Permitting" which is circled in red. A search bar is located below the tiles. At the bottom, there are three columns: "Featured Topics" with links to Speakers Bureau, Water Restrictions, and EPA Nutrient Criteria (marked with an "UPDATE" star); "Most Recent Web Pages" with links to Every Drop Counts!, Florida-Friendly Fertilizing, and Myakka River Watershed Initiative; and "Publications" with a link to Recreation Guide and a button to "Order or Download FREE Publications".

Southwest Florida  
Water Management District

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[www.watarmatters.org](http://www.watarmatters.org)



# Well Construction Program Overview

[Home Page](#) → [Permits & Rules](#) → [E-permitting](#)

## e-Permitting

A web-based system to apply for and search District permits.

WE OFFER  
3 TYPES  
OF PERMITS

**Well  
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**Water  
Use**  
Permit

**Environmental  
Resource**  
Permit

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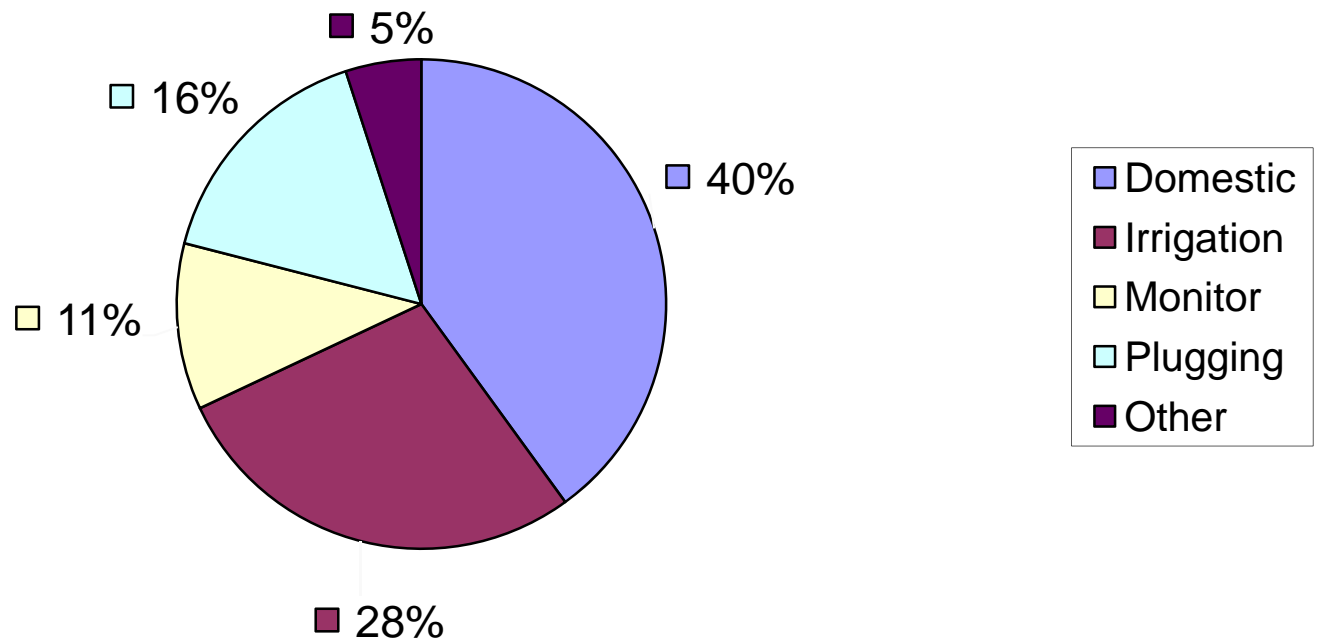
For your convenience the District has removed several required fields and attachments related to Agricultural, Recreation and Aesthetic, Industrial or Commercial and Mining and Dewatering water use type applications. Public Supply use type applications are still being addressed and will be coming soon. We hope that these changes will expedite your application submittal process and

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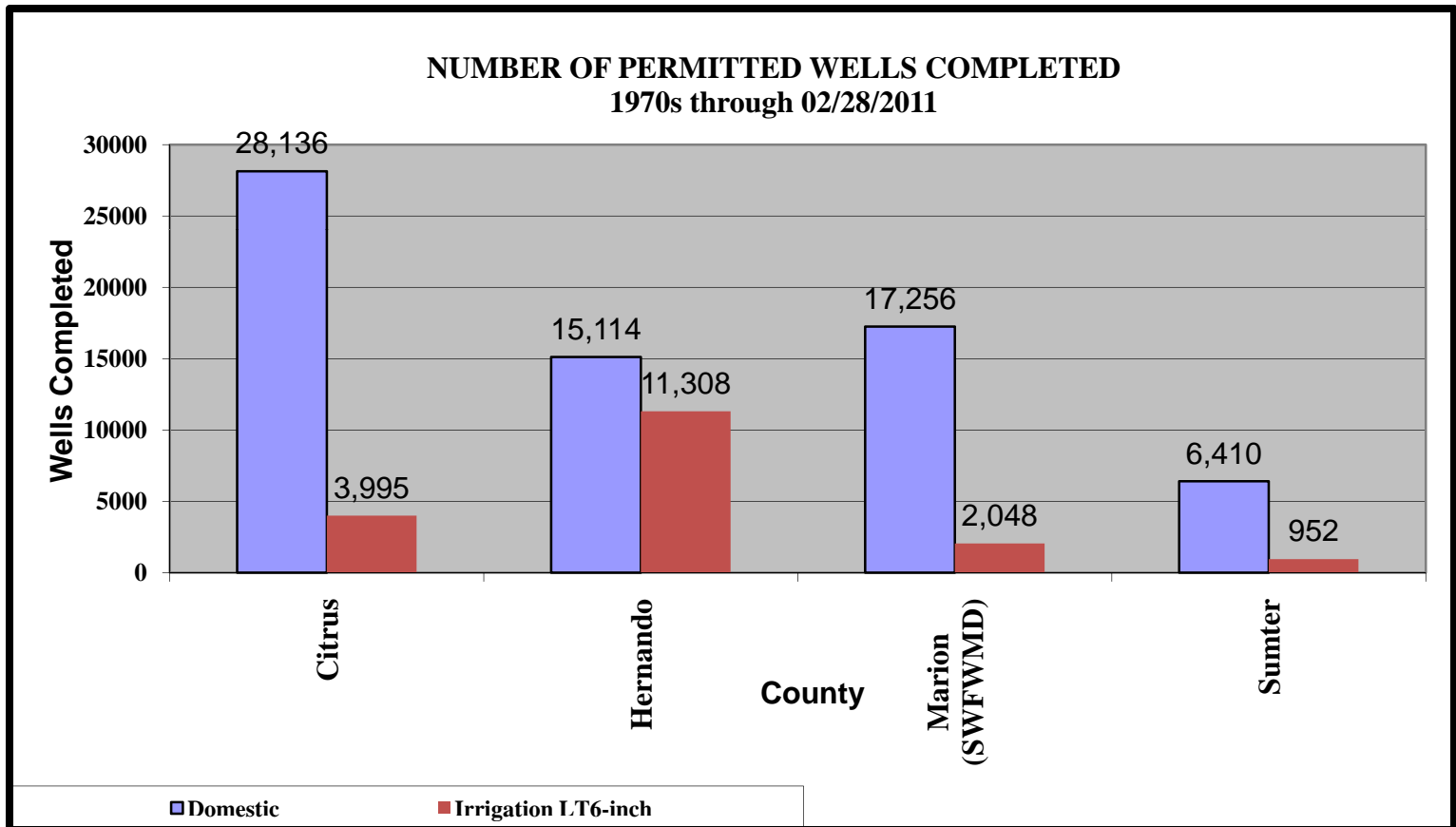
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# Well Construction Program Overview

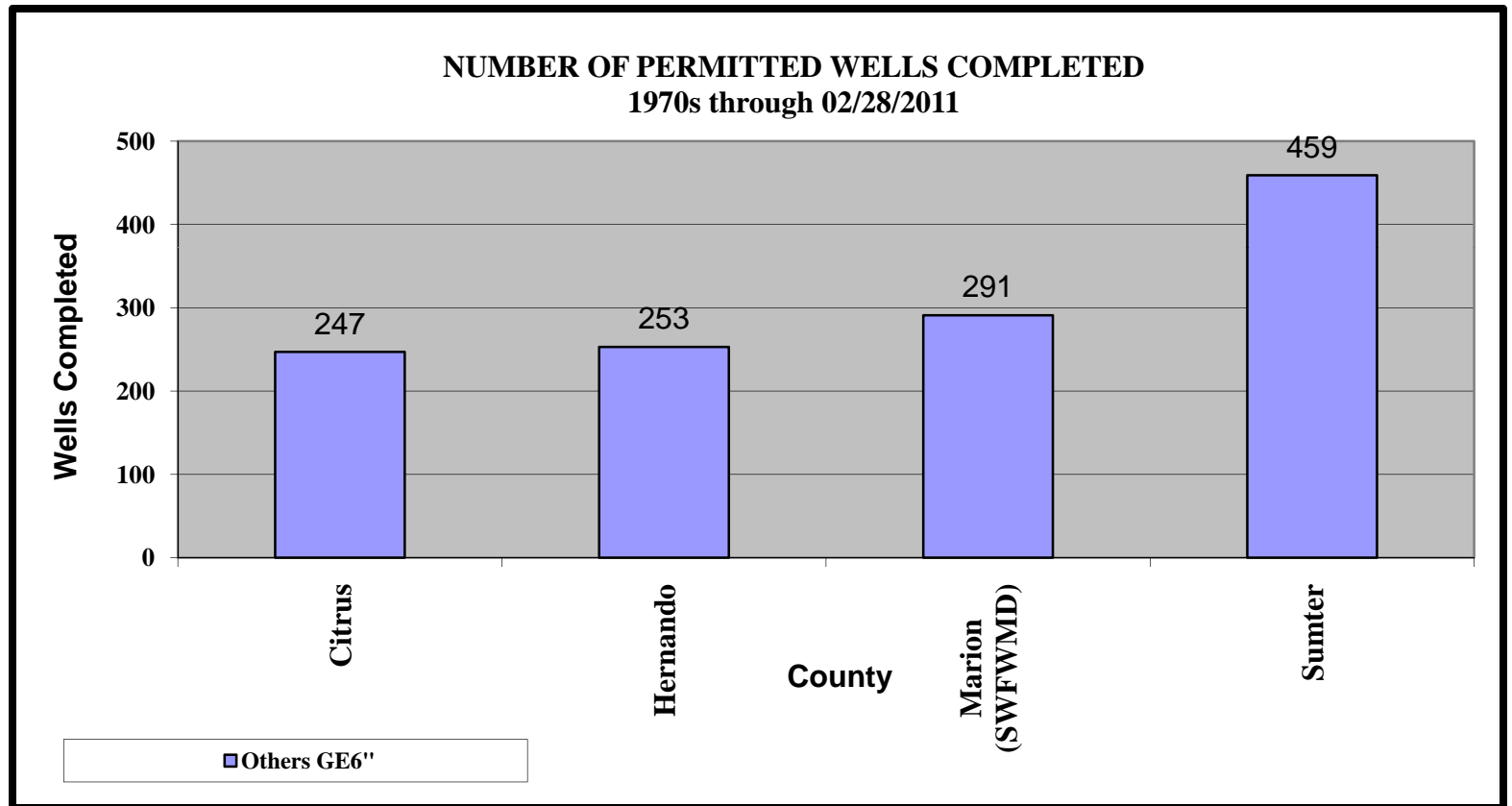
**Well Construction Permit Distribution**  
**96% of Well Construction Permits are in 4 Categories:**  
**Domestic, Irrigation, Monitor, Plugging**



# Wells Less Than 6-Inch Diameter Permitted Within the WRWSA Area



# Wells 6-Inch or Greater Diameter Permitted Within the WRWSA Area







## The District's Well Construction Program administers the following rule:

- Chapter 40D-3, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)
- Conditions for WC permit issuance include, but are not limited to:
  - Applicant shall have a current, valid water well contractor license.
  - Applicant shall submit a complete permit application that meets requirements of Chapter 373, F.S. and 40D-3, F.A.C.
  - A WUP, if applicable under 40D-2, F.A.C., may be required.



## The District's Water Use Permitting (WUP) program administers the following rules:

- Chapter 40D-1, F.A.C.
- Chapter 40D-2, F.A.C

A WUP is a state license to use the ground or surface water. Florida Statutes (Chapters 120 and 373) and Florida Administrative Code (Chapters 40D-1 and 40D-2) prescribe the process for applying and utilizing the water resource.



# Water Use Permit (WUP)

WUP is needed if the following thresholds are met:

- Withdrawal is from a well having an outside diameter of **6** inches or more at the surface.
- Total withdrawal capacity from any source or combined sources is greater than or equal to **1,000,000** gallons per day (gpd).
- Annual average daily withdrawal from any source or combined sources is greater than or equal to **100,000** gpd.



## Types of WUPs

- **Individual:** 500,000 gpd or more
- **General:** 100,000 gpd or more, but less than 500,000 gpd (also includes some uses less than 100,000 gpd)
- **Small general:** most uses less than 100,000 gpd

### Five predominant uses:

- Public Supply, Industrial or Commercial, Mining or Dewatering, Recreation or Aesthetic, or Agriculture





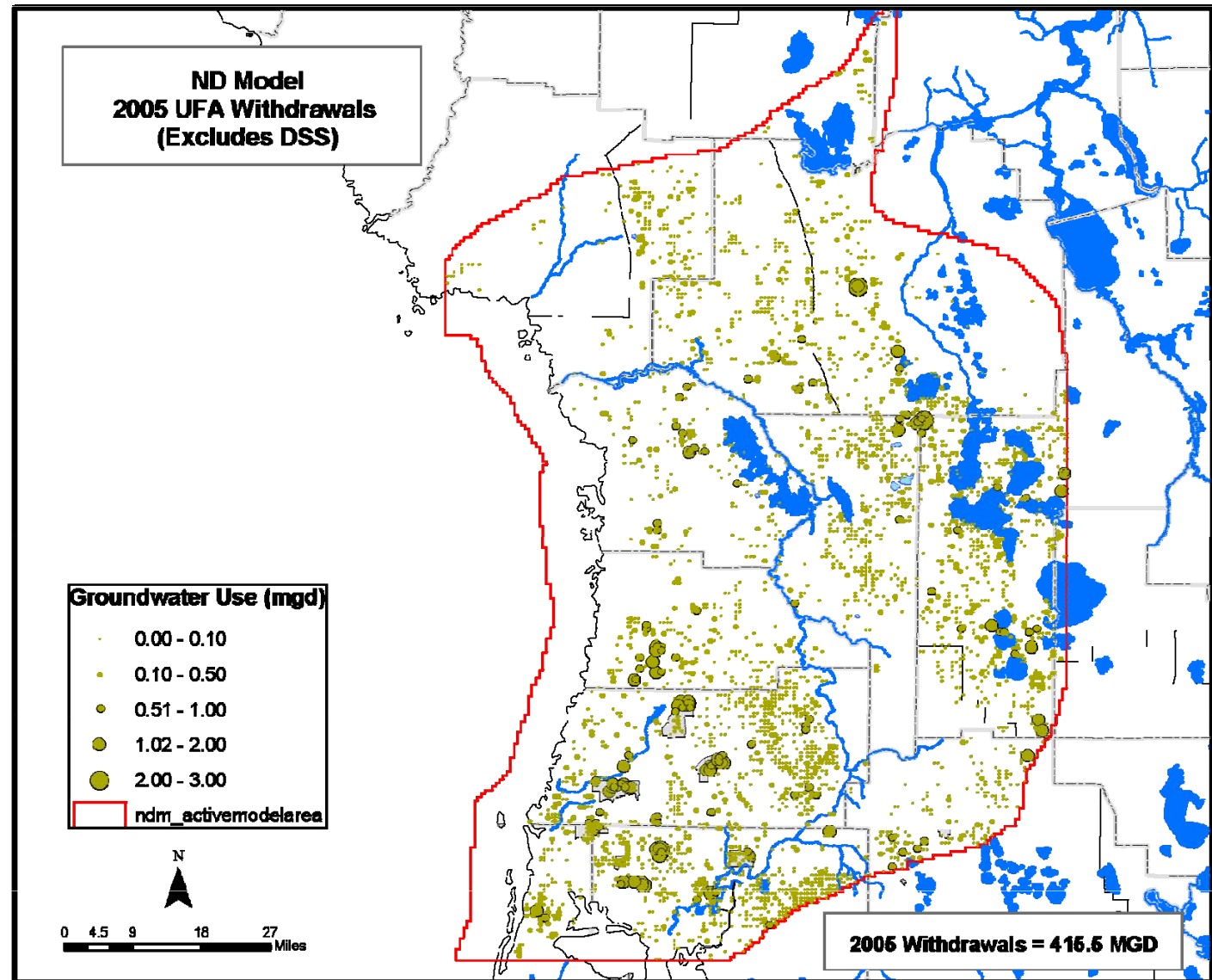
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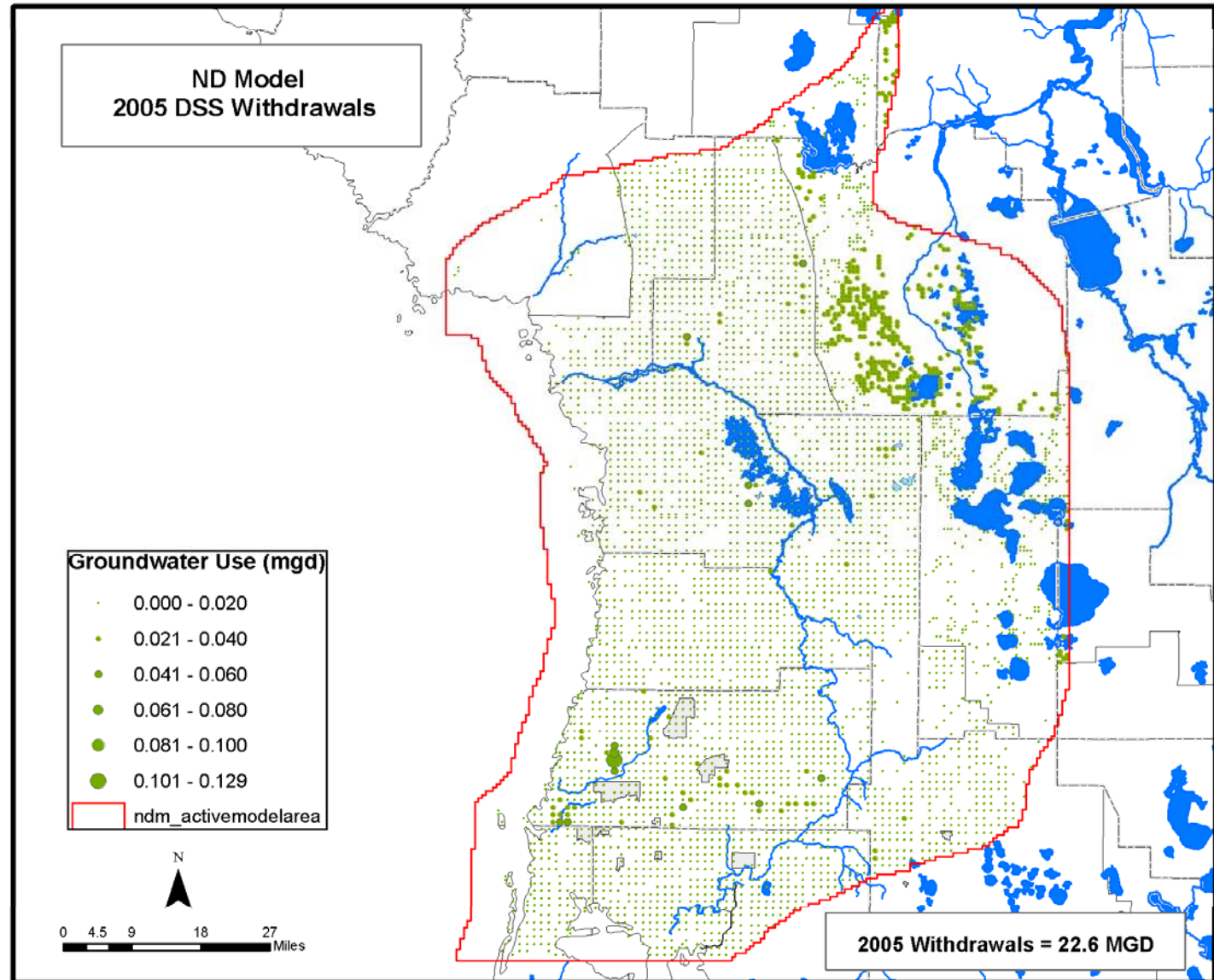




# **Water Resource Impacts of Domestic Self-Supply Wells**

**By Ron Basso, P.G.  
Hydrologic Evaluation Section**

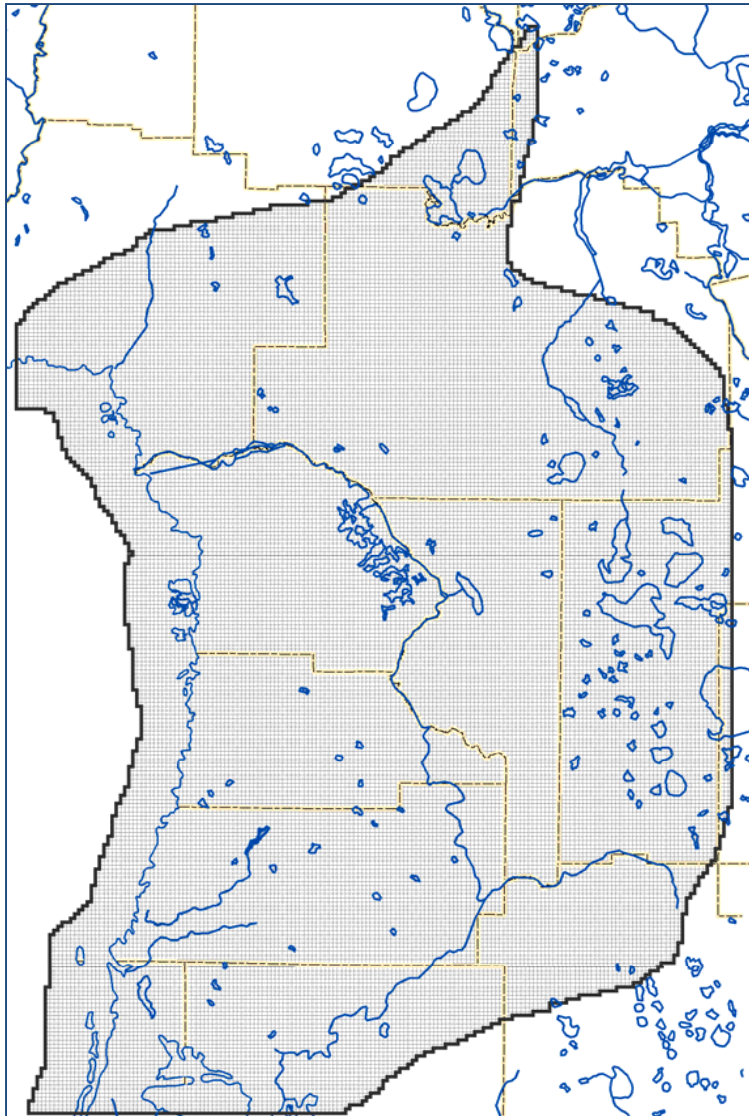








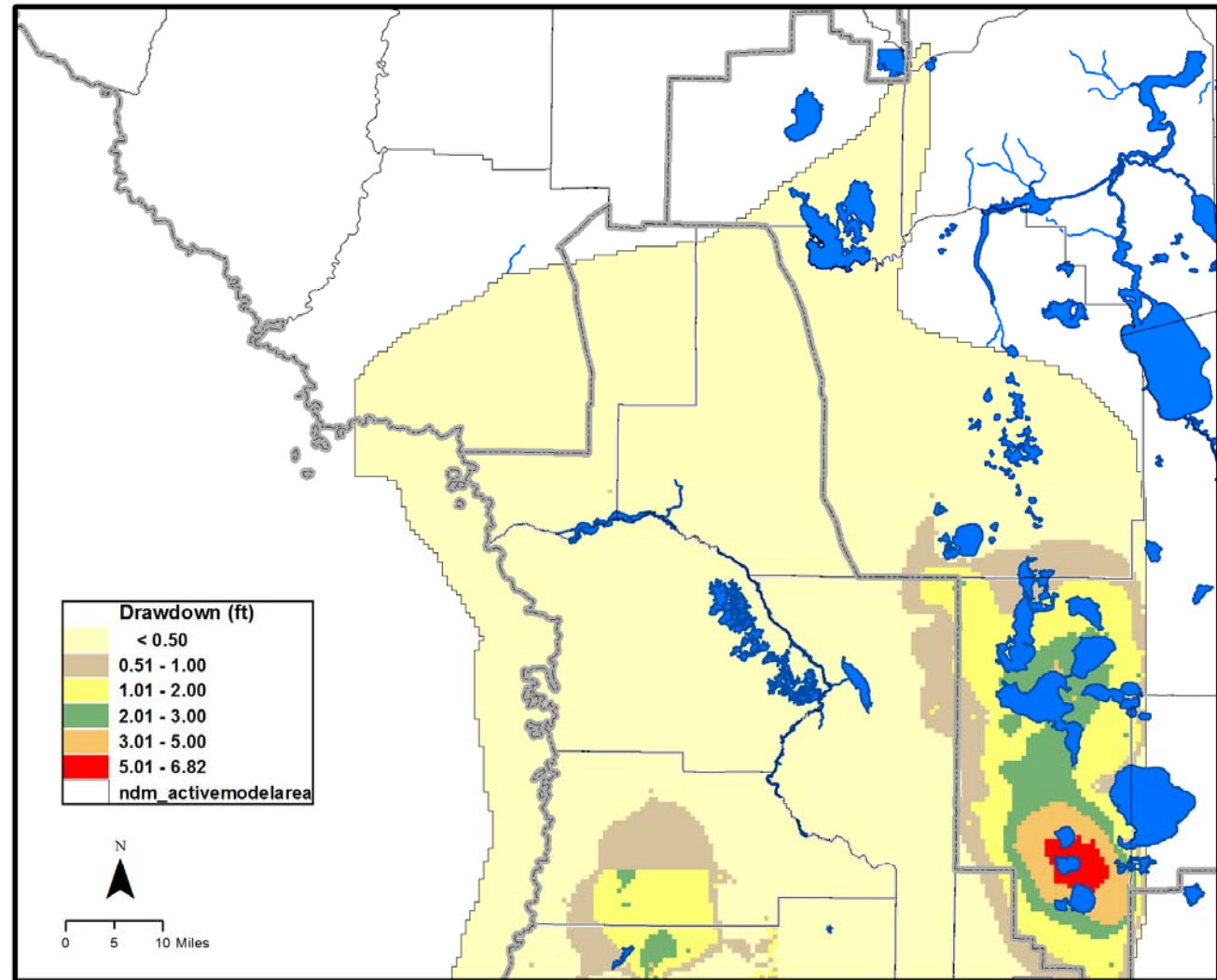
## Northern District Model



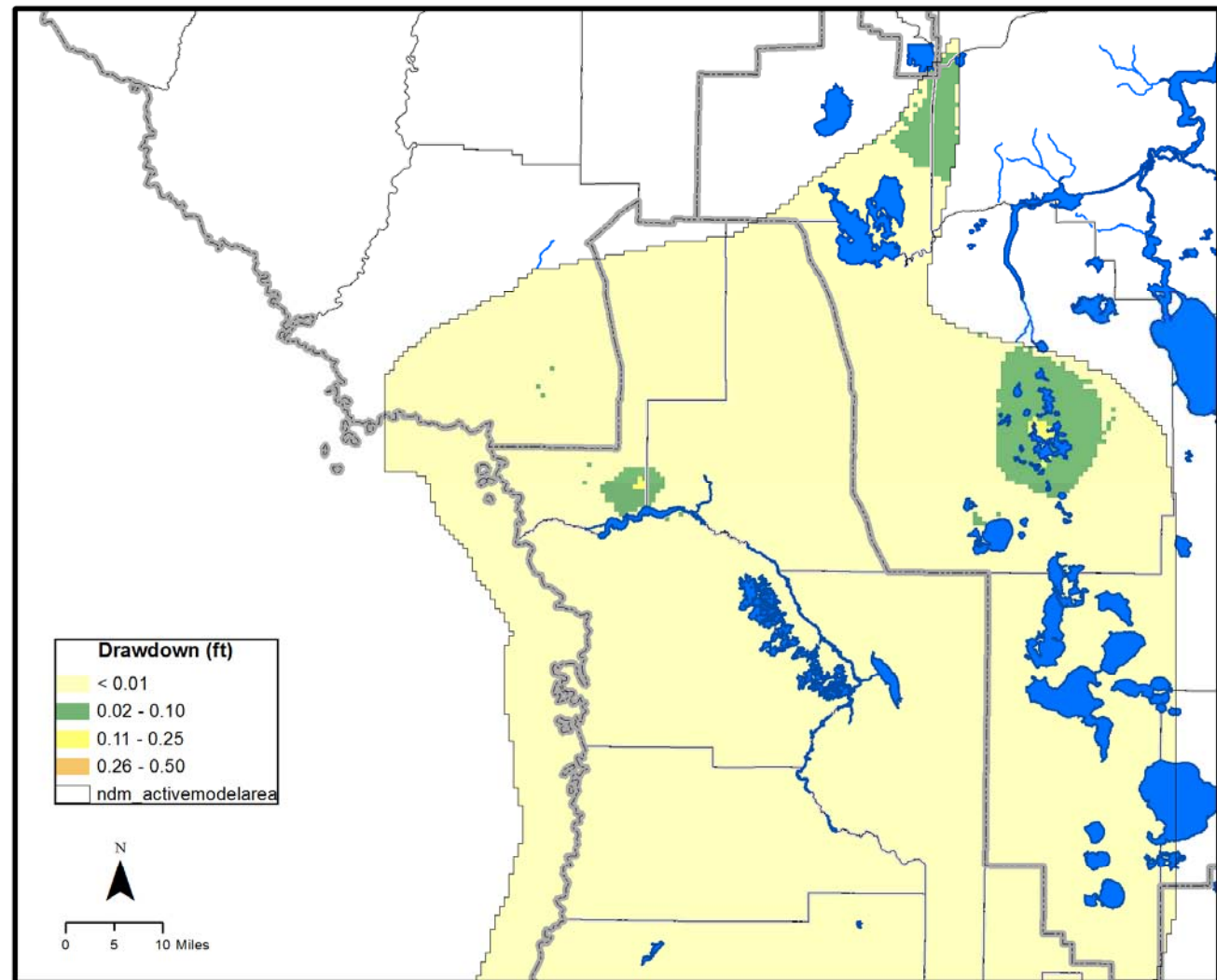
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## UFA Drawdown due to 2005 Withdrawals

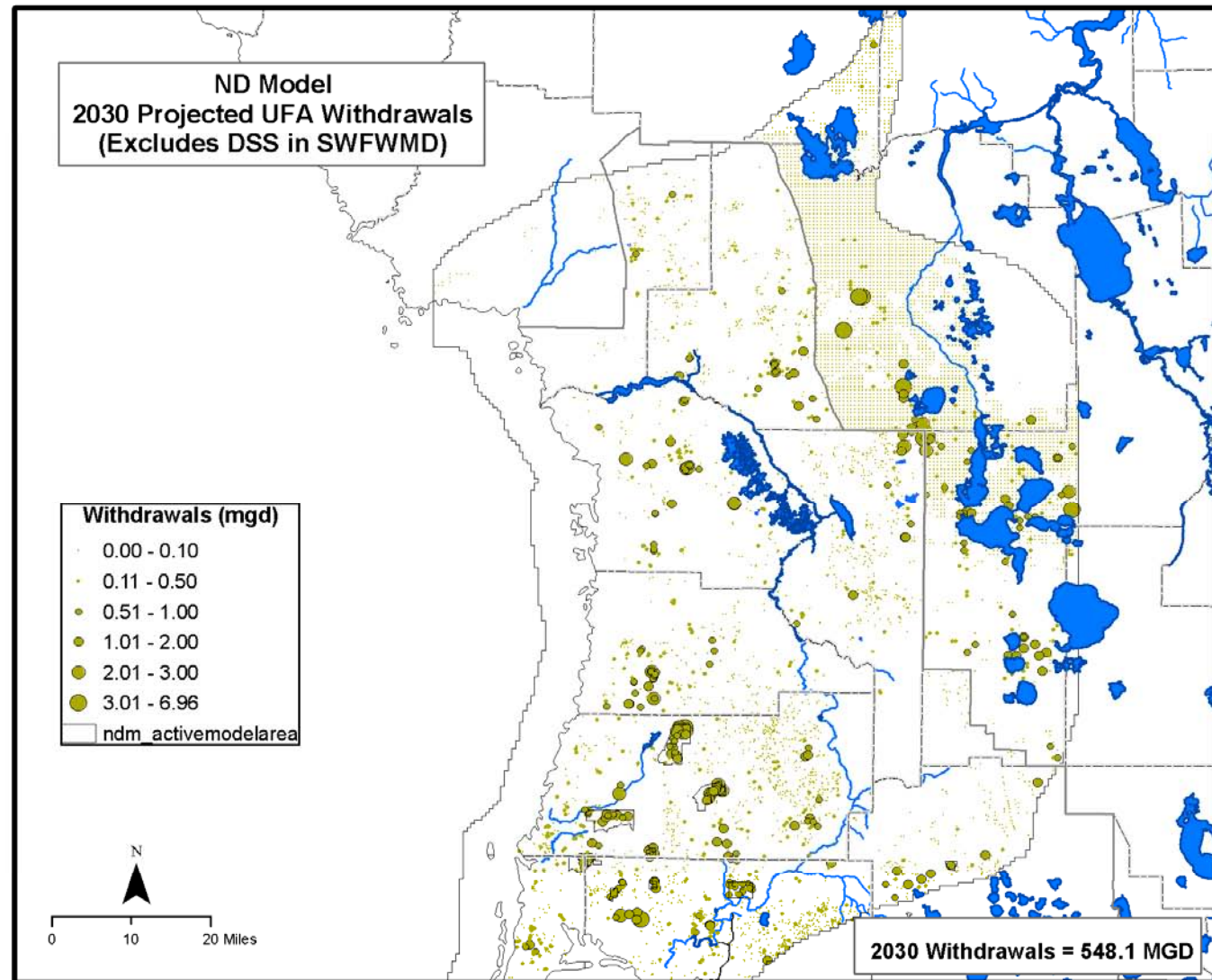


**UFA Drawdown due to 2005 DSS Withdrawals**

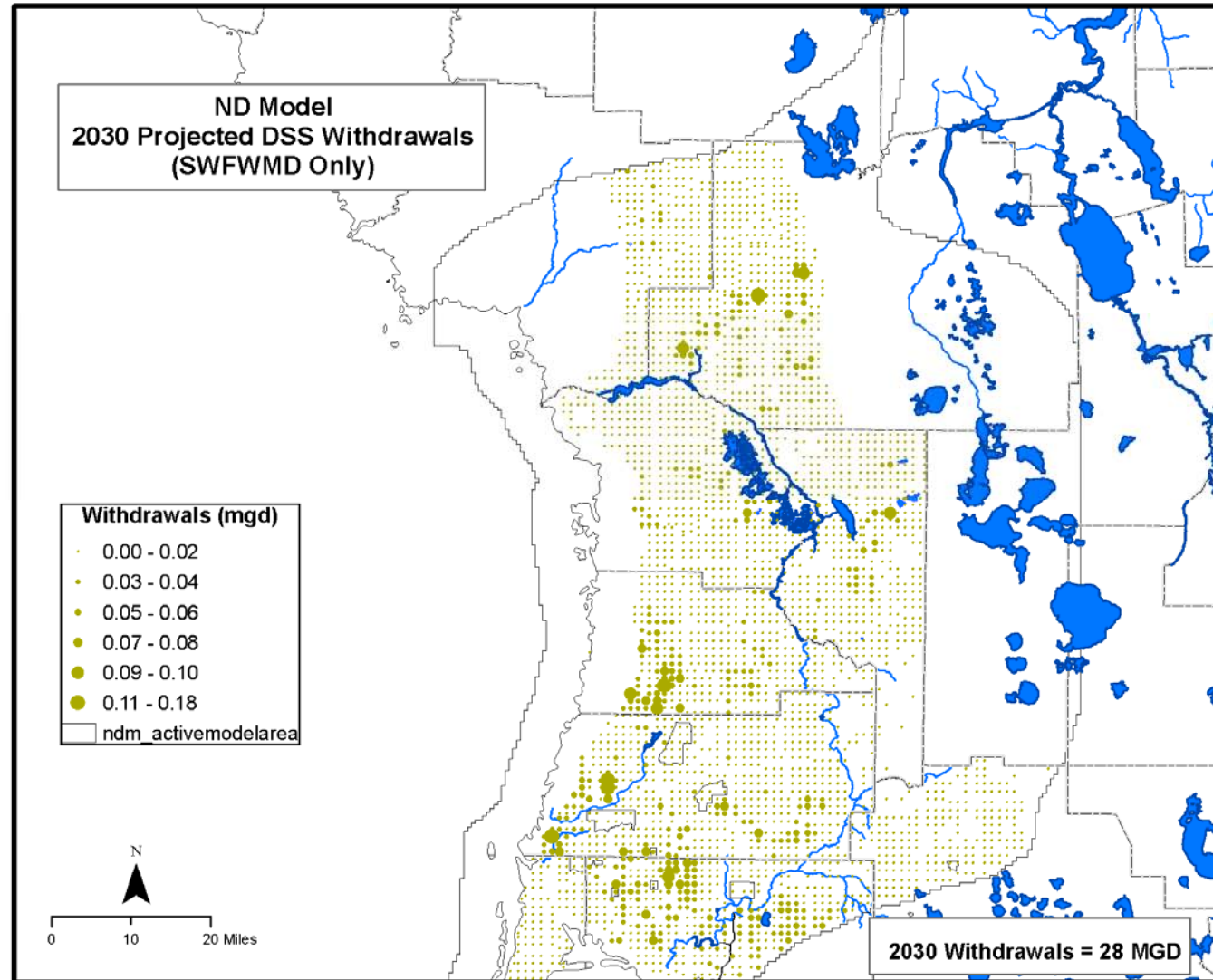
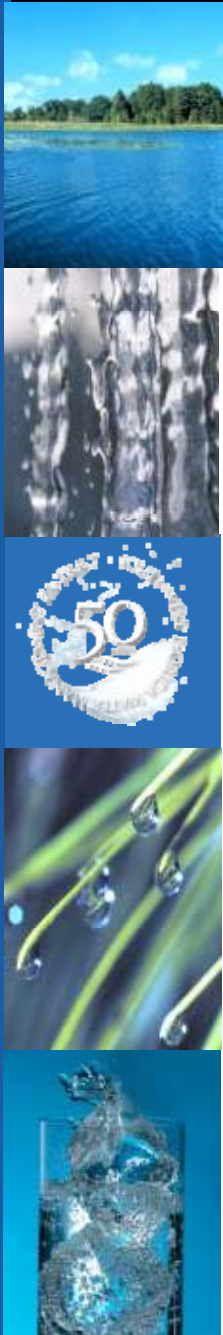


# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## Summary of Water Resource Impacts of Domestic Self-Supply Wells

- Domestic Self-Supply wells account for 5 percent of total groundwater withdrawn in the Northern District
- Resource impacts predicted by the model are not significant
- A large fraction of water extracted for DSS use is returned to the aquifer
- Projected use of DSS is expected to remain low through 2030





# QUESTIONS?





**MEMORANDUM**

May 4, 2011

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

Re: Progress on Regional Framework Planning Program ... Pete Hubbell, Water Resource Associates

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

The initial workshop regarding this effort was held with the WRWSA Technical Review Committee (TRC) on March 16. The workshop was an opportunity for member utilities to share information regarding their existing water supply systems, research being done on alternative water supplies and any expansion plans that they are contemplating. This information will help guide the development of the Regional Framework Initiatives. A May 18 TRC meeting is scheduled to discuss next steps in the process including:

- Recap of March 16 TRC Meeting
- Outline for Regional Framework Initiative Conceptual Plan
- Adjusted Member Demand Numbers Considering Compliance Per Capita Rates
- Ongoing Discussions with Member Utilities

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

Recommendation:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



**7.a. Bills to be Paid**

**BILLS TO BE PAID FOR MAY 2011 WILL BE HANDED  
OUT AT THE MAY 18, 2011 BOAD MEETING**



**PROPOSED 2011-12 ASSESSMENTS  
WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

County/City	4/1/2010 Population Est.	Assessment @ .19/Capita	Annual Amount	Quarterly Assessment
Citrus	142,202	\$0.19	\$27,018	\$6,754.60
Hernando	165,569	\$0.19	\$31,458	\$7,864.53
Sumter	95,326	\$0.19	\$18,112	\$4,527.99
Marion (Less Ocala)	276,676	\$0.19	\$52,568	\$13,142.11
Ocala	54,141	\$0.19	\$10,287	\$2,571.70
Totals	733,914	\$0.19	\$139,444	\$34,860.92

County/City	10-11 FY Assessment	11-12 FY Assessment	% Change
Citrus	\$27,096	\$27,018	-0.29%
Hernando	\$31,359	\$31,458	0.32%
Sumter	\$18,112	\$18,112	0.00%
Marion (Less Ocala)	\$52,410	\$52,568	0.30%
Ocala	\$10,374	\$10,287	-0.84%
Totals	\$139,351	\$139,444	0.07%





cc: ~~Rep. McKeel~~, ~~Hambry~~

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**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

April 12, 2011

Secretary Herschel Vinyard  
Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard M.S. 49  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Vinyard:

Effective and efficient water management is essential to the public and to the environmental and economic health and welfare of the State. Specifically, current budgetary constraints mandate that water management core responsibilities be carried out in a fiscally responsible manner so that the priorities of water supply, flood protection, and resource protection can be fulfilled. In addition, citizens, including businesses, are entitled to clear, predictable and consistent application of the rules, policies and orders of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) and the Water Management Districts (Districts) in the implementation of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Chapter 373, F.S., establishes the core responsibilities to be carried out by the Department and the State's five Districts as it relates to managing and protecting the State's water resources. Section 373.026(7), F.S., mandates that the Department exercise general supervisory authority over the Districts.

To this end, I expect the Department to supervise activities of the Districts, including their water supply and regulatory activities, to ensure statewide consistency is achieved, taking into account the differing regional characteristics of the State's water resources. Further, the Department should ensure that the core responsibilities undertaken by the Districts are consistent with Chapter 373, F.S., for managing the State's water resources.

I expect these actions to include the following review and oversight of:

- Proposed budgets and any plans for debt issuance;
- Rulemaking activities for Environmental Resources Permitting, Consumptive Use Permitting, Uniform Mitigation Assessment Methodology, and Minimum flows and Levels rules, practices and related programs;
- Development of meaningful and measurable proposals that will streamline regulatory programs;
- Ensuring consistency across District boundaries;

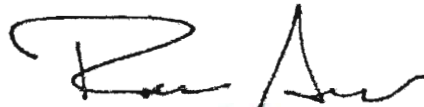
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Secretary Herschel Vinyard  
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- Prior coordination of District positions, including lobbying, of any issues having implications on policy or budgetary matters concerning the State's water resources; and
- Coordination of land acquisition and disposition.

Please ensure that I am updated on District issues periodically.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rick Scott  
Governor

RS/mm

cc:

George Roberts, Chair, Northwest Florida Water Management District  
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April 12, 2011

Citrus County Board of County Commissioners  
3600 W Sovereign Path  
Lecanto, FL 34461

Subject: **Time Extension Request Approval**

Water Use Permit Application No.:

Project Name:

County:

20007121.006

CHARLES A BLACK WATER  
SUPPLY SYSTEM  
CITRUS

Reference: Rule 40D-1.1020, Florida Administrative Code

Dear Citrus County Board of County Commissioners:

Your request for a time extension has been approved. The information requested in the District's letter dated November 2, 2010, is due by **June 24, 2011**. If your response is not received by this date, the permit application will be processed for denial.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact ANGEL MARTIN, at the Brooksville Regulation, extension 4324.

Sincerely,

ANGEL MARTIN  
Brooksville Regulation

cc: File of Record 20007121

✓ Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority  
C & D Engineering, Inc.





From: "Tampa Bay Water" <mrapp@tampabaywater.org>  
Subject: **Water News from Tampa Bay Water**  
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## WATER NEWS

### RESERVOIR RENOVATION PROPOSALS RECEIVED

Tampa Bay Water is another step closer to a long-term fix for the regional reservoir. Proposals to renovate the water storage facility have been received from three pre-qualified design-build teams. The reservoir must be renovated so that it operates as intended without interruptions in drain and fill cycles.

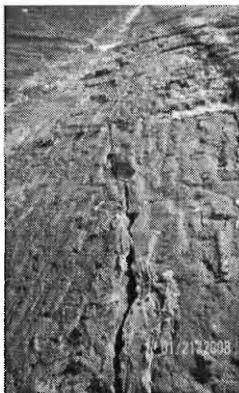
The teams are led by Granite Construction Company, Kiewit Infrastructure Groups, and Skanska USA Civil Southeast. Each team has submitted a base proposal to renovate the facility as well as an alternate proposal to build 3 billion gallons of additional storage.

The base proposal costs are comparable to the engineer's renovation cost estimates provided to Tampa Bay Water in 2009. The base proposals range from \$120–170 million for design, permitting, construction, five years of post-construction maintenance and monitoring, and a robust financial guarantee package to protect the public's investment. The proposals for 3 billion gallons of additional storage were approximately \$40 million.

Because this procurement is a best-value approach and not low bid, the costs will likely fluctuate as the detailed proposals are analyzed and negotiations commence for the best-value fix.

Tampa Bay Water's selection committee will evaluate the proposals in five technical categories: engineering design, permitting approach, construction plans, maintenance and monitoring approach, and environmental and social impact considerations. Proposals will be ranked by adding the technical scores (60% of the evaluation) to the cost scores (40% of the evaluation). The higher the score, the better the value of the proposal.

Proposal rankings will be issued in June 2011 and the Tampa Bay Water Board is scheduled to select a contractor this summer, with construction scheduled for late 2012.



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### DROUGHT ALERT ISSUED DESPITE RECORD RAINFALL

Record rainfall at the end of March improved water supply conditions throughout the Tampa Bay region, but wasn't enough to boost rivers to sustained normal flows. Continued below-normal river flows have triggered a Phase 1 Drought Alert, which can be activated by either a 12-month rainfall deficit or a 12-month river flow deficit, two conditions that can lead to water supply shortages.

For the month of March, average flow in the Hillsborough River was



77 percent below normal and average flow in the Alafia River was 52 percent below normal. Meanwhile, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts above-normal temperatures and below-normal rainfall through June.

Tampa Bay Water encourages local governments and their residents to continue conservation efforts and use water wisely through the spring dry season.




## STRATEGIC COURSE SET FOR NEXT DECADE

Since achieving the goals established in 1995 of developing alternative water supplies and reducing reliance on groundwater, Tampa Bay Water's focus has shifted to maintaining and operating its diverse, integrated system. To guide the agency over the next 10 years, a new strategic roadmap has been developed and approved by the Board. The strategic plan includes goals and strategies aimed at fulfilling the agency's mission of providing clean, safe, reliable water to its six member governments. The plan was developed with staff and Board member input to meet the Board's goals of environmental sustainability, reliability and cost-effectiveness.

The plan includes the following four goals:

- Achieve a reliable water supply and delivery system
- Continue to improve the efficiency of Tampa Bay Water operations
- Maintain the agency's financial stability and sustainability
- Develop, improve and maintain collaborative relationships with stakeholders

 [More information on The Strategic Plan](#)

## TECHNICAL JOURNAL TO PUBLISH RESEARCH ON TAMPA BAY WATER

The *Journal of Hydrometeorology* will soon publish a report written by University of Florida engineering PhD candidate Syewoon Hwang and Dr. Alison Adams, source rotation and environmental protection manager for Tampa Bay Water. Dr. Adams serves as a research advisor to Mr. Hwang. The report, "Quantitative Spatiotemporal evaluation of dynamically downscaled MM5 precipitation predictions over the Tampa Bay Region, Florida," highlights University of Florida Water Institute research regarding the use of a regional climate model to predict rainfall over the Tampa Bay region and the effects on water supply management. The research has real world application as it will allow Tampa Bay Water to better manage its sources of supply in times of changing weather and hydrology.

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Date: April 29, 2011 10:06:24 PM EDT  
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TALLAHASSEE — Legislation headed to the Senate floor would let large landowners sell water and wastewater on their properties without having to first prove the services are needed.

Sound familiar to Pasco and Hernando? It should: The wording was added at the request of a citrus grower who had wanted to offer the services in rural areas of the two counties but got slapped down by Public Service Commission staff.

Critics say the landowner, Evans Properties, is trying to make a run-around to get its plan approved. Commission staff recommended against the plan on the basis that Evans had not demonstrated the water services were needed for the undeveloped property.

"My take as a former regulator is that this basically undoes the primary reason the staff rejected it," said Nathan Skop, a former member of the Public Service Commission.

Evans last year created a subsidiary, Skyland Utilities, and had asked the PSC for permission to start a water and wastewater system for 4,000 undeveloped acres it owns in rural Pasco and Hernando counties.

Evans had no specific development plans but said the land could be the future home of an agribusiness or residential and commercial projects. The company withdrew its proposal in January rather than face a potential rejection by the board.

Instead, Evans officials, who did not return a call for comment, met with Sen. Mike Bennett, R-Bradenton, who is pushing sweeping growth management legislation.

Bennett confirmed Thursday that he agreed to add the language to his bill in March after hearing from Evans but said it could apply to other landowners and fits in with the overall philosophy of his measure. He said the wording would let developers be more proactive in their planning.

"It's very difficult for a developer to wait for the need," he said.

Bennett's bill also contains an amendment from Sen. Jack Latvala, R-St. Petersburg, that could let a controversial landfill proposed for east Pasco be built over the objections of commissioners. Bennett said that language would be removed.

The Evans proposal was fought heavily by Pasco and Hernando county officials, who argued it would lead to sprawling development in the picturesque areas, violate long-term growth plans and allow a private company to put at risk a public resource — groundwater.

"Private ownership of these public utilities in the past has demonstrated not to be as good as ownership from the public," Pasco Commissioner Ted Schrader said.

The House version of the growth management legislation does not contain the references to Evans.

State Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, said he would offer up two amendments to kill both the provisions for utilities and the one related to the landfill.

"The language would be detrimental to Pasco County," he said.

The companies in both cases "circumvented the permitting process and put the language in a huge bill."



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Date: April 29, 2011 8:01:18 AM EDT  
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Florida House and Senate budget negotiators have agreed to a tax shift that could benefit corporations doing business in the state.

Proponents say the "single sales factor" formula would remove a tax disincentive for corporations to locate property and jobs in Florida.

Florida's current tax formula apportions sales (50 percent), property (25 percent) and payroll (25 percent). Companies that have a relatively large share of jobs and facilities in the state, but primarily sell their products outside Florida, argue that the current formula penalizes them for investing more capital in-state to expand their production and increase jobs.

Under the proposed shift, companies that invest at least \$250 million in qualified capital expenditures could opt for taxation based only on sales.

"This removes a tax disincentive for a corporation to locate property and jobs in Florida," said Florida TaxWatch president and CEO Dominic Calabro.

TaxWatch says its studies have shown that single-sales formulas for the corporate income tax generate "significant economic growth" for states that adopt them.

But others paint less rosy scenarios.

The Florida Center for Fiscal and Economic Policy argues that lost tax revenues resulting from the change in the apportionment formula could impair the ability of Florida to provide vital and critical needed services.

Even worse, the center claims that a single-sales formula could pervert tax policy.

In the extreme, a manufacturing company that produced its entire product in Florida but sold it all outside of Florida would pay no corporate income tax to Florida, the center states.

"In contrast, companies with a relatively small share of property and payroll in Florida, but a significant share of their total sales in our state, would experience an increase in their corporate income tax.

"In other words, if Florida were to change to a single-sales factor some corporations would receive tax cuts and others would experience a tax increase," the center argues.

Gov. Rick Scott took a more direct approach in his proposed budget, which called for a phase-out of corporate taxes altogether.

The inclusion of a single-sales formula (House Bill 1703) into the budget by Sen. Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, and Rep. Steve Precourt, R-Winter Garden, signals that the Legislature's Republican leaders aren't ready to take that bold a step.

TaxWatch studies maintain that the tax shift "will increase long-run economic growth." And as more states adopt single-sales factors, Calabro warns that Florida faces "the very real risk of losing jobs, businesses, capital investment and economic activity" by sticking with its current corporate-tax formula.

"While we will continue to recommend that the expenditure threshold in the current measure be lowered to allow this economic development tool to be targeted to many more industries, we commend the Legislature for taking this step," said Calabro.

"It will be a valuable asset in the governor and Legislature's program to bring more jobs to our state."



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Date: May 1, 2011 11:44:38 AM EDT  
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by [Susan Latham Carr](#)  
Staff writer

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Anyone in the city of Ocala who pays a water bill knows that water is not cheap but, like the old adage says, "You ain't seen nothing yet."

When Jeff Halcomb, the city's water and sewer director, was giving his utility report to the Ocala City Council in January, Councilman John Priester asked him how critical the city's water supply issue is.

"As far as how much we drink and what we do with it, it's very critical," Halcomb replied. "It's critical that we conserve water. It's critical that we look for alternative water supplies."

And yet the community as a whole has not embraced water conservation as part of its daily routine. Many go only as far as observing the water management district's twice-a-week lawn irrigation rule.

But as the community grows and the demand for water increases, the entire community will be forced to confront a sobering reality: Water is not an infinite resource.

Since 1995, the population in Northeast and Central Florida has grown 37 percent, according to the St. Johns River Water Management District. St. Johns regulates the city's water usage and issues water permits.

By 2030 the population is expected to grow another 32 percent. And, not only is the population growing, but people are using more water. They have bought larger homes with larger lawns. And while the current economy has slowed some of that growth, that is not likely to last indefinitely. And neither is the water.

To meet the growing needs, the Water Management District is requiring the city of Ocala, along with private utilities and other cities and counties in the District, including [Marion County](#) east of Interstate 75, to look for other sources of water.

Right now, the city of Ocala draws its drinking water, called potable water, from the upper Floridan aquifer, deep under ground. After 2027, when the city's consumptive use permit comes up for renewal, the Water Management District will restrict the amount of water the city can draw from the upper Floridan. At that time, the city will not be able to draw any more water than it already is drawing from the aquifer. So any additional water needed to sustain increased population and usage will have to come from other sources.

The reason the district wants water utilities to find other sources is because it does not want the aquifer pumped so low that it damages the environment, which has occurred in other areas of Florida.

For the city of Ocala, two possible water sources are sea water and the Ocklawaha River, both of which would be very expensive.

It would cost about \$500 million to build a desalination plant to treat sea water and pipe it from the coast. The Ocala City Council is not even considering that at this point.

It's also possible to pump water from the Ocklawaha River, but it would be expensive as well as controversial. It also may not be allowed. The Water Management District is doing a study to assess the environmental impacts of such a plan.

"I have heard from some groups that feel that the flows in the Ocklawaha have already been reduced and any more reduction could do unacceptable harm to the river," said Tom Bartol, the district's director of the Division of Water Supply Management.

He said the question is whether the low flows are climate-driven. That, too, should be answered by the studies.

In the meantime, the city is looking at some less costly sources. Whether the Water Management District will certify them as alternative sources is still unknown.

One of those possible sources is the lower floridan aquifer. The city is spending \$165,000 to drill 1,500 feet down to the lower aquifer to see if it is separated from the upper aquifer, which is where drinking water comes from today. If it is deemed a separate body of water, the city will ask the Water Management District if it can use the lower aquifer as another source of water.

The city of Wildwood, which is in the jurisdiction of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, has gone into the lower aquifer. That water district helped pay for Wildwood's exploration.

"We have done that and we did find (separation) there in our general area," said Ron Allen, director of Wildwood's water department.

But without knowing the geology it is difficult to know the size of the lower aquifer.

"It's kind of a hit-or-miss thing. We don't know if we are at the top of it, in the middle of it, or what. There's not enough research done by the district combined with all the wells being drilled throughout Sumter County to even determine that yet," Allen said. "As of this point, there's no official statement whether this can be an alternative water source."

Another possible alternative source the city is exploring is an agreement with On Top of the World. That subdivision has excess drinking water. The city is proposing to swap OTOW's drinking water for city reuse water that the subdivision could use to water its landscaping. Whether the water management district will approve that as an alternative water supply is yet to be determined, although the district encourages conservation and reuse.

"High-quality, inexpensive fresh ground water isn't going to last us forever in Florida," Bartol said. "It's cheaper to conserve water than it is to do alternative water supply."

Simple conservation, in fact, is a key part of the city's strategy.

"Be mindful of how you use water," said Halcomb, from the city of Ocala.

A "Responsible Bathroom" trailer showing toilets and shower heads that use less water will be on display at the Quad Games beginning at 2 p.m. on June 10 at Tusawilla Park.

"It's a fun thing, but it's an educational thing," said Suzanne Shuffitt, the city's recreation supervisor, who is organizing the event.

To participate in the Quad Games, individuals of all ages or companies can form five-member teams in advance of the event that will compete for prizes in all four of the different challenges: disc golf at Pine Oaks Golf Club; nine holes of golf at Ocala Golf Club; free throw at the Tusawilla Park basketball courts; and sidewalk art at Tusawilla Park in which an artist creates a chalk drawing with a water conservation theme. At each activity, there will be water conservation questions and answers. At 6:30 p.m., there also will be an Aqua Soup Softball game where the rules of play are scrambled. For example, a left-handed batter may be required to bat right-handed. Those who wish to be a team captain and form a team should call Shuffitt at 401-3900.

Besides the Quad Games, there are other things the city does to teach conservation. Jean Henning, the water conservation/energy conservation coordinator, responds when people call the city with concerns about their water bills. She will do an audit to see if there is a leak, and give tips on ways to save water.

And, at the city's Customer Service Office at the electric utility building, the city plays a Water Management District DVD about water, has a rain barrel to show how to collect rain water, and features a xeriscape display showing how to landscape using less water.

The city also gives talks to groups like the Master Gardeners, Leadership Ocala and the Springs Working Group and is working with Boy Scouts on a water and conservation badge.

The city is focusing on education rather than enforcement of water conservation measures because, at the moment, it has little power to enforce the rules.

When someone calls to complain about a neighbor who is not following the water management district's twice-a-week watering rules, the city goes out and talks with the offender. "But we don't fine them," Halcomb said. "We don't have any teeth."

That may change.

"They want local government to enforce the water requirements," city Planning Manager Michael Daniels said about the Water Management District.

An irrigation ordinance is scheduled to come before the City Council for consideration on May 17.

The city has taken other steps to encourage conservation.

The City Council has approved a tiered water rate structure. Those who use more water pay a higher rate than those who use less.

Halcomb is fervent about saving water and the city's money. Sure, it is his job, but talk to him for five minutes and you discover it is more than a paycheck for him. It is a passion.

Not only is he asking the public to get serious about water conservation, he wants the city to be the model.

"I have to practice what I preach," Halcomb said.

As money becomes available, he has been replacing old galvanized pipe. Minerals collect in the pipes, reduce the flow and cause leaks. The city has hired Utility Services Associates, a firm that searches for leaks in the city's water system. Halcomb said 15 leaks were found and will be repaired.

One leak was causing the city to lose 20 gallons a minute, or more than 800,000 gallons a month.

"We are going out and looking at our system to try to find those kind of leaks," Halcomb said.

Finding leaks could help delay the need to get water from those costly alternative water sources, he said.

Recently Halcomb looked at how many water meters the city government uses. He found that the Recreation and Parks Department was using 700,000 gallons of drinking water a month to water the lawns at Lillian Bryant Park and the Martin Luther King Recreation Complex.

To remedy that, the city is designing a water line to run reuse water from the Pine Oaks Golf Course's reclaimed water system to irrigate the parks' lawns.

"That will give us another 700,000 gallons of drinking water," Halcomb said.

And the city is using recycled water wherever possible. It irrigates Jervy Gantt Recreation Complex and the municipal golf courses with recycled water and runs lines to the Ocala Palms subdivision.

Further, the developer's agreement for the Park View Commons project off Maricamp Road where the new Publix is being built requires extending reuse water lines from Jervy Gantt to that development.

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The House on Monday voted to repeal a ban adopted by the Legislature last year on spreading septic tank waste even though the ban was not set to begin until 2016.

Last year, the **SB 550** water quality bill established the ban and directed the Department of Health to study and report on alternatives.

But this year, **Rep. Marti Coley**, R-Marianna, has led efforts to repeal the ban and another provision of SB 550 that required septic tank inspections statewide. The **Florida Onsite Wastewater Association** supports repealing the ban on spreading septic tank waste.

During debate on Monday, critics of **HB 1479** said the ban is needed to protect groundwater and springs water quality from excessive nutrients in the waste.

"What concerns me the most is we have done this a number of times now this year," said **Rep. Mark Pafford**, D-West Palm Beach. "We have taken major votes on major pieces of legislation and are actually taking back our protections."

Critics say the septic tank waste receives treatment before it is spread on land and disposing of it at wastewater treatment plants is expensive. Some treatment plants refuse to treat the waste, bill supporters said.

Coley said she agreed with **Rep. Bryan Nelson**, R-Apopka, who called the prohibition a tax increase on rural residents who have septic tanks. The bill passed 89-25.

A recent **Department of Health** ~~report~~ recommended that instead of discontinuing the practice of spreading waste on land, inspections should be increased and enhanced with nutrient and soil sampling.

On another issue relating to water quality, the House also voted 108-7 without debate to approve **HB 421**. The bill would exempt farmers from having to get water management district permits.

Critics say the bill would make it easier for farmers to fill in wetlands and cause flooding on their neighbors' property. Supporters said the bill restores an exemption in state law for farmers that has been eroded by recent court decisions.

While environmental groups had opposed the bill, it was a top priority of the **Florida Farm Bureau Federation**, said **Ben Parks**, the group's director of legislative affairs. He said the bill leaves it to the state agriculture department to define agricultural activities in wetlands.

"We get it (state law) back to what it is supposed to be," Parks said.



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## Budget negotiators OK water management district tax cuts sought by Scott

by John Kennedy | May 1st, 2011

House and Senate budget negotiators agreed Sunday night to give **Gov. Rick Scott** one of his tax-cutting proposals — a roughly 25 percent reduction in water management district property taxes.

House budget chief **Denise Grimsley**, R-Sebring, advanced the offer — which was similar to an even deeper property tax cut and takeover of water management district budgets that had been pushed by her Senate counterpart, **J.D. Alexander**, R-Lake Wales.

Florida's five water management districts collect over \$1 billion in property taxes, with the South Florida Water Management District collecting \$411 million, alone. But SFWMD's collections would be capped at \$285 million under the deal reached Sunday, roughly a \$126 million reduction in the district's dollars.

Alexander, a citrus grower whose district includes Okeechobee and Glades counties, has been pushing to more tightly restrict water management district spending for months. He's said districts have been sitting on reserves that could be used to cover existing costs and make room for the property tax break.

The South Florida district has \$346 million in reserves, according to Alexander.

Environmentalists have said they feared the tax-cut package could threaten Everglades restoration, whose final dollar level is still being negotiated. The Senate has proposed \$20 million, and the House \$25 million to continue the ambitious state-federal Everglades project.

The water districts tax cut drew resistance earlier this spring from the state House Select Committee on Water Policy, whose chairman, Rep. **Trudi Williams**, R-Fort Myers, is a former South Florida district governing board member.

She questioned whether the agency could carry out its flood control and maintenance responsibilities with a steep reduction in revenues. Because of slumping property-tax values across the region, tax revenue collected by the district has already dropped about \$150 million, from \$549 million in 2007-08.



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Scott may not get the corporate income tax cut that he wants, but House and Senate budget negotiators on Sunday signed off on a \$210 million property tax cut. **Sen. J.D. Alexander**, R-Lake Wales, and **Rep. Denise Grimsley**, R-Sebring, agreed to a measure that would force the state's five water management districts to roll back their tax rates later this year. It would also require the Legislature to annually review water management district budgets.

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Scott drops budget veto threat after deal reached on corporate income taxes

May 02, 2011

By:  
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**Gov. Rick Scott**, who has warned for weeks that he may veto the state budget if he did not get a cut in the state's corporate income tax, has reached a deal that calls for a much smaller cut than what the governor initially advocated.

But the deal will likely end all talk of a budget veto and it will give Scott a chance to claim a substantial win during his first legislative session.

**House Speaker Dean Cannon** and Scott discussed the plan by phone call on Monday night, a spokeswoman for Cannon confirmed.

Scott had asked for a \$458 million cut by rolling back the current corporate income tax rate from 5.5 percent to 3 percent. But Scott also wanted a bill that would phase out the tax over the next seven years, saying it was needed to help jumpstart the state's economy.

That initial plan never went anywhere during the session, although a Senate bill surfaced that included a 1 percent cut that would cost more than \$300 million.

The governor has now agreed to a plan that would increase the exemption level of those businesses now required to pay the corporate income tax. Such a move would scale back the cost dramatically down to roughly \$30 million to \$37 million, but it would reportedly roughly drop the number of corporations that now file taxes by half. Currently the first \$5,000 of income is exempt from taxation. Raising the exemption to \$25,000 would eliminate about 15,000 businesses.

**Brian Hughes**, a spokesman for Scott, said that the deal goes along with the governor's desire to cut state taxes on businesses.

"This is a victory for Gov. Scott," Hughes said. "We're grateful for our legislative partners. The governor had always expressed confidence that they would help pass his jobs budget."

**Senate President Mike Haridopolos** on Monday told reporters he could not support a plan to cut the corporate income tax by 1 percent, saying it was hard to support at the same time that lawmakers are slashing health care programs that aid the state's most vulnerable. But then Haridopolos acknowledged that he was "open" and "very receptive" to raising the exemption level for businesses.

Scott had initially recommended nearly \$2 billion in tax cuts, which included a whole series of tax cuts, including both a cut in the corporate income tax and cuts in property taxes. House and Senate budget negotiators over the weekend agreed to a bill that would require water management districts to cut their property taxes by \$210 million in the coming year.



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SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2011 Legislative Session will likely conclude on the evening of May 6th, with many issues not be fully worked out until the very end. A finished report will therefore not be completed by May 4th, to be included in the Board Package. I will however deliver an oral report with back-up information at the May 18th Board Meeting. You may wish to include the attached **5/3 WRWSA Bill Tracking Report** in the Board Package. Please let me know if you have any questions.

2011 Bills (48)			
Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0013	<b>Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems</b>	Coley	04/29/11
04/29/11 - SENATE Received; Referred to Rules			
SB 0078	<b>Relating to Environmental Surcharge On Bottled Water</b>	Lynn	11/29/10
11/29/10 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Commerce and Tourism; Budget			
SB 0082	<b>Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems</b>	Lynn	11/29/10
11/29/10 - SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget			
HB 0107	<b>Relating to Local Government Accountability</b>	Smith (J)	05/02/11
05/02/11 - HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Third Reading			
SB 0130	<b>Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems</b>	Dean	11/29/10
11/29/10 - SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget			
HB 0167	<b>Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems</b>	Coley	01/12/11
01/12/11 - HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction			
SB 0168	<b>Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems</b>	Evers	02/22/11
02/22/11 - SENATE Now in Environmental Preservation and Conservation			
HB 0223	<b>Relating to Water and Wastewater Utilities</b>	Hudson	03/24/11
03/24/11 - HOUSE Now in Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee			
SB 0224	<b>Relating to Local Government Accountability</b>	Dean	05/03/11
05/03/11 - HOUSE Placed on Third reading			



HB 0239	<b>Relating to Water Quality</b> 04/26/11 - SENATE In Messages	Williams (T)	04/26/11
HB 0285	<b>Relating to Public Meetings</b> 02/01/11 - HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee	Eisnaugle	02/01/11
SB 0310	<b>Relating to Public Meetings</b> 01/05/11 - SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules	Negron	01/05/11
HB 0389	<b>Relating to Environmental Permits</b> 04/21/11 - SENATE In Messages	Glorioso	04/21/11
HB 0421	<b>Relating to Agricultural-related Exemptions to Water Management Requirements</b> 05/03/11 - SENATE Received; Referred to Agriculture; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget	Bembry	05/03/11
HB 0453	<b>Relating to Environmental Surcharge on Bottled Water</b> 02/07/11 - HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Rehwinkel Vasilinda	02/07/11
SB 0486	<b>Relating to Water Management District Governing Boards</b> 01/25/11 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget	Hays	01/25/11
HB 0507	<b>Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems</b> 01/26/11 - HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction	Fullwood	01/26/11
HB 0649	<b>Relating to Water Management Districts</b> 04/28/11 - SENATE In Messages	Pilon	04/28/11
HB 0651	<b>Relating to Reuse of Reclaimed Water</b> 02/16/11 - HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction	Pilon	02/16/11
HB 0707	<b>Relating to Agriculture</b> 04/05/11 - HOUSE Temporarily postponed by Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee	Crisafulli	04/05/11
SB 0882	<b>Relating to Water Management Districts</b> 04/01/11 - SENATE Now in Budget	Detert	04/01/11
SB 0914	<b>Relating to Effective Public Notices By Governmental Entities</b> 02/17/11 - SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Budget	Bennett	02/17/11
SB 0934	<b>Relating to Stormwater Management Permits</b> 04/06/11 - SENATE Now in Budget	Storms	04/06/11
SB 0950	<b>Relating to Water and Wastewater Utilities</b> 04/14/11 - SENATE Now in Budget	Bennett	04/14/11
HB 0991	<b>Relating to Environmental Permitting</b> 05/02/11 - HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed	Patronis	05/02/11
HB 1001	<b>Relating to Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water</b> 03/03/11 - HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Williams (T)	03/03/11
SB 1048	<b>Relating to Public Utilities</b> 02/17/11 - SENATE Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Budget	Lynn	02/17/11
SB 1090	<b>Relating to Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria</b> 04/14/11 - SENATE Temporarily postponed by Environmental Preservation and Conservation	Dean	04/14/11
SB 1122	<b>Relating to Growth Management</b> 05/02/11 - SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 05/03/11	Bennett	05/02/11



SB 1174	<b>Relating to Exemptions to Water Management Requirements</b>	Siplin	05/03/11
	05/03/11 - SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
HB 1401	<b>Relating to Federal Intrusion into State's Clean Water Program</b>	Steube	04/26/11
	04/26/11 - SENATE In Messages		
SB 1404	<b>Relating to Environmental Permitting</b>	Evers	04/14/11
	04/14/11 - SENATE Not considered by Environmental Preservation and Conservation		
HB 1457	<b>Relating to Municipal Water and Sewer Utilities</b>	Watson	03/18/11
	03/18/11 - HOUSE Now in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee		
HB 1485	<b>Relating to Water Management Districts</b>	Metz	03/30/11
	03/30/11 - HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee		
SB 1490	<b>Relating to Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria</b>	Evers	03/09/11
	03/09/11 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Budget		
SB 1514	<b>Relating to Environmental Regulation</b>	Latvala	04/14/11
	04/14/11 - SENATE Now in Budget		
SB 1698	<b>Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems</b>	Dean	05/02/11
	05/02/11 - SENATE Withdrawn from Budget		
SB 1842	<b>Relating to Water Management District Budgets</b>	Hays	03/14/11
	03/14/11 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget		
SB 1914	<b>Relating to Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water</b>	Evers	03/16/11
	03/16/11 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Budget		
SB 2014	<b>Relating to Municipal Water And Sewer Utilities</b>	Braynon	03/22/11
	03/22/11 - SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Budget		
SB 2142	<b>Relating to Water Management Districts</b>	Budget	04/26/11
	04/26/11 - SENATE Conference Committee appointed: Senators Alexander (Chair), Negron (Vice Chair); Senators Alexander (Chair), Negron (Vice Chair), Gaetz, Gardiner, Siplin, Thrasher (At Large); Budget Conference Committee on FRS/Retirement: Ring (Chair), Benacquisto; Budget Conference Committee on Professional Deregulation: Hays (Chair); Budget Conference Committee on Governmental Reorganization: Gaetz (Chair); Budget Conference Committee on SEED Fund: Gaetz (Chair); Budget Conference Committee on State Employee Group Health Insurance: Negron (Chair); Budget Conference Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice/Justice: Fasano (Chair), Bennett, Evers, Joyner, Sachs, Storms, Thrasher; Budget Conference Committee on Education Pre-K - 12/PreK-12: Simmons (Chair), Bullard, Detert, Dockery, Montford, Wise; Budget Conference Committee on General Government/Government Operations: Hays (Chair), Dean, Diaz de la Portilla, Jones, Ring; Budget Conference Committee on Health and Human Services/Health Care: Negron (Chair), Flores, Garcia, Norman, Richter, Sobel; Budget Conference Committee on Higher Education/Higher Education: Lynn (Chair), Altman, Braynon, Oelrich, Siplin; Budget Conference Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development/Transportation and Economic Development: Gaetz (Chair), Benacquisto, Bogdanoff, Hill, Latvala, Margolis, Smith		
HB 4089	<b>Relating to Soil and Water Conservation</b>	Nelson	03/02/11
	03/02/11 - HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction		
HB 5005	<b>Relating to Deregulation of Professions and Occupations</b>	Business & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee	04/26/11
	04/26/11 - HOUSE Conference Committee appointed: Representative Hukill		
HB 5007	<b>Relating to Reducing and Streamlining Regulations</b>	Business & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee	04/26/11
	04/26/11 - SENATE Conference Committee appointed: Senators Alexander (Chair), Negron (Vice Chair); Senators Alexander (Chair), Negron (Vice Chair), Gaetz, Gardiner, Siplin, Thrasher (At Large); Budget Conference Committee on FRS/Retirement: Ring (Chair), Benacquisto; Budget Conference Committee on Professional Deregulation: Hays (Chair); Budget Conference Committee on Governmental Reorganization: Gaetz (Chair); Budget Conference Committee on SEED Fund: Gaetz (Chair); Budget Conference Committee on State Employee Group Health Insurance: Negron (Chair); Budget		

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HB 7129	<b>Relating to Growth Management</b>	Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee	04/29/11
04/29/11 - SENATE Received; Referred to Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Budget			
SB 7154	<b>Relating to Water Management Districts</b>	Budget	04/01/11
04/01/11 - SENATE Committee Bill Filed as S 2142			
HB 7187	<b>Relating to Florida Water Resources Act of 1972</b>	Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	04/21/11
04/21/11 - SENATE In Messages			
HB 7237	<b>Relating to Water Management District Planning and Budgeting</b>	Select Committee on Water Policy	04/21/11
04/21/11 - SENATE In Messages			

