



**WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL
WATER
SUPPLY
AUTHORITY**

Board Meeting Package

May 20, 2015
3:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

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

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Water Supply Authority Board of Directors and Interested Parties

From: Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

Date: May 6, 2015

Subject: Monthly Meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

The next meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will be on **Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 3:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Center Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.**

Enclosed for your review are the following items:

- Agenda
- Minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting
- Board Package*

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

Enclosures

- * 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.

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

**LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING
3600 W. SOVEREIGN PATH, ROOM 166, LECANTO, FLORIDA 34461
May 20, 2015 @ 3:30 p.m.**

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

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Introductions and Announcements**
Presentation of Plaque to Immediate Past Chair
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Board Briefing . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA**
- 7. Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA**
- 8. Report on the SJRWMD North Central Florida Water Initiative . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA**
- 9. Report on Charles A. Black Wellfield Activities . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA**
- 10. Executive Director's Report . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA**
 - a. Bills to be Paid [March 2015 bills included in packet; April 2015 Bills to be Provided in hand-out]**
 - b. Board Policies – Alternate Board Members**
 - c. Correspondence**
 - d. News Articles**
 - e. Other**
- 11. Legislative Report . . . Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant**
- 12. Attorney's Report . . . Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney**
- 13. Other Business**
- 14. Next Meeting Time and Location . . . June 17, 2015, 3:30 p.m., Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461**
- 15. Adjournment**

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Item 4.
Minutes

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2015**

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

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Butler called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. Roll Call

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Al Butler, *Vice-Chairman*, Sumter County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, *Treasurer*, Citrus County Commissioner
Robert Battista, Brooksville City Councilor
Ken Brown, Crystal River City Councilor
Scott Carnahan, Citrus County Commissioner
Don Hahnfeldt, Sumter County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilor

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Alys Brockway, Hernando County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Earl Arnett, Marion County Commissioner
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilor
Stan McClain, *Vice-Chairman*, Marion County Commissioner
Nick Nicholson, Hernando County Commissioner

3. Introductions and Announcements

Mr. Owen requested two changes to the Agenda. The first revision was to postpone Item 6, Board Briefing, to the next meeting as all new members were not present at today's meeting. The second revision was to allow Chris Zajac, SWFWMD, to present a preview of the District's Regional Water Supply Plan. There being no opposition, the Agenda was revised as stated.

STAFF PRESENT

Richard Owen, Executive Director
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Nancy Smith, WRWSA Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Jacob Arnette, Marion County

Debra Burden, Citrus County Water Conservation
Ken Cheek, Citrus County Water Resources
Richard Radacky, DPW City of Brooksville
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

4. Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2015 Meeting

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

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carnahan and carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Regional Water Supply Plan Preview . . . Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

Chris Zajac, Government Affairs Program Manager, presented a preview of the District Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) that is under development. This five-year update coordinates with the Regional Water Supply Plans prepared by the three water supply authorities within the SWFWMD region. Mr. Zajac discussed the preliminary population and water demand projections that will serve as the basis for the updated plan. Future water demands are anticipated to be met by using a variety of water resources, in priority order, that include conservation, reclaimed water, development of groundwater, surface water, seawater and water storage in reservoirs and ASR facilities. Mr. Zajac reported that the District places a priority on implementing regional solutions to water supply development, including cooperating with regional water supply authorities.

Discussion by the Board focused on the anticipated demands and the priorities to meet those demands. Mr. Brown was concerned that the focus for new water supply development continues to be groundwater. Although it may be less expensive, he stated that reliance on groundwater might lead to environmental issues, as in other areas of the district. Mr. Damato suggested that the priorities for water supply development should place seawater last; storage and transmission facilities will be more important in the event that seawater desalination or other alternative supplies are needed in other areas of this region. Mr. Damato further stated that the District should take the lead in making the priority revisions. Mr. Swain stated that if the population projections are correct, and groundwater continues to be used, all of the springs in Sumter County would dry up. Mr. Brown suggested that the 20-year time frame of the plan be extended and that the District should not continue to use groundwater as the priority water supply. Mr. Haag asked if the money spent in the southern regions included costs for transmission? Chris Zajac responded that transmission costs were part of the projects. For example, when funding reclaimed water projects, the majority of costs are for transmission.

7. Local Government Grant Program . . . Richard Owen, WRWSA

Mr. Owen reviewed the annual grants program, which was established by the WRWSA to assist local member governments with water supply development and water conservation projects. In recent years, the grants have been used exclusively for water conservation programs. Mr. Owen recommended that the Board continue this program for fiscal year 2015/16, to provide \$130,000 in funding, and to limit the grant to water conservation projects only.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the total allocation of funds at \$130,000 for fiscal year 2015/16 for the Local Government Grant Program and limit such grants to water conservation projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously.

8. Water Conservation Month Resolution . . . Richard Owen, WRWSA

Mr. Owen presented a Water Conservation Resolution for April 2015. The Resolution and declaration of April as water conservation month have been used by the Authority, and other state and local governments to focus attention on the need for and benefits of conservation and to highlight the resources available to conserve water.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve and execute Resolution No. 2015-01 declaring April 2015 as "Water Conservation Month". The motion was seconded by Mr. Carnahan and carried unanimously.

9. Potential Regional Water Supply Projects . . . Richard Owen, WRWSA

Mr. Owen stated that this is a follow-up to the previous discussions of Potential Regional Water Supply Projects within the WRWSA. He has met with a number of local government staff members to discuss potential priority projects within their jurisdictions.

Citrus County's need is not a priority at this time. A more immediate concern is water supply development in Marion County. The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) is in the process of setting MFLs for Silver Springs and Silver River. It is anticipated the MFLs established for Silver Springs may include a prevention or recovery strategy. Depending on the outcome, there could be significant constraints on the groundwater resources available in portions of Marion County, particularly within the SJRWMD area. Mr. Owen has met with both Marion County staff and SJRWMD staff. If a prevention or recovery strategy is needed, solutions may include moving wells further away from the springs, using the Lower Floridan, or capturing excess stormwater or reclaimed water and retaining it for infiltration or pumping into the groundwater affecting Silver Springs. The County is looking at a possible groundwater project in the northwest portion of county as well as one further northeast of the springs. Mr. Owen has offered WRWSA assistance and partnership with any new water supply development projects.

The SJRWMD has three activities affecting the Silver Springs and Marion County: 1) setting MFLs; 2) developing a possible prevention or recovery strategy; and, 3) development of a regional water supply plan for a recently revised region, including eastern Marion County and part of Lake County. All of these activities are encompassed in what the SJRWMD refers to as the North Central Florida Water Initiative. Mr. Owen will keep the Board informed as these issues are further resolved.

Another project concept previously prioritized by the Board is water conservation. Water conservation continues to a major component in providing adequate water within the region. In a meeting with local government conservation staff, it was agreed that conservation efforts for outdoor irrigation continues to be needed. Future programs may enhance on-going programs by providing some assistance in maintaining irrigation systems or to provide a list of qualified contractors who could provide that service.

During Board discussion, Mr. Brown said that the SWFWMD was preparing a list of surplus land and asked if the WRWSA is looking at any of those lands for projects that were identified in the Regional Water Supply Plan Update. Mr. Owen agreed to research any possible lands that might be used by the WRWSA.

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

10. Bank Signature Cards ... Nancy Smith, WRWSA
a. and b. Bank Resolution and Ban Card Signatures

Mrs. Smith stated that following election of new officers in January, signatures are needed for a new bankcard and deposit resolution. Copies of the signature card and resolution are included in the Board's packet. She requested that the Board approve and authorize the officers to sign the bank signature card and deposit resolution.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve and authorize the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Treasurer and the ex officio Secretary to execute the new bank signature card and the Deposit Account Resolution and Authorization with Sun Trust bank. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.

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

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Owen presented the February 2015 bills and requested ratification of payment of the bills totaling \$25,024.57.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Swain to ratify payment of the February 2015 bills of \$25,024.57. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hahnfeldt and carried unanimously.

Mr. Owen presented the March 2015 bills and requested approval of payment of the bills totaling \$25,988.38.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve payment of the March 2015 bills of \$25,988.38. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swain and carried unanimously.

b. Board Policies – Responsibilities of Officers and Members

Mr. Owen presented the Board with a draft policy on the Responsibilities of Officers and Members, as provided in the Board's packet. Ms. Brockway suggested that the duties and responsibilities of Board Alternates be included in this policy. Mr. Owen responded that addressing Alternates would be appropriate either in this policy or in a separate policy. He recommended the Board go ahead and approve this policy as is, if there are no other suggestions, and staff will return at a future meeting with either an amendment to this policy or a separate policy concerning Alternates.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve Resolution 2015-03, Responsibilities of Officers and Members, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously.

c. 1st Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Owen reviewed the 1st Quarter Financial Report that was provided in the Board's packet. He recommended that the Board accept the report as presented.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Hahnfeldt to approve the 1st Quarter Financial Report for fiscal year 2015/16, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.

d. Correspondence

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

e. News Articles

Mr. Owen advised the Board that, at least during the legislative session, news articles are sent to Board members via email or mail along with the weekly legislative bill tracking report. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

f. Other

- *Citrus County Chronicle Editorial Board.* Following a meeting with the Chronicle's Editorial Board on January 7, 2015, the Citrus County Chronicle published an article on the Water Supply Authority and its activities. This was published in February as part of a "Monday Conversation" series.
- *Local Government Presentations.* Mr. Owen has continued to meet with the local governments and recently made presentations to the City of Brooksville and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners.
- *Citrus County Water School.* The University of Florida Extension Service and Citrus County Utilities hosted its first water school in February. Mr. Owen presented to the group on the second day. The sessions were well attended and represented a wide range of interests. Earl Arnett, Marion County and Dale Swain, Bushnell, both members of the WRWSA Board, attended the water school.

These items were presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

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

Mr. Owen informed the Board that Mrs. Salz is attending meetings in Tallahassee today, including a Senate Environmental Preservation committee meeting this afternoon to discuss HB 7003, Relating to Water Resources. Mrs. Salz informed Mr. Owen that the Senate, earlier today, has conformed its Amendment 1 bill to the House version, which will maintain the funding for affordable housing and transportation, as well as providing for environmental funding.

a. Correspondence to Senator Dean

Following direction from the Board at the January meeting, staff prepared a letter to Senator Dean requesting that lands acquired using Amendment 1 funds be available for use for water supply activities when consistent with the specific purpose for which the land is acquired. Mr. Owen asked the Board for approval to send the letter to Senator Dean.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the letter to Senator Dean. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swain and carried unanimously.**

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

There was no report from the attorney.

14. Other Business

15. Next Meeting Time and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015, 3:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

16. Adjournment

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

Al Butler, Chairman

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

Item 6.
Board Briefing

Item 6. Board Briefing . . . Richard Owen, WRWSA

The purpose of this item is to provide the Board members with an overview of the Authority, its current work program and ongoing priorities.

Staff Recommendation: This is an information item and no action is required.

Item 7.
FY 2015-16 Budget

Item 7. Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget . . . Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

Included as an exhibit to this item is the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 budget for the Board's review and approval. The budget has been prepared in a conservative manner in an effort to reduce costs and enhance efficiencies for the member governments. Outlined below are the major aspects of the proposed budget. Total proposed expenditures amount to \$448,578, representing a decrease from the current year in an amount of \$111,448, or 19.9%. Comprising the budget is:

- Administrative expenditures of \$212,428, down from the current year by \$4,014 or 1.9%.
- Water Supply Studies and Facilities expenditures of \$236,150, down from the current year by \$107,434 or 31.3%.
- Administrative Reserves in an amount of \$447,221, down from the current year by \$3,738 or 0.8%.
- Water Supply Development Reserves in an amount of \$822,595, up from the current year by \$136,682 or 19.9%.
- Combined Administrative and Water Supply Development Reserves total \$1,269,817, representing an increase of \$132,945 or 11.7%.

Revenues

Administrative

The Board set per capita assessments at \$0.19 per capita at its March 2015 Board meeting, the same assessment as in the last five years. The per capita assessment will generate \$145,223 in revenues, up just slightly from the current year (an increase of \$1,874) due to changes in the region's population. Administrative revenue from the Charles A. Black (CAB) wellfield facilities continues at \$60,000 pursuant to the water supply contract with Citrus County. Combined, these revenue sources generate \$205,223 in revenue for administrative purposes. This is slightly less than the proposed Administrative expenditures (\$212,428), with the difference (\$4,014) covered by utilization of Carryover Administrative Funds. Carryover Administrative Funds are estimated to be \$447,221 at the end of FY 2015-16.

Water Supply Facility Development

Revenues for Water Supply Facility Development are derived from matching funds generated by ongoing cooperative projects and the CAB wellfield amortization payments. Two cooperatively funded projects will continue into the fiscal year including Phases 2 and 3 of the Irrigation Audit Program. Revenues from cooperators during the fiscal year are projected to total \$14,363. The CAB wellfield is scheduled to generate \$163,587 in funds available for water supply development projects. Combined, these revenue sources generate \$177,950 in project-related revenues. The total project-related expenditures are estimated at \$236,150, with the difference of \$58,200 (\$236,150 - \$177,950) funded by utilization of Carryover WRDF reserves. Carryover WRDF reserve funds are estimated to be \$822,595 at the end of FY 2015-16.

Expenditures

General Administration

Staff has again worked diligently to hold the line on and reduce, where possible, administrative expenses. This has involved a comprehensive review of all administrative expenses, examining each for expenditures to-date, projected expenditures through the remaining fiscal year and then projecting these for the coming year. Most of the Authority's contracted staff support, including the Executive Director, Administrative Assistant and Legislative Consultant are proposed at the current fiscal year levels of funding. The budget for legal services, including meeting attendance and other services, has been reduced. The slight increase in audit services is consistent with the audit engagement letter, which provides for a cost-of-living adjustment each year. The bookkeeping services are proposed at the current year amount of \$500.00 per quarter. The Public Officials Liability Insurance cost is based upon the current fiscal year cost plus 5%. The remaining administrative expenses are based upon analysis of expenditures to-date and projected for the coming year. Contingencies represent approximately 5% of the other non-contract administrative costs (e.g., administrative costs excluding the Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, Legal Services, Legislative Consultant, Audit and Bookkeeping services).

Total administrative expenses are proposed at \$212,428, a decrease of \$4,014, or 1.9%, from the current fiscal year.

Water Supply Studies and Facilities

There are five (5) projects proposed in FY 2015-16, each of which is briefly described below.

1. General Services – the General Services project is proposed to continue at the current funding amount of \$75,000.
2. Local Government Water Supply Grants – the Board previously approved setting the Authority's Water Conservation Grants program at a funding level of \$130,000 for the year. Grant proposals are due by the end of June and will be presented at the Board's September meeting.
3. Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program – this program started in FY 2013-14 and is projected to be largely completed in the current year, with final reporting completed in early 2015-16.
4. Phase 3 Irrigation Audit Program – this third phase of the irrigation audit began in the current fiscal year and will continue throughout FY 2015-16.
5. Purvis Gray Rate Analysis – it is proposed that the Authority continue to utilize the services of Purvis Gray & Company to assist with revising the CAB Wellfield agreement with Citrus County and the associated schedule of payments. This effort has continued during the current year and at this time is projected to continue into the coming year.

Fund Balances

Total fund balances at the end of FY 2015-16 are projected to be \$1,269,817, with Administrative Reserves comprising \$447,221 and WRDF reserves being \$822,595. These funds could be used during FY 2015-16 for possible projects and costs that may arise and that are approved by the Board, and will be available for future project funding.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the FY 2014-15 budget, including expenditures in the amount of \$448,578, budgeted reserves in the amount of \$1,269,817, and a combined total amount of \$1,718,395, as presented in the Exhibit.

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

As of April 22, 2015

Revenues	4/1/14 Population Estimate	Comments	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2014-15	\$ Change	% Change
Revenues: Administrative						
Assessments:						
Citrus	140,798	249 person increase	\$26,752	\$26,704	\$47	0.2%
Hernando	174,955	1,147 person increase	\$33,241	\$33,024	\$218	0.7%
Marion	337,455	2,447 person increase	\$64,116	\$63,652	\$465	0.7%
Sumter	111,125	6,021 person increase	\$21,114	\$19,970	\$1,144	5.7%
Total Population/Assessments @						
19¢/Capita	764,333	See Attachment 1 for detail	\$145,223	\$143,349	\$1,874	1.3%
Administrative Revenue from Citrus Contract		Based on Citrus County contract	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	0.0%
Subtotal			\$205,223	\$203,349	\$1,874	0.9%
Carryover Administration Reserve Funds (FYE 14/15 Estimate) (SBA1)		See Attachment 2 for detail	\$454,426	\$464,052	-\$9,626	-2.1%
Total Administrative Revenue Available			\$659,649	\$667,401	-\$7,752	-1.2%
Revenues: Water Resource Development (WRD) Projects						
Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program SWFWMD Matching Funds		See Attach 3 for detail	\$750	\$35,295	-\$34,545	-97.9%
Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program Cooperator Matching Funds		See Attach 3 for detail	\$375	\$3,834	-\$3,459	-90.2%
Phase 3 Irrigation Audit Program SWFWMD Matching Funds		See Attach 4 for detail	\$8,825	\$28,500		
Phase 3 Irrigation Audit Program Cooperator Matching Funds		See Attach 4 for detail	\$4,413	\$14,250		
Annual Citrus Amortization Payments (SBA2)		Based on Citrus County contract	\$163,587	\$163,587	\$0	0.0%
Subtotal			\$177,950	\$245,466	-\$67,516	-27.5%
Carryover WRD Reserve Funds (FYE 14/15 Estimate) (SBA2)		See Attachment 2 for detail	\$880,795	\$784,031	\$96,764	12.3%
Total Water Resource Development Revenue Available			\$1,058,745	\$1,029,497	-\$8,756	-0.9%
Total Revenues Available			\$1,718,395	\$1,696,898	-\$16,508	-1.0%

1	WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY					
2	Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget					
3	As of April 22, 2015					
32	Expenditures	Comments	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2014-15	\$ Change	% Change
33	Expenditures: General Administration					
34	Executive Director	Based on annual contract	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	0.0%
35	Administrative Assistant	Based on annual contract	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$0	0.0%
36	Legal Services	Based on annual contract:				
37	Monthly Meetings @ \$500/meeting	Meetings reduced from 12 to 10	\$5,000	\$6,000	-\$1,000	-16.7%
38	Other Services @ \$150/hr.	Hours reduced based on experience	\$12,000	\$14,000	-\$2,000	-14.3%
39	Legislative Consultant	Based on annual contract	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$0	0.0%
40	Advertising	Based on recent usage	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.0%
41	Audit	Based on 3% CPI	\$9,405	\$9,130	\$275	3.0%
42	Bookkeeping Services	\$500/quarter per Engagement Letter	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.0%
43	Liability Insurance	Based on FY 14-15 plus 5% rounded up	\$2,500	\$2,310	\$190	8.2%
44	Office Supplies	Based on recent usage	\$800	\$1,200	-\$400	-33.3%
45	Postage	Based on recent usage	\$800	\$900	-\$100	-11.1%
46	Printing and Reproduction	Based on recent usage	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.0%
47	Publications/Software	Based on recent usage	\$200	\$200	\$0	0.0%
48	Rent (Lecanto Gov't Bldg)	Based on lease agreement	\$2,048	\$2,048	\$0	0.0%
49	Registrations/Dues	Based on inventory	\$1,900	\$2,000	-\$100	-5.0%
50	State Fees/Assessments	Based on recent usage	\$175	\$175	\$0	0.0%
51	Telephone	Based on recent usage	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0	0.0%
52	Travel	Based on recent usage	\$9,000	\$9,500	-\$500	-5.3%
53	Web Page / Computer Maintenance	Based on recent usage	\$2,000	\$2,150	-\$150	-7.0%
54	Contingencies	@ 5% of non-contract admin costs	\$1,000	\$1,229	-\$229	-18.6%
55	Subtotal - General Administration Expenditures		\$212,428	\$216,442	-\$4,014	-1.9%
56						
57	Fund Balance for Admin. Reserves FYE 15/16	FYE14/15 Admin Funds Bal + FY15/16	\$447,221	\$450,959	-\$3,738	-0.8%
58		Admin Rev's - FY15/16 Admin Exp's				
59						
60	Expenditures: Water Resource Development Projects					
61	General Services Contract	RFQ's - Firms on Call	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%
62	Local Government Grant Program	Based on Board direction	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0	0.0%
63	Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program	See Attach 3 Ph 2 Program	\$1,500	\$69,584	-\$68,084	-97.8%
64	Phase 3 Irrigation Audit Program	See Attach 4 Ph 3 Program	\$17,650	\$57,000		
65	Purvis Gray Rate Analysis (CAB WSF)	Continuation of Contract with Purvis Gray	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0	0.0%
66	Subtotal - Water Resource Development Projects		\$236,150	\$343,584	-\$107,434	-31.3%
67						
68	Fund Balance for Water Resource Development Reserves FYE 15/16	FYE14/15 WRD Funds Bal + FY15/16	\$822,595	\$685,913	\$136,682	19.9%
69		WRD Rev's - FY15/16 WRD Exp's				
70						
71	Total Administration and WRD Expenses		\$448,578	\$680,026	-\$111,448	-19.9%
72						
73	Total Administration and WRD Fund Balances at FYE 16/16		\$1,269,817	\$1,136,872	\$132,945	11.7%
74						
75	Combined Expenditures and Fund Balances		\$1,718,395	\$1,696,898	\$21,498	1.3%

ATTACHMENT 1

CALCULATION OF REVENUE FOR 2015-16 AND CALCULATION OF AMOUNT OF FUNDS NEEDED FROM RESERVES As of April 22, 2015

Revenue	4/1/14 Population	Annual Amount	Sub-Totals
LOCAL ASSESSMENTS @ 19¢ PER CAPITA			
Citrus	140,798	\$26,752	
Hernando	174,955	\$33,241	
Marion	337,455	\$64,116	
Sumter	111,125	\$21,114	
Subtotal	764,333		\$145,223
CHARLES A. BLACK WATER SUPPLY FACILITY			
Amortization of Wellfield Cost		\$163,587	
Administrative Contribution		\$60,000	
Subtotal			\$223,587
MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STUDIES			
SWFWMD Match for Phase 2 Irrigation Audits		\$750	
Cooperator Match for Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program		\$375	
SWFWMD Match for Phase 3 Irrigation Audits		\$8,825	
Cooperator Match for Phase 3 Irrigation Audit Program		\$4,413	
Subtotal			\$14,363
TOTAL REVENUE FOR FY 2015-16			\$383,173
Less: 2015-16 Administration Expense			-\$212,428
Less: 2015-16 WRD Cost			-\$236,150
Funds Required from WRWSA Reserves			-\$65,405

ATTACHMENT 2

ANALYSIS OF BEGINNING FUND BALANCES

FY 2015 - 2016

As of April 22, 2015

ANALYSIS OF WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FUND BALANCE		
03/31/15 WRDF Balance (SBA2)		\$946,405
FY 2014-15 WRD Fund Revenues		
Citrus Co. Payments 4/15 - 9/15 @ \$13,632.25/month		\$81,794
Irrigation Audit Phase 2 Reimbursements		\$8,739
Irrigation Audit Phase 3 Reimbursements		\$25,350
	Subtotal	\$1,062,287
Less: FY 2014-15 Remaining Contract Balances:		
2014-15 Citrus Water Conservation Program	\$40,250	
2014-15 Hernando Water Conservation Program	\$48,150	
2014-15 Marion Water Conservation Program	\$32,350	
Irrigation Audit Phase 2	\$12,923	
Irrigation Audit Phase 3	\$17,650	
2014-15 General Services Contract	\$18,170	
Purvis Gray CAB Support	\$12,000	
	Expenditures Subtotal	\$181,492
Total WRD Funds at end of FY2014-15		\$880,795
ANALYSIS OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUND BALANCE		
03/31/15 Admin Bal (SBA1)		\$524,470
Admin from CAB WSF @ \$5,000/month		\$30,000
Less remaining FY Admin costs for 6 months		-\$100,044
Total Administrative Funds at end of FY2014-15		\$454,426
PROJECTED FUND BALANCES AT END OF FY2015-16		
Total Fund Balances beginning of FY 2015-16:		\$1,335,221
Add: 2015-16 Revenues		\$383,173
Deduct 2015-16 Expenses:		-\$448,578
Projected Fund Balances at end of FY 2015-16:		\$1,269,817

ATTACHMENT 3
Analysis of Revenues and Expenditures
Phase 2 Regional Irrigation System Evaluation Program (N491)
As of April 22, 2015

ANALYSIS OF PHASE 2 REGIONAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM EVALUATION, CFI PROGRAM N491								
REVENUE								
	2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016	Program Total
	Budget	Received	Budget	Received	Budget	Projected	Budget	
SWFWMD Match	\$21,030	\$8,220	\$52,585	\$25,787	\$35,295	\$8,739	\$750	\$43,496
LG Match	\$36,038	\$24,100	\$0	\$1,570	\$3,834	\$500	281	\$26,170
Villages Match	\$2,628	\$2,693	\$6,573	\$2,742		\$453	94	\$5,888
TOTAL	\$59,696	\$35,013	\$59,158	\$30,099	\$39,129	\$9,692	\$1,125	\$75,929
EXPENDITURES								
	2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016	Program Total
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget	
	\$42,060	\$17,446	\$105,170	\$50,874	\$69,584	\$12,923	\$1,500	\$82,743

Notes:

Phase 2 evaluations and follow-up inspections will be complete by September 30, 2015.
The final report will be completed and a final invoice, if any, will be submitted by November 30, 2015.
Contract expiration date is December 31, 2015.

Funds on Deposit: Received \$12,012.50 from Citrus and Hernando counties each, for a total of \$24,025. Only portions of this money will be spent.
Will be using these remaining funds to cover portions of Phase 3 costs.

ATTACHMENT 4
Analysis of Revenues and Expenditures
Phase 3 Regional Irrigation System Evaluation Program (N640)
As of April 22, 2015

ANALYSIS OF PHASE 3 REGIONAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM EVALUATION, CFI PROGRAM N640								
REVENUE								
	2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017		Total Contract	
	Budget	Estimate	Budget	Projected	Budget	Projected		
SWFWMD Match	\$28,500	\$25,350	\$8,825	\$8,825	\$1,375	\$1,375	\$35,550	
LG Match	\$14,250	\$12,675	\$4,413	\$4,413	\$688	\$688	\$17,775	
TOTAL	\$42,750	\$38,025	\$13,238	\$13,238	\$2,063	\$2,063	\$53,325	
EXPENDITURES								
	2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017		Total	
	Budget	Est. Act.	Budget	Projected	Budget	Projected	Total	
	\$57,000	\$50,700	\$17,650	\$17,650	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$71,100	

EXPENDITURES: Revised based on final contract between SWFWMD/WRWSA

Notes:

LG Matching Revenues will come from "Funds on Deposit." Except, MC may have to issue PO for balance.

Expenditures	Expenditure Calculations								Total Program Budget
	Item	Cost	2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017		
		\$ per item	#	Total	#	Total	#	Total	
	Evaluations	\$340.00	105	\$35,700.00	35	\$11,900.00	0	\$0.00	\$47,600.00
	Sensor	\$75.00	105	\$7,875.00	35	\$2,625.00	0	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
	Follow-up	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	10	\$1,000.00	25	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00
	Administration	\$50.00	105	\$5,250.00	35	\$1,750.00		\$0.00	\$7,000.00
	Marketing	\$2,500.00	75%	\$1,875.00	15%	\$375.00	10%	\$250.00	\$2,500.00
				\$50,700.00		\$17,650.00		\$2,750.00	
	Revenues: Calculate at 75%							\$71,100.00	\$71,100.00

Item 8.
Report on SJRWMD
North Central Florida
Water Initiative

Item 8. Report on the SJRWMD North Central Florida Water Initiative . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA

Authority staff have met with staff of the SJRWMD regarding the District's proposed minimum flow and level for Silver Springs and an associated recovery and/or prevention (R/P) strategy. The proposed MFL is part of a larger initiative by the District entitled the North Central Florida Water Initiative. Encompassing the eastern portion of Marion County and northern Lake County, the Initiative includes development of a Regional Water Supply Plan, setting the MFL's for Silver Spring and the Silver and Ocklawaha rivers, development of any required R/P strategies and implementation of these strategies including potential regulatory and project components.

Depending upon the outcome of the proposed MFLs and associated R/P strategies, this Initiative could have far reaching implications for the WRWSA and some of its member governments and other utilities within the area in terms of the availability of groundwater resources. Consumptive Use Permittees not only within eastern Marion and north Lake counties, but also within adjacent areas of western Marion, northern Sumter and eastern Citrus counties could also potentially be affected by the Initiative.

Staff will discuss with the Board the latest developments within the District's Initiative and options for moving forward to ensure our interests and the interests of member governments are taken into consideration by the District.

Staff Recommendation: This item is presented for information purposes and feedback from the Board.

**Item 9.
Report on
Charles A. Black
Wellfield Activities**

Item 9. Report on Charles A. Black Wellfield Activities . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA

Authority staff have met with Citrus County staff regarding potential revisions to the Charles A. Black (CAB) wellfield. This has included continuing discussions on a revised Contract for Water Supply, potential expansion of the service area to address private wells contaminated with arsenic in northwest Citrus County and potential interconnection with the County's Sugar Mill Woods service area. Staff will provide a status report on these activities.

Staff Recommendation: This item is presented for information purposes and feedback from the Board.

Item 10.a.
Bills to be Paid
March 2015

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

Bills For Payment
4/15/15

<u>Administrative Invoices</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richard S. Owen, AICP	2015-03	4/2/15	\$6,958.11
Nancy Smith, Administrative Assistant	2015-03	4/3/15	\$3,350.06
Haag, Friedrich & Williams, PA	30521-30522	3/25/15	\$963.74
Diane Salz - Monthly Contract fee	#033115	3/31/15	\$3,500.00
Al Butler	Bd. Mtg. Travel	3/18/15	\$27.59
Dale Swain	Bd. Mtg. Travel	3/18/15	\$27.59
Karen Allen	#0061	4/8/15	\$75.00
1-Stop Prints of Citrus County	15-00599	4/9/15	\$40.00
Sun Trust Business Card Statement (see attached)	422015	4/2/15	\$164.72 (1)
Total Administrative Invoices			\$15,106.81

<u>Water Supply Studies and Facilities (FY 14-15)</u>	<u>Contract/Budget</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Current Invoice</u>
General Services Contract	\$75,000.00	\$47,645.76	
Work Order 14-03. Water Resource Associates	\$27,354.24	\$18,169.60	\$1,353.15
FY14-15 Local Government Water Supply Projects			
Citrus Water Conservation Pgm	\$40,250.00	\$40,250.00	\$0.00
Hernando Water Conservation Pgm	\$48,150.00	\$48,150.00	\$0.00
Marion Water Conservation Pgm	\$32,350.00	\$32,350.00	\$0.00
Phase 2 Irrigation Program (2013-2015)	\$69,584.00	\$67,384.00	\$200.00
Phase 3 Irrigation Program	\$57,000.00	\$40,658.65	\$5,643.00 (2)
Purvis Gray CAB Rate Analysis Work Order	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Total FY 14-15	\$334,334.00	\$288,438.41	\$7,196.15

Total Bills to be Paid	\$22,302.96
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State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA2 to SBA1	\$7,196.15
State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA1 to SunTrust Bank	\$22,303.00

Notes:

(1) Total SunTrust amount is \$311.72. \$147.00 postage expense charged to Phase 3 irrigation Program.

(2) Break-down of charges for Phase 3:

Jack Overdorff, evaluations: \$4,980.00

Nancy H. Smith Inc., administration: \$600.00

1-stop Prints, printing: \$63.00

**Item 10.b.
Board Policies –
Alternate Board Members**

Item 10.b. Board Policies – Alternate Board Members . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA

The purpose of this item is for the Board to adopt a new Board policy entitled “Alternate Board Members.” The benefit of adopting a policy will be to provide clarity to the Board on Alternate responsibilities, to provide consistency over time and to provide guidance to staff. Staff is seeking any input from the Board on the draft policy. A copy of the draft policy is included as an Exhibit.

The Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement which establishes the Authority, as approved in January 2014, provides for Alternate Board members. Specifically, Section V states, in part, *“A County or municipality represented on the Board may appoint an alternate to each Board member representative from that respective County or municipality and such alternate shall have the power to vote in the absence of the primary designated representative. Alternates must be appointed by the respective county commission or city council and, if not a member of that county commission or city council, must be a staff member of the respective local government.”*

Staff discussed with the Board at its May 2014 meeting certain procedures regarding how the Authority would administer and assist Board Alternates. Some of the topics discussed at that time are appropriate for inclusion in a Board Policy governing Alternates, while other topics are more appropriately documented in a Staff Procedure. Attached as exhibits to this item are a proposed Board Policy entitled “Alternate Board Members” and an associated Staff Procedure regarding Board Alternates. Staff is looking for any input from the Board on either the Policy or Procedure.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board adopt the proposed Policy governing Alternate Board Members, as shown in the Exhibit, including any changes approved by the Board at the meeting. No Board action is necessary on the Staff Procedure for Alternates.

See Exhibits.

BOARD POLICY	
WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY	
TITLE: ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS	
NUMBER 2015-04	PAGE: 1 OF 1
APPROVED BY:	AL BUTLER, CHAIR EFFECTIVE DATE: SUPERSEDES:

The purpose of this Policy is to document how Board Alternates are to participate in Board meetings in the absence of the primary Board representative. The Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement, which establishes the Authority, as approved in January 2014, provides for Alternate Board members. Specifically, Section V states, in part, *"A County or municipality represented on the Board may appoint an alternate to each Board member representative from that respective County or municipality and such alternate shall have the power to vote in the absence of the primary designated representative. Alternates must be appointed by the respective county commission or city council and, if not a member of that county commission or city council, must be a staff member of the respective local government."* This Board Policy further enumerates how Alternates are to represent their respective member government during Authority Board meetings.

1. An Alternate may only sit as a Board member in a Board meeting when the primary Board representative for that respective member government is absent from the meeting. Board Alternates are to sit at the Board table when representing their member government.
2. For those member governments that have more than one Board member position, an Alternate appointed by that member government may sit for any absent Board member. An Alternate may sit for only one Board member during a meeting.
3. When a Board Member officer is not present, the Alternate will not serve as the officer.
4. If none of the officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer) are present at a Board meeting where there is otherwise a quorum, the Authority Board may elect a chair pro-tem for the duration of the meeting (Sec. VIII.4, Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement). An Alternate may be elected to serve as chair pro-term for such purposes.
5. A quorum for purposes of approving the annual budget requires at least one county commission member representative from each of the member counties (Sec. X.4., Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement). A county Alternate may not sit as this county commission member representative for purposes of approving the annual budget when such Alternate is not an elected official.
6. Alternates present at the meeting where the budget is to be approved may vote on the budget.
7. Alternates are not authorized to sign checks.

AUTHORITY: Chapters 189 and 373, Florida Statutes
REFERENCES: Staff Procedure 2015-4, Board Alternates

STAFF PROCEDURE			
WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY			
TITLE: ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS		PAGE: 1 OF 1	
NUMBER 2015-04			
APPROVED BY:	RICHARD OWEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	EFFECTIVE DATE:	SUPERSEDES:

The purpose of this Procedure is to document how staff will provide support to and administer Board Alternates. The Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement, which establishes the Authority, as approved in January 2014, provides for Alternate Board members. Specifically, Section V states, in part, *"A County or municipality represented on the Board may appoint an alternate to each Board member representative from that respective County or municipality and such alternate shall have the power to vote in the absence of the primary designated representative. Alternates must be appointed by the respective county commission or city council and, if not a member of that county commission or city council, must be a staff member of the respective local government."* This Staff Procedure further enumerates how staff will support Alternates and how Alternates are to participate in Authority Board meetings.

1. Board Meeting Notices and Meeting Packets – All Board members, including Alternates, receive prior notification of Board meetings. Printed meeting packets are provided to each Board Member, typically 7 calendar days prior to each meeting. Alternates will not be provided a separate printed copy of meeting packets. Rather, Alternates should coordinate with their respective primary Board representatives to obtain the printed package. In addition, Alternates will receive email notice of meetings, including notification that the meeting agenda and the Board packet in electronic format are available on line at the WRWSA webpage [www.wrwsa.org].
2. Email Notices - Correspondence emailed to all Members will also be emailed to Alternates.
3. Seating – Alternates will be seated at the seat normally designated for their respective primary Board member.
4. Establishing a Quorum - WRWSA staff will contact Alternates for purposes of establishing a quorum only when determined necessary.
5. Travel Expenses - Mileage may be paid to each Alternate seated for a Board member, unless said Alternate is using a city- or county-owned vehicle. Reimbursement for travel will be as provided in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes (Sec. VI.2., Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement).

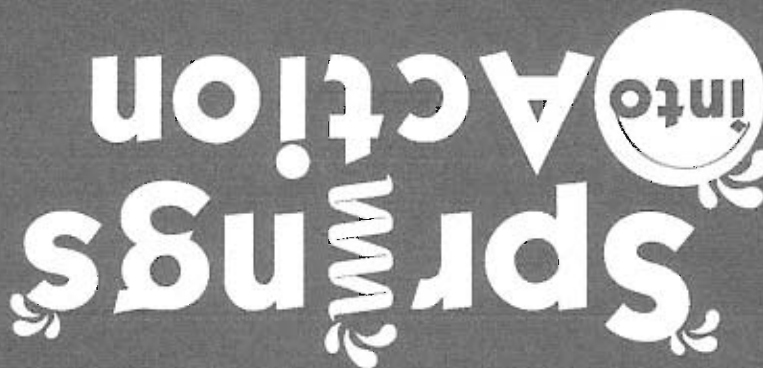
AUTHORITY: Chapters 189 and 373, Florida Statutes
REFERENCES: Board Policy 2015-4, Board Alternates

Item 10.c.
Correspondence



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FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015

A Springs Protection Workshop



GET INVOLVED FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Registration: Glen Lakes Country Clubhouse, 9000 Glen Lakes Blvd., Weeki Wachee, FL 34613

***Important:** Please plan to arrive early – this is a gated community and you must stop at the guard gate to pass. Please tell the guard you are going to the **CLUBHOUSE** to attend the **SPRINGS INTO ACTION WORKSHOP**.

9:00 Welcome: Tommy Bronson, Governing Board Member, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and Hernando County Groundwater Guardian and Alys Brockway, Water Resource Manager, Hernando County Utilities Department

9:10 A Global Look at Groundwater Protection: Jane Griffin, The Groundwater Foundation, Lincoln, NE

9:40 Anatomy of a Spring: A Lesson in Geology, Hydrogeology and Groundwater: Harley Means, P.G., Assistant State Geologist, Florida Geological Survey, Tallahassee, FL

10:30 Break: View Displays and Networking

10:45 Springs Into Action: Efforts, Actions and Strategies for Springs Protection: Dr. Chris Anastasiou, Chief Environmental Scientist, SWFWMD

11:30 Central Florida Gems: Flaws Beneath the Surface of our Freshwater Springs: Dr. Kirsten Work, Professor of Biology, Stetson University, Deland, FL

12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)

Depart Glen Lakes and travel to Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, 6131 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL 34606

Springs Into Action—Water Quality Program

1:30 p.m. Nature Coast Recreation: Enjoying the Springs Responsibly! Brack Barker, Wild Florida Adventures, Williston, FL

2:15 Springs and the Status of Their Natural Systems: Sky Notestein, Senior Environmental Scientist, SWFWMD

3:00 Water Quality Restoration Plan for Weeki Wachee Spring: Terry J. Hansen, P.G. Environmental Consultant, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

3:30 Springs Into Action: The ACTION part of our Workshop!

ACTIONS to choose from, select only one.

☐ Interpretive Boat Ride or

☐ Algae Removal and Eelgrass Planting (supplies provided)

****Bring clothes to change into if you want to participate in the algae removal and eelgrass planting. These are water activities. You likely will get wet and/or dirty.**

You may RSVP by returning the self-addressed stamp card included or email: waterconservation@co.hernando.fl.us or phone: (352) 754-4705.

Please let us know you plan to attend by Friday, May 22, 2015.



☐ YES! I would like to attend the Springs Into Action Workshop on June 5, 2015.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please fill out this card and place in the mail. We will reserve a space just for you! Or, email your information to: waterconservation@co.hernando.fl.us or call us at (352) 754-4705.

After the presentations conclude, I would like to participate in the Action part of the workshop at the Weeki Wachee Springs State Park. Only select one:

☐ Interpretive Boat Tour OR ☐ Algae Removal and Eelgrass Planting



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March 18, 2015

Mr. Mike Register
Division Director
Regulatory, Engineering and Environmental Services
St. Johns River Water Management District
P.O. Box 1429
Palatka, FL 32178-1429

Dear Mike:

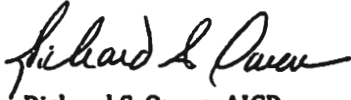
It was a pleasure meeting with you and your staff last week. I appreciate your taking the time to meet with us to discuss the District's North Central Florida Water Initiative (NCFWI), encompassing eastern Marion County and north Lake County. The NCFWI includes efforts to set a minimum flow and level on Silver Springs, development of an associated Prevention or Recovery Strategy that is anticipated to be needed based upon work done to-date by the District, and development of a Regional Water Supply Plan for the NCFWI area. These efforts will clearly have significant ramifications on the availability of water resources in the region, and perhaps beyond to other areas of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's (Authority) jurisdiction, and how growing water demands can best be met in the future. The Authority is interested in being involved in these endeavors as a participating stakeholder. The Authority would also like to be a potential partner in the implementation of water supply development projects that come out of the NCFWI as potential solutions within Marion County, particularly those that would benefit from multijurisdictional involvement and regional approaches.

As mentioned at the meeting, the Authority recently completed updating its Regional Water Supply Plan, including that portion of Marion County in the SJRWMD. This included development of demand projections through the year 2035 and options for water supply development to meet future demands. District staff participated in the development of this Plan, providing the best information available at the time. We would hope the District would build upon the results of our Plan update, similar to the approach taken by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Specific to the District's Regional Water Supply Plan for the NCFWI area, we look forward to working with the District to "jointly develop" the water supply development component

of the plan pursuant to s. 373.709(3), *Florida Statutes*. We are currently working with the SWFWMD as they prepare their RWSP for their Northern Planning region and look forward to achieving a similar cooperative approach with the SJRWMD.

Again, thanks to you and your staff for meeting with us and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard S. Owen".

Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

cc: WRWSA Board of Directors
Eric DeHaven, SWFWMD
George Schlutermann, SWFWMD
Flip Mellinger, Marion County
Jeff Halcomb, City of Ocala
Peter Hubbell, WRA

Item 10.d.
News Articles

Subject: Fwd: H2O Coalition Clips, 5/6/15
From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, May 06, 2015 9:57 am
To: Richard Owen <richardowen@wrwsa.org>
Cc: Nancy Smith <nsmith@wrwsa.org>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ryan Duffy <Ryan.Duffy@hkstrategies.com>
Date: May 6, 2015 at 9:43:10 AM EDT
To: Ryan Duffy <Ryan.Duffy@hkstrategies.com>
Subject: H2O Coalition Clips, 5/6/15

<http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/columns/column/2228369>

Column: A water policy for all of Florida

By Wilton Simpson,
May 6, 2015
Tampa Bay Times

A few days ago we saw an unfortunate failure of leadership in the Legislature. As a businessman still somewhat new to the process, I was disappointed that the will of the majority was bypassed. By putting politics before the work of the people, too many important issues were left stuck in the balance.

One of these issues is the future of our environment, particularly the protection and management of our water. Because of the impasse, no comprehensive legislation relating to Amendment 1 has yet been passed. I remain confident that in the budget consideration over the next several weeks, we will have another opportunity to work to ensure protection of Florida's natural resources. There are differing views on how to accomplish this goal.

Some people believe the only way to honor the intent of Amendment 1 is to purchase specific land owned by a sugar company in South Florida near the Everglades. Others, like me, see Amendment 1 as a holistic, statewide strategy to create long-lasting protections from the Panhandle to the Keys. I absolutely believe the Everglades are an important ecosystem worthy of preservation and protection; that is why during my first year in the Florida Senate I championed the Everglades Restoration Act. This act, which became law in 2013, affirmed our commitment to adequately fund the Everglades Restoration plan that was agreed to by the state of Florida and the federal government.

With that legislation, we set aside \$880 million to fund Everglades restoration. It's a multiyear project that was thoughtfully considered and analyzed before passage. For that reason legislators from both parties came together, unanimously passing this legislation, putting politics aside in the interest of good environmental policy.

Voters all over Florida didn't support Amendment 1 for the purpose of preserving one isolated area of the state. We have to evaluate and prioritize the usage and management of all of Florida's water supply, not any one region.

Amendment 1 will be in effect for 20 years. It is critical that we get the implementation right by using the best science. If any one area of the state becomes the solitary focus of this funding source, we have all missed the point.

We must create a statewide plan to restore and protect all environmentally sensitive areas. In my district extending into Central Florida we have watersheds fed by springs. Across the state there are beaches whose preservation fuels tourism economies. The quality of water in the Kissimmee River basin feeds areas to the south. The health of estuaries like the Indian River Lagoon matter; so too does the St. Johns River in Northeast Florida. All of these systems deserve to be made a part of Amendment 1 consideration.

For Florida's future, for clean water and an environment that generations can live a high quality of life in, I am

committed to getting this right.

In the Florida Senate, Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, represents District 18, which stretches across parts of Hernando, Pasco and Sumter counties.

<http://www.ocala.com/article/20150505/OPINION/150509885>

Editorial: Second chance to get it right

Ocala Star-Banner

May 5, 2015

Florida House members bailed on the legislative session before passing a budget, but their inability to perform their most important duty isn't all bad news.

Their failure to approve a budget has left Amendment 1 funding still to be set. Hopefully the pause before the Legislature reconvenes in a special session will give lawmakers time to boost funding for land acquisition above the disgraceful levels that had been considered.

An overwhelming 75 percent of voters approved Amendment 1 last fall, only to see lawmakers deviate from its clear purpose of dedicating more funding toward land conservation. The latest House and Senate budgets would spend less than \$20 million for the purchase of parks and wildlife habitat under the Florida Forever program.

The amount is paltry when considering that Amendment 1 requires about \$750 million to be spent on land and water conservation in its first year — and that still only equates to less than 1 percent of the state's \$80 billion budget.

Many priority areas for conservation under Florida Forever remain unprotected, including land around the state's first-magnitude springs. Other projects in our region include preserving land that links Lochloosa Lake, Orange Lake and Paynes Prairie, not to mention the obvious ongoing need to insulate Silver and Rainbow springs from further degradation.

These kind of projects provide benefits for water quantity and quality. The depleted and polluted condition of our springs serves as an omnipresent warning about the condition of the aquifer that provides our drinking water supply. Some lawmakers claim the state lacks a need to protect additional land from development. State Sen. Alan Hays, R-Umatilla, infamously said that Florida shouldn't be known as the "hoarding-land state."

But Florida has returned to a growth rate of more than 350,000 people per year and is losing at least 75,000 acres of rural land annually, according to Tom Hctor, director of the University of Florida's Center for Landscape Conservation Planning.

Hctor wrote in the Tampa Bay Times that conserving land on the Florida Forever list would mean an additional 2 million acres of land is protected — but much more is needed to reach conservation goals.

There are signs at least some lawmakers are listening. The News Service of Florida reported last week that Sen. Rob Bradley, a Fleming Island Republican, and Sen. Joe Negron, R-Stuart, are calling for their chamber to boost funding for land acquisition to \$40 million or more. The money could be bonded to raise \$500 million for land purchases.

Bradley reminded his fellow senators that North Florida "has a lot of springs where land purchases are going to be a part of the overall strategy in making sure those can be preserved for all time."

House members failed to complete their only constitutionally mandated duty by walking out of the session early. But they might have given lawmakers a second chance to do right by the state and its voters by spending more of Amendment 1 funding on its main purpose: land conservation critical to protecting the aquifer and our water supply.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/water/sierra-club-seeks-federal-protection-for-floridas-aquifer/2228421>

Sierra Club seeks federal protection for Florida's aquifer

By Times staff

May 5, 2015

Tampa Bay Times

Florida's aquifer needs special protection from being overpumped, the Sierra Club contends in a petition sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The club's Florida chapter has filed the petition asking the EPA to declare it a "sole source aquifer," a tool to protect drinking water supplies in areas where there are few or no alternative

sources. Such a declaration, carried out only after a public hearing, would require the federal government to give it greater protection and also offer grants and other financial assistance for avoiding pollution. The aquifer, which is the primary source of water for Florida's 19 million residents, is "threatened by ...over-pumping, pollution and waste," said Tom Larson, Sierra Club Florida chapter conservation chair.

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2015 session: To be continued ...

Jeff Burlew, Bill Cotterell and Sean Rossman, Democrat staff writers 5:39 a.m. EDT May 2, 2015

Lawmakers may be back in June to settle 'stark differences' in plans

There will be no hanky drop tonight at the Capitol, no revelers crowding the Rotunda toasting with red Solo cups.

This year's regular legislative session is expected to end quietly at midnight, with none of the usual pomp and circumstance — barring a last-minute order by the Florida Supreme Court, which has been asked to referee an acrimonious showdown between the House and Senate.

The celebration, if there ever is one, will have to wait, probably until late in June, after a special session to resolve the bitter stalemate between the chambers over expansion of health care to low-income Floridians and funding to safety-net hospitals treating the poor.

On Thursday, Senate President Andy Gardiner wrote House Speaker Steve Crisafulli to propose a special session June 1-20 to resolve each side's "stark differences."

"Given the severity of these issues, I believe an agreement to begin a special session on June 1 will provide the Legislature with the maximum flexibility to complete our work on the 2015-16 General Appropriations Act in an efficient and transparent manner," Gardiner said in the letter.

On Tuesday, the House, which is staunchly opposed to the Senate's plan for health-care expansion, abruptly adjourned sine die three days early. The Senate convened Wednesday, taking up what bills it could, but went on auto-pilot Thursday, waiting for an unlikely call from the president to bring them back.

Also Thursday, Senate Democratic Leader Arthenia Joyner of Tampa and other Senate Democrats filed an emergency petition asking the Florida Supreme Court to compel the House to reconvene.

House leaders have until 10 a.m. Friday to respond to the petition, the court ordered Thursday evening. Senate Democrats have until 12:30 p.m. Friday to counter the House's arguments.

Echoing an earlier letter Gardiner sent to Crisafulli, the Democrats said the House violated the state constitution when they unilaterally adjourned for more than 72 hours. The House contended the 72-hour rule only applies to breaks during a 60-day session, not at the end of one.

Crisafulli sent an email to House members Thursday night saying he strongly disagreed with the arguments by Senate Democrats.

"Accordingly, I have no plans to ask you to return to Tallahassee at this time," he said. "I look forward to filing our response tomorrow and will provide you with an electronic copy."

Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, said in an interview he expected the clock to wind down on the regular session with no fanfare.

"Unless the House decides to come back to work, we'll finish our work unceremoniously Friday night at midnight," he said.

In other developments, Gov. Rick Scott said he will immediately begin work with House and Senate leaders on a state budget to keep state agencies operating, while a special commission figures out how to fund health-care issues that blew up the 2015 legislative session.

The governor's office issued a lengthy prepared statement, dealing mostly with Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable Care Act and funding of the low-income pool (LIP) program for hospitals treating uninsured indigents. Scott indicated that he still wants his tax-cut package when the Legislature convenes in special session.

"Now that the Florida Senate and House have adjourned, we must immediately turn our focus to how we can work together to craft a state budget before July 1 that continues funding for critical state services," Scott said in a release.

Meanwhile, Scott is forming a special Commission on Health Care and Hospital Funding to untangle the Medicaid and LIP mess in the weeks before a special session.

"The commission will examine how taxpayer money supports hospitals, healthcare and insurance plans in Florida and what healthcare outcomes those entities provide for Floridians in return," Scott said. "It will also evaluate certificate of need laws in our state and how their elimination would increase competition and subsequently decrease cost."

The last day of session normally is a whirlwind, with lawmakers from the House and Senate brokering last-minute deals to hammer out a budget, the one thing they're required to do under the constitution.

When they're done – and sometimes it takes all night – the sergeants at-arms drop a handkerchief on the fourth floor between the two chambers to signify sine die, or the end of the session. Speech-making ensues by the governor, the speaker of the House and the Senate president.

The second-to-last day is nearly as hectic, typically. But with neither the House nor Senate in session, the Capitol was virtually deserted Thursday.

Stray groups of school students toured empty chambers; a few lawmakers emerged from their offices to interact with them, including Rep. Alan Williams, D-Tallahassee. Constituents who traveled to Tallahassee earlier in the week, before the regular session unraveled, strolled around the Capitol, some of them scoring a little face-time with their elected representatives.

Among them were Norm Audet and Christine Saint Louis, both public-transit bus drivers from Orlando, who came to keep an eye on transportation and fracking bills and measures affecting unions and public workers. Both were at the Capitol late in the session last year.

"It's like night and day," Saint Louis said. "Last year, there was so much commotion and so many people. It was packed. This year, it's like looking for the tumbleweeds to come through because there's nobody here."

Sharply divided Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott can't agree on next step
By Steve Bousquet and Kathleen McGrory, Times/Herald Tallahassee Bureau
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TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott and a bitterly divided Legislature darted in four different directions Thursday as Scott called for budget talks, senators suggested a special session in June, the House did not favor either idea and Democrats sued the House.

As Senate President Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando, proposed a three-week session starting June 1 to craft a state budget, Senate Democrats marched to the Florida Supreme Court with an emergency petition that asks justices to rule on whether the House violated the state Constitution by adjourning Tuesday afternoon. Senators say it's unconstitutional for one chamber to shut down for more than 72 hours without the other's consent.

"The same men who make the laws should be compelled to obey them," said Senate Democratic Leader Arthenia Joyner, D-Tampa. She said she was acting without Gardiner's permission.

The high court ordered the House to formally respond by 10 a.m. today.

In a message to members late Thursday, House Speaker Steve Crisafulli stood his ground.

"We strongly disagree with the arguments that were filed by 13 Democrat members of the Senate and believe that the House's actions complied with the Constitution and the historic practices of both chambers," he wrote.

"Accordingly, I have no plans to ask you to return to Tallahassee at this time. I look forward to filing our response tomorrow and will provide you with an electronic copy."

A key House Republican, Rep. Richard Corcoran, R-Land-O'Lakes, said he had "serious doubts" the court would intervene.

Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, said on Twitter that the Senate Democrats' action had no legal basis: "Individual senators have no standing and cannot act on behalf of the Senate in litigation," Gaetz said.

The Legislature finds itself in a crisis unique in its history, trapped by an ideological divide over whether to expand health care with federal tax money. The breakdown is compounded by term limits and a lack of trust between the two chambers.

The 2015 regular session crashed to a halt Tuesday when Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island, abruptly adjourned and sent members home, blaming the Senate for demanding a federally funded expansion of health care that he said the House won't support. It was the first time in recorded history in Florida that one house shut down on a different day from the other.

After many days of silence and threats to kill senators' bills, Scott issued a statement Thursday that called on the Legislature to immediately resume work on the state budget in time for the July 1 start of a new fiscal year. Legislators answered with a collective yawn, as neither chamber responded.

Scott's statement raised side issues such as his support for a statewide commission to study hospital profits and his view that Florida should abolish a certificate of need process that requires state approvals before hospitals can add new beds. Scott used the word "Obamacare" six times in his eight-paragraph statement and he sided with the House, which insists that any talk of health care expansion be held separately from the budget; the Senate says they are connected.

"We should begin preparing a budget in the interim that could be taken up in a special session," Scott said, "without any (low-income pool hospital) funding and without any expansion of Obamacare."

In contrast to Scott's statement, Gardiner floated the idea of a special session from June 1 to 20 to pass a budget and to consider the Senate's Florida Health Insurance Affordability Exchange to help offset the phasing out of the low income pool (LIP) that reimburses hospitals for charity care to uninsured patients. The House opposes the exchange.

"There's nothing worse than for the governor to call us back and the chambers come in and there's still no agreement on the big picture of the budget," Gardiner said Thursday on the public affairs program Florida Face to Face on the Florida Channel. "What would not be productive is a rush to judgment and say we're coming back immediately, because it doesn't resolve anything."

In his letter to Crisafulli, Gardiner wrote: "Given the stark differences between the House and Senate approaches to health care funding and coverage, we believe clear guidance from the federal government is crucial regarding funding for services to the uninsured which hospitals across our state are legally required to provide regardless of compensation."

Senators have repeatedly asked Scott not to call for a special session until legislative leaders can develop a consensus.

Scott did not speak to legislative leaders. He was out of town Thursday, holding what his office called "political events" in South Florida that were not listed on his official schedule.

Florida Democrats were on the political trail as well, using the legislative stalemate as a tool to raise money on the eve of a federal fundraising deadline.

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Item 11.
Legislative Report

Subject: Summary of Passed/Failed Legislation

From: Diane Salz <salz.govconsultant@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Apr 30, 2015 9:27 pm

To: Richard Owen <richardowen@wrwsa.org>

Cc: Nancy Smith <nsmith@wrwsa.org>

PASSED:

Growth Management—SB 1216

- Sector Planning
- Connected City Corridor Pilot Program
- Regional Planning Councils
- Developments of Regional Impact
- Water Resource Planning

FAILED:

Water Resources—SB 918/HB 7003

- Water Resources Advisory Council
- Pilot Program for Alternative Water Supply Development
- Springs Protection
- The Shared-Use Non-motorized Trail (SunTrail)

Governmental Accountability—HB 1063/SB 1372

Special Districts—SB 1388/HB 1155

Utility Relocation—SB 896/HB 391

Land & Water Conservation Constitutional Amendment Implementation—SB 584/SB 586/HB 1291

Land Application of Septage—SB 648/HB 687

Subject: Fwd: 4/30 WRWSA Bill Tracking Report

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From: Diane Salz <noreply@lobbytools.com>

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2015 Bills (36)

Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0063	Relating to Public-Private Partnerships 03/25/15 - HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee	Steube	03/25/15
HB 0081	Relating to Public Utilities 12/19/14 - HOUSE Now in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee	Dudley	12/19/14
HB 0337	Relating to Local Government Services 02/18/15 - HOUSE Now in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee	Mayfield	02/18/15
HB 0391	Relating to Location of Utilities 04/24/15 - SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation; Appropriations	Ingram	04/24/15
SB 0584	Relating to Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment 04/02/15 - SENATE In returning messages	Dean	04/02/15
SB 0586	Relating to Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment 03/23/15 - SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Dean	03/23/15
HB 0605	Relating to Water Conservation 02/11/15 - HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Porter	02/11/15
HB 0617	Relating to Utility Projects 04/28/15 - HOUSE Retained on Calendar	Goodson	04/28/15
SB 0648	Relating to Land Application of Septage 04/02/15 - SENATE Now in Health Policy	Evers	04/02/15
HB 0653	Relating to Environmental Control 04/24/15 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations	Pigman	04/24/15
SB 0660	Relating to Assault or Battery on a Utility Worker 02/06/15 - SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Fiscal Policy	Soto	02/06/15
HB 0687	Relating to Land Application of Septage 04/15/15 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Fiscal Policy	Drake	04/15/15
SB 0714	Relating to Environmental Control 04/23/15 - SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed	Grimsley	04/23/15
SB 0776	Relating to Water and Wastewater 04/01/15 - SENATE Now in Appropriations	Hays	04/01/15
SB 0824	Relating to Public Procurement Practices 04/28/15 - SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Evers	04/28/15
HB 0873	Relating to Regional Planning Councils 03/03/15 - HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee	Mayfield	03/03/15
SB 0896	Relating to Location of Utilities 04/23/15 - SENATE Not Considered by Appropriations	Brandes	04/23/15

SB 0918	Relating to Environmental Resources 04/29/15 - SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 7003; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7003	Dean	04/29/15
HB 0933	Relating to Growth Management 04/23/15 - HOUSE Substituted for SB 1216; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 1216	La Rosa	04/23/15
SB 0934	Relating to Public Works Projects 03/31/15 - SENATE Motion to Reconsider Abandoned - Laid on Table	Brandes	03/31/15
HB 1063	Relating to Government Accountability 04/16/15 - HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Metz	04/16/15
HB 1073	Relating to Water Oversight and Planning 03/09/15 - HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Antone	03/09/15
SB 1102	Relating to Utility Projects 04/28/15 - HOUSE Temporarily postponed, on 2nd Reading	Legg	04/28/15
HB 1155	Relating to Special Districts 04/03/15 - HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Metz	04/03/15
HB 1173	Relating to Water and Wastewater 03/27/15 - HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Committee	Porter	03/27/15
HB 1269	Relating to Regulation Freedom Amendment 04/14/15 - HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	Raulerson	04/14/15
HB 1291	Relating to Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment 04/02/15 - HOUSE Laid on Table	Boyd	04/02/15
SB 1372	Relating to Government Accountability 04/27/15 - HOUSE In Messages	Gaetz (D)	04/27/15
SB 1388	Relating to Special Districts 04/23/15 - HOUSE In Messages	Stargel	04/23/15
SB 1408	Relating to Water Resources 03/03/15 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations	Evers	03/03/15
SB 1436	Relating to Water Supply Planning and Oversight 03/03/15 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations	Gibson	03/03/15
SB 1610	Relating to Springs Protection Awareness Month 03/24/15 - SENATE Read Second Time; Adopted	Dean	03/24/15
HB 7003	Relating to Water Resources 04/29/15 - SENATE Withdrawn from Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0918; Read Second Time; Amendment Withdrawn (635042); Amendments Adopted (529256, 250624); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 1 Nay)	State Affairs Committee	04/29/15
SB 7086	Relating to State Lands 04/16/15 - SENATE Now in Appropriations	Environmental Preservation and Conservation	04/16/15
HB 7135	Relating to State Lands 04/21/15 - SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations	State Affairs Committee	04/21/15
HB 9027	Relating to Springs Protection Awareness Month 03/18/15 - HOUSE Adopted by Publication	Porter	03/18/15



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