



**WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL
WATER
SUPPLY
AUTHORITY**

Board Meeting Package

June 20, 2012
4:30 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: Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director

Date: June 9, 2012

Subject: Monthly Meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

The next meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will be on **Wednesday, June 20, 2012, 4:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Center Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.**

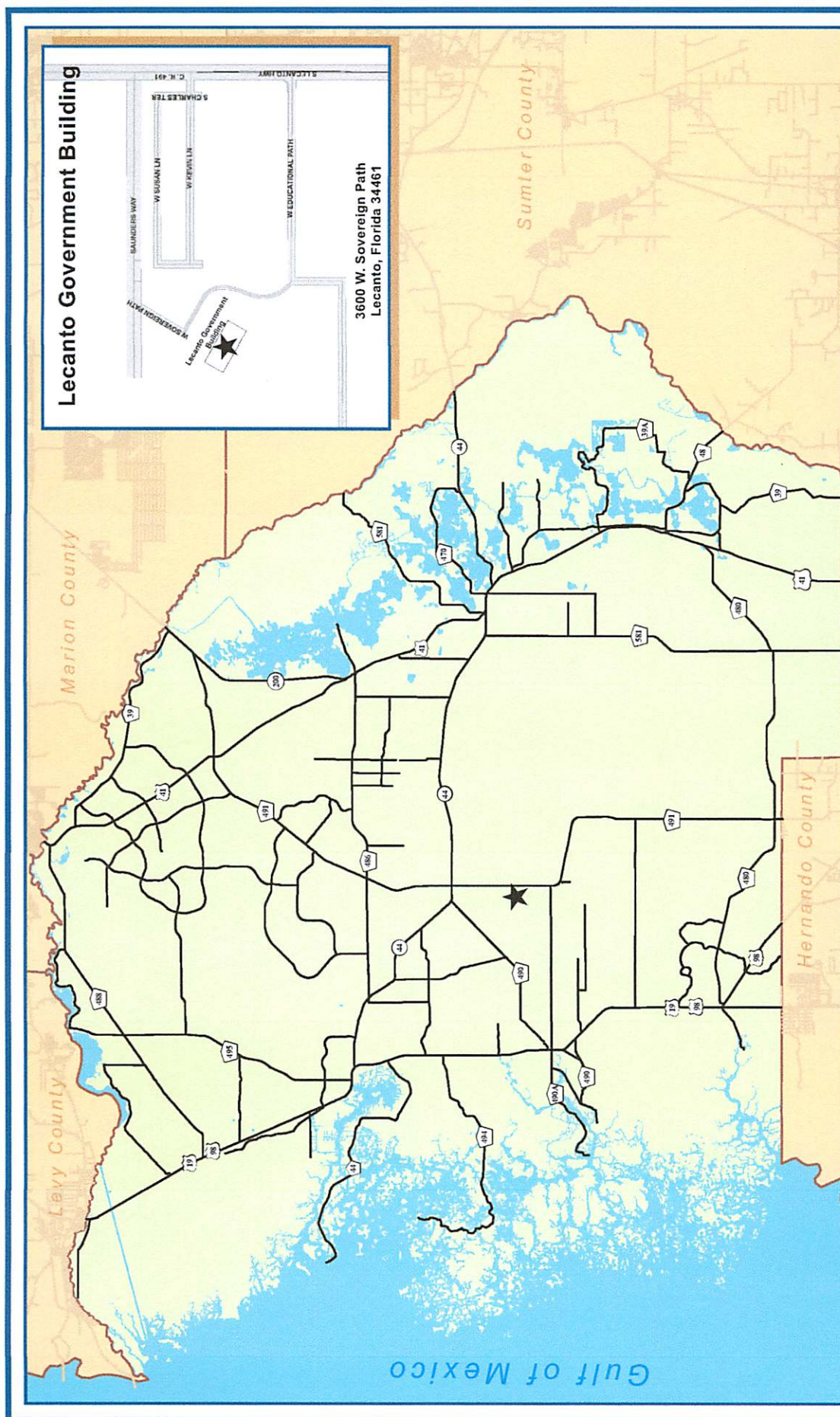
Enclosed for your review are the following items:

- Agenda
- Minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting
- Board Package*

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

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.

Enclosures



Office of Geographic Information Systems

Prepared By : R.W. Voak
Date: January 4, 2012
Source: Enterprise Geodatabase
Map Number: BV000029



Driving Directions to 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto Government Building

From Brooksville:

- Go North on N. Main St. toward S. Broad St./E. Jefferson St.
- Take the 1st Left onto S. Broad St./W. Jefferson St.
- Turn Right onto US 98/Ponce De Leon Blvd.
- Turn Right onto CR 491 toward Lecanto (about 13.5 miles)
- Turn Left on W. Educational Path (traffic signal)
- Turn right at the Park onto W. Sovereign Path; continue to the right to the Lecanto Government Building

From Ocala

- Go southwest on SR 200 into Citrus County
- Turn Right onto CR 491 (stay on 491 through Beverly Hills, crossing Hwy. 486 and SR 44)
- Turn Right on Saunders Way
- Turn Left onto W. Sovereign Path; follow to Lecanto Government Building

From Bushnell

- In Bushnell, Go West on FL-48W
- Turn Right onto US 41; continue to follow US 41 N
- Continue straight onto FL 44 W/W Main St.; continue straight on SR 44
- Turn Left onto CR 491
- Turn Right onto Saunders Way
- Turn Left onto W. Sovereign Path; follow to Lecanto Government Building

From Wildwood

- Go West on SR 44W; continue on SR 44 through Inverness
- Turn Left onto CR 491
- Turn Right onto Saunders Way
- Turn Left onto W. Sovereign Path; follow to Lecanto Government Building.

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

**LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING
3600 W. SOVEREIGN PATH, ROOM 166
LECANTO, FLORIDA 34461
June 20, 2012
4:30 p.m.**

- Item #1 Call to Order**
- Item #2 Roll Call**
- Item #3 Introductions and Announcements**
- Item #4 Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2012**
- Item #5 Contract for Consulting Executive Director . . . Jack Sullivan, WRWSA**
- Item #6 Executive Director's Report . . . Jack Sullivan, WRWSA**
 - a. Bills to be Paid**
 - b. 2nd Quarter Financial Report**
 - c. Proposed Budget FY 2012-2013**
 - d. Request Travel for Diane Salz to Environmental Permitting Course**
 - e. Correspondence**
 - f. News Articles**
- Item #7 Legislative Update . . . Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant**
- Item #8 Attorney's Report . . . Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney**
- Item #9 Other Business**
- Item #10 Public Comment**
- Item #11 Next Meeting Time and Location . . . July 18, 2012, 4:30 p.m., Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461**
- Item #12 Adjournment**

4. Minutes
May 16, 2012

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2012**

TIME: 4:30 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 Dennis Damato called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority meeting to order at 4:35 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

Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner
John Druzbeck, Vice Chairman, Hernando County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilman
Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner
Joe Johnston, Brooksville City Councilman
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner
John McLeod, Ocala City Councilman
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner
Charlie Stone, Marion County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner
Carl Zalak, Treasurer, Marion County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Maureen McNiff, Crystal River City Councilwoman
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner

3. Introductions and Announcements

Mr. Jack Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Nancy Smith, Recording Secretary
Pete Hubbell, Water Resource Associates, Inc.

Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant
David Hornsby, SJRWMD
Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities
Kim Dinkins, Marion County Water Resources Coordinator
Al Grubman, TOOFAR
Jan Grubman, TOOFAR
Richard Owen, Citizen
Robert Knight, Citrus Citizen
Bruce Wirth, Citizen
Brian Armstrong, SWFWMD
John Ferguson, SWFWMD
Jeff Halcomb, City of Ocala
Terri Lowery, Jones Edmunds
Debra Burden, Citrus County Water Resources
Jimmy Brooks, Hernando-Citrus Farm Bureau
Peter Rocco, Citizen
Rose Rocco, Citizen
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

4. Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2012 Meeting

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

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Druzbeck to approve the minutes for the April 18, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

5. Executive Director's Report ... Jack Sullivan, WRWSA

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the Board detailing the bills for May 2012 and requested the Board approve payment of these bills in the amount of \$31,118.93.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Ms. Rich to approve payment of the May 2012 bills totaling \$31,118.93. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.**

b. Per Capita Assessment

Mr. Sullivan presented a spreadsheet showing the proposed assessment of member governments for FY 2012-2013 based on \$0.19 per capita. This rate results in a 1.16 percent increase over FY2011-2012. Mr. Sullivan recommended that the Board adopt the per capita assessment at \$0.19, the same rate as last year.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Webb to approve the assessment of \$0.19 per capita. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain and carried unanimously.**

c. Local Government Grants Funding

Mr. Sullivan stated that the announcement regarding the Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) was sent out to Utility Directors, Water Conservation

Coordinators, and Water Resource Coordinators on May 2, 2012. For the past three years, the Board has allocated a maximum of \$130,000 toward the program. Mr. Sullivan recommended that the Board set the maximum allocation of funds for LGGP at \$130,000.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Webb to provide a maximum of \$130,000 for the local government grant program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst and carried unanimously.**

d. Correspondence

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the correspondence provided in the Board's meeting packet and in the hand outs. This item was provided for information only. No action was required.

e. News Articles

This item was provided for information only. No action was required.

6. Ranking of Executive Director Candidates ...

a. Interviews

< Comm. Randy Mask arrived at 5:52 p.m. >

Chairman Damato introduced the three candidates short-listed for interviews by the WRWSA Board: Robert Knight, Richard Owen, and Bruce Wirth. He reminded the Board that the three candidates would be sequestered and called in to be interviewed one at a time, beginning with Robert Knight.

After a presentation by each candidate, each responded to questions asked by Board members.

< Comm. Randy Mask left at 6:28 p.m. >

b. Polling

Following the interviews, Mr. Sullivan instructed the Board to write the name of each candidate with the ranking of #1, #2, and #3 on each ballot and sign the ballot. If a majority for the number one candidate is not reached in the first vote, voting will continue until a majority is reached.

Following the vote, Mr. Sullivan collected the ballots and tallied the votes with Mr. Haag. The first vote, with 15 Board members voting, resulted in a vote count of Richard Owen – 7, Bruce Wirth – 5, and Robert Knight – 3.

Because there was no majority for the number one ranked candidate, Mr. Haag advised the Board that votes would be taken until a clear majority, meaning at least 8 votes, was received for the number one candidate. The second vote will only be for the top two candidates, in keeping with the procedure determined by the Board at the previous meeting.

c. Ranking

Ballots for the second vote were distributed, collected and tallied. Mr. Sullivan reported to the Board that Richard Owen received 10 votes and Bruce Wirth received 5 votes. The ranking of candidates is: #1 Richard Owen; #2 Bruce Wirth; and, #3 Robert Knight.

Chairman Damato requested a clarification of the procedure to complete the selection of the consulting executive director. Mr. Sullivan responded that contract negotiations will be held with Richard Owen and may include the staff screening committee and the WRWSA chairman. If a contract cannot be reached, negotiations will move to the second-ranked candidate. The contract to be negotiated will use the existing executive director's contract as a basis. The contract negotiation time and place will be advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly and held as soon as that timing allows. It is anticipated that a contract will be provided to the Board for approval at the June 20, 2012 regular Board meeting. The anticipated start date for the new director is July 1, 2012. The current year budget provides for a period of overlap between the directors to give time to go over Authority projects and administrative details.

A request was made to provide a copy of Mr. Sullivan's contract to all Board members via email.

7. Legislative Update ... Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant

Ms. Salz provided an update on the 2012 legislative session. The predominant activity during the session related to agencies of the state. The Department of Health has established a new website to provide information for the new septic tank inspection law. Each local government with first magnitude springs has until January 1, 2013 to opt out of the inspection requirements. In addition to the four member counties, the city of Weeki Wachee is affected by the new legislation. Opting out requires a 60 percent vote by the legislative body. Other requirements are posted on the website. The contact at the Department of Health is Patty Anderson, telephone 850-245-4250.

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has initiated a water policy advisory council. The Council is holding its second meeting on Friday, June 8 in Gainesville. Stakeholders include members from agriculture, public & private utilities, environmental groups and businesses. Ms. Salz will closely monitor the Council.

The Department of Environmental Protection is working to make water use permitting consistent across the state. Some rule changes are expected by this summer with perhaps some recommendations for the next state legislative session.

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

Mr. Haag had no business for the Board.

9. Other Business

Mr. Ernst requested that the Board consider revising the meeting time to 1:30 p.m. rather than 4:30 p.m. Mr. Haag stated that any change to location or time would require advertisement in the Florida Administrative Weekly and the 4 local newspapers. He recommended that the best alternative would be to bring this item before the Board in

October or November so that additional advertising expense would not be required in this budget year. Chairman Damato asked that the meetings continue as advertised and that any change be brought back to the Board in October.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

All of the candidates were invited into the Board room for announcement of the results of the ranking by Chairman Damato. Richard Owen was introduced as the number one ranked candidate to become the new consulting executive director. Chairman Damato thanked all the candidates for participating and recognized the excellence of their applications and interviews.

11. Next Meeting Time and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Damato announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the WRWSA and adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Dennis Damato, Chairman

Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director

5. Contract Consulting
Executive Director

**MEMORANDUM**

June 5, 2012

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

Re: Executive Director Contract

Attached is the consulting Executive Director contract negotiated with the Board's #1 ranked candidate, Richard Owen. The contract is significantly based on my current contract with all the same duties and responsibilities. Other highlights of the contract include:

- Richard would start as Executive Director on July 1, 2012.
- Compensation is \$80,000 annually for the 2012-13 fiscal year.
- Compensation for the last quarter of the 2011-12 fiscal year is \$20,000.
- Either party may terminate the Agreement upon 180 days written notice.

The negotiating committee has reviewed the proposed contract and is in agreement.

Recommend approval of the contract.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
AND
OWEN CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.**

Agreement for Executive Director Services

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into as of the 20th day of June, 2012, by and between the WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY, (hereinafter called the "Authority"), and OWEN CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., (hereinafter called "Executive Director").

WHEREAS, the Authority desires and needs an Executive Director to manage the affairs of the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority is in need of certain planning efforts with respect to potential water supply customers; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the Authority's best interest to have consistency in its administrative management; and,

WHEREAS, RICHARD S. OWEN is found to be well qualified in the area of planning and management and has the ability to represent the Authority with respect to its needs and goals; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to retain RICHARD S. OWEN of OWEN CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. as its Executive Director to represent the Authority in any and all of its undertakings.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Recitations: The recitations stated above are true and correct and made part of this agreement.

2. Scope of Services: The Executive Director shall be responsible for all of the administrative and management duties associated with the operation of the Authority, including, but not limited to, providing financial management, budgeting and administrative services to the Authority, except those functions that are otherwise contracted, including, but not limited to, administrative support, accounting and auditing support, technical support, legislative coordination and internet/web page support, or that are otherwise agreed to be

performed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the general oversight and management of these and other contracted services.

The Executive Director shall attend all meetings of the Authority and insure that the minutes of same are taken and prepared.

The Executive Director shall insure that all official minutes as well as contracts and other official documents are maintained as public records of the Authority with a public agency as approved by the Authority.

The Executive Director shall be responsible for implementing all policies, programs, goals and responsibilities assigned to him by the Authority.

The Executive Director is responsible for coordinating all activities with other agencies, including, but not limited to, the Southwest Florida Water Management District with respect to any and all grants and contractual relationships entered into by the Authority with that agency.

3. Compensation: The Authority herein agrees to pay to the Executive Director a sum of \$80,000.00 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and \$20,000.00 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Compensation shall be payable in equal monthly installments. The Executive Director shall submit a monthly billing for the above amount to the Authority for payment. It is understood and agreed that said above monthly amount shall be considered approved each month by virtue and operation of this Agreement and that the Authority is authorized to pay said monthly amounts without independent approval of same at each Board meeting. Said monthly amounts shall continue for fifteen (15) consecutive months through September 30, 2013.

All travel associated with the administration of the Authority's monthly meetings, technical programs and research shall be an additional expense and charged in accordance with Chapter 112.061, Florida Statutes. For purposes of travel reimbursement, the location of the Authority's office is Lecanto, Florida, and travel costs shall be computed from that location unless and until the Authority designates an alternate location. Other costs, including, but not limited to, long distance telephone charges, cell phone expenses, reproduction expenses and other out-of-pocket expenses shall be reimbursable to the Executive Director upon presentation of written substantiation to the Authority of such expense. Additionally, such expense shall include general office supplies and other direct costs, including, but not limited to, postage, stationery and supplies. The Authority shall approve of all such reimbursable expenses at its monthly meetings. The Authority shall maintain telephone, facsimile and Internet service, and separate lines for Authority business.

4. Budgetary Responsibility: The Executive Director, in addition to those responsibilities previously identified, will also be responsible for overseeing the expenditures and budget of the Authority. The Executive Director shall have authority to expend from said budget, subject to the amounts approved by the Authority, and the records of the Authority shall be subject to an annual audit by an independent Certified Public Accountant selected by the Authority.

5. Independent Contractor/Consultant. The Executive Director shall at all times be considered an independent contractor/consultant and shall not be considered an employee of the Authority. The parties agree that RICHARD S. OWEN shall serve in the capacity of the Executive Director and should RICHARD S. OWEN fail to be able to perform the functions of Executive Director, the Authority shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and seek a replacement.

6. Termination: The Authority or Executive Director may terminate this Agreement upon one hundred and eighty (180) days written notice to the other party.

7. Renewal: Unless otherwise terminated, the Authority and Executive Director shall consider this Agreement as a continuing Agreement for Administrative Management and it shall automatically renew from year to year unless terminated by the parties.

8. Commencement Date of the Agreement: The parties herein agree that this Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of July, 2012.

9. Entirety of Agreement: This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding between the parties and is subject to change, alteration and modification only upon written agreement of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authority and OWEN CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. have executed this Agreement, in duplicate, this 20th day of June, 2012.

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER
SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

ATTEST:

By: _____
DENNIS DAMATO
Chairperson

Printed Name: _____

OWEN CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.

ATTEST:

By: _____
RICHARD S. OWEN, President

Printed Name: _____

6. a. Bills
to be Paid

6b. 2nd Quarter
Financial Report

ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To The Governing Board
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Ocala, Florida

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and major fund of Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (the Authority), an Independent Special District, as of and for the three months and six months ended March 31, 2012, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management of the Authority is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist the management of the Authority in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Authority's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information. The supplementary information has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the supplementary information.

Purvis, Gray and Company

May 18, 2012
Tallahassee, Florida

Certified Public Accountants

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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
BALANCE SHEET
As of March 31, 2012

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in Bank - SunTrust	\$ 524.45
Cash in Bank - LGIP	543,223.07
Cash in Bank - Fund B	6,090.43
Cash in Bank - LGIP/Citrus Revenue	1,002,499.09
Cash in Bank - Fund B/Citrus Revenue	<u>15,266.62</u>

Total Current Assets **1,567,603.66**

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Equipment	1,559.85
Accum Deprec - Equipment	(1,559.85)
Citrus Co. Wellfield 88'	4,895,231.21
Accum Deprec - Wellfield	<u>(3,100,316.18)</u>

Total Property and Equipment **1,794,915.03**

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 3,362,518.69**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable - Special Projects	\$ 31,276.79
Accounts Payable - General	19,220.41
Account Payable - Retainage	<u>24,226.00</u>

Total Current Liabilities **74,723.20**

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	1,492,873.36
Investment in Capital Assets	1,794,915.03

Total Net Assets **3,287,795.49**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS **\$ 3,362,518.69**

See Accountant's Compilation Report

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For the Period Ended March 31, 2012

	3 months ended March 31, 2012	%	6 months ended March 31, 2012	%
REVENUE				
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 6,754.60	6.97 %	\$ 13,509.20	7.03 %
Hernando Co. Assessments	7,864.53	8.11 %	15,729.06	8.18 %
Sumter Co. Assessments	0.00	0.00 %	9,055.98	4.71 %
City of Ocala Assessments	2,571.70	2.65 %	5,143.40	2.68 %
Marion County Assessment	13,142.11	13.55 %	26,284.22	13.67 %
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	40,896.75	42.17 %	81,793.50	42.54 %
Citrus County Wifld Admin Recov	15,000.00	15.47 %	30,000.00	15.60 %
SWFWMD Match Reg Irri Audit Pgm	10,741.41	11.08 %	10,741.41	5.59 %
Total Revenue	96,971.10	100.00 %	192,256.77	100.00 %
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Consulting Executive Director	24,999.99	25.78 %	49,999.98	26.01 %
Consulting Admin Asst	5,359.97	5.53 %	12,499.98	6.50 %
Advertising	2,704.64	2.79 %	2,921.20	1.52 %
Bank Charges	238.50	0.25 %	328.50	0.17 %
Lecanto Rent	0.00	0.00 %	2,047.68	1.07 %
Legal - Monthly Meeting	1,500.00	1.55 %	2,500.00	1.30 %
Legal - Other Services	3,149.05	3.25 %	4,105.54	2.14 %
Office Supplies	1,006.02	1.04 %	5,235.41	2.72 %
Printing & Reproduction	673.17	0.69 %	926.08	0.48 %
Postage	235.51	0.24 %	309.02	0.16 %
Audit	8,275.00	8.53 %	8,275.00	4.30 %
Publications/Software	74.19	0.08 %	74.19	0.04 %
State Fees/Assessments	0.00	0.00 %	175.00	0.09 %
Web Page/Internet Services	495.77	0.51 %	868.92	0.45 %
Telephone	529.64	0.55 %	1,152.97	0.60 %
Travel	3,757.49	3.87 %	5,727.66	2.98 %
FY12 Moving Expense to Lecanto	0.00	0.00 %	295.00	0.15 %
Legislative Consultant	10,500.00	10.83 %	21,000.00	10.92 %
06-07 RWSP Ph VII MFL Anal	8,900.00	9.18 %	13,687.50	7.12 %
FY11 WRA Marion Conservation	2,000.00	2.06 %	8,000.00	4.16 %
FY11 Hernando Wtr Conservation	0.00	0.00 %	34,900.00	18.15 %
FY11 Irri Audit Pmts Overdorf	14,355.00	14.80 %	39,585.00	20.59 %
FY11 Pmt Irri Audit Admin-Smith	2,687.40	2.77 %	6,300.00	3.28 %
FY11 Irrigation Audit Marketing	92.10	0.09 %	702.04	0.37 %
FY12 Gen Svcs Contract	11,693.48	12.06 %	14,622.18	7.61 %
FY12 Purvis Gray Rate Analysis	9,412.50	9.71 %	9,412.50	4.90 %
Total Operating Expenses	112,639.42	116.16 %	245,651.35	127.77 %
Operating Income (Loss)	(15,668.32)	(16.16)%	(53,394.58)	(27.77)%
OTHER INCOME				
Interest Income SBA 1	404.79	0.42 %	754.70	0.39 %
Interest Income SBA 2	1,156.78	1.19 %	1,858.38	0.97 %
Unrealized Gains on SBA Accounts	0.00	0.00 %	(237.39)	(0.12)%
Total Other Income	1,561.57	1.61 %	2,375.69	1.24 %
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (14,106.75)	(14.55)%	\$ (51,018.89)	(26.54)%

See Accountant's Compilation Report

ACCOMPANYING SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
BUDGET TO ACTUAL
For the Period Ended March 31, 2012

	<u>6 months ended</u> <u>March 31, 2012</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>6 months ended</u> <u>March 31, 2012</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>Over/(Under)</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Remaining</u>
REVENUE					
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 13,509.20	\$ 13,509.00	\$ 0.20	\$ 27,018.00	\$ 13,508.80
Hernando Co. Assessments	15,729.06	15,729.00	0.06	31,458.00	15,728.94
Sumter Co. Assessments	9,055.98	9,056.00	(0.02)	18,112.00	9,056.02
City of Ocala Assessments	5,143.40	5,143.40	0.00	10,286.80	5,143.40
Marion County Assessment	26,284.22	26,284.22	0.00	52,568.44	26,284.22
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	81,793.50	81,793.50	0.00	163,587.00	81,793.50
Citrus County Wtrd Admin Recov	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	30,000.00
SWFWMD Match Reg Iri Audit Pgm	10,741.41	24,750.00	(14,008.59)	61,875.00	51,133.59
Vlg Ctr CDD Irrigation Audit Pr	0.00	2,083.50	(2,083.50)	4,167.00	4,167.00
No Sumter Co UDD Iri Audit Pgm	0.00	4,166.50	(4,166.50)	8,333.00	8,333.00
Total Revenue	192,256.77	212,515.12	(20,258.35)	437,405.24	245,148.47
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Consulting Executive Director	49,999.98	49,999.98	0.00	99,999.96	49,999.98
Consulting Admin Asst	12,499.98	12,499.98	0.00	24,999.96	12,499.98
Advertising	2,921.20	250.02	2,671.18	500.04	(2,421.16)
Bank Charges	328.50	150.00	178.50	300.00	(28.50)
Lecanto Rent	2,047.68	2,047.00	0.68	2,047.00	(0.68)
Registration/Dues	0.00	250.02	(250.02)	500.04	500.04
Legal - Monthly Meeting	2,500.00	3,000.00	(500.00)	6,000.00	3,500.00
Legal - Other Services	4,105.54	7,000.02	(2,894.48)	14,000.04	9,894.50
Office Supplies	5,235.41	4,281.80	953.61	5,099.96	(135.45)
Printing & Reproduction	926.08	2,250.00	(1,323.92)	4,500.00	3,573.92
Postage	309.02	1,000.02	(691.00)	2,000.04	1,691.02
Audit	8,275.00	8,100.00	175.00	8,100.00	(175.00)
Bookkeeping/Financial Asst.	0.00	450.00	(450.00)	1,350.00	1,350.00
Publications/Software	74.19	175.02	(100.83)	350.04	275.85
State Fees/Assessments	175.00	175.00	0.00	175.00	0.00
Web Page/Internet Services	868.92	925.02	(56.10)	1,850.04	981.12
Telephone	1,152.97	1,249.98	(97.01)	2,499.96	1,346.99
Travel	5,727.66	6,000.00	(272.34)	12,000.00	6,272.34
FY12 Moving Expense to Lecanto	295.00	300.00	(5.00)	300.00	5.00
Legislative Consultant	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	42,000.00	21,000.00
06-07 RWSP Ph VII MFL Anal	13,687.50	0.00	13,687.50	0.00	(13,687.50)
08-09 North Sumter Data Coll.	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
FY11 WRA Marlon Conservation	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	(8,000.00)
FY11 Hernando Wtr Conservation	34,900.00	0.00	34,900.00	0.00	(34,900.00)
FY11 Iri Audit Pmts Overdorf	39,585.00	55,474.98	(15,889.98)	110,949.96	71,364.96
FY11 Pmt Iri Audit Admin-Smith	6,300.00	6,400.02	(100.02)	12,800.04	6,500.04
FY11 Irrigation Audit Marketing	702.04	0.00	702.04	0.00	(702.04)
FY12 Gen Svcs Contract	14,622.18	12,499.98	2,122.20	24,999.96	10,377.78
FY12 Citrus Water Conservation	0.00	20,749.98	(20,749.98)	41,499.96	41,499.96
FY12 Hernando Water Conservatio	0.00	21,750.00	(21,750.00)	43,500.00	43,500.00
FY12 Marlon Water Conservation	0.00	19,500.00	(19,500.00)	39,000.00	39,000.00
FY12 Belleview Stormwtr Reuse	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	6,000.00	6,000.00
FY12 Purvis Gray Rate Analysis	9,412.50	9,000.00	412.50	18,000.00	8,587.50
Total Operating Expenses	245,651.35	269,478.82	(23,827.47)	535,322.00	289,670.65
Operating Income (Loss)	(53,394.58)	(56,963.70)	3,569.12	(97,916.76)	(44,522.18)
OTHER INCOME					
Interest Income SBA 1	754.70	0.00	754.70	0.00	(754.70)
Interest Income SBA 2	1,858.38	0.00	1,858.38	0.00	(1,858.38)
Unrealized Gains on SBA Account	(237.39)	0.00	(237.39)	0.00	237.39
Total Other Income	2,375.69	0.00	2,375.69	0.00	(2,375.69)
Net Income (Loss)	(51,018.89)	(56,963.70)	5,944.81	(97,916.76)	(46,897.87)

See Accountant's Compilation Report

6. c. Proposed
Budget FY 12/13

**MEMORANDUM**

June 5, 2012

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

Re: 2012-13 Budget

Attached please find the proposed 2012-13 FY Budget for the Authority. In preparing the Authority's budget for the 2012-13 FY, I found that probably the best description for the program for the year was "consolidation." The Authority has been in a state of flux over the past two years with the departure from its offices in the Southwest Florida Water Management District and losing its clerical support as well from the District. Over the past year, the Authority has contracted with Nancy Smith to act as Administrative Assistant to the Authority, it has moved into permanent headquarter offices at the Lecanto Government Building in Citrus County, and it has gone through the process of interviewing and selecting a new Executive Director to lead the Authority over the next several years. In working through the budget, I have tried to make sure the Authority could consolidate these actions to allow it to move forward.

In the paragraphs below, I will point out the salient issues of the budget and try to place the budget plan into perspective.

Revenues: Overall revenues available have decreased by about 7%. Local contributions (assessments) increased only slightly by \$1,611 or 1%. Administrative reserves decreased by \$118,971 or 23%. Administrative reserve funds decreased primarily because of the increased expenses of locating and outfitting new offices in Lecanto, hiring an Administrative Assistant, an overlap contingency for the new Executive Director and two contracts for an evaluation of the Charles A. Black facilities as well as the CAB Renewal and Replacement fund. The reduction in administrative expense during the 2012-13 FY should be less than in the current FY.

Revenues for water supply projects decreased by \$14,141 or 1%. The mix of funds is different than in 2011-12, but not significant. The programs include matching funds from SWFWMD for the Authority's Irrigation Audit Evaluation program and for the Update to the 2010 Master Water Supply Plan.

Expenditures: Expenditures for Administration decreased by \$40,249 or 15% for the 2012-13 FY over the 2011-12 FY. Most of this decrease is in the reduced contract for Executive Director services and the overlap fund. I should point out that

in discussions with the new Executive Director, he asked that some money be set aside for his use in obtaining my services for advice on Authority issues. I set aside a small amount of \$5,000 for that purpose.

In addition, I have spent all of this past year training Nancy Smith in all of the administrative and accounting functions of the Authority. I believe that the level of service that Nancy is now providing to the Authority is so significant that she needs to be better compensated. I have recommended that her contract be increased to \$37,500, a 50% increase. I realize that this is a significant increase, but this is only because her contract was so low to begin with. However, I would propose to mitigate this increased cost to the Authority by including the 2012-14 FY Irrigation Audit administration as part of Nancy's duties as the Administrative Assistant. This would save the Authority approximately \$10,000 per year.

The balance of the administrative line items is based on either current usage amounts or on contracts the Authority has entered into.

Expenditures for water supply studies increased by 44% or \$166,698 for the 2012-13 FY. The primary driver for that increase was the \$250,000 Update to the Regional Water Supply Plan study co-funded by the Southwest Florida Water Management. Another issue that I should point out is a set aside of \$75,000 in a General Services Contract. In the past, the Board has approved a \$25,000 set aside for general services. Water Resource Associates has provided that service up until this point.

As the new Executive Director moves into the next fiscal year, there are a number of issues that can and will come up that cannot be foreseen. In addition, there are a number of smaller studies associated with implementing the Master Plan recommendations. To address these issues it is recommended that the Authority issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit a number of firms with various capabilities (e.g. planning, engineering, hydrology) that the Authority can hold in reserve and as services are needed prepare a contract for those services without having to go out for separate bids.

I believe the proposed budget plan addresses the major needs of the Authority at this time. I recommend approval.

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY Proposed 2012-13 FY Budget				Date of First Draft 5/28/12		
	4/1/11 Population BEBR Est.	Comments on Budget Change	Annual Amounts (\$)	Rev/Exp Inc./Decr. 12 vs 13 FYE	% Inc/Dec Rev/Exp 12 vs 13 FYE	
Revenues: Administrative						
			FYE 13 (\$19/cap)			
1 Assessments:						
2 Citrus	140,956	per capita rate	\$26,782	(\$236)	-0.87%	1
3 Hernando	173,078	per capita rate	\$32,885	\$1,427	4.54%	2
4 Sumter	96,615	per capita rate	\$18,357	\$245	1.35%	3
5 Marion (Less City of Ocala)	275,200	per capita rate	\$52,288	(\$280)	-0.53%	4
6 City of Ocala	56,545	per capita rate	\$10,744	\$457	4.44%	5
7 Total Population/Assessments @						6
8 19¢/Capita	742,394	See Attachment 2 for detail	\$141,055	\$1,611	1%	7
9 Carry-over Administration Reserve Funds (Est.)		See Attachment 1 for detail	\$397,105	(\$118,971)	-23%	8
10 Overhead from Citrus Contract		Based on Citrus County contract	\$60,000	\$0	0%	9
11 Total Administrative Revenue Available			\$598,160	(\$117,360)	-16%	10
Revenues: Water Supply Facility Development						
12 SWFWMD Matching Funds for 2010-12 Irrigation Audit Program		SWFWMD CFI Initiative	\$18,900	(\$42,975)	-69%	12
13 SWFWMD Matching Funds for 2012-14 Irrigation Audit Program		SWFWMD CFI Initiative	\$21,030	\$21,030	100%	13
14 LG Match for 2012-14 Irrigation Audit Program		SWFWMD CFI Initiative	\$36,038	(\$1,462)	-4%	14
15 Villages Matching Funds for 2010-12 Irrigation Audit Program		SWFWMD CFI Initiative	\$1,550	(\$10,950)	-88%	15
16 Villages Matching Funds for 2012-14 Irrigation Audit Program		SWFWMD CFI Initiative	\$2,628	\$2,628	100%	16
17 SWFWMD Matching Funds for 2012 Master Plan Update		SWFWMD CFI Initiative	\$125,000	\$125,000	100%	17
18 (SBA2) Carryover WRDF Reserve Funds (Est.)		See Attachment 1 for detail	\$919,431	(\$144,912)	-14%	18
19 (SBA2) Annual Citrus Amortization Pmts		See Attachment 2 for detail	\$163,587	\$0	0%	19
20 Total Water Supply Development Revenue Available			\$1,288,164	(\$14,141)	-1%	20
21						21
22						22
23 Total Revenues Available			\$1,886,324	(\$131,501)	-7%	23
Expenditures:						
24 General Administration						24
25 Executive Director		Based on Annual contract	\$80,000	(\$20,000)	-20%	25
26 Overlap fund for Continuing Executive/Administrative Resource			\$5,000	(\$32,500)	-87%	26
27 Administrative Assistant		Based on Annual contract	\$37,500	\$12,500	50%	27
28 Legal Services		Based on Annual contract	\$20,000	\$0	0%	28
29 Monthly Meetings @ \$500/meeting	\$6,000	No change				29
30 Other Services @ \$150/hr.	\$14,000	No change				30
31 Legislative Consultant		Based on Annual contract	\$42,000	\$0	0%	31
32 Advertising		Based on current usage	\$1,500	\$1,000	200%	32
33 Audit		Based on CPI	\$8,500	\$400	5%	33
34 Bank Charges		Based on current usage	\$600	\$300	100%	34
35 Bookkeeping Services		Based on current usage	\$1,350	\$0	0%	35
36 Office Supplies		Based on current usage	\$3,600	(\$1,500)	-29%	36
37 Postage		Based on current usage	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	-50%	37
38 Printing and Reproduction		Based on current usage	\$2,000	(\$2,500)	-56%	38
39 Publications/Software		Based on current usage	\$200	(\$150)	-43%	39
40 Rent (Lecanto Gov't Bldg)		Based on Lease Agreement	\$2,048	\$0	0%	40
41 Registrations/Dues		Based on current usage	\$2,000	\$1,500	300%	41
42 State Fees/Assessments		Based on current usage	\$175	\$0	0%	42
43 Telephone		Based on current usage	\$2,500	\$0	0%	43
44 Travel		Based on current usage	\$14,000	\$2,000	17%	44
45 Web Page Maintenance		Based on current usage	\$1,850	\$0	0%	45
46						46
47 Subtotal - General Administration Expenditures			\$225,823	(\$40,249)	-15%	47
48						48
49 Fund Balance for Admin. Reserves			\$372,337	(\$77,111)	-17%	49
50						50
51 TOTAL ADMIN. EXPENDITURES and FUND BALANCE			\$598,160	(\$117,360)	-16%	51
52						52
Water Supply Studies and Facilities						
53 General Services Contract		RFQ's - Firms on Call	\$75,000	\$50,000	200%	53
54 Update of Regional Water Supply Plan		SWFWMD CFI Contract	\$250,000	\$175,000	233%	54
55 Local Government Water Supply Projects (12-13 FYE)		Based on action of BoD	\$130,000	\$100	0%	55
56 North Sumter Data Collection Program		Based on Contract w/ SWFWMD	\$5,000	(\$5,000)	-50%	56
57 FY 2010-12 Irrigation Audit Program Completion		SWFWMD CFI Contract	\$37,800	(\$85,950)	-69%	57
58 FY 2012-14 Irrigation Audit Program		SWFWMD CFI Contract	\$42,060	\$42,060	35%	58
59 Purvis Gray Rate Analysis (CAB WSF)		Contract with Purvis Gray	\$8,588	(\$9,412)	-52%	59
60						60
61 Subtotal - Water Supply Studies and Facilities Expenditures			\$548,448	\$166,698	44%	61
62						62
63 Fund Balance for Water Supply Development Reserves			\$739,716	(\$180,839)	-20%	63
64						64
65 TOTAL WRDF EXPENDITURES and FUND BALANCE			\$1,288,164	(\$14,141)	-1%	65
66						66
67 Total Administration and WRDP Fund Balances at FYE 2012		See Attachment 1 for detail	\$1,112,053	(\$257,950)	-19%	67
68						68
69						69
70						70

ATTACHMENT 1

ANALYSIS OF BEGINNING FUND BALANCES FY 2012 - 2013

ANALYSIS OF WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FUND BALANCE

4/30/12 WRDF Bal (SBA2 & SBA2B)	\$1,080,509
Citrus Payments 5/12 - 9/12 @ \$13,632.25/month	\$68,161
Subtotal	\$1,148,670
Less: 11-12 FY Remaining Contract Balances:	
2011-12 Citrus Water Conservation program	\$41,500
2011-12 Hernando Water Conservation program	\$43,500
2011-12 Marion Water Conservation Program	\$39,000
2011-12 City of Belleview Water Reuse Program	\$6,000
2011-12 General Services Contract	\$10,378
2011-12 Irrigation Audit Evaluation, Admin and Mkting	\$75,273
North Sumter Data Collection	\$5,000
Subtotal	\$220,651
Total WRD Funds	\$928,019

ANALYSIS OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUND BALANCE

4/30/12 Admin Bal (SBA1 & SBA1B)	\$467,050
Admin from CAB WSF @ \$5,000/month	\$25,000
Less: May - Sept Avg. Admin Cost @ \$18,989/mo.	-\$94,945
Total Administrative Funds	\$397,105

PROJECTED FUND BALANCES AT END OF FY

Total Fund Balances beginning of FY 2012-13:	\$1,325,124
Add: 2012-13 Revenues	\$569,788
Deduct 2012-13 Expenses:	<u>-\$774,271</u>
Projected Fund Balances at end of FY 2012-13:	<u><u>\$1,120,641</u></u>

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ATTACHMENT 2

CALCULATION OF REVENUE FOR 2012-13 AND CALCULATION OF AMOUNT OF FUNDS NEEDED FROM RESERVES

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>4/1/11 POPULATION</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>	<u>Sub-Totals</u>
LOCAL ASSESSMENTS @ 19¢ PER CAPITA			
Citrus	140,956	\$26,782	
Hernando	173,078	\$32,885	
Marion (Less Ocala)	275,200	\$52,288	
Ocala	56,545	\$10,744	
Sumter	96,615	\$18,357	\$141,055
CHARLES A. BLACK WATER SUPPLY FACILITY			
Amortization of Wellfield Cost		\$163,587	
Administrative Contribution		\$60,000	\$223,587
MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STUDIES			
SWFWMD Match for 2010-12 Irrigation Audits		\$18,900	
SWFWMD Match for 2012-14 Irrigation Audits		\$21,030	
SWFWMD Match for RWSP Update		\$125,000	
LG Match for 2012-14 Irrigation Audit Program		\$36,038	
Villages Match UD 2010-12 Irrigation Audit Program		\$1,550	
Villages Match UD 2012-14 Irrigation Audit Program		\$2,628	\$205,146
TOTAL REVENUE FOR FY 2012-13			\$569,788
Less: 2012-13 Administration Expense			-\$225,823
Less: 2012-13 WRDF Cost			-\$548,448
Funds Required from WRWSA Reserves			-\$204,483

Prepared 5/29/11

6. d. Travel for
Envir. Permitting
Course

TO: Jack Sullivan

FROM: Diane Salz

SUBJECT: Request to Attend Environmental Permitting Summer School

DATE: May 17, 2012

Authorization is requested to attend the 26th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School held July 17--20, 2012 on Marco Island, sponsored by the Florida Chamber in cooperation with Department of Environmental Protection and the five (5) water management districts. Although this is an expensive event that I have not attended in at least a decade, there are several compelling reasons for attending on behalf of the Authority this year.

(1) The five water management districts no longer hold an annual conference to review new water policy direction, bring stakeholders together to discuss emerging issues, and to build professional relationships with staff and governing board members. In the absence of the annual water management district conferences, the environmental permitting summer school has become the venue for this purpose. Stakeholders have been known to draft legislation, build coalitions for support, and find sponsors for water policy legislation at prior environmental summer school sessions.

(2) The Governor has made a large number of executive staffing and governing board changes in the water management districts and the Department of Environmental Protection resulting in the need to build new professional relationships and to familiarize new staff with the Authority.

(3) Once per decade new census data is released resulting in the drawing of new political boundaries across the state. With virtually all races open, many new legislators will be elected to office and will want to sponsor legislation for new water policies. It's important to help these newly elected officials become familiar with the Authority.

(4) Policy direction is changing and the summer school provides an important opportunity to understand and influence that evolution, if necessary. I believe we should avail ourselves to legislators, governing board members, executive staff and stakeholders to articulate the Authority's position on emerging issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the following estimated costs:

- non-member registration: \$545;
- lodging at \$144 for two nights: \$300 with tax;
- mileage-- 447 miles (x2) at .45 per mile: \$403;
- total estimated cost: \$1,248



June 1, 2012

Brad Thorpe, County Administrator
Citrus County
110 N. Apopka Avenue
Inverness, FL 34450

Re: Preliminary Budget Request for the WRWSA for FY 2012-13

Dear Mr. Thorpe:

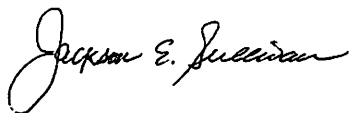
The member local governments of the Authority are beginning their budget cycles and have requested information regarding the Water Supply Authority's budget request for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The Authority will vote on its final budget for FY 2012-2013 at the Authority's June 20, 2012 Board meeting. I will forward the final budget to you as soon as it is approved. However, I can provide you with our per capita assessment request for this fiscal year. The Board voted at its May 16, 2012 meeting to maintain its per capita assessment request at 19¢ for the 2012-13 FY. The proposed assessments are shown on the attached table. The impact to our member governments will vary depending on each government's growth rate. While the growth rate for the region as a whole was approximately 1.16% over last year, the population in Citrus and Marion counties declined by almost 0.9% and 0.5% respectively. Our proposed work program for the 2012-13 FY is also attached for your information.

I would point out to all of our local governments that the Authority has returned dollars to its member governments to help them improve their water supply capabilities. Over the past nine years the Authority provided direct grants of \$1,324,631 to its member counties. During this past fiscal year (2011-12) the Authority provided \$130,000 to four member governments to improve water conservation efforts. Hernando County received \$43,500, Citrus County received \$41,500, and Marion County received \$39,000. The City of Belleview received \$6,000. In addition, the Authority has used its local government assessments along with other funds from its Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility in Citrus County to match funds from the Southwest Florida Water Management District to prepare the Authority's long-range plan, to collect additional well field data in Sumter County, and to administer a pilot program for residential irrigation system evaluations to aid in water conservation.

The Authority understands that all levels of government are under severe budgetary constraints this year and will probably have the same problems next year. The Authority's budget request is relatively minor in the overall scheme of things. However, we feel that we need to do our part to lessen our impact on our member local governments.

If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackson E. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jackson E. Sullivan
Executive Director

Attachment

cc: Citrus County WRWSA Members ✓
Cathy Taylor, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Ken Cheek, Citrus County Water Resource Director

**PROPOSED 2012-13 ASSESSMENTS
WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

County/City	4/1/11 Population Est.	Assessment @ .19/Capita	Annual Amount	Quarterly Assessment
Citrus	140,956	\$0.19	\$26,782	\$6,695.41
Hernando	173,078	\$0.19	\$32,885	\$8,221.21
Sumter	96,615	\$0.19	\$18,357	\$4,589.21
Marion (Less Ocala)	275,200	\$0.19	\$52,288	\$13,072.00
Ocala	56,545	\$0.19	\$10,744	\$2,685.89
Totals	742,394	\$0.19	\$141,055	\$35,263.72

County/City	11-12 FY Assessment	12-13 FY Assessment	% Change
Citrus	\$27,018	\$26,782	-0.87%
Hernando	\$31,458	\$32,885	4.54%
Sumter	\$18,112	\$18,357	1.35%
Marion (Less Ocala)	\$52,568	\$52,288	-0.53%
Ocala	\$10,287	\$10,744	4.44%
Totals	\$139,443	\$141,055	1.16%

**Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
2012-13 Work Program**

1. Transitioning Executive Director Responsibilities

A new Executive Director was selected at the May 2012 Board meeting of the Authority. The new Executive Director, Richard Owen, is a former Deputy Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Mr. Owen started his duties July 1, 2012 and will spend the following three months being briefed by the out-going Executive Director, Jack Sullivan on the administrative, legal and executive responsibilities of the Authority. During the 2012-13 FY Mr. Owen will assume full responsibility for leading the Authority.

2. Joint Funding of Water Supply Projects with Member Local Governments.

The Authority Board will continue its grant program to assist local governments in improving water conservation within the region in order to extend the use of groundwater as long as possible. Since its inception in FY 1999-2000, the Authority has appropriated \$1,324,531 to local government projects in the region. During the 2012-13 FY, the proposed budget anticipates appropriating an additional ±\$130,000 toward local government water conservation projects. Proposals will be considered from any member local government in the Authority's jurisdiction. The grant program guidelines and application package may be found on the Authority's web page at www.wrwsa.org.

3. Tracking Water Resource Legislation During the 2013 Legislative Session that is of Interest to the Withlacoochee Region.

The Authority has contracted with Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant, to track legislation on water supply, water management districts and other water resource issues. The Authority has focused its attention on tracking any attempts to weaken or abolish the "Local Sources First" permitting requirements adopted by the 1997 Legislature. The Authority approved the continuation of its contract with the Governmental Affairs Consultant for additional work during the 2013 legislative session.

4. Continue the Regional Residential Irrigation Audit Program to Promote Water Conservation within the Region

This project provides an opportunity for residents within Citrus, Hernando, Marion, and Sumter counties (the Withlacoochee region), to obtain site-specific evaluations for optimizing the use of water through landscaping techniques and efficient irrigation systems, and to implement recommendations provided by a professionally certified contractor. Contractors used for the site-specific evaluations are professionals certified by Florida Irrigation Society (FIS) or other recognized certifying agency in the targeted region. The initiative includes program information/education, reporting and analysis, code modification and program administration by a consultant. This project targets existing inefficient landscape and irrigation water use, and should result in increased water savings and water quality protection.

The Authority initiated this program in 2011 with joint funding through the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) program. The

2011 program will continue through 2013 and will be followed by another CFI program with the Authority beginning in 2012 and running through 2014.

5. Update of the 2010 Regional Water Supply Master Plan.

A recommendation of the 2010 Regional Water Supply Master Plan is to update the Master Plan data and recommendations every five years. This would include updating information in the plan related to determining existing and future water demands, developing an updated water resources assessment and preparing an inventory and evaluation of traditional and alternative water supply sources. The Southwest Florida Water Management District was interested in the Authority moving forward with updating its Plan data during FY 2013 so they could then use the data it developed in the update of the District Water Use Plan in 2014. The District has indicated it will approve the Plan update through its Cooperative Funding Initiative program.

6. Finalize the Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility Rate Analysis

During the 2011-12 FY, the Board authorized a study of the current contract with Citrus County for water supply from the Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility (CABWSF). The Authority put this facility into service in 1992. The Authority contracted with Citrus County to operate and maintain the facility. The current contract provides for an allocation of 2 MGD for Citrus County from the facility. However, for a number of years, the County has been utilizing significantly more water supply from the wellfield. The Authority engaged Purvis Gray & Company, CPAs to prepare a rate analysis and recommend changes to the current contract between the Authority and Citrus County. This study is on going and projected to be completed in the 2012-13 FY.

7. Continuation of Cooperation with Citrus County in Operation of the Authority's Charles A. Black Wellfield and Water Supply Facility (CABWSF).

The CAB Water Supply Facility is currently operating and supplying water to the Citrus system. The Authority will continue to cooperate with Citrus County in the maintenance and permitting for the wells and the treatment facility per our operation and maintenance contract with Citrus County.



May 18, 2012

Joint Administrative Procedures Committee
Attn.: Kenneth J. Plante, Coordinator
Room 680, Pepper Building
111 W. Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400

Re: Compliance with Section 120.74(3), Florida Statutes

Dear Mr. Plante:

Pursuant to Section 120.74(3), please be advised that the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority does not plan to adopt any Rules during the period between July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Cordially,

JACKSON E. SULLIVAN

cc: Mike Haridopolos, Senate President
Dean Cannon, Speaker of the House



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May 11, 2012

Dennis Damato, Chairman
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228
Lecanto, FL 34461

Dear Chairman Demato:

It was a pleasure to meet you and speak with the Board of Directors of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority on April 18. I appreciate the willingness to work together on water resource issues.

Thank you for your April 19, 2012, letter about the Adena Springs Ranch consumptive use permit application. I assure you that St. Johns River Water Management District staff will consider your concerns as they review the application. We are currently awaiting additional information from the applicant, who has until Aug. 26, 2012, to respond or ask for an extension in timeframes. Your letter will be included in the file of record and will be provided to the District's Governing Board when the Board considers the application.

Information about the application, review process and public input opportunities are available on our website at floridaswater.com/facts/AdenaSpringsRanchCUP. As new information becomes available on the application, we will update that web page. In the upper right corner of the webpage, there is a link to the permitting files where you can access all correspondence from the applicant and from the District.

You will be notified by U.S. mail when the District staff are prepared to make a recommendation to the Governing Board on this permit application. Information will be included about the Governing Board meeting, and the public will have an opportunity to provide input at that meeting.

Again, thank you for writing and for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

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Northwest Florida Water Management District taps DEP's Steverson as new director
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The **Northwest Florida Water Management District** board on Thursday named **Jon Steverson** of the **Florida Department of Environmental Protection** as its new executive director.

Steverson is DEP's special counsel on policy and legislative affairs. He starts June 1 but his salary had not been set on Thursday, board chairman **George Roberts** said.

Steverson worked in the governor's **Office of Policy and Budget** from 2005 to 2009 and was governmental liaison for the **Florida Association of Counties** from 2002 to 2005. He has a law degree and bachelor's of science degree in geography from **Florida State University**.

Steverson was by far the most qualified among the four who applied for the job, Roberts said.

"He had a lot more knowledge than anybody else in the questions we asked specifically about our district," Roberts said.

In his job application cover letter, Steverson said resolving the dispute with Alabama, Florida and Georgia over water from the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river system is of "utmost importance." He also cited his work for the department this year on **SB 2142**, which lifted a property tax revenue cap placed on water management districts by the Legislature in 2011.

Related Research: [Read Jon Steverson's application letter to the Northwest Florida Water Management District.](#)

Steverson replaces **Douglas Barr**, who left the district on April 24 after he wasn't reappointed by **Gov. Rick Scott**.

The governor told reporters he didn't want to explain why he chose not to reappoint some after the Senate failed to confirm hundreds of appointments during the legislative session. Barr, who was hired by the district in 1977, became the last executive director of the state's five water management districts to leave since Scott took office in January 2011.

Meanwhile, a **Suwannee River Water Management District** search committee last week named DEP's **Ann Shortelle** as its recommended candidate. If chosen by the district board in June, she would replace **David Still**, who was pushed out by his district's governing board in February.

Shortelle is director of DEP's **Office of Water Policy**. She has a doctorate in limnology and water resources from the **University of Notre Dame** and she joined DEP in 2011 after serving as a water quality consultant.

In her cover letter with her application, Shortelle said her priorities would include the **North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership** with DEP and the **St. Johns River Water Management District** along with process review and putting science into action.



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Robert L. Knight: Water under pressure

By Robert L. Knight

Special to The Sun

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The Florida Springs Institute feels that it is necessary to respond to two Speaking Outs published by the Gainesville Sun on May 20 — "DEP is Using Science, Data to 'Get the Water Right,'" by Drew Bartlett, director of DEP's Division of Environmental Assessment and Management; and "Adena Springs Permit Won't Hurt Silver Springs," by Ed de la Parte, water-use permitting attorney for Adena Springs Ranch.

These two essays are similar in their efforts to convince the public that we should trust our government and large corporate lawyers to protect our environmental resources. The evidence to the contrary is overwhelming and irrefutable.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is financed by taxpayer's dollars to protect Florida's environment. In spite of Bartlett's assertion that DEP is using science to "get the water right," more than 30 years of data collected by DEP's own staff has documented excessive nutrient pollution in the state's springs, with increased nitrate concentrations in more than 80 percent of our springs and more than 40 percent of our springs with nitrate increases of more than 1,000 percent.

In 1998, DEP created a task force of scientists and engineers to address this problem. The Florida Springs Task Force concluded in 2000 that DEP needed to "enforce existing regulations that can be used to protect groundwater that flows to springs." Despite Bartlett's claim that DEP is on top of this springs pollution nightmare, his agency shelved the Springs Task Force and their report and has taken no substantive action to provide effective and timely enforcement of the state's water quality standards in springs. Our springs continue to become more polluted under DEP's watch.

The proposed Adena Springs Ranch is in the groundwater basin that feeds Silver Springs. Silver Springs in turn is one of Florida's most unique natural wonders and provides substantial baseflow to the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers.

Yet nitrate contamination has been evident in Silver Springs since the 1950s and continues to rise in spite of well-intentioned agricultural and urban wastewater management practices condoned by our state agencies and their "good science."

DEP issued all required water quality permits to the Adena Springs Ranch without any public input in spite of the many tons of nitrogen waste that will result from raising another 30,000 cows in the springshed.

De le Parte is an attorney and his only expertise as a groundwater and springs guru is a result of his tireless efforts to help big industry and municipal clients win consumptive use permits that allow large-scale withdrawal of Florida's precious

groundwater resources. His call to rely on the entire volume of the Floridan Aquifer System to supply the needs of the current generation of Floridian businesses is like suggesting that we tear down the Rocky Mountains so we can build more gravel roads.

He does not appear to understand a simple concept — Florida springs, rivers and lakes are reliant on only the top of the Floridan Aquifer and inevitably dry up when we lower aquifer levels by only tens of feet. He also chooses to ignore the fact that the freshwater under our feet is precariously balanced on salt water at greater depths, and for each one foot of aquifer drawdown there is a corresponding rise of more than 40 feet by the underlying saltwater.

Up-coning of salty groundwater is already happening throughout the coastal regions of Florida, and the Florida Geological Survey is warning that rising salt water in the groundwater under the center of the state is an indicator of an impending disaster if we continue to increase our rate of groundwater withdrawals.

Flows in Silver Springs are declining at an unprecedented rate never observed during previous extreme droughts. Existing rates of groundwater pumping throughout Marion County and as far away as Jacksonville are altering regional groundwater levels and spring flows.

It is likely that the St. Johns River Water Management District will grant the 13.26 million gallon per day groundwater withdrawal permit request by Adena Springs Ranch. By itself this permitted withdrawal could result in a flow reduction at Silver Springs of between about 6 and 13 million gallons per day. This is roughly 6 percent of the existing daily flow at Silver Springs and about 2 percent of the long-term average spring flow.

But added to the more than 2 billion gallons per day of existing groundwater withdrawals in the St. Johns and Southwest Florida water management districts, it may be the straw in the groundwater that breaks the camel's back.

Our message to Bartlett and de le Parte is clear — it is not in the best interest of Florida's future environment and economy to continue on this path of excess and environmental degradation. Existing state and federal laws were enacted to protect our groundwater resources and springs and they must be enforced, regardless of the wishes of special interests.

Dr. Robert L. Knight is director of the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute.

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Scientific evidence of a water crisis abounds as Adena Springs case unfolds

By Karen Ahlers and Neil Chonin

Special to the Star-Banner

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Upton Sinclair noted that "it is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends on his not understanding it."

That pretty much sums up last Sunday's guest column about Adena Springs Ranch by Ed de la Parte, the attorney for billionaire Frank Stronach and his controversial cattle operation in Marion County.

In his May 20 column, de la Parte fails to understand the special feelings residents, and visitors, in North Central Florida have for the beautiful, iconic Silver Springs. He seems not to understand the common sense shared in local communities that existing aquifer withdrawals are contributing to the all-time low flow from the springs and that an additional withdrawal of 13 million gallons per day in the Silver Springs springshed is way too much, especially during this time of extreme drought. Droughts come and go in Florida. In which case, wouldn't it be sensible to plan for the worst rather than bank on the best?

According to the Adena Springs attorney, we are all too emotional and uninformed, and we ought sit down, be quiet and get with the science.

But the science that de la Parte presents is part of a lawyer's argument, and the "facts" are based on studies Adena Springs commissioned. Studies that have not been completed, accepted or approved by any agency looking out for the welfare of Florida residents.

For instance, Adena Springs' groundwater modeling study reported no harm to Silver Springs. But the study was set up improperly, according to the St. Johns River Water Management District. The district told Adena Springs that the model should not have included recharge because the district would only permit enough irrigation water to grow grass, not recharge the aquifer. Even if the model was set up correctly, the district says the suitability of the groundwater model to evaluate Adena Springs' withdrawal impacts has "been brought into question," and more investigation is required.

According to de la Parte, the results of an aquifer performance test conducted by Adena Springs have not been compiled and submitted, but he already has concluded it would be irrational to expect harm. The district, on the other hand, says further study beyond the aquifer performance test is warranted.

The district has stated that a "primary concern is that of nutrients from the site (sources that include manure, urine and inorganic fertilizer) could be transported directly off-site via surface water conveyance or indirectly off-site via groundwater conveyance to an adjacent OFW water body." Two OFWs (Outstanding Florida Waters) are at risk — the Silver River and the Ocklawaha River Aquatic Preserves.

Is the water management district also being too emotional?

Folks need not be concerned, according to de la Parte, because Adena Springs will use precisely as much water as their grass crop needs. They will manage fertilizer and manure so that only the precise amounts needed by the crop will be used. Some of this precision agricultural science will come from research through the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida's new Frank Stronach Plant Science Center, named for the Adena Springs Ranch billionaire owner and donor who funded the \$1.5 million building project.

De la Parte is telling us to leave it to IFAS and Adena Springs' private consultants to determine what best-management practices Adena Springs must follow. He believes the district can decide what's in the public interest. Unfortunately, organizations such as IFAS and the water management districts are bowing to the pressure of money and business and may not be serving the best interests of residents. The St. Johns district, as well as Florida's other water management districts, have been hogtied by the current administration in Florida, resulting in inadequate budgets, reduced staffing and pro-industry/anti-environment executive directors and governing boards. The approval by the district of more water withdrawal permits for the Jacksonville Electric Authority and other major water consumers has contributed to the current unprecedented water crisis. They publicly acknowledge this fact.

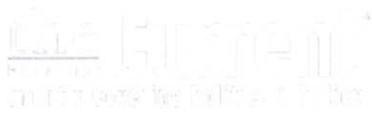
The Adena Springs Ranch application and submittals can be viewed online. So can the modeling correspondence quoted in this column and hundreds of objection letters and emails. Go to

<https://permitting.sjrwmd.com/epermitting/jsp/Search.jsp?option=permitNumberOption> and type in the permit number 129419.

So, don't judge the Adena Springs Ranch permit based on emotion like some people have. There's plenty of good old-fashioned, fact-based doubt to go around.

Karen Ahlers is an environmental advocate who lives in Putnam County, and Neil Chonin is a noted environmental lawyer with Southern Legal Council Inc. in Gainesville.

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A federal judge on Thursday granted the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** a nearly six-month extension on a deadline to establish new federal water pollution limits in Florida.

But **U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle** also warned the agency not to expect any additional extensions in an issue that has pitted some environmentalists against state officials and utilities and industry groups. The issue involves setting numeric background limits for nutrients, including phosphorus and nitrogen compounds. The nutrients come from a variety of sources including fertilizer, livestock operations, industry and utilities.

The EPA filed the [extension request](#) last week, saying it needed more time after Hinkle in February tossed out the pollution limits that some Florida officials and industry groups objected to as too costly.

Environmental groups represented by the nonprofit **Earthjustice** law firm filed [an objection](#) to the delay request, saying that EPA has had more than three years to produce the pollution limits and that nutrient pollution is a "serious and continuing problem in Florida." The groups have challenged proposed state rules that would replace the federal rules and are supported by industry groups.

Gov. Rick Scott in February signed **HB 7051** exempting the proposed state rules from ratification by the Legislature so they could be sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review.

The EPA had faced a June 4 deadline for signing a proposed federal rule for streams other those than in South Florida. Hinkle agreed in [an order](#) Thursday to set a Nov. 30 deadline for those streams and a July 20 deadline for the South Florida streams.

Hinkle said he found the EPA requests for extensions reasonable but added, "The defendants (EPA) should take note: The effort that began in 1998 to establish numeric nutrient criteria for Florida waters must be completed. The defendants should not expect a further extension."

Earthjustice represents the **Florida Wildlife Federation**, **St. Johns River Keeper**, the **Conservancy of Southwest Florida**, the **Sierra Club** and the **Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida**.

With emails and photographs to media outlets, the groups highlighted an algae bloom in the Santa Fe River last week and said it showed the need for tough federal rules. But the **Florida Department of Environmental Protection** said Thursday that the Santa Fe River and some other water bodies would not meet pollution limits under the proposed state rules but would have been OK under the federal rules tossed out by Hinkle.

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Intervenor plaintiffs include the **Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**, the state of Florida represented by the **Attorney General's Office**, the **Florida League of Cities**, the **Florida Stormwater Association**, the **Florida Pulp and Paper Association** and the **Florida Farm Bureau Federation**.

Related Research: [Access recent court documents associated with federal numeric nutrient criteria.](#)

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Greetings NNC Task Force Members – attached is a “Save the Date” flyer for the upcoming Florida Water Forum. This is the Third Annual FL Water Forum hosted by AIF and FS/AWWA. I wanted to get this date to you so you can put it on your calendar!

We are excited to announce that Secretary Herschel Vinyard will be luncheon key note speaker.

More speakers will be announced later along with registration information.

Sponsorships are available and forms can be found on the website – www.flawaterforum.com

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

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All:

Thank you, again, for your willingness to serve on Commissioner Putnam's Water Policy Advisory Council. Only a handful of members have sent their regrets about attending the June 8, 2012 meeting in Gainesville. With a group this large, it is virtually impossible to find a date suitable for all.

Attached is an agenda and map with directions to the meeting facility. As you can see from reviewing the agenda, Dr. Ann Shortelle will provide a briefing on the status and projected timeline for FDEP and the water management districts to bring more consistency and predictability to the consumptive use permitting program statewide. This is a complicated effort and will have some impact on all permitted water users. Bill Bartnick will give an overview on the status of our new responsibility to generate binding determinations, in the event of a dispute, as to whether activities on agricultural lands are exempt from Environmental Resource Permitting. We've conducted approximately 20 determinations since July 1, 2011. I've also scheduled some time to provide an update and some observations about the difficult task of developing agricultural water supply demand projections. I'll likely use the Central Florida Water Initiative as a point of reference but the issues I'll raise span the entire state.

I look forward to seeing you all in Gainesville on June 8th.

Best regards,

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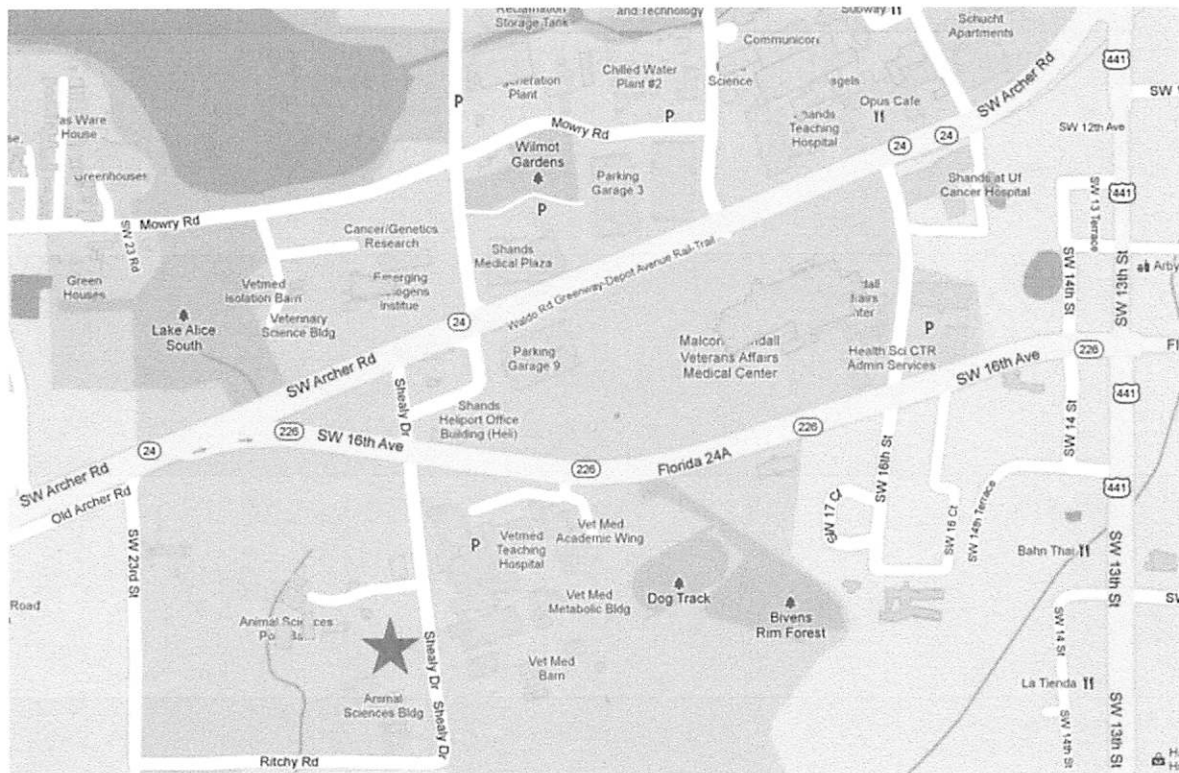
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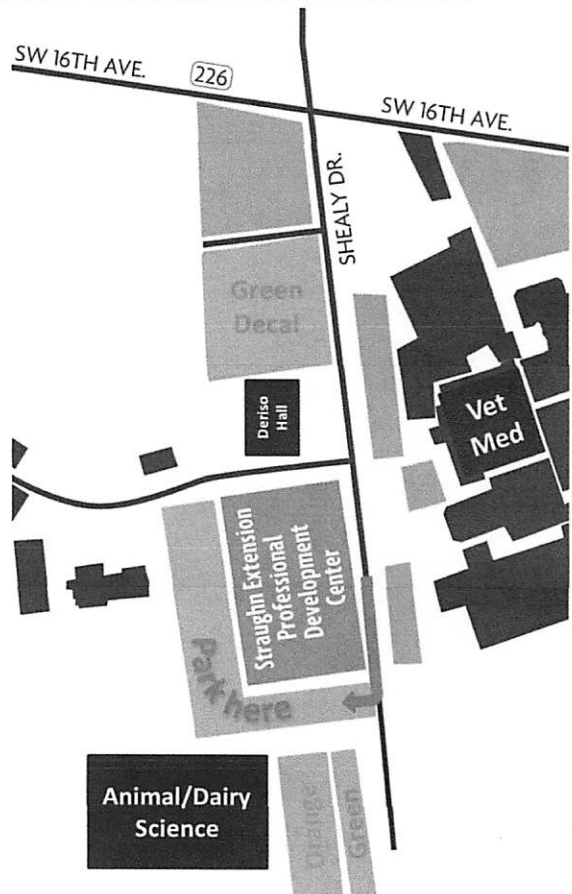
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The EPA has petitioned the United States District Court to extend deadlines associated with the Court's Order with respect to the numeric nutrient criteria for streams (except those in South Florida) and downstream protection values for unimpaired lakes, which were invalidated by the Court. The EPA seeks to extend the current June 4, 2012 deadline for proposal of those criteria to November 30, 2012.

The EPA is also seeking an extension with respect to the Consent Decree deadline for final rulemaking regarding streams in the South Florida region and coastal and estuarine waters. The EPA has petitioned the Court to extend the deadline from January 7, 2013 to May 10, 2013.

U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle has granted the extension and said that he found the EPA requests for extensions reasonable but added, "The defendants (EPA) should take note: the effort that began in 1998 to establish numeric nutrient criteria for Florida waters must be completed. The defendants should not expect a further extension." Environmental groups represented by the nonprofit Earthjustice law firm filed an objection to the delay request, saying that EPA has had more than three years to produce the pollution limits and that nutrient pollution is a "serious and continuing problem in Florida."

State Rule Administrative Challenge: The DEP rule challenge was heard by the Department of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) and Administrative Law Judge Bram D. E. Canter on February 27, 2012 in Tallahassee. We are still awaiting Judge Canter's ruling.