



**WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL
WATER
SUPPLY
AUTHORITY**

Board Meeting Package

July 16, 2014
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: July 2, 2014

Subject: Monthly Meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

The next meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will be on **Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 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 May 21, 2014 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
July 16, 2014 @ 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
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Public Comment
6. RWSP Update . . . Gregg Jones, Cardno ENTRIX
 - a. Board Acceptance of the Final Report and Approval for Submittal to the SWFWMD
7. Local Government Grant Applications . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA
8. Executive Director's Report . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA
 - a. Bills to be Paid [June bills in packet; July bills to be provided in hand-out]
 - b. Fiscal Year 2013-14 2nd Quarter Financial Report
 - c. Fiscal Year 2014-15 Board Meeting Calendar
 - d. Correspondence
 - e. News Articles
 - f. Other
9. Legislative Update . . . Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant
10. Attorney's Report . . . Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
 - a. Citrus County Communications Tower
 - b. Nancy H. Smith, Inc., Administrative Assistant and Project Management Services Contract
11. Other Business
12. Next Meeting Time and Location . . . August 20, 2014 3:30 p.m., Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461
13. Adjournment

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**Item 4.
Minutes**

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2014**

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 James Adkins called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. Roll Call

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Adkins, *Chairman*, Hernando County Commissioner
Al Butler, *Vice-Chairman*, Sumter County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilor
Stan McClain, *Treasurer*, Marion County Commissioner
Nick Nicholson, Hernando County Commissioner

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Bruce Hickie, City of Bushnell
Andy Houston, City of Crystal River
Flip Mellinger, Marion County
Richard Radack, City of Brooksville

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Ken Brown, Crystal River City Councilor
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Joseph Johnston, Brooksville City Councilor
Don Hahnfeldt, Sumter County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilor
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

3. Introductions and Announcements

Mr. Owen announced that a quorum was present as well as a quorum for the purpose of voting on the budget. He stated that the Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement requires at least one county commissioner representative from each county member be present for action on the proposed budget.

Members of the audience introduced themselves.

STAFF PRESENT

Richard Owen, WRWSA Executive Director

Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant
Nancy Smith, WRWSA Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Jacob Arnett, Marion County Water Resources
Dave Arnold, SWFWMD
Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities
Debra Burden, Citrus County Water Resources
Ken Cheek, Citrus County Water Resources Director
Mike Czerwinski, Czerwinski Environmental Consultant
Jay Hoecker, SWFWMD
Angel Roussel, Hernando County
Bob Titterington, Greenman-Pedersen Inc.
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

4. Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2014 Meeting

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

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Butler to approve the minutes for the April 16, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain and carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Sinkholes . . . Dave Arnold, SWFWMD

Mr. Owen introduced Dave Arnold, Well Construction Manager, SWFWMD, to provide the Board with information about sinkhole formation in Florida. Mr. Arnold is a professional geologist and a hydro-geologist for the District. He described sinkholes as geologic hazards that occur in areas underlain with soluble bedrock such as limestone. He presented many characteristics of sinkhole location and formation and their significance in Florida.

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

7. RWSP . . . Gregg Jones, Cardno ENTRIX

Mr. Owen stated that the draft Regional Water Supply Plan Update (RWSPU) was submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on May 2, 2014. The TAC met on May 15 to review the documents and to provide comments. The final draft is due for submittal to the Authority and to the District on July 1, 2014. In order to present the report to the Authority at the July 16, 2014 Board meeting, Mr. Owen has requested that the Authority's submittal date to the District be extended until July 25, 2014.

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

8. Local Government Grant Program . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA

Mr. Owen stated that the staff was seeking direction to the guidelines for the local government grant program. He reminded the Board that staff received an inquiry last month from the Ocala Discovery Center as to its eligibility to apply for a local government grant. There was discussion at that meeting about accepting applications from entities other than member governments. The general consensus was to follow up with the Discovery Center and to bring the matter back to the May Board meeting. Mr. Owen advised that the Discovery Center is an agency of the City of

Ocala, and could submit its application through the City. Mr. Owen recommended that applications be accepted only from governmental entities and requested a motion from the Board.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Nicholson to approve restricting applications to the Local Government Grant Program by governmental entities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Radacky and carried unanimously.

9. **Proposed 2014-2015 Budget . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA**

Mr. Owen presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The projected revenues for fiscal year 2014-2015 are \$448,815, slightly less than the current year. Projected expenditures for both Administration and Water Supply Studies and Facilities total \$560,000. The administrative expenses are approximately one percent less than the current year, while facilities' projects and studies are also lower. Mr. Owen is continuing to work with Citrus County on a revised rate agreement, which includes some funds for Purvis Gray & Company to assist in that process. Expenses for both administration and projects exceed revenues, so the difference is made up from administrative and project reserves. However, the administrative reserve account will grow slightly over the next year leaving a total in reserves of \$1.136 million at end of next fiscal year. Staff recommends approval of the FY 2014-15 budget, in a total amount of \$1,696,898.

Mr. McClain asked for the rationale in determining how much money should remain in the reserves. Mr. Owen responded that he would like to maintain or enhance the reserves during the remaining time that Citrus County pays for their portion of the Charles A Black facilities. These reserves would be available in the event that a member local government requests assistance from the WRWSA to take on a water supply project. This assistance could be matching funds, funds to facilitate project initiation, or to otherwise enhance the ability of a local government to obtain additional funding.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the FY 2014-2015 WRWSA budget in a total amount of \$1,696,898, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain and carried unanimously.

10. **Executive Director's Report ... Richard S. Owen, Executive Director**

a. **Bills to be Paid**

Mr. Owen presented the May 2014 bills, in the handout, and requested approval of payment of the bills totaling \$30,026.02.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve payment of the May 2014 bills of \$30,026.02. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain and carried unanimously.

b. **Fiscal Year 2013-14 2nd Quarter Financial Report**

Mr. Owen stated that the 2nd Quarter Financial Report would be presented at the next Board meeting.

c. **Update on Members and Alternates**

A list of the current WRWSA Board Members and Alternates was included in the Board's packet. In addition, a handout of the draft procedures associated with alternates was provided to each Board member. Although some of these issues are very administrative in nature, Mr. Owen wanted to review these with the Board and get any feedback. He reviewed alternate procedures including distribution of the Board's packet, email communications, seating, participation and voting.

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

d. Charles A. Black Facility Update

Mr. Owen explained that the Charles A. Black facilities are owned by the WRWSA, but are operated and maintained by Citrus County pursuant to an interlocal agreement. In 2012, Cardno was retained to do an evaluation of the CAB facilities. That evaluation showed a number of items that had attained or exceeded their useful life, including some large capital items.

Mr. Owen introduced Ken Cheek, Citrus County Water Resources Director, to provide an update of the capital replacement status. Mr. Cheek stated that the County does incorporate repair and replacement projects in the County's Capital Improvements Plan and treats the facilities as if owned by the County. The expenses are paid for out of the renewal and replacement account to which the County contributes funds based on the agreement between the County and the WRWSA. The two largest items, which were identified as needing replacement, are the generators at each of the two facilities: CAB #1 and #2. The generator at CAB #1 is serial #1; it has been extremely reliable, but getting any spare parts is difficult.

There are sufficient funds available in the R & R fund to cover replacement of the generators. Mr. Cheek stated that the cost includes demolishing the buildings around the generators, upgrades to the existing slabs, wiring, piping, and engineering services to draw up the plans and specifications. The need for site revisions became known as the contractors toured the sites during the pre-bid conference. The specifications will include a building on CAB site #2, but the final costs may determine whether that is constructed or whether the County requests additional screening for that site. The cost for the generators and the needed site upgrades are still within the budget. The R & R fund balance is approximately \$1.9 million. Mr. Cheek stated that he would come back to the WRWSA Board for approval following receipt of the bids. He expects to encumber the costs during this fiscal year.

Mr. Owen explained that this replacement will be the first large utilization of R & R funds. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

e. Correspondence

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

f. News Articles

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

g. Other

There were no items presented.

11. Legislative Report . . . Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Liaison

Ms. Salz presented a summary of actions taken during the recently completed legislative session. These actions are summarized in the handout and in information provided in the Board's packet. Actions included funding of local projects and some bills, including a bill requiring certain information to be posted on special districts' websites. The governor has until June 4, 2014 to sign the General Appropriations Act; most legislation that passed will go into effect on July 1, 2014.

There was discussion of the proposed constitutional amendment regarding springs' restoration funding and other springs related topics.

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

< Commissioner Nick Nicholson left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.>

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

a. Repeal of WRWSA Rules

Mr. Haag reviewed the process to repeal the rules governing the Authority, which are no longer needed. The Authority Board adopted a Statement of Agency Organization and Operation in April 2013, and the signatory counties approved a Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement in January 2014, making the rules obsolete. The Authority advertised a notice of pending repeal in the *Florida Administrative Register* on April 17, 2014. Some additional language was required, which were published on May 20, 2014. The WRWSA did not receive a written request for a hearing and further, given that the notice was published more than 28 days prior to this Board meeting, the rule adoption process has been met.

Mr. Haag recommended that the Board repeal the Authority's Rules found in Chapter 49C-1.001 through 49C-1.014, *Florida Administrative Code*.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to repeal the Authority's Rules found in Chapter 49C-1.001 through 49C-1.014, *Florida Administrative Code*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Butler and carried unanimously.

13. Other Business

Mr. Owen advised the Board that he was unaware of any business that needed to be acted on in June. He could consult with the Chairman later in the month regarding cancellation of the June 18, 2014 Board meeting, or the Board could consider action at this time.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. McClain to cancel the June 18, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Butler and carried unanimously.

14. Next Meeting Time and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2014, 3:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

15. Adjournment

Chairman Adkins announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the WRWSA and adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

James E. Adkins, Chairman

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

Item 6.
RWSP Update

Item 6. RWSP Update . . . Gregg Jones, Cardno ENTRIX

The Public Review Draft of the Regional Water Supply Plan Update (RWSPU) was completed on June 25, 2014. The draft was posted on the Authority's website and notices were sent to the Technical Advisory Committee and to area newspapers and media outlets. The deadline for public comment on the draft is Wednesday, July 9, 2014. The RWSPU will be presented to the Authority's Board on July 16, 2014 and any substantive changes made to the Public Review Draft based on comments received through July 9th will be described at that meeting.

Staff Recommendation: Acceptance of the Regional Water Supply Plan Update and submittal of the Plan Update to the Southwest Florida Water Management District.



Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Water Supply Plan Update
Progress Report #15 (May/June 2014)

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1) Task 4. Completion of Water Supply Plan Report

- a) Completed first draft of Water Supply Plan
- b) Sent the draft report to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review and comment.
- c) Held TAC Meeting on May 15th to go over comments of the members on the first draft of the Water Supply Plan.
- d) Incorporated TAC comments into the second draft of the Water Supply Plan.
- e) Worked extensively with the Southwest and St. John's River Water Management Districts to come to agreement of how to present the results of the groundwater modeling and groundwater availability assessment into the second draft of the Water Supply Plan.
- f) Released the second draft of the Water Supply Plan for Public Comment on June 25th.

Item 7.
2014-15 Local Government
Grant Applications

Item 7. Local Government Grant Applications . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA

At the Authority's April 2014 meeting, the Board approved an allocation of \$130,000 for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 grants program. The Board also provided direction that the grants program should focus on supporting water conservation activities. The Authority has received three grant applications, one each from Citrus, Hernando and Marion counties. Exhibit A provides a summary of the applications while copies of the applications are also included as exhibits to this item.

The three applications received reflect continuations of member government proven effective water conservation programs. Staff analysis of the applications indicates these water conservation programs continue to meet the Authority's grant program requirements and should be funded. The total amount of grant applications, \$120,750, is within the Board approved budgeted amount of \$130,000.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the grants in the amounts shown in Exhibit A for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

Exhibit A

2014-15 WRWSA Grant Applications and Staff Recommendations

Applicant / Program	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Citrus County / Water Conservation	\$40,250	\$40,250
Hernando County / Water Conservation	\$48,150	\$48,150
Marion County / Water Conservation	\$32,350	\$32,350
Total	\$120,750	\$120,750



**Citrus County Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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May 27, 2014

WRL-2014-06

Mr. Richard Owen, Executive Director
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
3600 W Sovereign Path, Suite 228
Lecanto, FL 34461

Re: Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program

Dear Mr. Owen,

Citrus County is seeking funding assistance through the 2015 Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program. Per the submittal requirements, enclosed are Citrus County's application, Resolution No. 2014-059 indicating that funds are budgeted, and a summary of project tasks and associated costs. Citrus County intends to expend all grant funding for the 2015 program by September 30, 2015.

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's annual grant funding allows Citrus County to offer valuable water conservation education and incentives. The Authority's continued support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debra R. Burden
Water Conservation Manager
Citrus County Department of Water Resources

Enclosures: Grant Application Form
Exhibit "A" Scope of Work
Citrus County BOCC Approved Resolution #2014-059

Cc: Ken Cheek, Director, Department of Water Resources

GRANT APPLICATION FORM:

Name of local government:

Citrus County Water Resources

List of previous grants received from WRWSA and the date completed:

Resolution 2013-084 to be completed September 2014

Resolution 2012-071 completed September 2013

Resolution 2011-074 completed September 2012

Resolution 2010-075 completed September 2011

Resolution 2009-124 completed in August 2010

Resolution 2008-124 completed in August 2009

Resolution 2007-112 completed in August 2008

Short description of proposed water conservation project:

The Citrus County Water Resources water conservation program will offer its Annual Water Smart Rebate Incentive program to Citrus County Utilities customers. The rebates include 1.28 gallons per flush toilets, high-efficiency clothes washers, rain sensors, and Water Sense irrigation controllers. The conservation program will continue to supply free indoor retrofit kits to customers. Indoor retrofit items include: low-flow showerheads, bathroom faucet aerators and kitchen faucet aerators. The 2015 conservation program will offer an irrigation system check-up program that includes rebates for qualifying irrigation system modifications. Grant funding will also support monthly bill inserts to Citrus County Utilities' customers, educational workshops, and other educational tools.

Attachments to application:

1. Resolution of support that includes the following commitments:
 - a. The local government will budget and expend its matching funds as required by the grant program.
2. A summary of the project tasks (scope of services) with estimated costs by task, if applicable.
3. A time schedule for the project and expected completion date that will be inserted in the local government contract.

Return Application to:

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director
WRWSA, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228, Lecanto, Florida 34461

A copy of the guidelines for the Local Government Grants Program may be found at the Authority's web page. Go to www.wrwsa.org. On the Home Page click "Grant Program" on the menu at the left side of the page. Select the Grant Application Process" from the drop down menu.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 059

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE WRWSA WATER CONSERVATION GRANT PROPOSAL AND, COMMITTING FUNDS TO MATCH GRANT FUNDING FOR A WATER CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners recognizes and supports an ongoing effort to educate our customers and the general public on the importance of water conservation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Citrus County Utilities' Consumptive Use Permits No. 20007121.006 and 20009791.008 and 20002842.010, the County must continue to develop, improve upon, and expand the water conservation programs to reduce demands on the water resources of the service areas and increase efficiency of use; and

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority provides funding assistance to local governments for projects and programs with an emphasis on water conservation; and


WHEREAS, the proposed Citrus County water conservation program meets the grant funding eligibility requirements of the WRWSA,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida in regular session this 13th day of May, 2014, as follows:

Authorize staff to submit the WRWSA water conservation program grant proposal for submission to the WRWSA Board with estimated program costs as listed in Exhibit "A".

ATTEST:

for Tifani L. White
ANGELA VICK, CLERK

 J. J. Kenney
J.J. KENNEY, CHAIRMAN

CITRUS COUNTY, A POLITICAL
SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR
THE RELIANCE OF CITRUS
COUNTY ONLY:

Kerry A. Parsons
KERRY A. PARSONS
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Exhibit A

2015

The following programs were created to increase water conservation awareness and reduce water consumption:

PROJECT	COUNTY BUDGET	WRWSA REIMBURSEMENT	Tasks
Annual Water Smart Rebate Incentive Program	\$45,500	\$22,750	Offer rebates to customers for installing water efficient products and irrigation systems upon replacement. *
Irrigation System Check-up Rebates & Evaluations	\$10,000	\$5,000	Provide irrigation system check-ups to residential and commercial customers with automatic irrigation systems. Check-ups are conducted by Water Conservation Specialists and the FYN Coordinator at no cost to Citrus County Utilities' customers. A variety of water saving irrigation retrofits are available to qualifying customers. Irrigation evaluations may be offered through a coordinated effort by WRWSA.
Water Conservation Education & Programming	\$25,000	\$12,500	Bill inserts, advertisements, youth conservation education, promotional items and water conservation workshops. Continue the indoor retrofit program for both residential and commercial sites.
Total:	\$80,500	\$40,250	
<p>Programming will begin October 2014. Citrus County intends to expend all grant funding by September 30, 2015.</p> <p>*Cooperative Funding Initiative applications are under review by the SWFWMD for the toilet and rain sensor rebate program, as well as the WRWSA coordinated Irrigation Evaluation Program. The amount of funding requested of the WRWSA grant program will not be affected by the outcome of these applications.</p>			



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GRANT APPLICATION FORM:

Name of local government:

Hernando County

List previous grants received from WRWSA and date completed:

2002-2014

Short description of proposed water conservation project:

Hernando County Utilities Department's water conservation program includes water conservation incentive programs for HCU's customers, county-wide educational programs and workshops, student education, and conservation resource protection messaging through media outlets such as radio and television.

Attachments to application:

1. Resolution of support that includes the following commitment:
 - The local government will budget and expend its matching funds as required by the grant program.
2. A summary of the project tasks (scope of services) with estimated costs by task, if applicable.
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WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into this ____ day _____, 2014, by and between the **WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**, (hereinafter called the "AUTHORITY"), and _____, **FLORIDA**, (hereinafter called the "GRANTEE"), in furtherance of funding assistance in the development of the "_____
WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM". In consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and pursuant to Chapter 163, Laws of Florida, Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, as subsequently amended, and Section 373.1962(2)(I), Florida Statutes, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The AUTHORITY has found that the implementation of water conservation programs by a member government is the primary purpose of the project known as the "_____
WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM" (hereinafter called the "PROJECT"), and enters into this Agreement with the GRANTEE for assisting in the funding of water conservation programs more particularly described in its Application. The PROJECT application is attached hereto marked Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

2. The GRANTEE shall provide the AUTHORITY with a copy of the GRANTEE's contract documents executed for the PROJECT and the third party vendor providing said services in order to confirm the total project costs.

3. PROJECT FUNDING:

A. The AUTHORITY agrees to pay, on a reimbursement basis, to the GRANTEE, the sum of \$____ of the proposed \$0.00 total budget cost for the PROJECT.

B. The GRANTEE shall assume the first one-half (1/2) of said PROJECT costs before the AUTHORITY's reimbursement begins.

C. The GRANTEE shall provide the AUTHORITY with a schedule and description of "tasks" for the PROJECT with the cost associated with each task set forth.

D. All PROJECT reimbursement requests shall include all documentation required by the AUTHORITY for proper audit review. The GRANTEE shall certify that each request for payment is appropriate and that said task or portion thereof has been completed.

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E. The AUTHORITY shall, within sixty (60) days after receipt of a payment request, review the work accomplished to date under this Agreement and, if the work and payment request are in accordance with all applicable requirements, approve the request for payment.

4. GRANTEE shall ensure that all services procured and all purchases of goods obtained for the accomplishment of the PROJECT shall be secured in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and in accordance with the GRANTEE's adopted procurement procedures.

5. GRANTEE shall follow all State and Federal laws relating to its established audit and accounting procedures and as they relate to said PROJECT and cost reimbursements.

6. The GRANTEE shall retain all records supporting PROJECT costs for three (3) years after the fiscal year in which the final PROJECT payment was released by the AUTHORITY or until final resolution of matters resulting from any litigation, claim or audit that started prior to the expiration of the three-year retention period. The AUTHORITY, State Auditor General, State Comptroller, and other agencies or entities with jurisdiction shall have the right to inspect and audit the GRANTEE's records for said PROJECT within the retention period.

7. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution and the GRANTEE shall complete preparation and/or construction of all PROJECT elements on or before _____, 2015. The completion date may be extended by the AUTHORITY for good cause at the written request of the GRANTEE and must be made prior to PROJECT completion date.

8. The AUTHORITY's Executive Director for the purposes of this Agreement shall be responsible for ensuring performance of its terms and conditions and shall be responsible for recommending approval of all reimbursement requests to the AUTHORITY prior to payment. The GRANTEE's Liaison Agent, as identified in the PROJECT application, or successor, shall act on behalf of the GRANTEE relative to the provisions of this Agreement.

9. The Executive Director shall have the authority to approve budget changes within individual tasks up to a total amount not to exceed TEN PERCENT (10%) of total project costs without Board approval.

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10. All monies expended by the GRANTEE for the purpose contained herein at the option of the AUTHORITY shall be subject to audit review.

11. Each party hereto agrees that it shall be solely responsible for the wrongful acts of its employees and agents. However, nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by either party of its sovereign immunity or the provisions of §768.28, Florida Statutes.

12. The GRANTEE shall comply with all federal, state, and local rules and regulations in developing this PROJECT. The GRANTEE acknowledges that this requirement includes compliance with all federal, state, and local health and safety rules and regulations. The GRANTEE further agrees to ensure that the GRANTEE's contract will include this provision in all subcontracts issued as a result of this Agreement.

13. The AUTHORITY reserves the right to inspect said PROJECT and any and all records related thereto at any reasonable time.

14. This Agreement may be unilaterally canceled by the AUTHORITY in the event the GRANTEE refuses to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material made or received in conjunction with this Agreement pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

15. The AUTHORITY shall also have the right to demand a refund, either in whole or in part, of the funds provided to the GRANTEE for non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement if not cured within thirty (30) days of written notice thereof from the AUTHORITY. The GRANTEE, upon notification from the AUTHORITY, agrees to refund and will forthwith pay to the AUTHORITY, the amount of money demanded by the AUTHORITY. Such refund shall include interest calculated at two percent (2%) over the prevailing prime rate as reported by the Federal Reserve on the date the AUTHORITY calculates the amount of refund due. Interest shall be calculated from the date(s) of payment(s) to the GRANTEE by the AUTHORITY.

16. The employment of unauthorized aliens by a GRANTEE is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the GRANTEE knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement. The GRANTEE shall be responsible for including this provision in all subcontracts with private organizations issued as a result of this Agreement.

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17. No person on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or marital status shall be excluded from participation in; be denied the proceeds or benefits of; or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in performance of this Agreement.

18. This Agreement strictly prohibits expenditure of these funds for the purpose of lobbying the Florida Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency.

19. The GRANTEE shall have an audit performed in accordance with the Rules of the Auditor General promulgated pursuant to §11.45, Florida Statutes, and have a statement prepared by an independent certified public accountant which attests that the GRANTEE has complied with the provisions of this Agreement and whether the audit results in an unqualified opinion.

20. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for public entity crime may not perform work as a grantee, contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in §287.017, Florida Statutes, or Category Two, for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

21. A copy of the audit and attestation as required in Paragraph 19 shall be submitted to the AUTHORITY within one (1) year from the PROJECT completion date as set forth in Paragraph 7 or as extended by the AUTHORITY.

22. This Agreement is not intended nor shall it be construed as granting any rights, privileges or interest in any third party without mutual written agreement of the parties hereto.

23. This Agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties. Any alterations, variations, changes, modification or waivers of provisions of this Agreement shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, duly executed by each of the parties hereto, and attached to the original of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be duly executed on the date and year first above written.

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER
SUPPLY AUTHORITY

By: _____
[PRINT NAME]
Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
RICHARD S. OWEN
Executive Director

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME, a political
Subdivision of the State of Florida

By: Wayne Dukes
[PRINT NAME] Wayne Dukes
Chairperson



ATTEST:
By: [Signature]
[PRINT NAME]
Clerk of Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: [Signature]
[PRINT NAME] RANDALL B. GRIFFITHS
Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

By: _____
LARRY M. HAAG
Attorney for Authority

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 03

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HERNANDO COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, SUPPORTING THE HERNANDO COUNTY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT'S "LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" APPLICATION TO THE WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE WATER CONSERVATION AND QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO DESIGNATE APPROPRIATE STAFF TO PERFORM THE TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED HERewith; PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SUPERSEDE PRIOR ACTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Hernando County Water and Sewer District (the "District") was created by ordinance and established in all of the unincorporated area of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Hernando County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") is the Governing Board of the District; and,

WHEREAS, the Hernando County Utilities Department (the "HCUD") is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater facilities and infrastructure of the county; and,

WHEREAS, the Board recognized that in order to protect the water resources of unincorporated Hernando County and to properly plan for the future needs of its citizens, the establishment of a Water Conservation and Water Resource Protection Program for the County and the District is essential; and,

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (the "SWFWMD") has identified water conservation as an essential planning and protection element of its water resource management program; and,

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (the "Authority") was established, of which Hernando County is a member, to provide an entity to help ensure that an adequate and safe supply of water is available for the citizens of the region and the county; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has established the "Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program" to which a member may apply for cooperative funding for water supply projects or projects relating to the development of water supply; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that the establishment and development of water conservation programs support and further the intention of the water supply development of the region; and,

WHEREAS, the HCUD has submitted an application to the Authority's funding assistance program to seek financial assistance in the development of a countywide water conservation program (the "Project") in order to provide water conservation education throughout the entire county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners ("Board") hereby gives its official support for the Hernando County Utilities Department to submit an application to the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority for cooperative funding in the development of the County's water conservation program.

SECTION 3. The Board, in order to meet the terms of the financial assistance program, agrees to budget and expend on the Project an amount equal to or greater than the required fifty percent (50%) matching funds as required by the program.

SECTION 4. The Board understands and agrees that it shall expend its required matching funds prior to the Authority expending its fifty percent (50%) match for the Project.

SECTION 5. The Board hereby authorizes its Chairman to execute the referenced Application and the Board further authorizes its Chairman to execute such additional documents including, compliance assurances and related documentation required by the Authority in connection with the foregoing.

SECTION 6. The Board further authorizes HCUD, Director Susan Goebel-Canning, to designate appropriate staff to perform the technical, financial and administrative activities associated herewith.

SECTION 7. In the event of any conflict between this Resolution and any prior resolution or actions of the Board, this Resolution shall supersede and control.


SECTION 8. If any section or part of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 24 DAY OF JUNE, 2014 IN BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest:


**DONALD C. BARBEE, JR.
CLERK OF COURT &
COMPTROLLER**

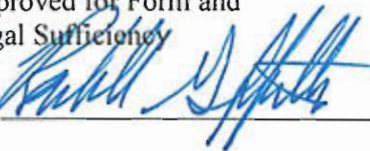
By:


**WAYNE DUKES
CHAIRMAN**



Approved for Form and
Legal Sufficiency

By:



**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015**

**HERNANDO COUNTY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM**

Overview

The Hernando County Utilities Department (HCUD) is one of the first local governments in the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to establish a conservation water rate structure and beginning in 2007 a drought rate/ emergency rate structure. The drought rates are applied when the SWFWMD declares water shortages and customers use over 20,000 gallons of water a month. Average water use in the residential sector (single-family homes) is approximately 8000 gallons a month. Hernando County Utilities Department supplies safe potable water and waste water services to nearly 85% of Hernando County. HCUD's customer accounts including, residential, commercial and industrial totals nearly 60,000 accounts. Hernando County was also one of the first local governments to implement a rain sensor rebate program for customers. We have continued these incentive-based water conservation programs including, low flow toilets, irrigation evaluation and audit programs, Florida Friendly certified landscapes, participation in Florida Friendly Landscaping programs. These programs, along with many others, show the deep commitment this utility has to the protection and conservation of Hernando County's water supply.

We survey and collected information from citizen's and other water conservation program participants on types of programs that they believe is the most important. Using that information we put together a monthly series of water related programs. The Water Conservation Division of Hernando County Utilities Department held eight (8) educational seminars. The 2013/2014 programs collectively titled Hernando County Water Awareness Series 2014. This year's program covered a wide variety of water related presentations including: Centuries of Gardening that lead to Florida Friendly Landscaping, Invasive Plants Commonly Used-A Landscaper's Guide-Learn What to Avoid and Why, Irrigation: Conquer Your Fear! Good Bugs vs. Bad Bugs: How to Tell the Difference, Statewide Conservation Program: Florida Water Star™, Homeowner's Guide to Lawn Care, Protecting Nature's Gems: Florida's Springs Protection and finally Hurricane Preparedness and Landscaping for Hurricanes,. Over 500 people attended these programs and each seminar was recorded and shown on Hernando County Government Broadcast channel 622. The series is being broadcast on our local government cable channel 622, which currently has a subscription rate of 33,000 and each program is shown once a week on WATER WEDNESDAY'S. Through the WRWSA Local Government Grant Program we support this division. The WRWSA provided support to this group and helped facilitate this important set of educational presentations.

Our most impact oriented program was with another volunteer group, Hernando County's Groundwater Guardian Team, which has been instrumental bringing the importance of the protection of springs, groundwater quality and quantity to local officials and residents. As a requirement for this team to stay affiliated with the National Groundwater Guardian

Foundation we have a series of Result Oriented Activities that are accomplished each year. The Groundwater Guardians are responsible for organizing and promoting a workshop every two years that targets local government leaders and community leaders on a variety of water related issues, best management practices and groundwater protection. 2015 is scheduled for the next Local Government Leaders Workshop. These workshops were supported by the WRWSA, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and private corporate partners. Promotional and educational items have been and are being used to educate the residents of Hernando County.

The assistance of the WRWSA Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program, all residents of Hernando County may benefit by the water conservation and water quality programs.

PURPOSE & PROPOSED INITIATIVES

Major elements of the program consist of:

County-wide user advisory committee (Groundwater Guardian Team);
In-school education program (Springs Coast Environmental Education Center, Gulf Coast Academy of Science and Technology)
Conservation Messaging Campaign
Customer and Residents Incentive Programs and education pilot project.

In order to better serve all of the citizens of Hernando County, those served by the county's utility system as well as those who use private wells or customers of the City of Brooksville, the county is applying to the WRWSA for funding assistance in the continued development and expansion of its water conservation and quality protection program. With this funding, the programs will include all water users of the county.

Groundwater Guardian Team

This group is authorized by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners and is organized under the auspices of the National Groundwater Foundation. Members represent the major water users of Hernando County. The user groups represented are power industry, agriculture, development, manufacturing, and recreational industries as well as representatives from the school system, city and county governments, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and citizens. This group has developed, in accordance with the national foundation requirements, a "Result Oriented Plan" and implemented activities to communicate the importance of ground water protection in the community. The Team received its designation as a Groundwater Guardian Community in 2002 through 2014. The extraordinary efforts of this committee have received attention by the National Groundwater Foundation and the coordinator has been appointed to a national office. Additionally, the coordinator has been elected to the National Executive Groundwater Foundation Committee. And this year was voted by the National Team to be the Vice President of the organization, (of which she has served for the allowable number of years and has rotated off this office) In order to retain its designation, the Team and the community must apply its plan and submit an annual report on the progress of implementation. The Hernando County Groundwater Guardians also bring groundwater protection issues to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of County Commissioners. (Budget items: educational materials, travel, field

trips/seminars, award ceremonies, web site upkeep, postage, meeting costs and other materials necessary to complete their Result Oriented Activities.)

Springs Coast Environmental Education Center (SCEEC)

The SWFWMD purchased Weeki Wachee Springs and the attraction property to be part of the Weeki Wachee Preserve. The District has committed approximately \$750,000 to construct an environmental education center on the property, under the condition that the Hernando County School District supply teachers, curriculum and equipment. The Hernando County Water and Sewer District (HCW&SD) Board and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners have pledged to support this endeavor and have authorized a contribution to the Education Center. The doors of the unique learning center opened in April 2005. Initially it will serve fourth grade students of Hernando County, with plans to increase participation to through High School students. This past year the (SCEEC) hosted over 6,000 Hernando County students. The Hernando County Utilities Department has specifically provided support for the development of a water resource/quality protection and water conservation module of the curriculum. By providing support to the center, the Utilities Department is allocating its resources to those skilled in working with students - teachers. In addition, creation of the curriculum module ensures that a consistent and continuing message will be embedded in the educational process. In FY 2008 we added the Gulf Coast Academy of Science and Technology to our student educational efforts. GCA is committed to providing a unique education through weekly field experiences integrated with a hands-on advanced middle school curriculum. (Budget item: Springs Coast Environmental Education Center, Gulf Coast Academy)

Water Conservation media messaging campaign:

This campaign includes radio and televised educational programming through Hernando County Government Broadcast. SWFWMD has partnered with us in the past and they continue to assist by preparing radio spots and local media campaigns. The innovative and instructional media messages broadens public awareness and heightened the acceptance of water conservation was a way of life. As a partner in the campaign we have the opportunity to "tag" each message with our own contact information. Our "tag" has both the Hernando County Utilities Department and Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority. (Budget items: commercial airtime, radio and print media)

Water Conservation (Customer only) Incentive Programs:

Through innovative conservation programs, the Hernando County Utilities Department will encourage residents to conserve our valuable water supply. Incentive programs include: Sprinkler Check Up program for high water users, continued participation with the regional irrigation evaluation and audit program. Our partners include, Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Citrus and Marion Counties. Other water conservation customer incentive programs include a Rain Sensor Rebate Program (\$50.00), Low-Flow Toilet Replacement Program (\$100.00), and promotion of Florida Friendly Landscaping workshop, where customer attendees receive a "tuition" reimbursement on their water bill.

Incentives also help further the promotion of Hernando County's Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL) program. Customer rebates include a \$25 rebate for participating in the FYN rain barrel workshops and another \$25 rebate is available for certifying their landscape as a Florida Friendly Landscape. (Budget items: water conservation incentive program features, such as low flow toilets, rain sensors, irrigation audits, Et/soil moisture sensors)

CONCLUSION

The above elements of the Hernando County Utilities Department's Water Conservation/Water Resource Program are diverse and purposefully set up that way. An effective water conservation program for a public supply utility must reach all of its customers and must strive to change behavior and attitudes towards conservation of water in order to affect reliable, long-term results. This must be accomplished through a multi-functional approach including education, outreach, and financial incentives.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

All of the above projects and initiatives will be ongoing throughout this fiscal year (2014/2015). Funds from the current (FY2014) WRWSA assistance program will be encumbered by September 30, 2014. This meets the requirement in order to submit funding request for 2013/2014 fiscal year. The water conservation initiatives for 2015 will begin October 1, 2014 and conclude with all grant assistance funds being encumbered by September 30, 2015.

*These descriptions are in lieu of the required "Scope of Services" and task list. The cost of the projects correlate to the items as identified in the attached Proposed Budget.

**FY 2015 Conservation Project Budget
Hernando County Utilities Department
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Funding Assistance Program**

Springs Coast Environmental Learning Center	\$4,000		
Gulf Coast Academy	\$3,000		
Water conservation/Quality Curriculum, texts, equipment		Total:	\$7000
Promotional Items & Workshops			
Pencils, pens, magnets (giveaways)	\$ 5,500		
Flyers, brochures, (educational information)	\$ 11,500		
Florida Friendly Landscape Workshop, Program			
Speaker stipends, venue rental	\$ 1,000		
		Total	\$18,000
Conservation Advertising Campaign			
Commercial media spots (television, radio, print)	\$ 2,500		
Hernando County Government Broadcast	\$ 8,000		
(broadcast of water conservation workshops, educational video and broadcast media commercial)			
		Total	\$10,500
Water Conservation (Customer) Incentives Program:			
Sprinkler Check Up Program	\$24,000		
(Pilot soil sensor program)			
Rain Sensor Rebate Program 2015	\$5,000		
Toilet Rebate Program 2015	\$22,500		
FFL program participation	\$800		
Florida Friendly Landscaping, Rain barrel workshops	\$1,500		
		Total	\$53,800
Equipment			
Projector, laptop, screen, software	\$ 2,000	Total	\$2,000
Water Awareness Program-Citizen's Workshops			
(materials, field trips, stipend for speakers, travel)		Total	\$ 2,500
Groundwater Guardians			
(training, materials, field trips, web site upkeep, display Awards, travel)		Total	\$ 2,000
Florida Friendly Landscape Demonstration Supplies			
(maintenance items for existing FFL demonstration)		Total	\$ 500
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET		TOTAL	\$ 96,300
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority share	(50%)	Total	\$48,150



FY 2014-15

GRANT APPLICATION FORM:**Name of local government:**

Marion County

List previous grants received from WRWSA and date completed:

2014- \$38,600 to be completed September 30, 2014

2013- \$34,900 September 30, 2013 , 2012- \$39,000 September 30, 2012

2011- \$37,500 September 30, 2011 , 2010- \$23,000 September 30, 2010

2009- \$28,250 September 30, 2009

Short description of proposed water conservation project:

Marion County Water Resources and Marion County Utilities work cooperatively to plan, implement, and manage a comprehensive, goal-based water conservation program for the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. The program is conducted through public outreach, indirect public education, and direct water conservation incentives. The County requests funding for conservation initiatives including billing inserts, low-flow device distribution, irrigation system evaluations, and landscape retrofits which directly reduce water use among citizens of Marion County.

Attachments to application:

1. Resolution of support that includes the following commitment:
 - The local government will budget and expend its matching funds as required by the grant program.
2. A summary of the project tasks (scope of services) with estimated costs by task, if applicable.
3. A time schedule for the project and expected completion date that will be inserted in the local government contract.

Return Application to:

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director
 WRWSA, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228, Lecanto, Florida 34461

A copy of the guidelines for the Local Government Grants Program may be found at the Authority's web page. Go to www.wrwsa.org. On the Home Page click "Grant Program" on the menu at the left side of the page. Select the "Grant Application Process" from the drop down menu.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 R- 293

A RESOLUTION OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM EFFORTS.

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners (Board) recognizes the importance of efficient water use to protect and sustain its local water supply and related natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required by permit to promote water conservation initiatives, which include but are not limited to conservation rate structures, a countywide landscape irrigation ordinance, homeowner workshops, and irrigation evaluation and education services; and

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority), through its own recognition of the importance of water use efficiency, has created a local government water supply assistance program which provides funding to member governments specifically for water conservation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board is seeking a grant through the Authority's funding assistance program for the landscape irrigation and indoor retrofit and homeowner-education elements of its overall water conservation programming in Fiscal Year 2014/2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required, according to the terms of the Authority's funding assistance program, to budget and expend matching funds equal to or greater than fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the requested grant;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. Marion County Board of County Commissioners supports the application to the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority for local program funding for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.
2. Marion County Board of County Commissioners agrees to budget \$64,700 as part of its on-going Water Use Efficiency Program.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption of the final budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 17th day of June, 2014

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CARL ZALAK, III, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, CLERK

Program Description

The following is a breakdown of the costs of the various projects that Marion County requests grant funding for during the 2014-2015 FY:

Irrigation and Landscape Retrofit Program (continuation)	\$ 40,000
Regional Irrigation Evaluation (Eastern Marion- continuation)	\$ 12,500
Low-Flow Retrofit Kits to Homeowners (continuation)	\$ 5,000
Bi-monthly Utility Bill Inserts Direct Mail to High Water Users	\$ 7,200
Total Project Costs	\$ 64,700
50% Project Costs	\$ 32,350

These projects represent only a portion of the County's on-going Water Use Efficiency Program. A cost-share of \$ 32,350 will help to offset the cost of performing indoor and outdoor retrofits and conducting public outreach. The remainder of the program costs will be funded by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners and other cooperative partners.

Grant Timeline

Irrigation and Landscape Retrofits

Enroll participants	10/1/2014 – 6/1/2015
Perform irrigation and landscape retrofits/issue rebates	11/1/2014 - 9/30/2015
Irrigation retrofit summary report	2/28/2016

Irrigation Evaluations to cover eastern Marion County

Perform irrigation audits	10/1/2014-9/30/2015
Follow-up audits conducted	5/1/2015-9/30/2016
Final Irrigation Audit Report	12/1/2016

Low-Flow Kits for Homeowners

Order retrofit kits	10/1/2014 – 6/1/2015
Distribute and track retrofit kits	11/1/14-9/30/15
Survey participants and evaluate implementation	12/1/14-11/30/15

Bi-Monthly Utility Bill Inserts and Postcards

Develop and print materials	10/1/2014 – 7/30/2015
Send inserts and postcards	10/1/2014-9/30/2015

Item 8.a.
Bills to be Paid
June 2014

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

Bills For Payment
6/18/14

<u>Administrative Invoices</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richard S. Owen, AICP	2014-05	6/1/14	\$6,748.36
James Adkins	Bd. Mtg. Travel	5/21/14	\$19.58
Al Butler	Bd. Mtg. Travel	5/21/14	\$27.59
Gary Ernst	Bd. Mtg. Travel	5/21/14	\$36.49
Nick Nicholson	Bd. Mtg. Travel	5/21/14	\$19.58
Florida Department of State (F.A.R.)	403937	5/27/14	\$27.74
Karen Allen	#0051	6/3/14	\$75.00
Haag, Haag and Friedrich	29428-29429	5/28/14	\$1,569.58
Diane Salz - Monthly Contract fee	#053114	5/31/14	\$3,500.00
Diane Salz - Travel	Bd. Mtg. Travel	5/21/14	\$191.98
Nancy Smith, Administrative Assistant	2014-05	6/4/14	\$3,150.41
Sun Trust Business Card Statement	6/2/14	6/2/14	\$107.25
Total Administrative Invoices			\$15,473.56

<u>Water Supply Studies and Facilities</u>	<u>Total Contract</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Current Invoice</u>
General Services Contract	\$75,000.00	\$30,000.00	
Work Order 13-01. Jones Edmunds	\$10,000.00	\$9,383.75	\$0.00
Work Order 14-03. Water Resource Associates	\$35,000.00	\$31,008.51	\$0.00
FY13-14 Local Government Water Supply Projects			
Citrus Water Conservation Pgm	\$40,250.00	\$40,250.00	\$0.00
Hernando Water Conservation Pgm	\$48,400.00	\$48,400.00	\$0.00
Marion Water Conservation Pgm	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$0.00
Update of Regional Water Supply Plan (2012-2013)	\$119,980.00	\$905.13	\$0.00
Work Order 14-02. RWSP Additional Meetings	\$18,000.00	\$15,271.14	\$1,111.50
Phase 2 Irrigation Program (2013-2015)	\$105,170.00	\$81,890.00	
Jack Overdorff, Audit contractor			\$4,665.00
1-Stop Prints (N491 marketing)			\$86.50
Purvis Gray Rate Analysis (CAB WSF)	\$8,588.00	\$8,588.00	\$0.00

Project Invoice Totals	\$453,988.00	\$304,296.53	\$5,863.00
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TOTAL BILLS TO BE PAID	\$ 21,336.56		
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State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA2 to SBA1	\$ 5,863.00
State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA1 to SunTrust Bank	\$ 21,337.00

Item 8.b.
2013-14 2nd Quarter
Financial Report

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

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

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (the Authority), an Independent Special District, as of and for the three months and six months ended March 31, 2014. 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 and the statement of cash flows as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures and the statement of cash flows 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 7, 2014
Tallahassee, Florida

Certified Public Accountants

443 East College Avenue • Tallahassee, Florida 32301 • (850) 224-7144 • FAX (850) 224-1762

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MEMBER OF AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS PRIVATE COMPANIES AND S.E.C. PRACTICE SECTION:

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Statement of Net Position
As of March 31, 2014

Assets

Current Assets

Cash in Bank - SunTrust	\$ 1,478.39
Cash in Bank - LGIP	518,412.47
Cash in Bank - Fund B	3,064.56
Cash in Bank - LGIP/Citrus Revenue	918,185.51
Cash in Bank - Fund B/Citrus Revenue	7,839.98
Prepaid Expense	<u>170.64</u>

Total Current Assets **1,449,151.55**

Property and Equipment

Equipment	3,728.84
Accum Deprec - Equipment	(1,673.40)
Citrus Co. Wellfield	4,895,231.21
Accum Deprec - Wellfield	<u>(3,426,664.92)</u>

Total Property and Equipment **1,470,621.73**

Total Assets **\$ 2,919,773.28**

Liabilities and Net Position

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable - Special Projects	\$ 33,260.11
Accounts Payable - General	15,778.38
Retainage Payable	<u>6,232.89</u>

Total Current Liabilities **55,271.38**

Net Position

Net Assets - Unrestricted	2,952,066.41
Net Income	<u>(87,564.51)</u>

Total Net Position **2,864,501.90**

Total Liabilities and Net Position **\$ 2,919,773.28**

See Accompanying Independent Accountant's Compilation Report

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Statement of Revenue and Expenses
For the Period Ended March 31, 2014

	3 months ended March 31, 2014	%	6 months ended March 31, 2014	%
Revenue				
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 6,686.15	6.06 %	\$ 13,372.30	6.59 %
Hernando Co. Assessments	8,222.44	7.45 %	16,444.88	8.11 %
Sumter Co. Assessments	4,759.41	4.31 %	9,518.82	4.69 %
Marion County Assessment	15,816.98	14.33 %	31,633.96	15.60 %
Interest Income - SBA Accounts	561.93	0.51 %	1,198.39	0.59 %
Unrealized Gain/Loss on SBA	294.44	0.27 %	698.08	0.34 %
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	40,896.75	37.06 %	81,793.50	40.34 %
Citrus County Wflld Admin Recov	15,000.00	13.59 %	30,000.00	14.80 %
SWFWMD Match Pll Iri Audit Pgm	3,650.00	3.31 %	3,650.00	1.80 %
Phase 2 SWFWMD MatchReglrrAudit	369.14	0.33 %	369.14	0.18 %
SWFWMD 2013 RWSPU N438	14,091.05	0.00 %	14,091.05	0.00 %
Total Revenue	110,348.29	100.00 %	202,770.12	100.00 %
Operating Expenses				
Consulting Admin Asst	9,375.00	8.50 %	18,750.00	9.25 %
Executive Director	20,000.01	18.12 %	40,000.02	19.73 %
Advertising	136.99	0.12 %	199.88	0.10 %
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00 %	15.00	0.01 %
Lecanto Rent	0.00	0.00 %	2,047.68	1.01 %
Registration/Dues	430.00	0.39 %	715.00	0.35 %
Legal - Monthly Meeting	1,000.07	0.91 %	2,000.07	0.99 %
Legal - Other Services	1,495.24	1.36 %	2,569.16	1.27 %
Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00 %	1,634.78	0.81 %
Office Supplies	222.87	0.20 %	320.87	0.16 %
Printing & Reproduction	673.84	0.61 %	1,054.38	0.52 %
Postage	191.83	0.17 %	321.59	0.16 %
Audit	8,370.00	7.59 %	8,370.00	4.13 %
Bookkeeping/Financial Asst.	100.00	0.09 %	100.00	0.05 %
Publications/Software	69.99	0.06 %	69.99	0.03 %
State Fees/Assessments	0.00	0.00 %	175.00	0.09 %
Web Page/Internet Services	541.37	0.49 %	691.37	0.34 %
Telephone	234.06	0.21 %	465.18	0.23 %
Travel	1,372.81	1.24 %	3,719.47	1.83 %
Contingency Funds	308.52	0.28 %	308.52	0.15 %
Legislative Consultant	10,500.00	9.52 %	21,000.00	10.36 %
FY11 Iri Audit Pmts Overdorf	0.00	0.00 %	1,300.00	0.64 %
FY11 Pmt Iri Audit Admin-Smith	0.00	0.00 %	4,200.00	2.07 %
12-13 Update Reg Master Plan	40,625.56	36.82 %	111,483.70	54.98 %
Phase 2 Irrigation Auditor	13,130.00	11.90 %	26,453.62	13.05 %
Northern District Model Expan	37,500.00	33.98 %	37,500.00	18.49 %
FY14 General Services Acct	2,804.50	1.54 %	3,170.75	0.84 %
Total Operating Expenses	150,781.26	136.64 %	290,334.63	143.18 %
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ (40,432.97)	(36.64)%	\$ (87,564.51)	(43.18)%

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ACCOMPANYING SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Budget to Actual
For the Period Ended March 31, 2014

	6 months ended March 31, 2014 Actual	6 months ended March 31, 2014 Budget	Variance Over/(Under) Budget	Annual Budget	Variance
Revenue					
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 13,372.30	\$ 13,372.50	\$ (0.20)	\$ 26,745.00	\$ 13,372.70
Hernando Co. Assessments	16,444.88	16,444.98	(0.10)	32,890.00	16,445.12
Sumter Co. Assessments	9,518.82	9,519.00	(0.18)	19,038.00	9,519.18
Marion County Assessment	31,633.96	31,633.98	(0.02)	63,268.00	31,634.04
Interest Income - SBA Accounts	1,198.39	0.00	1,198.39	0.00	(1,198.39)
Unrealized Gain/Loss on SBA	698.08	0.00	698.08	0.00	(698.08)
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	81,793.50	81,793.50	0.00	163,587.00	81,793.50
Citrus County Wifld Admin Recov	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	30,000.00
SWFWMD Match Pil Irr Audit Pgm	3,650.00	1,099.98	2,550.02	2,200.00	(1,450.00)
Phase 2 SWFWMD MatchReglrrAudit	369.14	26,292.54	(25,923.40)	52,585.00	52,215.86
LG Match Phase 2 Irr Audit Pgm	0.00	3,286.50	(3,286.50)	6,573.00	6,573.00
Villages Match Funds Pilot Pgm	0.00	100.02	(100.02)	200.00	200.00
SWFWMD 2013 RWSPU N438	14,091.05	29,995.00	(15,903.95)	59,990.00	45,898.95
Total Revenue	202,770.12	243,538.00	(40,767.88)	487,076.00	284,305.88
Operating Expenses					
Consulting Admin Asst	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00	37,500.00	18,750.00
Executive Director Richard Owen	40,000.02	39,999.96	0.06	80,000.00	39,999.98
Advertising	199.88	750.00	(550.12)	1,500.00	1,300.12
Bank Charges	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	(15.00)
Lecanto Rent	2,047.68	1,023.96	1,023.72	2,048.00	0.32
Registration/Dues	715.00	999.96	(284.96)	2,000.00	1,285.00
Legal - Monthly Meeting	2,000.07	3,000.00	(999.93)	6,000.00	3,999.93
Legal - Other Services	2,569.16	6,999.96	(4,430.80)	14,000.00	11,430.84
Liability Insurance	1,634.78	1,050.00	584.78	2,100.00	465.22
Office Supplies	320.87	750.00	(429.13)	1,500.00	1,179.13
Printing & Reproduction	1,054.38	1,125.00	(70.62)	2,250.00	1,195.62
Postage	321.59	399.96	(78.37)	800.00	478.41
Audit	8,370.00	4,432.50	3,937.50	8,865.00	495.00
Bookkeeping/Financial Asst.	100.00	999.96	(899.96)	2,000.00	1,900.00
Publications/Software	69.99	99.96	(29.97)	200.00	130.01
State Fees/Assessments	175.00	87.48	87.52	175.00	0.00
Web Page/Internet Services	691.37	1,249.98	(558.61)	2,500.00	1,808.63
Telephone	465.18	750.00	(284.82)	1,500.00	1,034.82
Travel	3,719.47	4,999.98	(1,280.51)	10,000.00	6,280.53
Contingency Funds	308.52	936.00	(627.48)	1,872.00	1,563.48
Legislative Consultant	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	42,000.00	21,000.00
FY11 Irr Audit Pmts Overdorf	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	(1,300.00)
FY11 Pmt Irr Audit Admin-Smith	4,200.00	0.00	4,200.00	0.00	(4,200.00)
FY12 Purvis Gray Rate Analysis	0.00	4,293.96	(4,293.96)	8,588.00	8,588.00
12-13 Update Reg Master Plan	111,483.70	59,989.98	51,493.72	119,980.00	8,496.30
Phase 2 Irrigation Auditor	26,453.62	52,584.96	(26,131.34)	105,170.00	78,716.38
Northern District Model Expan	37,500.00	0.00	37,500.00	0.00	(37,500.00)
Pilot Irrig Aud Pgm Completion	0.00	3,399.96	(3,399.96)	6,800.00	6,800.00
Update RWSP Work Order 14-02	1,698.60	9,000.00	(7,301.40)	18,000.00	16,301.40
FY14 General Services Acct	3,170.75	37,500.00	(34,329.25)	75,000.00	71,829.25
FY14 LGG Water Conservation Pgm	0.00	65,000.02	(65,000.02)	130,000.00	130,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	290,334.63	341,173.54	(50,838.91)	682,348.00	392,013.37
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	(87,564.51)	(97,635.54)	10,071.03	(195,272.00)	(107,707.49)

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Item 8.c.
2014-15 Board
Meeting Calendar

**Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Fiscal Year 2015 Board Meeting Dates -- Proposed**

Location of Meetings:

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

All meetings to begin at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Dates

October 15, 2014

November 19, 2014

December 17, 2014

January 21, 2015

February 18, 2015

March 18, 2015

April 15, 2015

May 20, 2015

June 17, 2015

July 15, 2015

August 19, 2015

September 16, 2015

Item. 8.d.
Correspondence



June 25, 2014

Debra Burden, Water Conservation Manager
Citrus County Water Resources
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 202
Lecanto, FL 34461

Re: Phase 3, Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program Funding
Letter of Agreement

Dear Debra:

Thank you for your continued participation in the Regional Irrigation Evaluation program to enhance water conservation within Citrus County. This letter is to confirm the funding contribution from Citrus County for participation in Phase 3 of the program, in cooperation with the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority) and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District).

During the Pilot and Phase 2 portions of the program, Citrus County contributed funds to the Authority based on the anticipated costs. The Pilot program began in FY 2010-11 and ended in FY 2013-14, with the final costs confirmed in February 2014 when the Pilot program was officially completed. The County's total cost for the Pilot program came in under budget and less than the original amount contributed for the local match. It is anticipated that the final costs for Phase 2 will also be under budget. The following paragraphs describe the funds provided for the Pilot project and for Phase 2 and how the remaining funds may be designated for use in Phase 3.

Pilot Program Funds

Citrus County paid \$12,500 for its portion of the Pilot program while actual costs were \$9,338.42, leaving a balance of \$3,191.58.

Phase 2 Funds

Citrus County paid \$12,012.50 for its portion of Phase 2. At this time it appears that Phase 2 will also come in under budget, leaving a balance for Citrus County that may be applied to the County's local match for the Phase 3 program. The exact amount of any remaining balance will not be known until the Phase 2 program is completed in FY 2015-16. However, based upon the number of irrigation evaluations (96) that may be completed for Phase 2, Citrus County should have a remainder of at least \$1,080.00.

Debra Burden

Phase 3: Regional Irrigation Program Letter of Agreement

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Phase 3 Funding

Phase 3 of the regional irrigation system evaluation program will provide Citrus County Water Resources with 35 on-site evaluations, rain sensors, approximately 9 follow-up inspections, administration of the contract, and marketing. Citrus County's match for Phase 3 is currently estimated at \$4,968.76. The cost of Phase 3 (\$4,968.76) minus the Pilot Refund (\$3,161.58) and Phase 2 (\$1,080.00) leaves a potentially unfunded balance of \$727.18.

Citrus County and the Authority mutually agree that the best utilization of the remaining funds from the Pilot and Phase 2 programs is to have the Authority apply such funds to the County's costs associated with Phase 3 of the program.


The Authority shall pay all expenditures of Phase 3, requesting the 50 percent reimbursement from the District, and applying the remainder of Citrus County's funds from the Pilot and Phase 2 programs to Citrus County's portion of the local government match. The return of any County funds remaining from Phase 2 after the completion of Phase 3 will be determined at the completion of Phase 3 (FY 2016-17) to the mutual satisfaction of the County and the Authority. If additional County funds are needed for Phase 3, the Authority and the County will address that need in preparing the budgets for 2016-17.

A summary of the Pilot, Phase 2 and Phase 3 programs is attached showing the County's contributions and funds currently or projected to be remaining that are available to offset the County's costs of Phase 3.

If the above terms are acceptable to Citrus County, this letter will constitute the agreement between the Authority and Citrus County for the utilization of all funds remaining from the Pilot and Phase 2 programs for funding of the Phase 3, Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

cc: WRWSA Board Members ✓
Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director

Citrus County

Phase 3, Funding for Regional Irrigation System Evaluation Program

Irrigation System Evaluation Pilot Program (N278): Refund				
Pilot Program	Received	Expended	Remainder	Available (1)
Citrus County	\$12,500.00	\$9,338.42	\$3,161.58	\$3,161.58
Phase 2: Estimated Refund				
Phase 2	Received	Projected Cost (2)	Remainder (3)	Available (4)
Citrus County	\$12,012.50	\$10,932.50	\$1,080.00	\$4,241.58
Phase 3: Projected Costs				
Phase 3	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Total Cost
Citrus County	\$ 3,562.50	\$ 1,234.38	\$ 171.88	\$ 4,968.76
Balance (5)				(\$727.18)

Notes

(1) Money available from Pilot program for Phase 3 local government match. At the coordinators and managers' meeting on May 8, 2014, the consensus was to allow available funds from prior projects to be used toward funding Phase 3.

(2) Projected costs are based on completion of maximum evaluations, rain sensors, and follow-up evaluations; subject to revision as program nears completion. Better numbers may be available in November 2014.

(3) Remainder funds in Phase 2 as conservatively estimated by assuming that all possible evaluations are performed; the funds remaining are due to the project bid that was less than the original budget.

(4) Money available from Pilot and Phase 2 program for Phase 3 local government match.

(5) If additional funds are needed from Citrus County, the actual costs will be determined in the final fiscal year and resolved at that time. If there are funds remaining from Phase 2, a method of returning those funds will be resolved in FY 2016-17.



June 25, 2014

Alys Brockway, Water Conservation Coordinator
Hernando County Utilities
21030 Cortez Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34601

Re: Phase 3, Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program Funding
Letter of Agreement

Dear Alys:

Thank you for your continued participation in the Regional Irrigation Evaluation program to enhance water conservation within Hernando County. This letter is to confirm the funding contribution from Hernando County for participation in Phase 3 of the program, in cooperation with the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority) and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District).

During the Pilot and Phase 2 portions of the program, Hernando County contributed funds to the Authority based on the anticipated costs. The Pilot program began in FY 2010-11 and ended in FY 2013-14, with the final costs confirmed in February 2014 when the Pilot program was officially completed. The County's total cost for the Pilot program came in under budget and less than the original amount contributed for the local match. It is anticipated that the final costs for Phase 2 will also be under budget. The following paragraphs describe the funds provided for the Pilot project and for Phase 2 and how the remaining funds may be designated for use in Phase 3.

Pilot Program Funds

Hernando County paid \$12,500 for its portion of the Pilot program while actual costs were \$9,274.86, leaving a balance of \$3,225.14.

Phase 2 Funds

Hernando County paid \$12,012.50 for its portion of the Phase 2 program. At this time it appears that Phase 2 will also come in under budget, leaving a balance for Hernando County that may be applied to the County's local match for the Phase 3 program. The exact amount of any remaining balance will not be known until the Phase 2 program is completed in FY 2015-16. However, based upon the maximum number of irrigation evaluations (96) that may be completed for Phase 2, Hernando County should have a remainder of at least \$1,080.00.

Phase 3 Funding

Phase 3 of the regional irrigation system evaluation program will provide Hernando County Utilities with 35 on-site evaluations, rain sensors, approximately 9 follow-up inspections, administration of the contract, and marketing. Hernando County's match for Phase 3 is currently estimated at \$4,968.76. The cost of Phase 3 (\$4,968.76) minus the Pilot Refund (\$3,225.14) and Phase 2 refund (\$1,080.00) leaves a potentially unfunded balance of \$663.62.

Hernando County and the Authority mutually agree that the best utilization of the remaining funds from the Pilot and Phase 2 programs is to have the Authority apply such funds to the County's costs associated with Phase 3 of the program.

The Authority shall pay all expenditures of Phase 3, requesting the 50 percent reimbursement from the District, and applying the remainder of Hernando County's funds from the Pilot and Phase 2 programs to Hernando County's portion of the local government match. The disposition of any County funds remaining from Phase 2 after the completion of Phase 3 will be determined at the completion of Phase 3 (FY 2016-17) to the mutual satisfaction of the County and the Authority. If additional County funds are needed for Phase 3, the Authority and the County will address that need in preparing the budgets for 2016-17.

A summary of the Pilot, Phase 2 and Phase 3 programs is attached showing the County's contributions and funds currently or projected to be remaining that are available to offset the County's costs of Phase 3.

If the above terms are acceptable to Hernando County, this letter will constitute the agreement between the Authority and Hernando County for the utilization of all funds remaining from the Pilot and Phase 2 programs for funding of the Phase 3, Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

cc: WRWSA Board Members
Susan Goebbel-Canning, P.E.

Hernando County

Phase 3, Funding for Regional Irrigation System Evaluation Program

Irrigation System Evaluation Pilot Program (N278): Refunds

Pilot Program	Received	Expended	Remainder	Available (1)
Hernando County	\$12,500.00	\$9,274.86	\$3,225.14	\$3,225.14

Phase 2: Estimated Refunds

Phase 2	Received	Projected Cost (2)	Remainder(3)	Available (4)
Hernando County	\$12,012.50	\$10,932.50	\$1,080.00	\$4,305.14

Phase 3: Projected Costs

Phase 3	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Total Cost
Hernando County	\$ 3,562.50	\$ 1,234.38	\$ 171.88	\$ 4,968.76

Balance (5)				(\$663.62)
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Notes

(1) Money available from Pilot program for Phase 3 local government match. At the coordinators and managers' meeting on May 8, 2014, the consensus was to allow available funds from prior projects to be used toward funding Phase 3.

(2) Projected costs are based on completion of maximum evaluations, rain sensors, and follow-up evaluations. Subject to revision as program nears completion. Better numbers may be available in November 2014.

(3) Remainder funds in Phase 2 as conservatively estimated by assuming that all possible evaluations are performed; the funds remaining are due to the project bid that was less than the original budget.

(4) Money available from Pilot and Phase 2 program for Phase 3 local government match.

(5) If additional funds are needed from Hernando County, the actual costs will be determined in final fiscal year and resolved at that time. If there are funds remaining from Phase 2, a method of returning those funds will be resolved in FY 2016-17.



June 25, 2014

Jacob Arnette, Water Resources Coordinator
Marion County Engineering
412 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471

Re: Phase 3, Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program Funding
Letter of Agreement

Dear Jacob:

Thank you for your participation in the Regional Irrigation Evaluation program to enhance water conservation within Marion County. This letter is to confirm the funding contribution from Marion County for participation in Phase 3, in cooperation with the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority) and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District).

During the Pilot program, Marion County contributed funds to the Authority based on the anticipated costs of the program. The Pilot program began in FY 2010-11 and ended in FY 2013-14, with the final costs confirmed in February 2014 when the program was officially completed. The County's total cost for the Pilot program came in under budget and less than the original amount contributed. The following paragraphs describe the funds remaining from the Pilot program and how these remaining funds may be designated for use in Phase 3.

Pilot Program Funds

Marion County paid \$12,500 for its portion of the Pilot program. Actual costs were \$7,469.09, leaving a remainder of \$5,030.91

Phase 2 Funds

Marion County and the Authority agreed that Marion County would pay for Phase 2 as work was completed. Marion County issued a purchase order and the Authority invoices the County based on completed irrigation inspection and marketing costs.

Phase 3 Funding

Phase 3 of the regional irrigation system evaluation program will provide Marion County Utilities with 35 on-site evaluations, rain sensors, approximately 9 follow-up inspections, administration of the contract, and marketing. The total costs attributable to Marion County for Phase 3 are estimated as \$4,968.76. After utilizing the funds remaining from the Pilot program (\$5,030.91), the Authority would need to refund Marion County \$62.15.

Marion County and the Authority mutually agree that the best utilization of the remaining funds from the Pilot program is to have the Authority apply such funds to the County's costs associated with Phase 3 of the program.

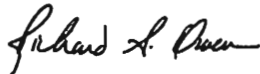
The Authority shall pay all expenditures of Phase 3, requesting the 50 percent reimbursement from the District, and applying the remainder of Marion County's funds from the Pilot program to its portion of the local government match. The return of any County funds remaining after the completion of Phase 3 will be determined at the completion of Phase 3 (FY 2016-17) to the mutual satisfaction of the County and the Authority.

A summary of the Pilot, Phase 2 and Phase 3 programs is attached showing the County's contributions and funds currently or projected to be remaining that are available to offset the County's costs of Phase 3.

If the above terms are acceptable to Marion County, this letter will constitute the agreement between the Authority and Marion County for the utilization of all funds remaining from the Pilot program for funding of the Phase 3, Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

cc: WRWSA Board Members ✓
Flip Mellinger, Utilities Director
Tracy Straub, County Engineer

Marion County

Phase 3, Funding for Regional Irrigation System Evaluation Program

Irrigation System Evaluation Pilot Program (N278): Refunds

Pilot Program	Received	Expended	Remainder	Available (1)
Marion County	\$12,500.00	\$7,469.09	\$5,030.91	\$5,030.91

Irrigation System Evaluation Phase 2 Program (N491): Projected Refunds

Marion County (2)				None
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Irrigation System Evaluation Phase 3 Program (N640): Matching Funds

Phase 3	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Total Cost
Marion County	\$ 3,562.50	\$ 1,234.38	\$ 171.88	\$ 4,968.76

Balance (3)				\$62.15
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Notes

(1) Money available from Pilot program for Phase 3 local government match. At the coordinators and managers' meeting on May 8, 2014, the consensus was to allow available funds from prior projects to be used toward funding Phase 3.

(2) Marion County requested that the local government match be paid by the County as costs are incurred during the administration of Phase 2. Therefore, the Authority bills the County based on completion of on-site evaluations, follow-up inspections and marketing costs. There will be no refund to Marion County for Phase 2.

(3) Balance of funds remaining after deducting projected Phase 3 costs from Pilot Program refund.



June 19, 2014

Auditor General
Local Government Audits/342
Claude Pepper Building, Room 401
111 West Madison Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

RE: Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority FYE 2013 Audit

Auditor General:

Enclosed per instructions is one (1) copy of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's FYE 2013 Audit Report and Submittal Checklist. The Authority has also submitted an electronic copy of the FYE 2013 Audit to the Auditor General.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

Attachments

cc: WRWSA Board Members



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May 28, 2014

Richard Owen, AICP
Executive Director
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
3600 West Sovereign Path, Suite 228
Lecanto, Florida 34461

Subject: Master Regional Water Supply Plan Update Project No. (N438-3);
Agreement No. 13C00000062

Dear Mr. Owen:

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority) entered into a cooperative funding agreement (agreement) with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) on March 4, 2013, to complete the subject project. The Notice to Proceed was issued March 5, 2013; and the agreement termination date is August 15, 2014. The scope of work for this project is described in Exhibit "A" and is divided into tasks to assist in monitoring progress. Each task is assigned a date for completion. If a project task cannot be completed by the scheduled date, paragraph 1.1 of the agreement gives instructions for revising the schedule.

The Authority has requested approval to extend the deadline for completing the Final PROJECT Completion and Report Publication. The Authority has made this request to ensure adequate time to present the completed Update to the Authority's Board prior to its transmittal to the District. This is the third revision to the Project Schedule. The current and the revised schedules are tabulated below.

Current and Revised Project Schedule, Exhibit "A"

Activity	Current Completion Date	Revised Completion Date
Commence Meetings with WRWSA TRC	February 28, 2013	No Change
Delivery of Draft RWSP Update Report	May 1, 2014	No Change
Final PROJECT Completion and Report Publication	July 1, 2014	July 25, 2014

Mr. Richard Owen, Executive Director

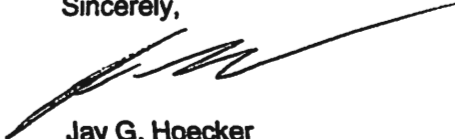
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May 28, 2014

In accordance with paragraph 1.1 of the original agreement, and as the District's Contract Manager, I hereby approve the request from the Authority, dated February 20, 2014, to extend the deadlines for completing the tasks listed in Exhibit "A." Please note that the agreement termination date of August 15, 2014, has not been changed. If the project cannot be completed by the agreement termination date, it will be necessary to amend the agreement. If you have any questions, please contact Jay G. Hoecker at (352) 796-7211, extension 4388.

Sincerely,



Jay G. Hoecker
Water Supply Specialist
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Approved by:


Kenneth R. Herd, P.E., Bureau Chief
Water Resources

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May 28, 2014

Brad Thorpe, Citrus County Administrator
110 North Apopka Avenue
Inverness, Florida 34450

Re: Adopted WRWSA Budget for FY 2014-15

Dear Mr. Thorpe:

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority or WRWSA) Board adopted its final budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 at the Authority Board's May 21, 2014 meeting. Attached is a copy of the budget and the Authority's Work Program for FY 2014-15. The Authority continues to move forward with development of its regional work program to ensure the region's long-range water supply needs are met in a cost-effective, environmentally-friendly manner. Further, we have maintained our local government grants program to assist our member governments in water conservation. We continue to monitor and engage with the water management districts, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and other state agencies, and the State Legislature to stay abreast of and influence, to the benefit of our membership, water management activities that may affect this region.

I hope this information is sufficient for your budgetary needs. If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

Attachment

cc: WRWSA Board Members
Cathy Taylor, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director
Debra Burden, Water Conservation Manager

WITHLACOCOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY						
Adopted Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget						
5/21/14						
	4/1/13 Population Estimate	Comments	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2013-14	\$ Change	% Change
7 Revenues: Administrative						
8 Assessments:						
9 Citrus	140,549	212 person decrease	\$26,704	\$26,745	-\$41	-0.2%
10 Hernando	173,808	704 person increase	\$33,024	\$32,690	\$334	0.4%
11 Marion	335,008	2,019 person increase	\$63,632	\$63,268	\$364	0.6%
12 Sumter	105,104	4,906 person increase	\$19,970	\$19,038	\$932	4.9%
13 Total Population/Assessments @						
14 19¢/Capita	754,469	See Attachment 1 for detail	\$143,349	\$141,941	\$1,408	1.0%
15 Administrative Revenue from Citrus Contract		Based on Citrus County contract	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	0.0%
16 Subtotal			\$203,349	\$201,941	\$1,408	0.7%
17 Carry-over Administration Reserve Funds (Est.) (SBA1)		See Attachment 2 for detail	\$454,052	\$454,565	-\$513	-0.1%
18 Total Administrative Revenue Available			\$657,401	\$656,507	\$894	0.1%
19 Revenues: Water Supply Facility Development						
20 Pilot Irrigation Audit Program SWFWMD Matching Funds		Completed in 2013-14	\$0	\$2,200	-\$2,200	-100.0%
21 Pilot Irrigation Audit Program Villages Matching Funds		Completed in 2013-14	\$0	\$200	-\$200	-100.0%
22 Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program SWFWMD Matching Funds		See Attach 3 for detail	\$35,295	\$32,565	\$2,730	8.4%
23 Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program Cooperator Match		See Attach 3 for detail	\$3,634	\$8,573	-\$4,939	-57.6%
24 Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program SWFWMD Matching Funds		See Attach 4 for detail	\$28,500	\$0	\$28,500	100.0%
25 Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program Cooperator Match		See Attach 4 for detail	\$14,250	\$0	\$14,250	100.0%
26 RWSP Update SWFWMD Matching Funds		To be completed in 2013-14	\$0	\$59,990	-\$59,990	-100.0%
27 Annual Citrus Amortization Payments (SBA2)		See Attachment 1 for detail	\$163,587	\$163,587	\$0	0.0%
28 Subtotal			\$245,432	\$285,135	-\$39,703	-13.9%
29 Carryover WRDF Reserve Funds (Est.) (SBA2)		See Attachment 2 for detail	\$784,031	\$652,917	\$131,114	20.1%
30 Total Water Supply Development Revenue Available			\$1,029,463	\$1,138,052	-\$108,589	-9.5%
31 Total Revenues Available			\$1,686,864	\$1,794,559	-\$107,695	-6.0%
32 Expenditures:						
33 General Administration						
34 Executive Director		Based on annual contract	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	0.0%
35 Administrative Assistant		Based on annual contract	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$0	0.0%
36 Legal Services		Based on annual contract	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	0.0%
37 Monthly Meetings @ \$500/meeting	\$6,000	No change				
38 Other Services @ \$150/hr.	\$14,000	No change				
39 Legislative Consultant		Based on annual contract	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$0	0.0%
40 Advertising		Based on current usage	\$1,000	\$1,500	-\$500	-33.3%
41 Audit		Based on 3% CPI	\$9,130	\$9,865	-\$735	-7.4%
42 Bookkeeping Services		\$500/quarter per Engagement Letter	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.0%
43 Liability Insurance		Based on FY2013-14 plus 10%	\$2,310	\$2,100	\$210	10.0%
44 Office Supplies		Based on current usage	\$1,200	\$1,500	-\$300	-20.0%
45 Postage		Based on current usage	\$900	\$800	\$100	12.5%
46 Printing and Reproduction		Based on current usage	\$2,000	\$2,250	-\$250	-11.1%
47 Publications/Software		Based on current usage	\$200	\$200	\$0	0.0%
48 Rent (Locanto Gov't Bldg)		Based on lease agreement	\$2,043	\$2,043	\$0	0.0%
49 Registrations/Dues		Based on inventory	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.0%
50 State Fees/Assessments		Based on current usage	\$175	\$175	\$0	0.0%
51 Telephone		Based on current usage	\$1,100	\$1,500	-\$400	-26.7%
52 Travel		Based on current usage	\$9,500	\$10,000	-\$500	-5.0%
53 Web Page / Computer Maintenance		Based on current usage	\$2,150	\$2,500	-\$350	-14.0%
54 Contingencies		5% of non-contract admin costs	\$1,229	\$1,872	-\$643	-34.3%
55 Subtotal - General Administration Expenditures			\$218,442	\$219,810	-\$1,368	-0.6%
56 Fund Balance for Admin. Reserves		FYE13/14 Admin Funds Bal - FY14/15	\$450,059	\$418,656	\$31,403	7.5%
57 Admin Rev's - FY14/15 Admin Exp's						
58 TOTAL ADMIN. EXPENDITURES and FUND BALANCE			\$667,401	\$637,466	\$29,935	4.7%
59 Water Supply Studies and Facilities						
60 General Services Contract		RFQ's - Firms on Call	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%
61 Local Government Water Supply Projects		Based on action of BoD	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0	0.0%
62 Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Program		See Attach 3 Ph 2 Program	\$69,584	\$105,170	-\$35,586	-33.8%
63 Phase 3 Irrigation Audit Program		See Attach 4 Ph 3 Program	\$57,000	\$0	\$57,000	100.0%
64 Purvis Gray Rate Analysis (CAB WSP)		Extension of Contract with Purvis Gray	\$12,000	\$8,568	\$3,432	39.7%
65 Update of Regional Water Supply Plan		To be Completed in FYE 2014	\$0	\$119,980	-\$119,980	-100.0%
66 Update of Regional Water Supply Plan - Meeting Attendance		To be Completed in FYE 2014	\$0	\$18,000	-\$18,000	-100.0%
67 Pilot Irrigation Audit Program		Completed in FYE 2014	\$0	\$6,800	-\$6,800	-100.0%
68 Subtotal - Water Supply Studies and Facilities Expenditures			\$343,584	\$463,538	-\$119,954	-25.9%
69 Fund Balance for Water Supply Development Reserves		FYE13/14 WRD Funds Bal - FY14/15	\$665,913	\$592,514	\$73,399	12.4%
70 WRD Rev's - FY14/15 WRD Exp's						
71 TOTAL WRDF EXPENDITURES and FUND BALANCE			\$1,009,497	\$1,056,052	-\$46,555	-4.4%
72 TOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND WRDF EXPENSES and FUND BALANCES			\$1,696,361	\$1,793,618	-\$97,257	-5.4%
73 Total Administration and WRDF Fund Balances at FYE 2014-15		See Attachment 2 for detail	\$1,138,052	\$1,111,172	\$26,880	2.4%

**Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
2014-15 Work Program**

1. Joint Funding of Water Conservation 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 the inception of the grants program, the Authority has appropriated \$1,438,292 to local government projects in the region. During fiscal year 2014-15, the proposed budget anticipates appropriating an additional \$130,000 toward local government water conservation projects. Proposals will be considered from local governments and public supply utilities 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. The water conservation activities co-funded by this grant program help participating utilities meet and sustain the maximum 150 gallons per person per day that is required by the SWFWMD no later than 2019.

2. Legislative and Governmental Affairs Advocacy on Behalf of the Authority and it's Member Governments

The Authority Board, since 2002, has conducted legislative and governmental affairs advocacy year-round to promote initiatives on behalf of the Authority and its member governments and to protect the Authority's interests. Historically, the Authority has played a vital role in fine-tuning state and regional water supply planning, permitting and funding programs including "local sources first" and the Water Protection and Sustainability Program (SB 444). Each year prior to the Legislative Session the Authority Board reviews and approves policy direction to guide our advocacy efforts. Progress reports are provided on a regular basis. Fiscal year 2014-15 is anticipated to be the year that the Florida Legislature revamps the state's comprehensive water policies and funding programs under the leadership of the in-coming House Speaker-designate Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island) and Senate President-designate Andy Gardiner (R-Orlando).

3. Continuation of the Regional Residential Irrigation Audit Program to Promote Water Conservation within the Region

This project provides an opportunity for residential water utility customers within Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties 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 the Florida Irrigation Society (FIS) or other recognized certifying agency in the targeted region. The initiative includes program information, water conservation education, reporting and analysis by a consultant. This continuing project targets existing inefficient landscape and irrigation water use and results in documented water savings and water quality protection. Results from the Pilot project indicate a total water savings of 29 million gallons per year for 230 residential customers, representing an average reduction in total water use of 36%.

The Authority initiated the Pilot program in 2011 with joint funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Phase 2 of the program will continue through fiscal year 2014-15 with Phase 3 starting in the same year. This water conservation initiative also helps participating utilities meet and sustain the maximum 150 gallons per person per day that is required by the SWFWMD no later than 2019.

4. Complete Revisions to the Charles A. Black Water Supply Facility Rate Analysis and Agreement

During fiscal year 2011-12, 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 current contract expires in the early 2020's. 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. A draft of this study was completed in the 2013-14 fiscal year. The Authority also retained Cardno TBE to update the engineering analysis of the facilities. This work was completed in fiscal year 2012-13. The objective of this initiative is for the Authority and Citrus County to reach a mutually acceptable new rate agreement that bases revenue to the Authority on water use and puts the Authority in a more long-term sustainable financial position.

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

The CABWSF is currently operating and supplying water to the Citrus County 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.

6. Central Springs Model Development

The first phase of this project was jointly funded by the SWFWMD, St. Johns River WMD, Marion County and the Authority. The project was initiated in fiscal year 2012-13. Phase 1 of the project entailed updating and expanding the SWFWMD's Northern District Groundwater Model to encompass all of Marion County and to incorporate the most recent hydrologic data. Phase 1 of the project was successfully completed. The SJRWMD has continued the project to expand the model further to the east coast. The result of Phase 2 of the project will be a new model that will encompass the entire central part of the state from coast-to-coast and will be utilized by both districts as appropriate. The Authority will continue to participate in the project steering committee to ensure continued cooperation and coordination in the determination of groundwater availability in the region. The intent is for both water management districts to utilize the same groundwater model for all of Marion County and the surrounding region in determining the availability of groundwater.

7. Program Development and Technical Assistance

- a) Support efforts to further define the hydrogeology of the region. Continue cooperation with the water management districts on the collection of hydrologic data to further refine the Districts' planning and regulatory models. Coordinate on efforts to better define the lower Floridan aquifer and the extent of fresh and brackish groundwater within the aquifer.
- b) Promote the WRWSA Regional Framework through coordination with WRWSA member governments to facilitate regional and sub-regional cooperation on water supply development and reclaimed water projects. Work with the SWFWMD in defining strategic priorities for the

northern region and how these priorities may influence the ranking criteria for the District's Cooperative Funding Initiative, including potential District funding for regional and sub-regional traditional and non-traditional water supply development that is consistent with the WRWSA Regional Framework.

- c) Monitor SWFWMD and SJRWMD development of minimum flows and levels (MFLs). Provide technical assistance to WRWSA member governments in determining the potential impact to both the environment and potential water supply development based on proposed MFLs from the Districts.**
- d) Work with the SWFWMD and SJRWMD as they update their respective regional water supply plans to ensure the interests of the Authority and its member governments are represented in the process.**
- e) Coordinate with FDEP, SJRWMD, SWFWMD and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on policy and rule development. Provide assistance to WRWSA member governments on FDEP and District rule development that may include Water Use Permitting, Environmental Resource Permitting, water conservation and future water supply development, including the statewide consistency initiatives. Monitor water management programs and rule development in other parts of the state, including the Central Florida Water Initiative, for implications to the WRWSA and its member governments.**

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May 20, 2014

Jay Hoecker, Water Supply Specialist
Southwest Florida Water Management District
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34604-6899

**RE: Request extension of milestone for the Regional Water Supply Plan Update, N438-3,
Contract # 13C00000062**

Dear Jay,

The Regional Water Supply Plan Update (N438) is nearing completion and a draft of the final report has been presented to the Technical Advisory Committee. However, to ensure adequate time to present the completed Update to the Authority's Board prior to its transmittal to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, I am requesting an extension for the final report submittal to the District. The request is shown in the Project Schedule, Exhibit "A" below.

Current and Revised Project Schedule, Exhibit "A"

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Current Completion Date</i>	<i>Revised Completion Date</i>
Delivery of Draft RWSP Update Report	May 1, 2014	No Change
Final PROJECT Completion and Report Publication	July 1, 2014	July 25, 2014

I request approval of the timeline extension for Final Project Completion to July 25, 2014.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Owen, AICP
WRWSA Executive Director

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Item. 8.e.
News Articles

Subject: Fwd: A comeback ahead for Florida Forever?
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A comeback ahead for Florida Forever?

By Lloyd Dunkelberger

Halifax Media Services

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TALLAHASSEE — After years of receiving little funding, Florida's environmental land-buying program is making a modest comeback.

With the decision by Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet last week to sell surplus state land — including four prison sites — the state land-buying initiatives, including Florida Forever, may have more than \$50 million in 2014-15. It would be the highest budget amount for Florida Forever since 2008.

Yet even that funding represents only one-sixth of the \$300 million Florida once had annually in its nation-leading conservation program.

Environmental advocates say the funding increase will help but they are still looking ahead to a constitutional amendment on the November ballot that will require the state to set aside a portion of the annual taxes on real estate transactions to pay for conservation programs.

Although the state will have more land-acquisition money in the coming year, the question remains how aggressively state officials will be in trying to negotiate conservation-land deals. Florida Forever funding has been largely at a standstill since the Great Recession, including the last two years of former Gov. Charlie Crist's administration and the four years under Scott.

"It was basically like they put a stop work order on Florida Forever," said Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon Florida.

Without a more aggressive land-buying initiative, environmentalists say the state may lose out on critical areas, such as protecting Florida's natural springs, the Ocala National Forest-Wekiva River area, the Indian River lagoon and host of other environmentally important tracts across the state.

Yet, Draper and other environmentalists were on hand last week to praise Scott and the state Cabinet for taking several steps that could enhance the Florida Forever program.

State officials approved the sale of nonconservation property — including four former prison sites — to generate money for Florida Forever. The new budget allows up to \$40 million of those land sales to go to land conservation projects and it would be coupled with \$12.5 million in other state funding.

The governor and Cabinet also approved a new Florida Forever priority list with 45 potential projects.

And they unanimously agreed to buy a 156-acre tract in Lake County as part of the Florida Forever project to provide a conservation link between the Ocala National Forest and the Wekiva River area near Orlando.

"It is important that we invest in preservation of the state's valuable natural resources like land and water so they are available for Florida families for generations to come," Scott said. "I believe in being a good steward of state resources and believe today's approval of the sale of certain properties and acquisition of conservation land are both win-win scenarios."

But the Wekiva-Ocala Greenway purchase illustrates incremental progress of reviving Florida Forever. The state bought the tract for \$450,000, a bargain price made possible by the conservationists who acquired the land and then resold it to the state at a discount.

The 156 acres represent less than 1 percent of the remaining 23,000 acres in the overall Wekiva-Ocala project that has been targeted for preservation under Florida Forever.

"It's hard to get up and cheer for a project that's less than \$1 million," Draper said. "It's the frustrating thing. Development is increasing. The land values are going up with the development pressure.

"We have this huge backlog of land to be protected through the Florida Forever program and it feels like in places where we should be spending a lot of money we're spending a small amount of money."

To put the overall Florida Forever list into context, Draper said he estimates the value of the potential purchases to be at \$10 billion. "Fifty million dollars is just a tiny dent in the need," Draper said, although he also estimated the state has more than \$100 million in unspent Florida Forever funding from previous years that could also be used.

But Draper said there does seem to be a shift in the Department of Environmental Protection, which is under Scott, to considering more conservation-land acquisitions.

"We're seeing a slow thaw in the Scott administration of their willingness to buy land," Draper said. "We want to recognize that and cheer them on."

The recession, the skepticism over the value of state land purchases from conservative critics and Scott's own fiscal policy have all been part of the Florida Forever slowdown.

Scott has taken a hard line against more state borrowing, resulting in a record decline in the Florida's debt. But it has also meant the state is not issuing bonds for programs like Florida Forever, which it has historically done.

Environmental advocates are backing a constitutional amendment on the November ballot that would require the state to annually set aside a third of the real-estate transaction tax to fund conservation programs like Florida Forever. If approved by 60 percent of the voters, the amendment would provide about \$10 billion over the next decade.

This week, Scott declined to take a position on the land-buying amendment. "We'll see how it comes out," he said.

His likely Democratic rival, former Gov. Crist, said he hasn't read the amendment but favors things "that help the environment."

Draper said he believes candidates running statewide would gain more credibility with voters if they "recognize that people really care about our environment."

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SCOTT: LET VOTERS DECIDE ON CONSERVATION AMENDMENT

By JIM TURNER
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THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, June 17, 2014.....Gov. Rick Scott said it was "the right thing to do" for the Cabinet on Tuesday to approve the sale of four closed jails and three other sites to raise money for future land preservation.

However, when asked after the Cabinet meeting whether he would support or oppose an amendment in November that would cement funding for land conservation into Florida's Constitution, Scott avoided directly answering the question.

"All the amendments, the public has the opportunity to vote, just like I do," Scott replied. "So we'll see how it comes out."

For some conservationists, the stance by Scott isn't necessarily bad.

Eric Draper, Audubon Florida executive director, said he'd prefer Scott to remain "ambivalent" on the issue. An alternative is to join the chorus of legislators who have already criticized the amendment as an improper constraint on the budget.

"That's a winning message for us, let the voters decide," Draper said.

House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, has argued that "legislating via constitutional amendments" doesn't work. And Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, contends the amendment will shift too much land into state control.

The proposed amendment, backed by a group called "Florida's Water and Land Legacy, Inc.," seeks to set aside 33 percent of the state's documentary stamp tax revenues -- fees paid when real estate is sold -- for 20 years to acquire conservation and recreation lands, manage existing lands, protect lands that are critical for water supply and restore degraded natural systems.

The amendment, which requires approval from 60 percent of voters to pass, could generate \$10 billion over its life, the group says.

Draper, along with other conservationists, backed the Cabinet's action on Tuesday. Still, they continue to say the funding remains.

The idea for the amendment was spawned as funding diminished for the Florida Forever program. Florida Forever, which uses bonds backed with revenue from the documentary stamps, authorizes lawmakers to spend up to \$300 million a year for preservation.

The last year funding approached that mark was in 2008.

During the 2012 session, state lawmakers set aside \$20 million for land conservation and established a surplus land-sale program within the state Department of Environmental Protection.

This year lawmakers included \$12.5 million for the purchase of land to protect springs and water resources, or to provide military land buffering, as part of the \$77 billion budget Scott signed June 2.

The budget also includes a line for up to \$40 million to also be spent on Florida Forever, with the money to come from the sale of non-conservation lands.

Scott and the Cabinet --- Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Attorney General Pam Bondi --- on Tuesday approved the sale of sites in Monroe, Volusia, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Hillsborough, Hendry and Broward counties. Those sites include the former Broward, Glades, Hendry and Hillsborough correctional institutions, which were closed as part of a consolidation in 2012.

The sales are expected to fetch the state \$27 million, which would bring the sale of non-conservation land this year to nearly \$44 million. It's not clear if the additional \$4 million can be spent in the budget year that begins July 1.

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6/17/14

COUNTERPOINT: Amendment 1 a Nightmare for Conservative-Thinking Floridians

By: [NANCY SMITH](#) | Posted: June 6, 2014 3:55 AM



Look closely at the pretty words in Amendment 1, the Water and Land Conservation Amendment. I think you'll find what I did -- the polar opposite of conservative values and common sense. Passing Amendment 1 will not -- repeat, *not* -- guarantee a no-tax-increase future for a clean water supply, or anything else, in Florida as its proponents claim. Quite the opposite. In a state where population is projected to grow to 30 million by 2035, there is no sure-thing magic bullet to funding every priority in 67 counties. What Amendment 1 will guarantee is that for the next 20 years, many other urgent priorities will go begging. Let's look at an honest financial analysis of this misleading amendment: It would embed in the Florida Constitution for 20 years 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents. Proponents claim all that will do is replace the minimum \$300 million a year the Florida Forever program provided from 1990 through 2008. Don't believe it. Mark Hendrickson, president of the Hendrickson Co., is the state's guru of doc stamps -- of anything affordable housing, including finance and related legislative issues. Before he launched the Hendrickson Co., he served six governors as executive director of two different Florida housing finance agencies (HFAs). Hendrickson knows how state government works and best of all, knows when Florida taxpayers are getting the shaft.

Hendrickson explained in steps why Amendment 1 has crushing ramifications: 1. "Doc stamp collection goes up and down," he said, "depending on real estate activity. But (Amendment 1) locks in 33 percent of revenues for environmental programs. That's not 1 percent of the budget. It will vary every year." 2. "To get their 33 percent, they took what has been fairly level environmental spending and divided it by one of the lowest doc stamp collection years, then they say, 'Oh, look, 33 percent only gives us our usual spending.'" 3. "They're locking in significantly more money than their historic averages. It's money that in the revenue projections going forward was heading into general revenue. It's going to put a big hole in the general revenue budget." 4. "To put real numbers on that 33 percent in the last fiscal year, it's \$425 million. Project out to 2015-2016, you're up to \$550 million; in 2021, well over \$700 million. They're acting like they're only getting their current fair share, but they're locking in significantly more than they ever had before." 5. "It's very clever the way they say they're just getting their

share. They claim the debt service on their bonds comes from general revenue now. But between now and next year, the bond will be paid off and the debt service will drop massively. This year the budget has \$430 million in it to pay environmental lands debt service, but next year it will drop to \$173 million. The Legislature may think they're getting back \$257 million, but they won't." 6. "In the end, what happens is, when there's a shortfall in general revenue, as there will be, legislators will be forced to look for money somewhere else. That's when they start deepening their raids on trust funds. They have no choice."

Embedding in the Constitution payouts of vast percentages of revenue is no way to budget state priorities, and it certainly isn't remotely conservative. After 9/11, the state lost a large chunk of its tourism income for months on end. In 2005, lawmakers plowed money into hurricane recovery. Disasters happen. Unforeseen circumstances arise. But the more things we treat like the Class Size Amendment -- and now, maybe, land acquisition -- the more it sews up taxpayer dollars and the fewer options it gives lawmakers to dig their way out of emergencies without beheading other priorities. There are other reasons to roundly dislike Amendment 1 -- for example, the glut of publicly held land it will create because, after all, the Constitution will tell us we *must* buy land. Not only will chunks of it come off the tax rolls, it must all be maintained -- and that will be a sizable taxpayer expenditure. I plan to write more about that before Voting Day. For now, just ask yourself, how many more expenditures are we going to find to seal up in the Constitution? What will the next one be? Taxpayers need to mount an offensive of their own against built-in-forever, pay-up-front causes du jour like the Vote Yes on Amendment 1 Campaign. I feel confident that when Florida voters understand the full implications of this fiscal mess of an amendment -- never mind the assault on the state Constitution and budgeting process -- they will vote a resounding "No."

Much of the information in this column was first reported in a [May 15, 2013 Nancy Smith column](#), "No' to Budgeting Through the Constitution." Reach Smith at sunshinestatenews.com or at 228-282-2423.

POINT: Florida-Loving Conservatives Have Many Reasons to Support Amendment 1

By: [ALLISON DEFOOR](#) | Posted: June 5, 2014 1:53 PM



I am not a liberal; just a Florida Cracker. That is why I am voting for Amendment 1, the Water and Land Conservation Amendment. I support Amendment 1 because, without raising new taxes, it will enhance drinking water sources, manage fish and wildlife habitats, add and restore lands, protect beaches and shores, and maintain state and local parks.

Amendment 1 requires that one-third of documentary stamp revenues, generated from house and land sales, be used exclusively over the next 20 years for these purposes. Think protecting the St. Johns from more algae blooms, or our springs from choking further. Down south, think of Indian River Lagoon, or Everglades restoration.

Supporting Amendment 1 falls squarely in line with my belief that conservation is all about conservative values and ideas. Conservation is, by definition, conservative. Republicans have a long tradition of it, nationally and in Florida. Teddy Roosevelt, Richard Nixon, George H.W. Bush were leaders. In Florida, Gov. Martinez created Preservation 2000. Gov. Jeb Bush created a similar effort, Florida Forever. In Jacksonville, Mayor John Delaney led the way in local conservation, creating a legacy that will continue for generations. All Republicans, like me.

Amendment 1 is also about the practical reality that unless we take steps toward conservation ourselves, we cannot count on others -- including lawmakers -- to do it for us. Funding in this area has fallen off the cliff in recent years. Over the 20 years of the life of this amendment, Florida's population will grow to 30 million. We act now, or we act never.

Conservatives believe that government spending should be directed first toward those limited number of things that only government can do well. Securing a clean water supply and the conservation of lands fall in the wheelhouse of this definition.

Conservatives also believe that whenever possible, government funding for these essential functions should not rely on higher taxes to get there.

Finally, conservatives believe that public spending should be tied to measurable returns on investment. In the case of Amendment 1, if clean water and preserved lands for future generations isn't enough, consider the impact of these assets on Florida's No. 1 economy: tourism. Fundamentally, only Hawaii and Alaska have their economy and environments as deeply tied together as we do in Florida.

On top of that, it's important to remember that every segment of Florida's economy depends on the natural beauty that draws people and businesses to our state. Without pristine waters and unspoiled landscapes, Florida will lose the special appeal that has fueled our growth and prosperity.

Amendment 1 fulfills these principles: It ensures that our state dedicates adequate dollars into the most essential of public goods – protecting our waters and conserving our lands; it “lives within our means” by ensuring that taxes aren't raised to do so; and it provides an earnest return on investment for generations to come.

Many point to Theodore Roosevelt as the person who established the great American conservation movement. Indeed, Teddy Roosevelt led by example on this front, in part through the signing of Antiquities Act, which has since been used to proclaim about a quarter of all areas composing the national park system.

Ronald Reagan carried on in this tradition, both as governor of California and our nation's president. "In our own time, the nearly universal appreciation of these preserved landscapes, restored waters, and cleaner air through outdoor recreation is a modern expression of our freedom and leisure to enjoy the wonderful life that generations past have built for us," Reagan said.

If the people of Florida approve Amendment 1, we will together have secured our common interest in the most clear and direct way. And to this old Florida cracker, there's nothing as conservative as that.

Allison DeFoor is a former vice chair of the Republican Party of Florida and a seventh-generation Floridian. He was the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor in 1990, as running mate to Gov. Bob Martinez and served as “Everglades Czar” under Gov. Jeb Bush, where he helped put together the largest land restoration project in history. Allison currently chairs the Vote Yes On Amendment 1 campaign.



Crystal River Begins Reclaimed Water Pipeline Construction

The city of Crystal River and Duke Energy are installing a pipeline, which they say will improve water quality. In our big story tonight, GTN's Mayci McLeod has more on why the city says this \$5 million project is needed.

Duke Energy pulls about three million gallons from the Crystal River aquifer every day.

Crystal River's Director of Public Works, David Burnell, says, "Our aquifer, when we don't have much rain, it suffers because of all the withdrawal. Any reduction in that withdrawal is usually beneficial."

Since 2010, Crystal River and Duke Energy have collaborated on a plan for a seven mile reclaimed water pipeline. The pipeline will redirect water from the waste water spray field to Duke Energy, to offset the amount Duke uses daily.

Burnell says, "We're hoping to send them a million gallons a day in this process."

He says there is also an environmental benefit. Currently, the reclaimed water is used in a spray field, goes back into the ground, and ultimately the aquifer.

Burnell says, "There is a residual amount of nitrogen in that water and that gets into the aquifer and actually potentially part of the issue with Kings Bay."

He says this investment is necessary because Kings Bay is considered 'impaired' and that is because of this slimy, green algae.

The algae is called 'lymbia', and it settles at the bottom of Kings Bay. Burnell says the algae affects the ecosystem and water quality.

"Literally there are mats of this material now that cover parts of the bay and the vegetation, the good vegetation, that the manatee use and that is also used to clean the water, is diminished greatly."

The City of Crystal River is contributing \$2.5 million dollars to the project. We spoke to some local residents off camera and they say while they support cleaning up the bay, they don't agree with the multimillion dollar price tag. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Duke Energy are also chipping in. The DEP is giving \$2.5 million and Duke is spending \$2 million. The pipeline is expected to be completed next year.

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Column: Protecting Florida's water resources, now and for the future

By Mark Wilson, special to the Times

Monday, May 26, 2014 5:28pm

All things in life are affected by a myriad of issues and conditions that often require balance to bring them back to a state of restoration. Consider Florida's water needs. The Florida Chamber of Commerce and other environmental advocates agree our state must do more toward meeting Florida's long-term water needs. That includes protecting Florida's springs.

Florida's natural resources are ranked as some of the best in the world. With more than 1,300 miles of coastline and more than 35 first-magnitude natural springs in Florida, our state's natural resources should be protected in sustainable ways that address long-term issues for today and future generations.

This state has some of the toughest water standards in the nation. These tough standards recently prompted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to agree with the Florida Chamber and withdraw its overlapping water rules in favor of Florida's scientifically backed numeric nutrient criteria rules. These new state water quality protections include robust pollution standards for our springs that will drive restoration projects for years to come. In every corner of the state, Florida's Department of Environmental Protection, led by Herschel Vinyard, is working to help restore the health of rivers, lakes and streams based on science — not science fiction.

The Florida Chamber's commitment to preparing for our state's growth in even smarter and more sustainable ways is long standing. For more than 28 years, the Florida Chamber Foundation has presented the annual Environmental Permitting Summer School — a program attended by more than 800 attorneys, consultants, engineers, state and local government officials, land owners and developers with strong interests in sharing ideas on improving environmental permitting, alternative water projects and statewide water policy in Florida.

Throughout the 2014 legislative session, the Florida Chamber encouraged state leaders to plan smartly for Florida's growing population — 6 million more residents will call Florida home by 2030 and almost 95 million visitors come to our state each year. This means water demand will increase 28 percent between 2013 and 2030. Preparing for growth in even smarter and more sustainable ways will help secure Florida's future. Expanding the use of alternative water supplies and allowing for new water storage efforts on agricultural lands are a few examples of how we get there.

But success comes at a cost. For instance, to clean up impaired springs, substantial taxpayer dollars (billions, in fact) are needed to fund wastewater treatment upgrades, connect homes to centralized treatment, subsidize rural homeowners who cannot afford high-performance septic tanks, pay for storm water treatment upgrades and assist family farms implementing advanced water management practices.

With the proposed Florida Water and Land Legacy constitutional amendment on the 2014 ballot, funding for projects like these will be severely hampered. The amendment ties the hands of future

Legislatures and doesn't provide the flexibility to fund the immediate water needs of the state. State-local and public-private partnerships will be essential.

That was the starting point for Sen. David Simmons, R-Altamonte Springs, and others who championed springs protection legislation this past session. We supported Simmons' desire to provide a funding mechanism for the proposed improvement projects. Our mutual support for maintaining our world-class environmental assets is built around a simple belief that water policy should support the health and prosperity of all Floridians, now and in the future.

What developed, however, was a water protection bill that was stripped of nearly all of its funding — an unfunded mandate — that lacked effective, science-based solutions to help protect Florida's natural resources and promote sustainable economic growth. Simmons' plan was to redirect a portion of the documentary stamp revenue into a springs protection trust fund. However, Florida's revenue estimates were reduced by the amount the proposed constitutional amendment, if passed, will take away — leaving springs protection efforts with only a fraction of needed funding.

Although frustrated that this year's effort did succeed, we hope all of us in Florida's environmental community will take a moment instead to celebrate the more than \$88 million in local water projects that will have a positive, direct effect on the communities we live and work in.

As a leading advocate for quality-of-life and quality-of-places, the Florida Chamber will continue encouraging a comprehensive, statewide and long-term plan that includes protection for all natural resource water bodies. We look forward to leading Florida's long-term policy efforts by working with incoming House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island, and incoming Senate President Andy Gardner, R-Orlando, in passing legislation that will truly benefit all of Florida's natural resources.

Mark Wilson, president and CEO of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, wrote this exclusively for the Tampa Bay Times.

Column: Protecting Florida's water resources, now and for the future 05/26/14 [Last modified: Monday, May 26, 2014 5:27pm]

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Item 9.
Legislative Update

Item 9. Legislative Update . . . Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant

Bills Signed into Law

To date, Governor Scott has signed into law (14) fourteen bills of interest to the Authority, leaving no remaining bills of interest to be acted upon. The Authority was tracking as many as (75) seventy-five bills during the 2014 Legislative Session. The effective date for most of these bills is July 1, 2014, although some provisions in certain bills such as SB 1632 re: special districts include a later date for implementing new website/reporting standards (October 1, 2015). And, some legislation immediately took effect upon the date of Governor Scott's signature, such as SB 374 re: the referendum process for local government comprehensive plan amendments and HB 7171 re: minimum flows and levels (MFL) ratification in Suwanee River Water Management District. It may be noted that the fewest number of bills passed since 2001: 1,811 filed and 264 passed.

Special District Reporting

Governor Scott has signed into law Chapter 2014-22 (formerly SB 1632) regarding special districts. Being a special district, the Authority will be required beginning October 1, 2015, to annually update and maintain its official website to meet uniform standards. The Authority's website must contain certain information and materials, some of which is already currently included. A checklist has been prepared to begin the evaluation of which requirements remain to be satisfied.

Subject: Bills Signed into Law
From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 23, 2014 4:01 pm
To: Richard Owen <richardowen@wrwsa.org>
Cc: Nancy Smith <nsmith@wrwsa.org>

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Diane Salz <noreply@lobbytools.com>
Date: June 23, 2014 at 3:56:37 PM EDT
To: disalz@yahoo.com
Subject: Bills Signed into Law

FYI.

Enrolled Bills

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Bills Presented to the Governor [\[hide summary\]](#)

No bills.

Bills Signed into Law [\[hide summary\]](#)

Num	Title	Sponsor
 SB 0272	Relating to Water Utilities Water Utilities; Authorizing the Florida Public Service Commission to revoke a certificate of authorization upon receipt of a petition; requiring the commission to consider the quality of water service when fixing rates; requiring the utility to meet with its customers to discuss the costs and benefits of plausible solutions if the commission finds that the utility has failed to meet certain quality of water standards; prohibiting a customer from petitioning the commission to revoke the certificate of authorization of a utility under certain circumstances; authorizing the commission to prescribe penalties for certain failures of the utility, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$224,533.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2014 06/13/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-68	Simpson
 SB 0374	Relating to Growth Management Growth Management; Revising restrictions on an initiative or referendum process with regard to local comprehensive plan amendments and map amendments, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law 06/20/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-178	Detert
 SB 0536	Relating to Reclaimed Water Reclaimed Water; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a study in coordination with the stakeholders on the expansion of the beneficial use of reclaimed water, stormwater, and excess surface water and to submit a report based upon such study; providing requirements for the report; requiring the department to provide the public an opportunity for input and for public comment, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014 06/13/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-79	Simpson
 HB 0781	Relating to Legal Notices	Powell

Legal Notices: Requires legal notices to be posted on newspaper's website on web pages with specified titles; prohibits charging fee or requiring registration for viewing online legal notices; establishing period for which legal notices are required to be published on statewide website; requires that legal notices be archived on statewide website for specified period; deletes provision relating to harmless error; clarifies payment provisions. Effective Date: October 1, 2014
06/20/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-210

SB 0846	Relating to Governmental Ethics	Latvala
	Governmental Ethics; Specifying the applicability of certain provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees to members of the executive council of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation; requiring elected municipal officers to participate in annual ethics training; prohibiting a person from lobbying a water management district before registering; specifying the applicability of certain provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees to the president, senior managers, and members of the board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc., etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014 06/20/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-183	
SB 1632	Relating to Special Districts	Stargel
	Special Districts; Revising duties of the Legislative Auditing Committee; specifying applicability of procedures regarding suspension and removal of a member of the governing body of a special district; deleting provisions relating to the application of a special district to amend its charter; revising the circumstances under which the Department of Economic Opportunity may declare a special district inactive; requiring the Legislative Auditing Committee to provide notice of the failure of special districts to file certain required reports to certain persons and bodies, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014 05/14/14 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 05/19/14, 9:30 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)	
HB 5003	Relating to Implementing 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act	Appropriations Committee
	Implementing 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act: Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Effective Date: July 1, 2014; or, if this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and operate retroactively to July 1, 2014 06/02/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-53	
HB 5501	Relating to Documentary Stamp Tax Distributions	Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
	Documentary Stamp Tax Distributions: Revising provisions for the payment of debt service and other amounts payable with respect to specified bonds; requiring specified funds to be transferred annually from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund to the General Revenue Fund, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2014 06/19/14 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 06/25/14, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)	
HB 7023	Relating to Economic Development	Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee
	Economic Development: Requiring each county and municipality to adopt and enforce land development regulations in accordance with the submitted comprehensive plan; providing a sales tax refund for purchases of electricity by certain eligible businesses; providing requirements for loan programs relating to accountability and proper stewardship of funds; extending and renewing building permits and certain permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district, including any local government-issued development order or building permit issued pursuant thereto; creating the "Florida Microfinance Act", etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2014 06/20/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-218	
HB 7051	Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Business & Professional Regulation Subcommittee
	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Directs Florida Board of Professional Surveyors & Mappers to adopt rules establishing specified standards of practice; revises provisions relating to fingerprint records for private investigative, security, & repossession service licenses; renewal of certain firearm licenses; carrying of specified handguns & concealed firearms; consumer claims against certain bonds posted by health studios, commercial telephone sellers, pawnbrokers, sellers of travel; telephone solicitation; issuance & renewal of permits; administrative fines & civil penalties for pawnbrokers; issuance & renewal of permits; & service & notice for administrative complaints; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: \$35,745.00 Effective Date: July 1, 2014 06/13/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-147	
HB 7089	Relating to Ratification of Rules/Department of Environmental Protection	Rulemaking, Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee
	Ratification of Rules/Department of Environmental Protection: Ratifies specified DEP rules relating to qualifications & performance reviews of contractors performing certain site rehabilitation activities for petroleum contaminated sites, & procedures for procurement of such contractors, for sole & exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness pursuant to s. 120.541(3), F.S. Effective Date: 6/13/2014 06/13/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-149	
HB 7091	Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee
	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions relating to DOACS & industries that DOACS regulates. Effective Date: July 1, 2014 06/13/14 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2014-150	
HB 7147	Relating to Building Construction Policies	Energy & Utilities Subcommittee
	Building Construction Policies: Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to include in its annual report recommendations for energy efficiency; authorizing an employer to present certain documents electronically or physically in order to show proof and certify to the permit issuer that it has secured compensation for its employees; authorizing an agency or local government to require rooftop equipment to be installed in compliance with the Florida	

HB 7171 Relating to Establishing Minimum Water Flows and Levels for Water Bodies **State Affairs Committee**

Establishing Minimum Water Flows and Levels for Water Bodies: Exempting specified rules from legislative ratification under certain provisions; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to publish a certain notice, etc. Effective Date: 6/13/2014
06/13/14 Approved by Governor, Chapter No. 2014-155

Bills Approved without Signature **[hide summary]**

No bills.

Bills Vetoed **[hide summary]**

Num Title Sponsor

SB 0392 Relating to State Speed Zones Brandes

State Speed Zones; Raising the maximum allowable speed limit on certain highways; increasing the maximum allowable speed limit on roadways under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014
06/02/14 Vetoed by Governor

Bills Signed into Law with Appropriation Veto **[hide summary]**

Num Title Sponsor

HB 5001 Relating to General Appropriations Act Appropriations Committee

General Appropriations Act: Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2014, & ending June 30, 2015, & supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2014, to pay salaries & other expenses, capital outlay - buildings & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government. Effective Date: July 1, 2014, or upon becoming law, whichever occurs later
06/19/14 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 06/25/14, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

Filed with Secretary of State **[hide summary]**

No bills.



Item 9. Legislative Update: Special Districts: CS/CS/CS/SB 1632; No. 2014-22

Special Districts: Required Reporting and Web-based Public Access—Beginning October 1, 2015, all special districts are required to annually update and maintain their official website and submit their website address to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

The following information must be posted on each special district's website:

- Full legal name of special district;
- Public purpose;
- Name, address, e-mail address, term, and the appointing authority for each board member;
- Fiscal year;
- Full text of the special district's charter, date of establishment, the entity that established the special district, and the statute under which the special district operates;
- Mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and Internet website uniform resource locator of the special district;
- Description of the boundaries or service area, and the services provided by the special district;
- A listing of all taxes, fees, assessments, or charges imposed and collected by the special district, including the rates or amounts for the fiscal year and the statutory authority for the levy of the tax, fee, assessment, or charge;
- Primary contact information for the purpose of communicating with DEO;
- Code of ethics that apply to the special district, and a hyperlink to generally applicable ethics provisions;
- Budget, and amendments;
- Final, complete audit report for the most recent completed fiscal year.

DEO's list of special districts in the state posted on its Internet website must include a link for each special district that provides web-based access to the public for all information and documentation required for submission to DEO.

**Item. 10.a.
Citrus County
Communications Tower**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is entered into on this _____ day of July, 2014, by and between **CITRUS COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and the **WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY, (hereinafter referred to as "WRWSA"), and CITRUS COUNTY, (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY"), entered into an Interlocal Agreement whereby the COUNTY operates and maintains the Charles A. Black Wellfield, which is owned by the WRWSA; and,

WHEREAS, years ago the Citrus County Mosquito Control District was given permission by COUNTY to install a radio transmission tower on the Charles A. Black Wellfield; and,

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Mosquito Control District wishes to turn ownership of this tower over to COUNTY and the COUNTY is seeking permission from WRWSA for permission for Citrus County Utilities to own and maintain the tower on the lands owned by the WRWSA.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. The WRWSA does hereby give permission to COUNTY to own, operate

and maintain the radio tower (more specifically described in Exhibit A attached hereto) formerly owned by the Citrus County Mosquito Control District on the real property of WRWSA known as the Charles A. Black Wellfield.

2. COUNTY shall be solely responsible for the operation and maintenance of the radio tower in question and shall, to the extent allowed by law, save and hold harmless WRWSA from any liability for damages either to persons or property which may result from the operation and maintenance of this radio tower on the WRWSA's property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding the day and year above written.

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER
SUPPLY AUTHORITY

By: _____
JAMES E. ADKINS
Chair

ATTEST:

By: _____
RICHARD S. OWEN
Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

By: _____
LARRY M. HAAG
Attorney for Authority

CITRUS COUNTY, a political
Subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____
J. J. KENNEY
Chair

ATTEST:

By: _____
ANGELA VICK
Clerk of Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _____
KERRY PARSONS
County Attorney

EXHIBIT A

A 1994 'Rohn' style 45G residential antenna tower; fifty foot (50') – 10' sections and Radio Repeater Unit model#SC76YAU66A, located at 28°53'33.00N, 82°26'40.56W elevation 215'.



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May 28, 2014

WRWSA
Board of Directors
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228
Lecanto, FL 34461

RE: Tower on property of 1999 N. Blue Jay Terrace, Hernando, FL

Dear Directors:

The Citrus County Department of Water Resources/Utilities is planning to attend a Board of County Commissioner's meeting in June to request permission to accept ownership of a residential antenna tower, which is located at the Charles A. Black water Treatment Facility #1.

The tower is being offered as a donation from the Citrus County Mosquito Control District. The Utilities division currently has Telemetry equipment mounted on the tower. The permission to have this tower on the property of WRWSA now lies with the Mosquito Control District.

If we are successful in receiving permission to take over ownership of this tower, we would like to request permission granted from you to let the tower remain on the property at the same location it is currently. We are requesting a letter of permission from WRWSA for C.C. Utilities to own and maintain this tower on your property in order to include with our request to the BOCC in an upcoming meeting.

Transfer of ownership of the tower will allow the Telemetry system to continue to operation as it currently does. A more detailed description of this residential antenna tower is attached in an executive summary for your review.

We hope this information will be sufficient for your purposes.

Sincerely,

Gary Loggins,
Utilities Maintenance & Operations Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Request: Approve the transfer of ownership of a residential antenna tower from Citrus County Mosquito Control District to the Citrus County Department of Water Resources Utilities Division located at the Charles A. Black Water Treatment Facility#1 at 1999 N. Blue Jay Terrace, Hernando, FL.

Department / Division / Office: Water Resources Department/Utilities

Purpose:

This tower, a 1994 'Rohn' style 45G residential antenna tower; fifty foot (50') – 10' sections and Radio Repeater Unit model#SC76YAU66A serial#2140642 located at the Charles A. Black Water treatment Facility is of no use to the Mosquito Control District but serves a purpose for the Citrus County Utilities department. This tower is located at 28° 53'33.00N, 82°26'40.56W elevation 215'.

The Utilities division currently has Telemetry equipment mounted on the tower. Transfer of ownership of the tower will allow the Telemetry system to continue to operate as it currently does.

A letter of permission from WRWSA to own and maintain this tower on their property is attached.

The Citrus County Mosquito Control District and the Citrus County Department of Water Resources Utilities Division are agreeable to this transfer.

Action Required:

Staff recommends that the Board accept, approve and authorize the transfer of ownership of this tower from the Citrus County Mosquito Control District to the Citrus County Water Resources Utilities Division.

Item 10.b.
Nancy H. Smith, Inc.
Contract

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
AND
NANCY H. SMITH, Inc.**

**Agreement for Administrative Assistant
and Project Management Services**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into as of the ____ day of July, 2014, by and between the WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY, (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority"), and NANCY H. SMITH, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Administrative Assistant").

WHEREAS, the Authority desires and needs an administrative assistant to assist the Executive Director in the daily management of the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, NANCY H. SMITH, Inc. has previously assisted the Executive Director and provided administrative services to the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, NANCY H. SMITH, Inc. is found to be well qualified in the area of planning and management and has the ability to assist the Authority with respect to its needs and goals; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to retain NANCY H. SMITH, Inc. as its Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services:

- A. The Administrative Assistant shall be responsible for assisting the Executive Director on all administrative and management duties associated with the operation of the Authority, including, but not limited to, providing financial management, budgeting and secretarial services to the Authority, administering the Authority's Water Conservation Grants Program, administering cooperatively funded water conservation projects assigned by the Executive Director and such other tasks as may be assigned by the Executive Director from time-to-time.
- B. The Administrative Assistant shall provide notices of all official Board meetings, contact Board members prior to meetings to poll for attendance, prepare Board packets and distribute to Board members and interested persons, coordinate Board notices, packets, and minutes with the web master, and attend all meetings of the Authority and insure that the minutes of same are taken and prepared.
- C. The Administrative Assistant 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 approved by the Authority.

2. Compensation:

- A. The Authority herein agrees to pay the Administrative Assistant a sum of \$37,500.00 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, payable in twelve (12) monthly installments of \$3,125.00. The Administrative Assistant 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 twelve (12) consecutive months through September 30, 2015.
- B. For those Authority water conservation-related projects, including those cooperatively funded by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District or other cooperating entity, for which the Authority Executive Director has assigned project management responsibilities to the Administrative Assistant and which have contained within their budgets an amount allocated for project management, the Administrative Assistant shall be paid such amount for providing project management services, in addition

to the sum listed in subsection A above. Such amount shall be paid in amounts and at a frequency and duration determined by the Executive Director in consultation with the Administrative Assistant, at the time the project is initiated in consideration of the project administrative budget and schedule.

- C. 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. Administrative travel will be calculated from Lecanto, Florida, as the headquarters of the Authority. The Authority shall approve all such reimbursable expenses at its monthly meetings.

3. Renewal:

Unless otherwise terminated, the Authority and Administrative Assistant shall consider this Agreement as a continuing Agreement for Administrative Assistant Services and it shall automatically renew from year to year unless terminated by the parties.

4. Termination:

The Authority or the Administrative Assistant may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other part.

5. Commencement Date of the Agreement:

The parties herein agree that this Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of October, 2014.

6. 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 Nancy Smith have executed this Agreement, in duplicate, this _____ day of July, 2014.

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER
SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

By: _____
JAMES E. ADKINS
Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
RICHARD S. OWEN
Executive Director

By: _____
NANCY H. SMITH, INC.
Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
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