

Board Meeting Package

July 20, 2011 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

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



MEMORANDUM

To: Water Supply Authority Board of Directors and Interested Parties

From: Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director

Date: July1, 2011

Subject: Monthly Meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional

Water Supply Authority

The next meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will be on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 4:30 p.m., at the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, 1241 SW 10th Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34471-0323.

Enclosed for your review are the following items:

- Agenda
- Minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting
- Board Package*

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

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

Enclosures

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Note:

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WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council 1241 SW 10th Street (SR 200) Ocala, Florida 34471-0323

July 20, 2011 4:30 p.m.

Item	#1	Call to Order
Item	#2	Roll Call
Item	#3	Introductions and Announcements
Item	#4	Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2011 Meeting
Item	#5	Local Government Water Conservation Grant Awards Jack Sullivan, WRWSA
		 a. Hernando County Water Conservation Program b. Citrus County Water Conservation Program c. Marion County Water Conservation Program d. City of Belleview Storm Water Reuse Augmentation
Item	#6	Update on Progress of Regional Framework and Chassahowitzka Spring/River MFL Pete Hubbell, WRA
Item	#7	Executive Director's Report Jack Sullivan, WRWSA
		 a. Bills to be Paid b. Report on Regional Irrigation Audit Program c. Correspondence d. News Articles
Item	#8	Legislative Update Diane Salz, Legislative Consultant
Item	#9	Attorney's Report Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Item	#10	Other Business
Item	#11	Public Comment
Item	#12	Next Meeting Time and Location August 17, 2011, 4:30 p.m., Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Headquarters Conference Room, 1241 SW 10 th Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34474-0323
Item	#13	Adjournment

4. June 15, 2011 Minutes

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES June 15, 2011

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council

1241 SW 10th Street (SR 200) Ocala, Florida 34471-0323

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stan McClain called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Jack Sullivan, Executive Director, called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stan McClain, Chairman, Marion County Commissioner Dennis Damato, Vice-Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner

Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner

Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner

Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner

Gary Ernst, Bellview City Councilman

Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner

Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner

Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner

Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Druzbick, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner

Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner

Maureen McNiff, Crystal River City Councilwoman

Emory Pierce, Brooksville City Councilman

John Priester, Ocala City Councilman

Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman

David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner

Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman

3. Introductions and Announcements

Mr. Jack Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director Johnnye Friedrich, WRWSA Attorney Dianne Salz, WRWSA Legislative Liaison Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities John Ferguson, SWFWMD
Al Grubman, TOO FAR
David Hornsby, SJRWMD
Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates
Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities
Cara Martin, SWFWMD
Darryl Muse, City of Ocala
Joe Quinn, SWFWMD
Richard Radacky, City of Brooksville
Jimmie T. Smith, Florida House of Representative
Nancy Smith, Nancy H. Smith, Inc.
Jack Verdorff, Eco-Land Design
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

4. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2011 Meeting

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

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Mask to approve the minutes for the May 18, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernst and carried unanimously.

5. Proposed FY 2011-12 Budget

Mr. Sullivan gave an overview of the budget. He stated he intended to retire during the next fiscal year and has included an additional \$37,500.00 for salary overlap in order to train his replacement. He also asked for a salary increase of \$2,000 for Ms. Diane Salz to pay her for writing press releases. Mr. Sullivan also reviewed the expenses associated with water conservation and the Implementation of the Phase II Recommendations.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Akins and carried unanimously.

6. Proposed Bid Award for Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the three bids for Irrigation Audits for the Withlacoochee River and Coastal Rivers Basin Boards; and he reviewed the three bids for the Irrigation Audit Administrative Support. Mr. Sullivan had contracts written for the recommended bids - Eco Land Design, LLC and Nancy H. Smith, Inc.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the recommended bid awards as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mask and carried unanimously.

The contracts for the bid awards were then considered.

a. Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program Contract – Administrative Support

Mr. Sullivan recommended the contract for \$30,000.00 be awarded to Nancy H. Smith, Inc.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Hoffman to approve the bid for \$30,000.00 to be awarded to Nancy H. Smith, Inc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.

b. Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program Contract - Irrigation Auditor

Mr. Sullivan recommended the contract for \$133,750 be awarded to Eco Land Design, LLC.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Adkins to approve the bid for \$133,750 to be awarded to Eco Land Design, LLC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously.

7. Executive Director's Report

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the WRWSA detailing June 2011 bills, which totaled \$27,618.37. Mr. Sullivan requested the WRWSA approve the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Hoffman to approve payment of the June 2011 bills totaling \$27,618.37. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mask and carried unanimously.

b. FY 2010-11 Second Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue and Expenses, and Income Statement from the FY 2010-11 Second Quarter Financial Report from Purvis Gray & Company.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Ernst to approve the FY 2010-11 Second Quarter Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried unanimously.

c. FY2011-12 Local Government Grant Program

Mr. Sullivan stated grant applications were being accepted starting on May 1, 2011 and the deadline for applications was June 30, 2011.

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

d. Renew Contract for North Sumter Data Collection Program

Mr. Sullivan presented an extension of the contract for the North Sumter Data Collection Program. He said the extension was necessary due to the lengthy process of purchasing the well sites for the project.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the contract for extension of the North Sumter Data Collection Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mask and carried unanimously.

e. Correspondence

Mr. Sullivan stated among the correspondence was a copy of a Preliminary Budget Request letter that he mailed to the member governments of the WRWSA. He had received feedback that Hernando County would be holding a workshop on June 28, 2011 to determine the value of continued membership on the WRWSA Board. After a lengthy discussion of the benefits of being a WRWSA member, Mr. Sullivan was directed to prepare a letter to the Hernando County Commission, and Mr. Damato asked him to include a breakdown of the cost/benefit analysis for Hernando County for the past five to ten years. Mr. Adkins stated he would present the information to the Hernando County Commission at the workshop.

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

f. News Articles

Mr. Sullivan provided news articles on water supply issues relating to areas both regional and statewide.

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

8. Legislative Update

Ms. Dianne Salz stated the Legislative Session will start early next year on January 10, 2012, and the Interim Committee meetings will start September 19, 2011. She said the House Select Committee on Water Policy will be meeting two times over the summer. Ms. Salz stated it was important to attend the two meetings and requested reimbursement for her travel.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve expenditures for Ms. Salz to attend the House Select Committee on Water Policy meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bays and carried unanimously.

Ms. Salz stated the Withlacoochee River Basin Board still had \$2 million in its reserve account that the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Governing Board will discuss at its June 28 meeting. She stated that Senate Bill 2142 had reduced SWFWMD's budget by 30 percent. Mr. Salz added the SWFWMD Governing Board will also be discussing recruitment of a new Executive Director in a workshop on June 17.

Chair McClain asked if there were new members on the House Select Committee on Water Policy (Committee) and asked for a list of the members. Ms. Salz replied there were no local members on the Committee and felt it was important to monitor the meetings since the Committee had no local representation. She said she would email the WRWSA Board a list of the Committee members.

Mr. Damato asked for an update on the bill for septic tanks. Ms. Salz stated it had to be approved by the Legislative Budget Commission before it would be funded. Mr. Damato asked when it would go in effect. Ms. Salz estimated it would be after FY 2012.

9. Attorney's Report

Ms. Johnnye Friedrich stated she had nothing new to report to the board.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Public Comment

Mr. Al Grubman, TOO FAR, Inc. stated he attended a SWFWMD Springs Coast Minimum Flows and Levels Public Workshop on June 8. Mr. Grubman expressed his concerns of lowered water levels and saltwater intrusion.

12. Next Meeting Time and Location

Next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Water Management District Headquarters, Governing Board Room, 2379 Broad Street (US 41 South), Brooksville, FL 34604.

13. Adjournment

Chairman McClain announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Stan McClain, Chairman	
ackson E. Sullivan, Executive Dire	ector

5. Water Conservation Grant Awards

MEMORANDUM

July 5, 2011

To:

Board of Directors, WRWSA

From:

lack Sullivan, Executive Director

Re:

2012 Local Government Water Conservation Grants

Attached to this memorandum is a spreadsheet of the 2012 grant requests for water conservation projects. At the Authority's May meeting, the Board approved \$130,000 for local government grants for the 2012 fiscal year. The grant requests received from member local governments total \$152,730. As you know, in the past, my bias has been to fund the county water conservation coordinator's program first because they are the frontline facilitators in water conservation programs and education at the local level and will provide the biggest bang for the buck

We have at other times had member governments, mostly smaller cities, come forward with worthwhile projects. Belleview has, in my opinion put forth a program of stormwater reuse that they have been working on for the past several years that is worthy of the Authority's water conservation grant program.

I have taken the three county programs and funded their requests above 90% with the idea of trying to balance the programs as much as possible, but allowing for the maturity of Hernando County's program. While not the highest priority, I have also recommended funding Belleview's stormwater reuse program at 36% of their request. Taken together the adjusted grant amounts meet the \$130,000 budget allocation by the Board for the 2012 fiscal year.

I recommend approval of the grants in the amounts in Exhibit A to this memorandum.

Attachment: Exhibit A - Grant Allocations

EXHIBIT A 2012 WRWSA GRANT REQUESTS/ALLOCATIONS

Applicant/Program	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Adjusted Grant \$	% of Grant Recommended
Hernando County Water Conservation	\$48,150	\$43,500	-\$4,650	90.34%
Citrus County Water Conservation	\$45,000	\$41,500	-\$4,350	92.22%
Marion County Water Conservation	\$41,100	\$39,000	-\$2,100	94.89%
City of Belleview Storm Water Reuse	\$16,580	\$6,000	-\$9,580	36,19%
Totals	\$150,830	\$130,000	-\$20,830	86.19%

5. a. Hernando County

From: Jackson Sullivan (Jesu)1@comcast.neb

Subject: WRWSA Cost Benefit Analysis
Date: June 20, 2011 5:10:22 PM EDT

To: James Adking della James <a href="mailto:leaving-goo

1 Affachment, 50.8 KB

Jim, I did not know exactly what you wanted from me, but let me provide what I think you wanted and then you can let me know what other information you need.

First, I need to provide you with the raw numbers of what Hernando County has paid to the Authority over the last 10 years and what the Authority has provided back to the County in support of its water conservation program and other projects. I have included grants we have provided to the City of Brooksville as well since the County pays for all of the citizens of the County in its assessments.



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In addition to the favorable return Hemando County gets in grant funding from the Authority, it is becoming even more important to be part of a larger organization when it comes to water issues. When Hemando County and the State finelly recover from this recession, growth pressures will resume and water issues will again come to the forefront. Our long-range regional water supply plan, which includes Hemando County will be key to ensuring that our region will be able to meet its water needs. The Authority has spent approximately \$750,000 on the regional master plan and continues to update and refine the future needs of the region through its planning efforts.

Hernando County's participation in the Authority has the following benefits:

- 1. Improved relations with adjoining counties and the SWFWMD leading to better coordination of water supply planning and development in the region. Ultimately these factors should result in more cost, effective solutions for everyone.
- Improve Hernando County's ability to secure funding from the Authority as well as other agencies such as the SWFWMD.
- 3. When Hernando County has to go outside its boundaries for water supply in the future (surface water or desalinated water) it will be a "regional partner", which will provide leverage in negotiations on future water supplies both inside and outside the county.
- 4. The Authority provides increased tegislative assistance and representation on water supply issues. The Legislature and water management districts are moving toward regionalization of water supply planning and development. Being part of a regional water supply planning and development organization only makes sense in todays complex world.

If I can provide you with additional information, please lat me know.

Jack

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PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS FOR HERNANDO COUNTY TO WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY 2002 THROUGH 2011 FYE

FISCAL		PER CAPITA	ANNUAL	HERNANDO	BROOKSVILLE
YEAR END	POPULATION 1	RATE	DUES	GRANTS	GRANTS
2002-03	131,115	\$0.20	\$26,223	\$55,282	\$67,000
2003-04	132,762	\$0.20	\$26,552	\$36,611	
2004-05	136,484	\$0.20	\$27,297	\$36,582	
2005-06	140,670	\$0.20	\$28,134	\$25,639	
2006-07	145,207	\$0.20	\$29,041	\$45,074	\$50,000
2007-08	150,784	\$0.20	\$30,157	\$42,703	
2008-09	157,006	\$0.20	\$31,401	\$43,111	
2009-10	162,193	\$0.20	\$32,439	\$42,141	\$19,933
2010-11	164,907	\$0.19	\$31,332	\$47,400	
2011-12	165,048	\$0.19	\$31,359	\$48,150	
TOTALS			\$293,936	\$422,693	\$136,933
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Total Grants Including Brooksville			\$559,626		
Benefit to Cost Ratio without Brooksville:			\$1.44	for each \$ in a	ssessments.
Benefit to Cost	Ratio with Brooks	ville:	\$1.90	for each \$ In a	

Hernando County Government received \$128,757 more than invested from 2002 - 2011. Combined with grants to Brooksville the entire County received \$265,690 more than invested.

Note: 1. Population figures are from U.F. BEBR

Source: WRWSA

Board of County Commissioners

== Hernando County =

Water & Sewer District Governing Board UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



21030 Correz Boulevord Brooksville, Florida 34601 TELEPHONE: (352) 754-4037 FAX: (352) 754-4485 www.hernandocounty.us/utils

May 25, 2011

Mr. Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority 1107 Shalimar Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Subject: Hernando County Utilities Funding Assistance Program Application

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Hernando County is seeking funding assistance through the Water Supply Authority's Funding Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2012. In compliance with the requirements of the Program, attached is Hernando County's application and supporting documents. The County's current fiscal year conservation program runs through September 30, 2011, and all funds will be encumbered by that date. Therefore, the County will be in compliance with the approved conditions of the Authority in that its current project will be completed in order to be eligible for consideration for funding assistance of a new project.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at (352) 754-4749 or e-mail at abrockway@co.hernando.fl.us

Sincerely,

Alys Brockway, Water Conservation Division Hernando County Utilities Department

Cc: Joe Stapf, Utilities Director
Tina Martinson, Hernando County Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court
Grace Sheppard, Finance Coordinator

Deborah Marenco, Grants Compliance Accountant

Nancy Branas, Grants Compliance Specialist

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR

Name of member local government: Hernando County Utilities Department

List previous grants received from WRWSA and date completed:

2002/03-Completed: 9/2003 2003/04-Completed: 9/2004 2004/05 Completed: 12/2005 2005/06 Completed: 9/2006 2006/07 Completed: 9/2007 2007/08-Completed: 9/2008 2008/09-Completed: 9/2009 2009/10-Completed 12/2010

2010/11-to be completed by 9/2011

Short description of proposed water supply project:

This project brings water conservation and water resource protection education to all citizens of Hernando County. The Hernando County Utilities Department-Water Conservation Division's Water Conservation program includes a wide variety of educational avenues to assist citizen's with water conservation/water resource protection initiatives, These include (but are limited to), education programs and workshops, school(s) programming, media campaigns, water conservation/resource protection informational packets, bill inserts and other materials. A large portion of the water conservation program includes water conservation incentive programs (such as rain sensors, low-flow toilets, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods and more).

Is this a water conservation project?	Yes _X No	

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.
 - b. The local government will expend its required matching funds first prior to requesting reimbursement from the Authority for its 50% match for the project.
- 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.

The completed application and all attachments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the last working day of the month of June. The application should be sent to:

Jack Sullivan, Executive Director Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority 1107 Shalimar Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32312

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the grant application is sent to and received by the Executive Director by the required date. The Authority assumes no responsibility for delays or other problems with the transmittal of the application.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 1. The grant application period opens on May 1 of each calendar year and closes on the last working day of June.
- 2. Applications will be considered at the July Board meeting following receipt of applications. Member governments applying for a grant will be expected to have a representative at the Board meeting to explain the request and answer questions.
- 3. Once a grant request is approved by the Board, the applicant's resolution, summary of the project and time schedule will be incorporated into a contract between the Authority and the local government. The contract (in three copies) will be sent to the local government for review, approval and signature by the local government and then sent back to the Executive Director for presentation to the Authority Board for final approval and signatures at the September or next appropriate Board meeting. Once signed an original signed copy of the contract will be sent to the local government.
- 4. Changes to the internal budget of the project, if applicable, may be approved by the Executive Director up to a 10% change in budget items. The Authority Board at a regular Board meeting must approve changes in excess of that amount. Requests for changes in the date of completion of the contract must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director for placement on the agenda at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority. Requests for an extension of the contract date must be done prior to the expiration of the contract.
- 5. 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 "About Us" and select the "Local Gov't Grant Program" from the right hand side selection menu.

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT FOR 2012 FISCAL YEAR

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. 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 Yards and Neighborhoods 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.

Through the WRWSA Local Government Funding Assistance Program from the Hernando County Utilities Department has become an annual partner with the Southwest Florida Water Management District's water conservation advertising campaign. This years water conservation advertising ran on local cable (throughout Hernando and Citrus counties) and on radio. We plan to continue this partnership throughout the next several years.

With input from our citizens group (Citizens for W.A.T.E.R) the Water Conservation Division of Hernando County Utilities Department held seven educational seminars. The 2010/2011 programs collectively titled Hernando County Water Awareness Series. This year's program covered a wide variety of water related presentations including, FEMA Flood Mapping, Watersheds and YOU! Learn More! Presented by Gene Altman, P.E. Southwest Florida Water Management District, and John Burnett Hernando County, Lynn Magel, Regional Manager/Region IV, National Flood Insurance Program. What you need to know about Rain Watering Harvesting and Alternative Water Supplies (AWS). Presented by Dave Bracciano, Tampa Bay Water, Clearwater, FL. Green Lawns and not Green Lakes! Presented by Jim Moll, Hernando County Extension Service. The Green Swamp, The Brooksville Ridge and The Springs how are they connected? Presented by David DeWitt, P.G. Southwest Florida Water Management District. Florida Friendly Landscaping; How to convert your standard landscape to a more efficient Florida-friendly landscape. Jim Davis, Sumter County, Florida Yards and Neighborhood Coordinator, Nearly 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. 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 lectures.

Our most proactive and 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 Peck Sink 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. One of these ROA's is to hold a workshop for local community leaders, community organizations and civic leaders. May 6, 2011 the Hernando County Groundwater Guardian team held this important educational workshop titled: *Hernando County: Water World: It's All Connected.* This workshop helped to educate local community leaders about new and evolving regulations, watershed management, best management practices for turf and the protection efforts, policies and practices for springs. These workshops were supported by the WRWSA, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Community Education Grant and private 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:

- Outreach groups (Citizens for W.A.T.E.R. and Spring Stewards);
- 2. County-wide user advisory committee (Groundwater Guardian Team);
- 3. In-school education program (Hernando County Environmental Education Center, Gulf Coast Academy)
- 4. Statewide Water Conservation Campaign (partnership with SWFWMD);
- 5. Customer and Residents Incentive Programs including regional irrigation audit 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.

1. Outreach and Citizens Groups

Citizens for W.A.T.E.R. is a citizen awareness and education group that was first organized in the late 1990's. Water Awareness Through Education and Research (W.A.T.E.R.) is the component that initiated a series of public forums in 1997, with speakers from various agencies. The facilitators held classroom style presentations with audiovisual support and interaction with the audience. The presentations were videotaped for viewing on Channel 622, Hernando County's Government Channel, and are available for borrowing from the HCUD. The Spring Stewards will reach out into their communities and educate others about the importance and protection of our area springs. (Budget items: -educational materials, field trips, meeting costs, travel, postage, shirts and stipends for speakers.)

2. 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 2011. 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. 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.)

3. 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 8th grade students, and will be use for specialized workshops. 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, 2007/08 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)

4. Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) water conservation/drought marketing campaign:

This campaign includes radio and television advertisements. By partnering with the SWFWMD we have an opportunity to speak with one voice in furthering our educational efforts in the best management practices for our Florida landscapes. 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. The Hernando County Utilities Department, by working with the same media buyer as the SWFWMD, purchased airtime for broadcast of the water conservation message throughout Hernando County at discounted rates. (Budget items: commercial airtime, through local cable provider, radio and print media)

5. Incentive Programs:

Through innovative conservation programs, the Hernando County Utilities Department will encourage residents to conserve our valuable water supply. Incentive programs include participation in a regional irrigation audit and education pilot project. Partners will include, Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and other member government with the WRWSA. The Cooperative Funding Initiative (to the SWFWMD) is attached. 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 Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) 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 multifunctional approach including education, outreach, and financial incentives.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

All of the above projects and initiatives will be ongoing throughout this fiscal year (2011/2012). Funds from the <u>current</u> (FY2011) WRWSA assistance program will be encumbered by the September 30, 2011. This meets the requirement in order to submit funding request for 2011/2012 fiscal year. The water conservation initiatives for 2012 will begin October 1, 2011 and conclude with all grant assistance funds being encumbered by September 30, 2012.

*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 2012 Conservation Project Budget Hernando County Utilities Department Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Funding Assistance Program

Springs Coast Environmental Learning Center	\$4,500		
Gulf Coast Academy Water conservation/Quality Curriculum, texts, equipme	\$3,000	T-4-1.	67500
water conservation/Quarity Curriculum, texts, equipme	iii.	Total:	\$7500
Promotional Items			
Pencils, pens, magnets (giveaways)	\$ 5,000		
Flyers, brochures, (educational information)	\$ 8,500		
Florida Friendly Landscape Workshop	\$ 2,000		
(tote bags, water meters, rain gauges, video bro	· ·		
	,	Total	\$15,500
Statewide Advertising Campaign			ŕ
Commercial media spots (television, radio, print)	\$ 2,500		
Hernando County Government Broadcast	\$ 8,000		
(broadcast of water conservation workshops, educations	al video		
and broadcast media commercial (with SWFWMD)			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Total	\$10,500
Incentives Program:			
Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program	\$25,000		
Rain Sensor Rebate Program '11/12	\$7,000		
Toilet Rebate Program	\$22,000		
FYN program participation	\$800		
Florida Friendly Landscaping, Rain barrel workshops	\$1,000		
		Total	\$55,800
Equipment			
Software/Accessories/camera	\$ 2,000	Total	\$2,000
Spring's Stewards			
(training manuals, books, materials, field trips,		Total	\$1,000
shirts, displays, stipend for instructors, travel)			
C'. A C WATER			
Citizen's for W.A.T.E.R	-1\	T-4-1	Ø 1 2 00
(materials, field trips, stipend for speakers, trav	ei)	Total	\$ 1,500
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Groundwater Guardians (training, materials, field trips, web site upkeep	diantar		
Awards, travel)	, display	Total	\$ 2,000
Awaius, ilavelj		1 Otal	\$ 4,000
Florida Friendly Landscape Demonstration Supplies	S		
(maintenance items for existing FYN demonstration		Total	\$ 500
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TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET		TOTAL	\$ 96,300
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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority sh	are (50%)	Total	\$48,150

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the

Hernando County Water and Sewer District Board

THRU: David Hamilton, County Administrator

THRU: Joe Stapf, Director

Environmental Services

FROM: Alys Brockway, Water Conservation Division

Hernando County Utilities Department

DATE: May 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution Supporting the Hernando County Utilities Department's Local

Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program Application to the

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority-FY 2012.

OVERVIEW: For the past nine (9) fiscal years, the Board has approved an agreement with the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) for financial assistance for the Utilities Department's development and expansion of its water conservation and quality protection program. As a result, the Utilities Water Conservation Coordinator has been able to implement a comprehensive water conservation program to serve all of the citizens of Hernando County. The Department's request for the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget to the WRWSA Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program totals \$96,300, with the Authority to reimburse 50% percent, or \$48,150.

This funding is used to support the five major elements of the Hernando County Water Conservation Program:

- Outreach Groups (Citizen's for WATER, Spring Stewards, Utilities Citizens' Advisory Committee)
- Groundwater Guardian Team
- In-school Education Program (Hernando County Environmental Education Center)
- Florida Friendly Landscaping district-wide campaign (In Partnership with Southwest Florida Water Management District)
- Customer and Residents Incentive Programs including a regional irrigation audit and education pilot project

A description of each of these programs is attached. A summary of WRWSA assessments and monies received for Hernando County water conservation projects. Project budget is attached.

A requirement of the WRWSA Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program is that a resolution of support for the project and commitment of funding must accompany the application.

BUDGET IMPACT: The agreement stipulates that the WRWSA will provide 50% percent of the project costs, or up to \$48,150 on a reimbursement basis. This budget amount will require an expenditure of \$96,300 by the Utilities Department and the WRWSA will reimburse the Department for \$48,150. Fund: Transfer Grant Match to 4111 07151 5999078.

LEGAL IMPACT: The Board is authorized to approve resolution in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 125

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board approve the attached Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 100

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's Director, Joseph Stapf, 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 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2011 IN BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIRMAN

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Legal Sufficiency

Geoffrey Kir

Assistant County Attorney

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Karen Nicolal, Clerk Circuit Court, Hernando Court, Florida.

5. b. Citrus County



Board of County Commissioners DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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May 16, 2011

Mr. Jack Sullivan Executive Director Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority 1107 Shalimar Drive Tallahassee, FL 32312

Re: Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Enclosed for consideration by you and the Board is Resolution No. 2011-074, a project scope and the budget for the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority grant program for fiscal year 2012. Citrus County plans to expend all the grant funds for this fiscal year before September 30, 2011.

With a dedicated Water Conservation Coordinator, various partnerships and the Boards ongoing support, we continue to enhance our water conservation endeavors. The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority grant is essential in continuing our efforts and meeting our goals.

If you have any questions, or require any additional information, please advise me.

Your ongoing assistance is greatly appreciated.

Robert A. Khight, Director

Citrus County Department of Water Resources

Cc: Debra Burden, Water Conservation Coordinator, Citrus County Water Resources

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program

Grant Application Form:

Name of member local government:	
Citrus County Water Resources	
List previous grants received from WRWSA and date completed:	
Water Conservation Projects:	
Resolution 2010-075 to be 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 supply project: Water conservation education programs and projects to include rebates.	, irrigation audits, education, and
shower head exchange.	

Is this a water conservation project? Yes X No

Attachments to application:

- Resolution of support that includes the following commitments:
 - The local government will budget and expend its matching funds as required by the grant program.
 - b. The local government will expend its required matching funds first prior to requesting reimbursement from the Authority for its 50% match for the project.
- A summary of the project tasks (scope of services) with estimated costs by task, if applicable.
- A time schedule for the project and expected completion date that will be inserted in the local government contract.





RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 074

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, 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 out customers and the general public on the importance of water conservation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the County's Water Consumptive Use Permit No. 20007121.005 and 20009791.007 and 20002842.008, the County desires to 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 (WRWSA) participates with local governments in providing assistance for water supply projects with emphasis on water conservation projects; 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, 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:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BETTY STRIFTER, CLERK

DENNIS DAMATO, CHAIRMAN

Winn Wash, First Vice Chairman

Approved as to form for the reliance of Citrus County only

RICHARD WM. WESCH

The following projects will be designed to help property owners/tenants reduce unnecessary water usage:

PROJECT	BUDGET	WRWSA REIMBURSEMENT	DESCRIPTION	Tasks
2011 Water Smart Rebate and Incentive Programs	\$50,000	\$25,000	Continue successful incentive programs to encouage and support owners/tenants who replace existing inefficient water consuming appliances, devices and practices.	Continue successful incentive programs to encouage and support Expand on the 2010 Water Smart Rebate owners/tenants who replace Program based on: lessons learned, customer sesting inefficient water feedback and current needs/demands. Offer consuming appliances, incentives to encourage/reward customers who devices and practices.
Water Conservation Audits	\$12,500	\$6,250	Educate users of irrigation systems on better management practices to optimize performance to control water usage.	Certified irrigation contractors and education to provide audits to determine irrigation efficiency of residential and commercial usage.
Water Conservation Education Programs	\$27,500	\$13,750	Utilize media and training resources to promote seasonal indoor, residential and commercial water conservation message.	Advertisements, surveys and bill inserts to determine educate residents on the need to conserve water. Landscape classes, rain barrel classes, bmp classes and water conservation workshops.

5. c. Marion County

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program

Gran	it A	laa.	ication	Form:

Name of member local government:Mai List previous grants received from WRWSA 2010- to be completed September 20, 2009- September 30, 2010	and date completed	_	ners
2008-September 30, 2009		28.24	
Short description of proposed water supply	project:		
This application is for support of the C	•	servation program. See	Attachment
Is this a water conservation project? Yes	_X_ No		

- 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.
 - b. The local government will expend its required matching funds first prior to requesting reimbursement from the Authority for its 50% match for the project.

wrwsa@wrwsa.org

- 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. Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority 1107 Shalimar Dr.

 Tallahassee, FL 32312
 (850) 385-0220

Program Description

Marion County Water Resources and Marion County Utilities work cooperatively to plan, manage, and provide educational services for a comprehensive, goal-based water conservation program for the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. The program aims to educate Marion County residents about efforts to protect and preserve the water resources of this area and provide opportunities to improve water use efficiency through indoor fixture retrofits and landscape improvements.

The program is conducted through public outreach, indirect public education, and water conservation incentives. The public outreach portion of the program includes participation in community events, exhibits in trade-shows, at schools, and with civic groups. It also includes water conservation workshops facilitated for civic groups, homeowner associations, libraries and other community groups. Indirect public outreach includes direct mailers; distribution of educational materials during workshops and events, and maintaining the visibility of the Water Resource Coordinator as a resource for conservation education. Additionally, conservation initiatives include a program offering free low flow devices and toilet rebates to Marion County Utilities customers which are anticipated to directly affect water use among citizens of Marion County.

The following is a breakdown of the costs of the various programs that Marion County requests grant funding for during the 2011-2012 FY:

Home Water Conservation Kits	\$10,000
Irrigation and Landscape Retrofit Program (Phase II of 2008 Local Irrigation Audit)	\$40,000
Eastern Marion County Irrigation Audit	\$25,000
Bi-monthly Utility Bill Inserts Direct Mail to High Water Users	\$7,200

These programs represent a portion of new and on-going water conservation efforts. A cost-share of \$41,100 will help to offset the cost of purchasing promotional and water saving devices; conducting public outreach and performing retrofits and audits. The remainder of the program costs will be funded by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners and other cooperative partners.

Project	Description	Tasks	Budgeted Amount	WRWSA	Water Management Districts
Conservation Kits	maintain list of recipients Continue to offer water saving track usage pre and post devices to utility customers installation	maintain list of recipients; track usage pre and post installation	\$10,000.00	00'000'\$\$	
Toilet Rebate Program	1,400 rebates will be offered to MCU customers who replace high flow toilets with low flow toilets (700 per WMD). Project budgeted in 2010-2011 FY (funds encumbered). Cost share with SWFWMD and SJRWMD	Select contractor, enroll participants and provide rebates. Ensure that administration of the program is within the scope of work agreed to with contractor.	\$200,000.00		\$100,000 (\$50,000 from SJRWMD, \$50,000 from SWFWMD)
Direct Mail to high-water- users and irrigation restriction violators	Post cards are sent to homes with usage >30,000gpm; certified letters are sent to homes where irrigation violations have occurred		\$1,200.00	00.009\$	
Irrigation and Retrofit Program	Use results of the 2008-2011 Irrigation Audit program to solicit volunteers for water saving upgrades to their existing landscape or irrigation systems.	Finalize program development and enroll participants.	00.000,042,	\$20,000.00	
Regional Irrigation Audit Program- Western Marion County	62 irrigation audits are available for MCU customers in SWFWMD.			This program is already funded and expected to begin July 2011. WRWSA is overseeing. MC's portion was covered with the grant it received from WRWSA for 2010-2012	

Project	Description	Tasks	Budgeted Amount	WRWSA	Water Management Districts
Regional Irrigation Audit Program- Eastern Marion County	Apply same strategy used in WRWSA program to Eastern Marion County	Finalize program development and enroll participants.	\$25,000.00	\$12,500.00	
Conservation Workshops/Outreach		Provide workshops to civic groups and HOAs. Continue to offer micro-irrigation kits. Promote changes to rules and covenents	\$3,000.00		
Bi-monthly Utility Bill Inserts			00'000'9\$	\$3,000.00	
Total			\$285,200.00	\$41,100.00	

Utilities Portion
Water Resources Portion
(East Side Irrigation Audits and Landscape Retrofits)

\$65,000.00

\$220,200.00

Grant Timeline

Home Water Conservation Kits

Notify customers of availability		10/1/2011-8/1/2012
Distribute kits		10/1/2011-8/30/2012
Evaluate program	es. Compression	8/30/2012-9/30/2012

Irrigation and Landscape Retrofits

Enroll Participants		10/1/2011
Perform irrigation and landscape retrofits/issue reb	ates	11/1/2011 - 9/30/2011
Irrigation Retrofit evaluation		11/1/2012

Eastern Marion County Irrigation Audit

Distribute RFQ and contract with Aud	10/1/2011			
Submit campaign plan to Board of Co	unty Commis	sioners for app	oroval	2/15/2011
Begin PO requests for vendors				3/1/2011
Implement media campaign				4/1/2011 - 6/1/2011

Bi-Monthly Utility Bill Inserts and Postcards

Develop, print and send materials to send to Utility customers highlighting	10/1/2011 - 9/30/2012
ways to save water indoors and outdoors, restrictions and water use trends	

5. d. City of Belleview

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program

Grant Application Form: Name of member local government: City of Belleview
List previous grants received from WRWSA and date completed: Storm Water Reuse Augmentation Completed October 2010
>
Short description of proposed water supply project: Electronic Valving and Controls for Storm Water Reuse Project 2010
Is this a water conservation project? Yes X No
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. b. The local government will expend its required matching funds first prior to requesting reimbursement from the Authority for its 50% match for the project.
A summary of the project tasks (scope of services) with estimated costs by task, if applicable.
 A time schedule for the project and expected completion date that will be inserted in the local government contract.
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RESOLUTION NO. 09 - 05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVIEW, RELATING TO THE WITHLACOOCHEE REGION WATER SUPPLY GRANT PROJECTS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY (WRWSA) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND THE STORMWATER AUGMENTATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PORTION OF ITS WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FACILITIES PLAN; AUTHORIZING COMMITMENT OF FUNDING THE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT, COMMITMENT OF PROJECT COMPLETION AND DESIGNATING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Belleview has determined that completion of the projects recommended in the City of Belleview Water System Improvements Facilities Plan are in the best interest of its citizens and the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority. under its Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program, has a grant program to fund projects such as the City's Stormwater Augmentation Construction project portion of the Water System Improvements Facilities Plan; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has recommended that the City Commission approve construction completion of the Stormwater Augmentation Project project and seek a Grant from the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority its Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belleview has previously adopted the "City of Belleview Water System Improvements Facilities Plan," and

WHEREAS, the City of Belleview has previously adopted the "City of Belleview Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Business Plan," which plan has been reviewed and discussed at a public hearing held by the City of Belleview; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission approves said project and desires to obtain such funding for the benefit of its citizens and the benefit of the public welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Belleview as follows:

- 1. The "City of Belleview Water System Improvements Facilities Plan," previously adopted by the City is in the best interest of the public welfare for it to be implemented.
- 2. The City of Belleview Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Business Plan, was adopted after public hearing, has been appropriately reviewed and it is in the best interest of the public welfare for it to be implemented.

- 3. The City Commission hereby approves and authorizes the submission of a Withlocoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Local Government Grant Application for the 2009-10 Fiscal year to the Withlacoochee Regional Water SupplyAuthority.
- 4. The City Clerk/Administrator is hereby authorized to carry out all responsibilities and activities necessary to procure and administer this Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Local Government Grant Application. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to delegate authority and responsibility to staff to carry out all activities and responsibilities regarding the Grant project and to accomplish the goals of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Local Government Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution will be effective immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND RESOLVED by a 4-0 vote of the City Commission of the City of Belleview, Florida on the 7th day of April, 2009

Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:

SANDI McKAMEY, MMC, CPM

City Clerk/Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

FREDERICK E. LANDT, III

City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that three copies of the foregoing Resolution were posted at City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce, in the City of Belleview, Florida, this 13th day of 2009

MARGARET DeGENNARO, CMC, CPS

Deputy City Clerk

Resolution 09-05

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Local Government Grant Program

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YEAR 2011 PROJECT STORMWATER AUGMENTATION WITH AUTOMATED CONTROL VALVES

The City of Belleview is currently using the Stormwater Augmentation facilities constructed in the previous year. Stormwater can be automatically diverted to Consumer's reuse sites. This additional augmented storm water can now offset the use of potable water supplies for irrigation purposes and assist in recharging of the ground water aquifer. Enhancement is needed to fully automate this reuse project allowing for better control of reuse water not meeting public access standards. Previous project only allowed for two automated valves which would divert the reuse to one or both of the public access reuse sites. There is a need to automatically divert reject water to the City's sprayfield area. This would prevent possible permit violations and save costly time.

YEAR 2009/10 PROJECT

STORMWATER AUGMENTATION OF RECLAIMED WATER

The City of Belleview has a storm water pond located at their wastewater treatment plant site located south of the treatment structures. This pond receives runoff from the surrounding areas. Storm water would be collected and pumped from the onsite retention pond to the treatment process prior to filtration and would receive high-level disinfection thereby enabling this storm water to be used as a supplement to the City's Reclaimed Water System.

When wastewater flows may be low due to the diurnal flow characteristics of the City's service area or the public access reuse sites for irrigation are at their peak usage periods, this additional augmented storm water would offset the use of potable water supplies for irrigation purposes and assist in recharging of the ground water aquifer.

	CITY OF BELLEVIEW RECLAIMED WATER MAIN AND CONTROLS	IMED WATER MA	IN AND CO	NTROLS	
	20	2011 PROJECT			
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANITITY	UN ITS	COST/UNIT	ESTIMATED COST
1	Valve with Actuator	-	5	\$44.55	\$44.55
2	12" Plug	1	EA	\$19,825.00	\$19,825.00
æ	Connect to existing 12" reclaied water main	1	EA	\$500.00	\$500.00
4	Connect to Spruce Creek 12" reclaied water ma	1	EA	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
5	Flow Meter	1	EA	\$10,510.00	\$10,510.00
9	1000' of 12-2 Wire	1000	LF	0.48	\$480.00
		ESTIMATED COSTS PER 2009/10 PROJECT	TS PER 20	9/10 PROJECT	\$33,059.55

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ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST	
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6. Regional Framework & Chassahowitzka MFL

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

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

The initial workshop regarding this effort was held with the WRWSA Technical Review Committee (TRC) on March 16. The workshop was an opportunity for member utilities to share information regarding their existing water supply systems, research being done on alternative water supplies and any expansion plans that they are contemplating. This information is being used to guide the development of the Regional Framework Initiatives. A May 18 TRC meeting was held to discuss an outline for Regional Framework Initiative Conceptual Plan; adjusted member demand numbers considering compliance per capita rates; and to continue discussions with member utilities on the Framework

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

Recommendation:

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

Progress on the Marion County Water Conservation and Reclaimed Water Project ... Pete Hubbell, Water Resource Associates (WRA)

The WRWSA has tasked WRA with cataloging and water conservation and reclaimed water efforts for areas of the Authority not contained within the SWFWMD. The objective of the "Marion County Water Conservation and Reclaimed Water Project" is to:

"Assist WRWSA members within the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) in developing efficient and cost-effective water conservation and reclaimed water programs that lower existing and future water demands. The demand reduction will lessen the need for future water supply development and support local governments in their efforts to manage and lessen per capita rates."

The reason that this project is limited to the area within the SJRWMD is that the SWFWMD has a comprehensive program for members within their district. This is to assist those members within the SJRWMD that does not currently have as robust an effort within their district. This will include Belleview; Reddick; Ocala; and the portion of Marion County east of I-75.

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

Recommendation:

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

Update on the Establishment of the MFL on Chassahowitzka River and other Coastal Rivers ... Pete Hubbell, Water Resource Associates

As you are aware, the WRWSA is interested and participates in the SWFWMD establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) within our four county jurisdiction. The implementation of these MFLs can have a great deal of impact to our water supply planning and development plans.

The establishment of a MFL for the Chassahowitzka River has generated a great deal of discussion and debate over the harm standard for the river that the District is proposing. In order to address these concerns and others on the Chassahowitzka River, Crystal River and the Homosassa River the District has established the "Springs Coast MFL Working Group." The objective of the working group as stated on the SWFWMD website is as follows:

"The District is in the process of setting, or has recently set, the minimum flows and levels (MFLs) for the Chassahowitzka, Crystal, Homosassa and Weeki Wachee river systems. District staff is hosting a series of public workshops in the Springs Coast area to discuss the process for setting MFLs.

The workshops will focus on existing data and minimum flows methods, additional data collection or analysis possibilities, and minimum flows compliance for the four spring-dominated systems.

To promote efficiency, designated representatives from governmental organizations and local community and environmental groups will take part in a panel discussion during workshops. These meetings are open to the public. Additional public input will occur during a public comment period."

An initial meeting of the working group was held on June 8, 2011 and the next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2011 in Lacanto. An update on the deliberations and direction of the working group will be given at the July 20th WRWSA Board meeting.

Recommendation:

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

Bills to be Paid for July will be handed out at the July 20, 2011 Board Meeting

7. b. Regional Irrigation Audit Program



WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

June 27, 2011

Alys Brockway Hernando County Utilities 21030 Cortex Boulevard Brooksville, Florida 34601

Re: Funding for Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program

Dear Alys:

This letter is to confirm for you the method that I will be using to fund the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program. The program that the Board approved last year called for a joint commitment from both the member local governments and the Authority to provide matching funds to fund this regional pilot program with cooperative funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The funding formula for the \$200,000 program is as follows:

\$12,500	Per member local government and The Villages Independent
	Utility District (Sumter)
\$12,500	Match from the Authority for each participating member
	government
\$25,000	Total from each participating member government plus the
	Villages Independent Utility District.

The four participating member local governments plus the Authority create \$100,000 in local match. The local funds of \$100,000 are matched by \$100,000 from the SWFWMD Cooperative Funding Program creating the \$200,000 funding for the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program.

To facilitate the program, the local water conservation coordinators desired that the Authority assume the responsibility for managing the program, including payment for the 250 irrigation audit evaluations done region-wide by consultants to the Authority. The Authority assumed that responsibility. However, to minimize the amount of monetary coordination between the local members and the Authority, it was decided to hold back funding for local grants during the 2010-11 fiscal year to provide the total local match for the program. The total match for each local government would be withheld during the 2010-11 FY from the Authority's grant for that fiscal year. This would work as follows:

Hernando County's FY 2010-11 grant from the Authority is \$47,400. This amount is matched by Hernando County with \$47,400 creating a \$94,800 program. As part of that program the County will spend \$25,000 toward the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program. This leaves \$69,800 for the County to spend on its other programs. To facilitate the administration of the pilot program, the Authority will withhold the total \$25,000 match (\$12,500 from the Authority and \$12,500 from the County) from the \$47,400 grant it is making to the County in FY 2011 and will sequester that money for the duration of the program into 2012 and possibly 2013.

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The money will be accounted for during the term of the program and any funds left over will be returned to the County and the Authority equally. In short, \$25,000 will be withheld from the \$47,400 grant to the County and will be managed to implement the program over the next two years. The County's grant applications in the future years can move forward without any additional match for the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program.

I hope this clarifies the basis for the funding and the administration of the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program. As you see, this is a pilot program to determine if the four counties comprising the Authority's jurisdiction can formulate and administer a regional program. It has become even more evident in the past several years that monies from the Water Management Districts will become even more difficult to obtain to assist in local programs. It appears the best way for our region to make progress on these issues is to work together as a team. This pilot program is a first step in trying to "work out the bugs" in a regional endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jackson E. Sullivan Executive Director

WRWSA Board of Directors Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney



Robert Knight, Director Citrus County Utilities 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 202 Lecanto, Florida 34461

Re: Funding for Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program

Dear Bob:

This letter is to confirm for you the method that I will be using to fund the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program. The program that the Board approved last year called for a joint commitment from both the member local governments and the Authority to provide matching funds to fund this regional pilot program with cooperative funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The funding formula for the \$200,000 program is as follows:

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The four participating member local governments plus the Authority create \$100,000 in local match. The local funds of \$100,000 are matched by \$100,000 from the SWFWMD Cooperative Funding Program creating the \$200,000 funding for the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program.

To facilitate the program, the local water conservation coordinators desired that the Authority assume the responsibility for managing the program, including payment for the 250 irrigation audit evaluations done region-wide by consultants to the Authority. The Authority assumed that responsibility. However, to minimize the amount of monetary coordination between the local members and the Authority, it was decided to hold back funding for local grants during the 2010-11 fiscal year to provide the total local match for the program. However, because you had a change in coordinators and Debra Burden was not aware of the program, your program funds were spent down too low to accommodate the total match being held back during the 2010-11 FY. Consequently, the match for Citrus County will be withheld over the two-year period of the 2010-11 FY and the 2011-12 FY. This would work as follows:

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The total required match is \$25,000 -- \$12,500 from the Authority and \$12,500 from Citrus County Utilities. To facilitate the administration of the pilot program, the Authority will withhold \$12,500 (\$6,250 from the Authority and \$6,250 from the County) from the \$45,000 grant it is making to the County in FY 2011. In FY 2012, Citrus County Utilities should again budget \$12,500 for the matching funds for the Regional Irrigation Audit Program. The Authority will sequester the total \$25,000 match money for the duration of the program into 2012 and possibly 2013.

The money will be accounted for during the term of the program and any funds left over will be returned to the County and the Authority equally. In short, \$25,000 will be withheld over two years - \$12,500 each year -- from the Authority's grants to the County and will be managed to implement the program over the next two years. Any funds remaining will be refunded to the County and the Authority equally.

I hope this clarifies the basis for the funding and the administration of the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program. As you see, this is a pilot program to determine if the four counties comprising the Authority's jurisdiction can formulate and administer a regional program. It has become more evident in the past several years that monies from the Water Management Districts will become even more difficult to obtain to assist in local programs. It appears the best way for our region to make progress on these issues is to work together as a team. This pilot program is a first step in trying to "work out the bugs" in a regional endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jackson E. Sullivan
Executive Director

cc: Debra Burden, Citrus County Water Conservation Coordinator

WRWSA Board of Directors Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney



WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

July 5, 2011

Kim Dinkins
Water Resource Coordinator
Office of the County Engineer
412 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

Re: Funding for Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program

Dear Kim:

This letter is to confirm for you the method that I will be using to fund the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program. The program that the Board approved last year called for a joint commitment from both the member local governments and the Authority to provide matching funds to fund this regional pilot program with cooperative funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The funding formula for the \$200,000 program is as follows:

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To facilitate the program, the local water conservation coordinators desired that the Authority assume the responsibility for managing the program, including payment for the 250 irrigation audit evaluations done region-wide by consultants to the Authority. The Authority assumed that responsibility. However, to minimize the amount of monetary coordination between the local members and the Authority, it was decided to hold back funding for local grants during the 2010-11 fiscal year to provide the total local match for the program. The total match for each local government would be withheld during the 2010-11 FY from the Authority's grant for that fiscal year. This would work as follows:

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Marion County's FY 2010-11 grant from the Authority is \$37,500. This amount is matched by Marion County with \$37,500 creating a \$75,000 program. As part of that program the County will spend \$25,000 toward the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program. This leaves \$50,000 for the County to spend on its other programs. To facilitate the administration of the pilot program, the Authority will withhold the total \$25,000 match (\$12,500 from the Authority and \$12,500 from the County) from the \$37,500 grant it is making to the County in FY 2011 and will sequester that money for the duration of the program into 2012 and possibly 2013.

The money will be accounted for during the term of the program and any funds left over will be returned to the County and the Authority equally. In short, \$25,000 will be withheld from the \$37,500 grant to the County and will be managed to implement the program over the next two years. The County's grant applications in future years can move forward without any additional match for the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Program.

I hope this clarifies the basis for the funding and the administration of the Regional Irrigation Audit Evaluation Pilot Program. As you see, this is a pilot program to determine if the four counties comprising the Authority's jurisdiction can formulate and administer a regional program. It has become even more evident in the past several years that monies from the Water Management Districts will become even more difficult to obtain to assist in local programs. It appears the best way for our region to make progress on these issues is to work together as a team. This pilot program is a first step in trying to "work out the bugs" in a regional endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jackson E. Sullivan
Executive Director

cc: WRWSA Board of Directors
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney

7. c. Correspondence



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June 20, 2011

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

Subject:

Time Extension Request Approval Water Use Permit Application No.:

Project Name:

County:

20007121.006

CHARLES A BLACK WATER

SUPPLY SYSTEM

CITRUS

Reference: R

Rule 40D-1.1020, Florida Administrative Code

Dear Citrus County Board of County Commissioners:

Your request for a time extension has been approved. The information requested in the District's letter dated November 2, 2010, is due by **September 23, 2011**. If your response is not received by this date, the permit application will be processed for denial.

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

Sincerely,

Angel Martin Brooksville Regulation Department

AM:mef

cc: File of Record 20007121

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Mr. Jack Sullivan **Executive Director** Withlacoochee River Water Supply Authority 1107 Shalimar Drive Tallahassee, FL 32312

Subject: Approval of selected contractor for the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply

Authority Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program (N278)

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

I have received a copy of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) Bid Rankings (RFQ 11-1106 & RFQ 11-1107) indicating Eco Land Design, is the chosen contractor for the Irrigation Audit Program Irrigation Evaluation and Follow-up services with Project N278 - The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program. In accordance with Paragraph 2 of Exhibit "A", the District hereby approves the WRWSA's selection of Eco Land Design as the project's contractor.

The total bid amount for services, \$133,750 is \$31,250 lower than the line-item costs for the initial and follow-up irrigation evaluations as detailed in Exhibit "B" - Project Cost of Agreement No. 11C00000066. Any and all project costs in excess of the District's commitment to these line items will be the responsibility of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority. Please note that agreement 11C00000066 requires the WRWSA to obtain the District's approval of the contract between the WRWSA and its contractor (paragraph 5, Exhibit "A"). Please be sure to forward a signed copy of the agreement the WRWSA executes with the contractor for the District's approval prior to commencing the project.

Sincerely,

Brent M. White

Staff Water Conservation Analyst

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Executive Director
Withlacoochee River Water Supply Authority
1107 Shalimar Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Subject: Approval of Administrative Services Contract for the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program (N278)

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

I have received a copy of the agreement (WRWSA 2011-1) between the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) and Nancy H. Smith, Inc. for the administration services relative to project N278 – The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program. In accordance with Paragraph 3 of Exhibit "A", of agreement 11C00000066, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) hereby approves the WRWSA's agreement with Nancy H. Smith, Inc as the project's contractor.

The bid amount for services, \$30,000 is equal to the line-item costs for administrative services as detailed in Exhibit "B" – Project Cost of Agreement No. 11C00000066. Any and all project costs in excess of the District's commitment to this line item will be the responsibility of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority.

Sincerely,

Brent M. White

Staff Water Conservation Analyst Conservation and Water Use Outreach Section Resource Projects Department

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June 22, 2011

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Subject: Approval of Irrigation Evaluation Services Contract for the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program (N278)

Dear Mr. Sullivan.

I have received a copy of the agreement (WRWSA 2011-2) between the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) and Eco Land Design, LLC for the irrigation evaluation services relative to project N278 – The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program. In accordance with Paragraph 3 of Exhibit "A", of agreement 11C00000066, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) hereby approves the WRWSA's agreement with Eco Land Design, LLC as the project's contractor.

The total bid amount for services, \$133,750 is \$31,250 lower than the line-item costs for the initial and follow-up irrigation evaluations as detailed in Exhibit "B" -Project Cost of Agreement No. 11C00000066. Any and all project costs in excess of the District's commitment to this line item in the agreement will be the responsibility of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority.

Sincerely.

Brent M. White

Staff Water Conservation Analyst

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7. d. News Articles

From: Diane Salz < disalz@yahoo.com>

Subject: Ocala gets SJRWMD approval for use of lower Floridan Aquifer

Date: July 1, 2011 12:30:01 PM EDT

To: Jack Sullivan <jesull@comcast.net>

Ocala gets approval for money-saving water supply

The city will be allowed to draw water from the lower Floridan aquifer instead of two costly alternatives.

By <u>Susan Latham Carr</u>

Staff Writer

Published: Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 7:33 p.m.

The city of Ocala on Tuesday received verbal approval from the St. Johns River Water Management District to use the lower Floridan Aquifer as an alternative water supply.

"That will probably save about \$300 million not having to go to desalination," Jeff Halcomb, the city's water and sewer director, told the City Council at its workshop meeting Tuesday.

The city currently gets its drinking water from the Floridan Aquifer. St. Johns has said that by 2027 the city will not be allowed to draw any more water than it already is drawing from the Floridan Aquifer. It will be allowed to draw the amount it has been pulling, projected to be 17.5 million gallons per day, but no more. So, the city has had to look elsewhere for water.

Until Tuesday, the city was looking at the Ocklawaha River and going to the coast. Using Ocklawaha River water is considered a political time bomb because many people believe the river already has been disturbed too much. And going to the coast would mean building a desalination plant to remove the salt. That plant is estimated today to cost about \$500 million.

So, this week's news was welcomed by city officials.

"It really is a game-changer," City Manager Matthew Brower said. "It's the least costly operation available to us."

It will be cheaper because the deep well lies within city limits, so water will not have to be pumped from distant shores. But it still will be expensive to build a water treatment plant, and that is why Halcomb continues to press the need to conserve water.

"I would like to not have to do that at all," Halcomb told the council about building a treatment plant.

By conserving water, it is possible that the city could push back the time line for building the new plant beyond 2027. That, of course, will depend on how much water people and businesses are using, how much water can be reused for things like watering lawns, and how much the city grows.

"Quit wasting water," Halcomb preaches.

Even though the city received verbal approval to use the lower aquifer, there still are a number of steps to be taken.

The city will have to perform an Aquifer Performance Test (APT).

"That will let us know how much water we can pull out of the ground," Halcomb said. "That's critical."

Then it will have to start budgeting for the new plant.

To get to Tuesday's approval, the city dug a well 1,291 feet deep at a cost of about \$170,000 into the lower aquifer to determine if there was a barrier, called confinement, between the upper and lower aquifers. If the water drawn from the lower aquifer was brackish, rather than clear like the upper aquifer, it would be a signal that, perhaps, there was a barrier and upper and lower aquifers were two separate water bodies from which to draw water. If the water in the lower aquifer was clear like it is in the upper aquifer, it likely would indicate that water from the upper aquifer was simply leaking into the lower aquifer. So, it was important to find confinement. And that is what the city found.

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Gov. Rick Scott undermines Florida's water policy By Times Wire

Piece by piece, Florida's water policy is being dismantled. First, Gov. Rick Scott and the Legislature forced the state's water management districts to slash property tax collections. Then the Scott administration pressured the Southwest Florida Water Management District to eliminate its local basin boards, and its executive director to resign. Now the administration is overturning decisions by water management districts to buy property to protect water supplies. Such political interference by a governor is unprecedented, and it undermines the professional management of the state's water resources.

Last month, Swiftmud's board was poised to approve the purchase of 800 acres in Pasco County to expand the 20,000-acre Starkey Wilderness Preserve. The water management district had studied the purchase for a year and a half, and it wanted to create an additional buffer between planned development and the preserve, a critical watershed. The land, on the north of State Road 54 between Odessa and Trinity in southern Pasco, had a below-appraisal sale price of \$7 million that would have come from the Florida Forever Trust Fund.

Then the Department of Environmental Protection, which routinely signs off on such purchases, abruptly signaled it was reconsidering its position. By June 1, just 13 days after approving the transaction, Mike Long, the assistant DEP director for state lands, wrote a second letter rescinding the approval. The DEP contradicted the Swiftmud experts, maintaining the additional acres weren't a critical acquisition after all. A similar series of events also has unfolded in the Suwannee River Water Management District in North Florida, where the DEP approved and then rescinded permission to purchase 30 acres and a conservation easement for another 120 acres.

Environmental advocates cannot recall a previous administration overruling the technical expertise of water management districts in land-buying decisions. Florida's regional water management districts were designed so that scientists most familiar with natural systems could implement sound policy with minimal political tampering. Scott's maneuvers also break from the state's decadeslong, bipartisan commitment to land conservation.

Trey Starkey, grandson of the family patriarch who assembled the ranch and recognized the value in preserving it for future generations, has figured out the state's new policy. "It's, 'Don't buy any more land,' " Starkey told St. Petersburg Times staff writer Lee Logan.

Scott's emphasis on less regulation and less government spending is not without merit. But his disregard for local control and environmental science has damaging consequences for future generations. His administration should not cancel property purchases and overrule the judgment of the water management districts charged with protecting the state's water supply.

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Were the basin boards killed because J. D. Alexander wants you to pay for Polk County's water supply?

It's not as farfetched a thought as one might think. Consider this.

J. D. Alexander inherited a lot of land and has a lot of family business interests in central Florida. Everyone knows this. Everyone also knows he has worked his legislative position to further those interests by trying to bring a major expressway (The Heartland Parkway) up from Naples to Polk County, by getting USF to start a branch University in Polk



J. D. Alexander

County (as the Senate's budget czar, he personally squeezed \$35,000,000 out of a state that is broke for the school this past legislative session. Last year, he squeezed \$46 million out of the state but then-governor Crist vetoed it.), and finally, he's had much to do with the state's support of SunRail (now inexplicably but nevertheless officially blessed by Governor Scott) to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars and buying interests in companies that stand to benefit substantially by the CSX rail hub to be located in Polk.

Now, consider the little game played with Dave Moore, SWFWMD former executive director a couple of years ago when Rhonda Storms held up his senate re-confirmation. I've been told (but have not confirmed) that she did it at JD's request. The guestion would be, why?

Seems Dave was resisting JD's interest in getting SWFWMD to support creation of a "regional" water supply authority consisting of just one county - Polk. Despite the fact



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Were the basin boards killed because J. D. Alexand ...

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that a single county somehow fails as any possible definition for "regional," JD wanted it declared so by the district and DEP anyway in order to qualify it for water management grant funding, funding that is derived from the property taxes you and I pay to the district. Rhonda's little ploy for JD apparently got the district's attention.



Rhoda Storms

After Dave's appointment as executive director was finally reconfirmed by the Senate during the following legislative session (2011), the district was already well on its way toward completing its Regional Water Supply Plan, Heartland Planning Region (January 2011).

This report describes plainly why getting new water for Polk County is so critical. If it is to gain success from becoming the hugely important geographic epicenter where all paths between the major urban/commercial centers of Tampa Bay and Disney-Orlando will cross, it needs to find new water. All of its "local" sources are reportedly tapped out including such alternatives as groundwater, surface water, sea water (from Tampa Bay), reuse water, and conservation. Even buying water from Tampa Bay Water was given serious consideration.

Obviously, finding new water would not only benefit Polk County but certain major land owners and families with many business interests there as well.

Thus, the report offers an extraordinary plan by which water could be imported from across district boundaries from an area still within Polk, I am told, but not within SWFWMD. It would come from the "lower aquifer" located in eastern Polk County and under the jurisdiction of the South Florida Water Management District.

I am also told, the new director at SFWMD, Melissa Meeker, has already signed off on the concept. One can only assume that she believes the water is there and the withdrawals will not negatively impact any nearby wetlands, lakes, springs, rivers or existing legal users, right?

On page 143 of the report, the capital cost of this massive project, which would provide water to multiple communities within Polk County, is estimated to be around \$150,000,000.

On page 147 of the report, the discussion turns to how the district would propose to pay for all its planned water needs, including the plan for Polk. Significantly, the basin boards are listed as a primary source of funding for the district's entire planned need of \$1.2 billion for new water projects through 2030. Of this amount the basins would provide \$300,000,000.

J. D. Alexander is a master at bringing big things to Polk
County. Whether or not they benefit him personally is for
others to be concerned about but for whatever reason he's been
very successful at doing it. Bringing in a water supply that
would meet the county's needs for decades, under any
circumstance, would be a very smart thing to do. It's how to

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pay for this and any of his other deals that gets bothersome.

In its report, SWFWMD has legitimized Polk County's serious need for water and developed a plan for getting it. But how does one get the property taxes controlled by the basin boards from counties like Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Desoto, Highlands, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Marion, lake, Levy, Citrus, and Sumter to pay for Polk County's water supply? Without the basins' tax revenues, SWFWMD would have great difficulty in doing what JD seeks, i.e., have the district pay for the lion's share of the Polk water project.

The answer is, it ain't likely to happen. The thought that a basin board for the Withlacoochee River, for example, would levy taxes upon its land owners to build Polk County a water supply is so far from reasonable it's laughable.

But, what if the basin boards were disbanded in the interest of efficiency? SWFWMD, like every other government agency, is under pressure to tighten up. Lean up. Reduce size. Get back to its "core mission," is the current favored mantra. Frankly, the basin Boards are not the most efficient way to run a government, but if efficiency was the only acceptable criteria we would not be a republic operating as a representative democracy theoretically controlled by the will of 140,000,000 registered voters, would we?

Basin Boards may not be efficient but they are important. For 50 years, they have allowed the decision to tax property owners to take place at the lowest possible level within specific subtaxing districts that are roughly based upon river watershed boundaries. They are comprised of land holders who personally bear the brunt of their own decisions and know intimately the need for each project they fund with the taxes they levy. And most significantly, the taxes that are levied can only be spent for purposes benefitting the basin from which the money was generated.

But what if the basin boards were rendered non-functional and the governing board had to assume the basins' taxing authority? Would it be possible? All the governor would need to do is stop making appointments as current members' terms expired.

If this were to happen, the governing board, which apparently doesn't suffer the affliction of inefficiency, could declare itself the board of the district's one unified basin. It would then be able to levy the basin tax uniformly across all the counties of the district without regard to any specific river watershed or county boundary as it does now for the district's general operations.

So, here's a theory. Did JD get with the governor or his minions and convince them the basin boards were inefficient, persuade them to not appoint any new members and thus force the district to disband the basin boards and assume their taxing authority, thereby freeing up control of millions of dollars to build Polk a water supply that would not have been possible otherwise?

My guess is, not in so many words. I don't think any of them are actually that smart. But it could have evolved that way and probably did. What was once so impossible is now very much possible, because this is exactly what is happening.

The Basin Boards of SWFWMD should not have been dismantled. But if they have to be, why did the district do it so unannounced and so quickly? Why didn't they give the public reasonable notice, as required by law, informing them that the board members from their basin were going to be fired and that the taxing authority of their basin would be wrested away from them and over taken by a regional board that gets its marching orders from Tallahassee?

Why?

If all this bothers you, do something about it.

Communicate with your legislators, county commissions and the district governing board members. Write emails and letters. If you are fortunate enough to have a governing board member living in your area, call him or her and express your convictions. Ask why it was done so secretively, quickly and without letting the affected public know or have voice in the matter. Then ask them to re-establish the basin boards, this time with appropriate and reasonable notice. And if there is going to be a meeting where this is going to be discussed by the governing board, ask them to let you know personally when and where. Then be there and let your voice be heard.

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Wednesday June 29 2011

Tallahassee Shutting Out Locals in Water Policies - T. Swihart

Policy expert, Tom Swihart, weighs in.

In his editorial carried this morning in the St. Petersburg
Times, former Department of Environmental Regulation policy
analyst, Tom Swihart, echoes the growing concern over the
shift of local control of water policy decisions to the state and
what it portends. It's a trend, he notes, that flies in the face
of the intent of former state leaders who, "... didn't think
that all water wisdom resided in Tallahassee."

Swihart is a respected thinker and author of a book entitled, Florida's Water: A Fragile Resource in a Vulnerable State," to be published next month. Read about his book Here.

St. Petersburg Times

June 28, 2011

Takeover of Florida water shuts out citizens By Tom Swihart, special to the Times

Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature are breaking a longstanding Florida tradition of shared water management power. They are shifting all of the big water decisions to Tallahassee. These decisions will be made behind closed doors.

Recent state power grabs have overturned four decades of making key water management decisions at the local and regional level in Florida. When the Florida Water Resources Act became law in 1972, the governor and Legislature didn't think that all water wisdom resided in Tallahassee.

Rather, the founders of Florida's modern water management system deliberately created a system of shared water power, somewhat akin to the balance in the U.S. Constitution between the states and the federal government. The governing boards of the regional water districts were given wide discretion to address the water problems of their region but always under the "general supervision" of the state.

With neither the state nor the water management districts having all of the power, the two levels of government sometimes disagreed on the best policy. But, like the relationship between the 50 states and the federal government, it is healthier to have many voices and open disagreement than having one central authority make all major decisions out of the public eye.

Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature are breaking this long-standing Florida tradition of shared water management power. They are shifting all of the big water decisions to Tallahassee. These decisions will be made behind closed doors in the capital, unlike the decisions made in public meetings by the governing boards of the regional water districts after hearing from local residents.

How have the levers of power shifted to Tallahassee? Start with the power to decide on taxes. During his campaign for governor, Scott did not say he wanted to cut the property tax levy of the water management districts. Nonetheless, right after being inaugurated, he announced his support for a statutory cut in regional water management taxes. An ideologically compatible Legislature soon passed that legislation and threw in additional provisions to give it more power over water management decisions. The Legislature declared that it would specify not just the overall tax levels but even how much the districts would spend on individual programs.

Water power is being centralized in other ways, too. In the Tampa Bay region, Scott refused to appoint members to the subsidiary basin boards that the Southwest Florida Water Management District established the same day as the district itself in 1961. He then successfully pressured Swiftmud to terminate the local boards. That action silenced local voices and makes it easier for all future governors to get their way without having to hear bothersome local opinions.

Only two weeks ago, Scott's Department of Environmental Protection sent a memo to all five water management districts emphasizing that they were to follow state directives. The district governing boards, including Scott's new appointees, appear ready to meekly comply.

It is not as if the water management districts have ever been free to act without substantial oversight. It is a question of balance - how far the governor and Legislature should go in micromanaging regional water management. For example, the governor has long had the power to review and disapprove district budgets. The 2011 Legislature gave itself the very same power to disapprove water management district budgets. The combined result is a confusing duplicative mess, sure to be saturated with politics.

Who is in charge of water management now? The governor? The secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection? Legislative committees that review proposed district budgets? All of them are "in charge," which means that none of them are. Keep in mind, too, that none of these supervising bodies is subject to the government-in-the-sunshine requirements that apply to meetings of the water management districts.

Big cuts to water management district budgets will prevent many Florida water problems from being solved. But over the long run, the centralization of water management power in Tallahassee will do even more harm. Citizens no longer have meaningful access to water management decisionmaking. Tallahassee does not know best. Our streams, lakes, springs, rivers, wetlands and estuaries will pay the price of this quest to centralize power over water management.

Tom Swihart worked until last fall as the administrator of the Office of Woter Policy in the Florido Department of Environmental Protection. His new book, Florida's Water: A Fragile Resource in a Vulnerable State, is being published next month

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Saturday, June 25 2011

Nancy Argenziano Rants About the Ugly Underbelly of T-Town Politics

I'm no fan of Nancy Argenziano. In fact, I don't know anybody that's fan of hers, except maybe motorcycle riders who don't like to wear helmets ..., and are still alive.

She once wrote a letter about how people who work in government are just sucking at the public "teat" which was published in a local newspaper, including the use of that word. She was in the legislature at the time doing a little "sucking" of her own and remained there for years until she switched nipples and got herself appointed to the Public Service Commission where she was pulling down a 6-figure salary. Sucking, it turns out, was the only way she could make a living.

Recently, she published a lengthy, rambling diatribe about the ugly



underbelly of T-Town politics which I reprint here. The letter is floating around the internet but here's a link to the Citrus Chronicle version if you want to see it published. Prepare yourself. There's a picture of her



there that'll yank you right out of your boots if you're not ready for it (not the one shown here).

Nevertheless, most thinking people will probably never acknowledge that deep inside they will think she's more right than wrong in her rant. The problem is that she is her own worst enemy. Too shrill, Like a banshee too shrill. Too shrill because the internet has relegated shrill to junk mail status. She's lost her effectiveness.

Read the comments to her article, if you can stomach it, and you'll notice that few get or care what she's really saying. They just cast her into the sour grapes barrel because of her PSC fiasco (she was fired by an angry legislature consisting of many of her former cronies). Many declare that all the points she makes are due to her loss of allegiance to the republican party, not because they may reflect truth. Note that the concern is for the party not truth or country.

I think I'm going to call her. Maybe she'll get excited about the loss of the Withlacoochee Basin Board. That would be really cool. The new members at SWFWMD have never met her. In the words of Jack Nicholson as The Riddler in the Batman movie, "Wait'll they get a load of (her)!!!"

Heeeeeerrrsssss Nancyl:

Make no mistake: This is not about liberals vs. conservatives — or Republicans vs. Democrats; it's about what is right and what is wrong. The legislation and policies of the governor and legislative leadership are wrong.

It's about shouting a warning to Floridians that their elected leaders are selling them down the river, saying one thing, but doing another.

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Friday, June 24, 2011

At Least Hillsborough Gets A Representative At SWFWMD ... but what counties won't? a SWFWMD
communication received
today, Governor Scott
has announced the
appointment of Michael
A. Babb to the
Governing Board, for
the Hillsborough County



Read my lips, no more local basin basin board members!

seat. Babb, of Tampa, is the president of Two Rivers Ranch Inc. He succeeds Maritza Rovira-Forino on the Governing Board and is appointed for a term beginning June 23, 2011, and ending March 1, 2014.

The Governor also accepted the resignation of SWFWMD's immediate past chair, Ronald Oakley. Mr. Oakley will be recognized for his four years of service at the July 26 Governing Board meeting in Tampa.

It is unlikely the Governor will be in attendance to express his personal appreciation to Ron for a job well done. Ron, as we know, was not among the governor's Chosen Ones and thus appears to have been banished from the board for incompatibility. Yes, I know he resigned, but probably only because he saw the quillotine on its way down.

At least we now know the Governor is capable of making appointments.

I was going to say it is sad, but outrageous is more appropriate, that he found it too much trouble to appoint local representatives to the district's now defunct basin boards and purposely let them become "unconstituted" (sic) as members' terms expired.

The governor's lack of action is telling. Shows what he really thinks about keeping the decisions of government closest to *The People* despite his public pronouncements to the contrary.

Lots of the governor's actions are telling and are being noticed by his fellow republicans. Makes me feel not so alone. Have you heard what his latest approval rating is? A Florida Trend poll shows him with a 19% approval by responding Florida voters!

Another poll by Quinnipiac University that was much more comprehensive gave him only a 29% approval rating.

But at 19% and realizing Florida Trend's readership is primarily Florida's Business Community, you have to wonder, is the governor listening? Does he hear the poll bell tolling?

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8. Legislative Update

From: Diane Salz (disalz@yahoo.com)

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Subject: House Select Committee on Water Policy

Jack,

Listed below are the current members of the House Select Committee on Water Policy, as requested by the Board on 6/15. As you can see, there is not any representation from the Withlacoochee region. Upcoming meeting notices have not yet been filed. I will continue to notify you of any new information, as it becomes available. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thanks, Diane

House Select Committee on Water Policy

Rep. Trudi Williams, chair (R - Ft. Myers)

Rep. Brad Drake, vice chair (R - DeFuniak Springs)

Rep. Jason Brodeur (R - Sanford)

Rep. Matt Caldwell (R - Ft. Myers)

Rep. Charles McBurney (R - Jacksonville)

Rep. Bryan Nelson (R - Apopka)

Rep. Ray Pilon (R - Sarasota)

Rep. Patrick Rooney (R - Palm Beach Gardens)

Rep. Greg Steube (R - Sarasota)

Rep. Charles Van Zant (R - Palatka)

Rep. Franklin Sands (D - Plantation)

Rep. Leonard Bembry (D - Madison)

Rep. Evan Jenne (D - Ft. Lauderdale)

Rep. Steve Perman (D - Boca Raton)

Rep. Dwayne Taylor (D - Daytona Beach)

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Governmental Affairs Update July 6, 2011

SWFWMD governing board took the following significant actions concerning cooperative funding initiatives at its regularly scheduled June 28th meeting:

- basin board reserves will be used within each basin from which tax levies were collected, although the basin boards have been disbanded;
- the district will move forward to fund cooperative funding projects on a basin by basin basis, with the full governing board ranking project applications for each basin;
- all "high" ranked cooperative funding projects will be eligible for governing board funding; "high" ranked projects are frequently "regionally" significant projects.
- "medium" ranked cooperative funding projects will be funded only from respective basin board reserves.

SWFWMD governing board will review all previously funded (existing) cooperative funding projects and newly proposed cooperative funding projects at the Tampa service office on July 26th. Any previously funded project that has shown no significant progress may be recommended for elimination. Only "high" ranked newly proposed cooperative funding projects will be considered (no "medium" ranked projects). This meeting will present an opportunity for applicants to explain and defend cooperative funding projects. Also, the governing board anticipates selection of the new executive director by the end of August.

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Subject: Septic Tank Evaluation Program Update

Legislation regarding the regulation of septic tanks failed this session due in large measure to the disparity in the Senate and House positions. The House bill would have repealed in its entirety the evaluation and appraisal program set forth in SB 550 (2010). The Senate bill would also have repealed the SB 550 program, but replaced it with a new program that would have required evaluation every five years pursuant to a described process, but without rulemaking by the Department of Health (DOH).

Toward the end of the 2011 Session, language was added to a budget conforming bill (SB 2002) which provided that the Department of Health must complete its Nutrient Reduction Study prior to taking any action. The budget proviso also added that no funding would be allocated until DOH Workload and Funding Plans were approved by the Legislative Budget Commission. It is clear that this issue will return in the 2012 Session.

A proposed 2012 bill is currently being drafted and should include many of the provisions from this past session, along with some new language expected to gain the support of both chambers, including: a grandfather clause for existing evaluation programs;

- flexibility for local government to act outside the scope of the program to address water quality or public health issues;
- no mandated participation (including those counties with First Magnitude Springs);
- no effect on the ability to require connections to centralized sewer; and
- opt-in or opt-out language (undecided)

Its unclear as to whether the issue of prohibiting the land application of septage will be addressed in this bill or a separate bill, but we expect to see some legislation on the subject.

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Subject: Follow-up to discussion on legislative changes to DACS impacting water & energy

Jack,

SB 2106, a budget conforming bill, eliminates the Florida Energy and Climate Commission and transfers its responsibilities to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Governor's Energy Office also goes to the agriculture department under budget language. Some renewable energy supporters see the move as positive because of Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam's support for renewable energy on farms.

Also, the Senate approved HB 7215, which changes the Office of Water Coordination in the agriculture department to the Office of Energy and Water. Putnam proposed the change after taking office in January, suggesting that the department should work even closer with farmers to develop biomass energy sources.

Diane

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