



**WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL
WATER
SUPPLY
AUTHORITY**

Board Meeting Package

September 17, 2014
3:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

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

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Water Supply Authority Board of Directors and Interested Parties

From: Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

Date: September 3, 2014

Subject: Monthly Meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

The next meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority will be on **Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 3:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Center Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.**

Enclosed for your review are the following items:

- Agenda
- Minutes of the July 16, 2014 meeting
- Board Package*

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

Enclosures

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

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

**LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING
3600 W. SOVEREIGN PATH, ROOM 166, LECANTO, FLORIDA 34461
September 17, 2014 @ 3:30 p.m.**

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

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Introductions and Announcements**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Withlacoochee River Watershed Analysis . . . Mark Fulkerson, SWFWMD**
- 7. RWSP Update . . . Richard S. Owen, WRWSA**
 - a. 2013-14 Budget Amendment for RWSP Retainage Payment**
 - b. Final Payment to Cardno, Entrix**
- 8. Executive Director's Report . . . Richard Owen, WRWSA**
 - a. Bills to be Paid [September bills to be provided in hand-out]**
 - b. 2013-14 3rd Quarter Financial Report**
 - c. Records Management Training**
 - d. 2014 Water Forum Attendance**
 - e. SWFWMD 2016 Cooperative Funding Initiative**
 - f. Correspondence**
 - g. News Articles**
 - h. Other**
- 9. Legislative Update . . . Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant**
- 10. Attorney's Report . . . Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney**
 - a. Local Government Grants**
- 11. Other Business**
- 12. Next Meeting Time and Location . . . October 15, 2014, 3:30 p.m., Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461**
- 13. Adjournment**

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**Item 4.
Minutes
July 16, 2014**

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2014**

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

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

- 1. Call to Order**
Vice-Chairman Al Butler called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked for a roll call.
- 2. Roll Call**
Mr. Richard Owen, Executive Director, called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Al Butler, *Vice-Chairman*, Sumter County Commissioner
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilor
Don Hahnfeldt, Sumter County Commissioner
Joseph Johnston, Brooksville City Councilor
Stan McClain, *Treasurer*, Marion County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilor

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Alys Brockway, Hernando County
David Burnell, City of Crystal River
Angel Roussel, Hernando County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Adkins, *Chairman*, Hernando County Commissioner
Ken Brown, Crystal River City Councilor
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Nick Nicholson, Hernando County Commissioner
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

- 3. Introductions and Announcements**
Mr. Owen announced that a quorum was present. Members of the audience introduced themselves.

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Dennis Baxley, Florida House of Representatives

Debra Burden, Citrus County Water Resources
Ken Cheek, Citrus County Water Resources Director
Debbie Dennis, Rep. Baxley's Office
Kim Dinkins, Marion County
Jon Dowler, City of Brooksville
Jay Hoecker, SWFWMD
Gregg Jones, Cardno ENTRIX
Kraig McLane, SJRWMD
Richard Radack, DPW City of Brooksville
Justin Ryan, Marion County
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

4. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2014 Meeting

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

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. McClain to approve the minutes for the May 21, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. RWSP . . . Gregg Jones, Cardno ENTRIX

- a. Board Acceptance of the Final Report and approval for Submittal to the SWFWMD**
Mr. Owen stated that the Regional Water Supply Plan Update (Plan) was released in draft form for public input on June 25, 2014 and comments were accepted through July 9. The copy provided to the Board is the public review draft.

Gregg Jones presented the final review draft to the Board, including substantive changes made to the public review draft as a result of comments received. The Plan is scheduled to be completed and submitted to the SWFWMD by July 25, 2014. Mr. Jones responded to a number of questions and comments by the Board.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to accept the Regional Water Supply Plan Update for submittal to the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain and carried unanimously.

b. Additional Item for Contract Extension

Mr. Owen requested that the Board approve a time extension for the Plan contract between the WRWSA and SWFWMD to accommodate adequate review and processing time. The final review and invoicing to the SWFWMD will require additional time beyond the current contract completion date of August 15, 2014. The contract completion date is proposed to be extended to February 15, 2015.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the request to extend the contract completion date from August 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnston and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Owen advised the Board that the WRWSA received three grant applications, one each from Citrus, Hernando and Marion counties. Each application is for a water conservation program and consistent with the Board's approved guidelines. The applications are summarized in Exhibit A of this item and copies of the applications are included in the Board packet. Representatives from each county are available for any questions pertaining to the applications. Staff recommends that

the Board approve the grants in the amounts shown in Exhibit A for fiscal year 2014-15. The specific agreements will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the three water conservation grants as presented by Citrus, Hernando, and Marion counties. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain and carried unanimously.

8. Executive Director's Report ... Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

a. Bills to be Paid

Mr. Owen presented the June 2014 bills and requested ratification of payment of the bills totaling \$21,336.56.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. McClain to ratify payment of the June 2014 bills of \$21,336.56. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.

Mr. Owen presented the July 2014 bills and requested approval of payment of the bills totaling \$18,696.99.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. McClain to ratify payment of the July 2014 bills of \$18,696.99. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnston and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Owen presented the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. He reported that the WRWSA position is very positive, with a net of slightly more than \$2.9 million. He explained that the Budget to Actual shows a variance that can be somewhat misleading, in that revenues and expenditures for cooperatively funded projects, such as the Irrigation Audit and the RWSP update, are not uniform throughout the year as presented in the Budget. Staff recommended approval of the 2nd quarter financial report.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. McClain to approve the 2nd quarter financial report as contained in the Board packet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.

c. Fiscal Year 2014-15 Board Meeting Calendar

Mr. Owen presented the proposed meeting calendar for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Each meeting is the third Wednesday of the month and held at the current location in Lecanto. If adopted, the schedule will be advertised as a whole in the local newspaper within each county as well as the Florida Administrative Register.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Bays to approve the 2014-15 Board meeting calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hahnfeldt and carried unanimously.

d. Correspondence

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

e. News Articles

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

f. Other

- *Citrus County current year grant agreement.* The Board was provided with a letter from Citrus County in the handout for this item. Citrus County and the WRWSA entered into an Agreement for the County's 2013-14 water conservation program. The total project cost is \$95,500, with the Authority funding up to half, or \$47,750. Within the Agreement is a project identified as the "Irrigation System Checkup Rebate," funded at a total of \$15,000, with the WRWSA contributing \$7,500. The County is requesting to reallocate these funds to an indoor plumbing fixture retrofit rebate program. Mr. Owen stated that the revised scope is in keeping with the intent of the Authority's program to implement water conservation and recommended Board approval of this change in the grant project.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the reallocation of funds from the "Irrigation System Checkup Rebate" to an indoor plumbing fixture retrofit rebate program. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain and carried unanimously.

- *SWFWMD Springs Coast Management Committee.* Mr. Owen informed the Board that the first Springs Coast Technical and Management Sub-committee met on June 25, 2014. The first Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2014 at 2:00 pm at SWFWMD Headquarters in Brooksville. Some members of the Board are appointed to that committee, which has been established to provide oversight and input into the development of the Springs Management Plan, 2013-17.

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

Mr. Owen summarized the legislative report, as Mrs. Salz could not be present at today's meeting. There are two items in the Board packet, one of which is a Summary of pertinent bills signed into law at the conclusion of the 2014 legislative session. The second item is a one-page summary of SB1632, addressing new requirements for Special Districts that will impact the WRWSA.

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

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

a. Citrus County Communications Tower

Mr. Haag presented information to the Board regarding a communications tower that was erected many years ago on the Charles A. Black wellfield site. The tower was owned by the Mosquito Control District, which would like to turn the tower over to Citrus County.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Swain to approve the Memorandum Of Understanding for the Citrus County Communications Tower. The motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried unanimously.

b. Nancy H. Smith, Inc., Administrative Assistant and Project Management Services Contract

Mr. Haag presented a contract for administrative assistance to be provided by Nancy H. Smith, Inc. The contract maintains regular compensation as in the current contract, and provides for administrative fees to be paid to Nancy H. Smith, Inc. for grant administration, where such funds are included for administrative purposes.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Swain to approve the contract with Nancy H. Smith, Inc. for administrative assistance and project management services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnston and carried unanimously.

c. Other.

Mr. Haag reported to the Board that the Repeal of Rules is complete.

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Next Meeting Time and Location

Mr. Owen reminded the Board that it has been the practice to cancel the August Board meeting. As there is no urgent business for the month of August, Mr. Owen recommended that the August meeting be cancelled.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Swain to cancel the August 20, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnston and carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2014, 3:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Butler announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the WRWSA and adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

James E. Adkins, Chairman

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

Item 6.
Withlacoochee River
Watershed Initiative

Item 6. Withlacoochee River Watershed Initiative . . . Mark Fulkerson, Senior Professional Engineer, SWFWMD

Historical alterations due to navigation, logging, mining and ranching have occurred as far back as the 1800s in the Withlacoochee River watershed. In addition to these man-made changes, the system experiences flooding and drought as a result of natural fluctuations in rainfall and groundwater levels. The Southwest Florida Water Management District is studying the entire Withlacoochee River and its surrounding watershed to better understand how the river system functions, identify how alterations have affected the system and evaluate alternatives to better manage the resources. To accomplish this a comprehensive model of the entire river system has been developed. This model is being used to address specific issues and concerns identified by external stakeholders, special interest groups and residents throughout the watershed's eight county region.

This item is presented for information only. No action is required.

Item 7. Regional Water Supply Plan Update . . . Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

a. 2013-14 Budget Amendment for RWSP Retainage Payment

The Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) Update was budgeted for a total amount of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 and was to be carried out over the course of two fiscal years. The Authority entered into a contract with Cardno, Entrix in February 2013 for the project and the project timeline extended through all of the current fiscal year 2013-14. In preparing the 2013-14 budget for the project, staff considered the amount of funds expended to-date when the budget was prepared, estimated the amount of project costs that would be incurred in the remainder of fiscal year 2012-13, and then estimated the remainder of the project costs that would be incurred in fiscal year 2013-14. For the RWSP Update project, it was estimated that \$130,020 would be expended in fiscal year 2012-13, leaving \$119,980 for the 2013-14 budget.

Actual costs incurred in fiscal year 2012-13 were somewhat less than anticipated, coming in at \$118,425.12 or \$11,594.88 less than was projected. This resulted in these project costs being incurred in the current fiscal year. In order to pay the last bill for the project update, including the retainage for the project, the Authority budget must be amended to include adequate funds. It should be emphasized that the total project costs over the two fiscal years were within the total project budget of \$250,000.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board amend the fiscal year 2013-14 budget by adding \$11,594.88 to the RWSP Update project, for a total project budget of \$131,574.88. This increases the total fiscal year 2013-14 operating budget to \$693,942.88 (\$682,348 + \$11,594.88).

b. Final Payment to Cardno, Entrix

Cardno, Entrix has satisfactorily completed the RWSP Update project, consistent with the contract and associated scope of work. The final report was presented to the Board at its July 2014 meeting and was subsequently accepted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, which has provided 50% co-funding for the project on a reimbursement basis, with only minor editorial corrections. The final report has been posted to the Authority's web site. The final invoice is included as an exhibit to this item.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board authorize payment to Cardno, Entrix for the final invoice, including the project retainage, in an amount of \$12,500.01.



INVOICE

Please Remit Payment to:

Cardno ENTRIX
Dept 3094, P.O. Box 123094
Dallas, TX 75312-3094
Taxpayer ID No. 76-0265862

Contact Information: Cardno ENTRIX 9621 Katy Freeway, Suite 600 Houston, TX 77024 Phone: (713) 464-2200 Fax: (866) 699-1346 www.cardno.com

Withlacoochee Reg. Water Supply Auth
Richard S. Owen
3600 W. Sovereign Path
Suite 228
Lacanto FL 34461

Invoice # : 104256
Project : 0398000200
Invoice Date : August 25, 2014
Project Manager : Jones, Gregg W.
Terms : 30 Days
Invoice Group : **

Regional Water Supply Plan Update

For Professional Services Rendered through: 8/25/2014

Phase Code / Name	Phase Fee	% Complete	Total Fee Earned	Previous Billings	Current Amount
Phase 1000 -- Water Demand Estimates	14,834.00	100.00	14,834.00	14,834.00	0.00
Phase 2000 -- Availability of G & S Water	62,719.73	100.00	62,719.73	62,719.73	0.00
Phase 3000 -- Develop Water Strategies	48,850.00	100.00	48,850.00	48,850.00	0.00
Phase 4000 -- Water Supply Project Options	85,850.50	100.00	85,850.50	85,850.50	0.00
Phase 6000 -- Facility Integration Plan	13,989.15	100.00	13,989.15	13,989.15	0.00
Phase 7000 -- Governance	217.32	100.00	217.32	217.32	0.00
Phase 8000 -- Facilitation of TRC Meetings	23,539.30	100.00	23,539.30	23,539.30	0.00
Totals:	250,000.00		250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00

Current Billing Amount	237,499.99
Retainage Amount Due This Invoice	12,500.01

Outstanding Invoices

Number	Date	Balance
104256	08/25/2014	12,500.01
Total Now Due		12,500.01

Aging Balances

Under 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	Over 90
12,500.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Item 8.a.
Bills to be Paid**

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

Bills For Payment
8/20/14

<u>Administrative Invoices</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richard S. Owen, AICP	2014-07	8/4/14	\$8,292.53
AWWA Membership	7000852890	7/26/14	\$209.00
Florida Department of State (FAR)	500465	8/12/14	\$35.00
Al Butler	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/16/14	\$27.59
Gary Ernst	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/16/14	\$36.49
Joe Johnston	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/16/14	\$19.58
Angel Roussel	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/16/14	\$19.58
Dale Swain	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/16/14	\$27.59
Karen Allen	#0053	8/5/14	\$75.00
Haag, Haag and Friedrich	29663-29664	8/1/14	\$1,007.82
Diane Salz - Monthly Contract fee	#073114	7/31/14	\$3,500.00
Nancy Smith, Administrative Assistant	2014-07	8/1/14	\$3,637.99
Sun Trust Business Card Statement	8/27/14	8/2/14	\$63.37
Total Administrative Invoices			\$16,951.54

<u>Water Supply Studies and Facilities</u>	<u>Total Contract</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Current Invoice</u>
General Services Contract	\$75,000.00	\$30,000.00	
Work Order 13-01. Jones Edmunds	\$10,000.00	\$9,383.75	\$0.00
Work Order 14-03. Water Resource Associates	\$35,000.00	\$31,008.51	\$1,894.64
FY13-14 Local Government Water Supply Projects			
Citrus Water Conservation Pgm	\$40,250.00	\$40,250.00	\$0.00
Hernando Water Conservation Pgm	\$48,400.00	\$48,400.00	\$0.00
Marion Water Conservation Pgm	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$0.00
Update of Regional Water Supply Plan (2012-2013)	\$119,980.00	\$905.13	\$0.00
Work Order 14-02. RWSP Additional Meetings	\$18,000.00	\$14,159.64	\$0.00
Phase 2 Irrigation Program (2013-2015)	\$105,170.00	\$74,133.50	
Jack Overdorff, Audit contractor			\$4,955.00
1-Stop Prints (N491 marketing)			
Purvis Gray Rate Analysis (CAB WSF)	\$8,588.00	\$8,588.00	\$0.00

Project Invoice Totals	\$453,988.00	\$295,428.53	\$6,849.64
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TOTAL BILLS TO BE PAID	\$ 23,801.18
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State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA2 to SBA1	\$ 6,849.64
State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA1 to SunTrust Bank	\$ 23,801.00

Item 8.b.
3rd Quarter
Financial Report

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

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

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (the Authority), an Independent Special District, as of and for the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2014. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

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

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

Purvis, Gray and Company

July 28, 2014
Tallahassee, Florida

Certified Public Accountants

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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2014

Assets

Current Assets	
Cash in Bank - SunTrust	\$ 2,012.64
Cash in Bank - LGIP	507,672.34
Cash in Bank - Fund B	1,613.80
Cash in Bank - LGIP/Citrus Revenue	961,767.46
Cash in Bank - Fund B/Citrus Revenue	4,128.50
Prepaid Expense	<u>170.64</u>
Total Current Assets	1,477,365.38
Property and Equipment	
Equipment	3,728.84
Accum Deprec - Equipment	(1,673.40)
Citrus Co. Wellfield	4,895,231.21
Accum Deprec - Wellfield	<u>(3,426,664.92)</u>
Total Property and Equipment	1,470,621.73
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,947,987.11</u>

Liabilities and Net Position

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable - Special Projects	\$ 3,005.00
Accounts Payable - General	15,691.99
Retainage Payable	<u>6,232.89</u>
Total Current Liabilities	24,929.88
Net Position	
Net Position - Unrestricted	2,952,066.41
Net Income	<u>(29,009.18)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>2,923,057.23</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 2,947,987.11</u>

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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Statement of Revenue and Expenses
For the Period Ended June 30, 2014

	3 months ended June 30, 2014	%	9 months ended June 30, 2014	%
Revenue				
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 6,686.15	5.22 %	\$ 20,058.45	6.06 %
Hernando Co. Assessments	8,222.44	6.42 %	24,667.32	7.45 %
Sumter Co. Assessments	4,759.41	3.71 %	14,278.23	4.31 %
Marion County Assessment	15,816.98	12.34 %	47,450.94	14.34 %
Interest Income - SBA Accounts	575.73	0.45 %	1,774.12	0.54 %
Unrealized Gain/Loss on SBA	327.24	0.26 %	1,025.32	0.31 %
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	40,896.75	31.91 %	122,690.25	37.07 %
Citrus County Wifid Admin Recov	15,000.00	11.70 %	45,000.00	13.60 %
SWFWMD Match Pil Iri Audit Pgm	0.00	0.00 %	3,650.00	1.10 %
Phase 2 SWFWMD MatchReglrAudit	8,227.50	6.42 %	8,596.64	2.60 %
LG Match Phase 2 Irr Audit Pgm	501.15	0.39 %	501.15	0.15 %
2012 SWFWMD Match MP Update	26,430.02	20.62 %	26,430.02	7.99 %
Villages Match Funds Pilot Pgm	712.21	0.56 %	712.21	0.22 %
SWFWMD 2013 RWSPU N438	0.00	0.56 %	14,091.05	0.22 %
Total Revenue	128,155.58	100.00 %	330,925.70	100.00 %
Operating Expenses				
Consulting Admin Asst	9,375.00	7.32 %	28,125.00	8.50 %
Executive Director	20,000.01	15.61 %	60,000.03	18.13 %
Advertising	207.29	0.16 %	407.17	0.12 %
Bank Charges	(15.00)	(0.01)%	0.00	0.00 %
Lecanto Rent	0.00	0.00 %	2,047.68	0.62 %
Registration/Dues	0.00	0.00 %	715.00	0.22 %
Legal - Monthly Meeting	1,000.00	0.78 %	3,000.07	0.91 %
Legal - Other Services	3,582.18	2.80 %	6,151.34	1.86 %
Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00 %	1,634.78	0.49 %
Office Supplies	40.07	0.03 %	360.94	0.11 %
Printing & Reproduction	882.59	0.69 %	1,936.97	0.59 %
Postage	222.37	0.17 %	543.96	0.16 %
Audit	0.00	0.00 %	8,370.00	2.53 %
Bookkeeping/Financial Asst.	500.00	0.39 %	600.00	0.18 %
Publications/Software	0.00	0.00 %	69.99	0.02 %
State Fees/Assessments	0.00	0.00 %	175.00	0.05 %
Web Page/Internet Services	17.98	0.01 %	709.35	0.21 %
Telephone	234.12	0.18 %	699.30	0.21 %
Travel	603.22	0.47 %	4,322.69	1.31 %
Contingency Funds	0.00	0.00 %	308.52	0.09 %
Legislative Consultant	10,500.00	8.19 %	31,500.00	9.52 %
12-13 Update Reg Master Plan	7,591.17	5.92 %	119,074.87	35.98 %
Phase 2 Irrigation Auditor	11,280.50	8.80 %	37,734.12	11.40 %
Northern District Model Expan	0.00	0.00 %	37,500.00	11.33 %
FY14 General Services Acct	1,436.99	1.67 %	4,607.74	1.16 %
Total Operating Expenses	69,600.25	54.31 %	359,934.88	108.77 %
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 58,555.33	45.69 %	\$ (29,009.18)	(8.77)%

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ACCOMPANYING SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Budget to Actual
For the Period Ended June 30, 2014

	9 months ended June 30, 2014 Actual	9 months ended June 30, 2014 Budget	Variance Over/(Under) Budget	Annual Budget	Variance
Revenue					
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 20,058.45	\$ 20,058.75	\$ (0.30)	\$ 26,745.00	\$ 6,686.55
Hernando Co. Assessments	24,667.32	24,667.47	(0.15)	32,890.00	8,222.68
Sumter Co. Assessments	14,278.23	14,278.50	(0.27)	19,038.00	4,759.77
Marion County Assessment	47,450.94	47,450.97	(0.03)	63,268.00	15,817.06
Interest Income - SBA Accounts	1,774.12	0.00	1,774.12	0.00	(1,774.12)
Unrealized Gain/Loss on SBA	1,025.32	0.00	1,025.32	0.00	(1,025.32)
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	122,690.25	122,690.25	0.00	163,587.00	40,896.75
Citrus County Wflid Admin Recov	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	15,000.00
SWFWMD Match Pil Irr Audit Pgm	3,650.00	1,649.97	2,000.03	2,200.00	(1,450.00)
Phase 2 SWFWMD MatchRegIrrAudit	8,596.64	39,438.81	(30,842.17)	52,585.00	43,988.36
LG Match Phase 2 Irr Audit Pgm	501.15	4,929.75	(4,428.60)	6,573.00	6,071.85
2012 SWFWMD Match MP Update	26,430.02	0.00	26,430.02	0.00	(26,430.02)
Villages Match Funds Pilot Pgm	712.21	150.02	562.19	200.00	(512.21)
SWFWMD 2013 RWSPU N438	14,091.05	44,992.52	(30,901.47)	59,990.00	45,898.95
Total Revenue	330,925.70	365,307.01	(34,381.31)	487,076.00	156,150.30
Operating Expenses					
Consulting Admin Asst	28,125.00	28,125.00	0.00	37,500.00	9,375.00
Executive Director Richard Owen	60,000.03	59,999.94	0.09	80,000.00	19,999.97
Advertising	407.17	1,125.00	(717.83)	1,500.00	1,092.83
Lecanto Rent	2,047.68	1,535.94	511.74	2,048.00	0.32
Registration/Dues	715.00	1,499.94	(784.94)	2,000.00	1,285.00
Legal - Monthly Meeting	3,000.07	4,500.00	(1,499.93)	6,000.00	2,999.93
Legal - Other Services	6,151.34	10,499.94	(4,348.60)	14,000.00	7,848.66
Liability Insurance	1,634.78	1,575.00	59.78	2,100.00	465.22
Office Supplies	360.94	1,125.00	(764.06)	1,500.00	1,139.06
Printing & Reproduction	1,936.97	1,687.50	249.47	2,250.00	313.03
Postage	543.96	599.94	(55.98)	800.00	256.04
Audit	8,370.00	6,648.75	1,721.25	8,865.00	495.00
Bookkeeping/Financial Asst.	600.00	1,499.94	(899.94)	2,000.00	1,400.00
Publications/Software	69.99	149.94	(79.95)	200.00	130.01
State Fees/Assessments	175.00	131.22	43.78	175.00	0.00
Web Page/Internet Services	709.35	1,874.97	(1,165.62)	2,500.00	1,790.65
Telephone	699.30	1,125.00	(425.70)	1,500.00	800.70
Travel	4,322.69	7,499.97	(3,177.28)	10,000.00	5,677.31
Contingency Funds	308.52	1,404.00	(1,095.48)	1,872.00	1,563.48
Legislative Consultant	31,500.00	31,500.00	0.00	42,000.00	10,500.00
FY12 Purvis Gray Rate Analysis	0.00	6,440.94	(6,440.94)	8,588.00	8,588.00
12-13 Update Reg Master Plan	119,074.87	89,984.97	29,089.90	119,980.00	905.13
Phase 2 Irrigation Auditor	37,734.12	78,877.44	(41,143.32)	105,170.00	67,435.88
Northern District Model Expan	37,500.00	0.00	37,500.00	0.00	(37,500.00)
Pilot Irrig Aud Pgm Completion	5,500.00	5,099.94	400.06	6,800.00	1,300.00
Update RWSP Work Order 14-02	3,840.36	13,500.00	(9,659.64)	18,000.00	14,159.64
FY14 General Services Acct	4,607.74	56,250.00	(51,642.26)	75,000.00	70,392.26
FY14 LGG Water Conservation Pgm	0.00	97,500.01	(97,500.01)	130,000.00	130,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	359,934.88	511,760.29	(151,825.41)	682,348.00	322,413.12
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	(29,009.18)	(146,453.28)	117,444.10	(195,272.00)	(166,262.82)

See Accompanying Independent Accountant's Compilation Report

Item 8.c.
Records Management
Training

Item 8.c. Records Management Training . . . Richard Owen, WRWSA

The Department of State, Division of Library & Information Services is hosting a Records Management Seminar for state and local agencies. A copy of the information from the DOS is included with this recap. In order to update current record management practices and to provide for appropriate record management, it is recommended that Nancy Smith, the WRWSA administrative assistant, be authorized to attend a seminar at the Department of Environmental Protection, 1351 N. Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace on September 23, 2014 and to pay for the cost of registration and travel.

The cost of the training is a total of \$159 and includes:

\$90	Registration fee
\$58	Mileage
\$11	Lunch


Staff Recommendation: Authorize Nancy H. Smith to attend the Records Management Seminar and to pay for the registration and travel associated with this seminar.

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R. A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough
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32399-0250

Workshop Information

2014 Records Management Seminar - Tampa

This dynamic and interactive one-day seminar presented by the Division of Library and Information Services will provide valuable information to help your agency avoid costly mistakes. Participants will acquire knowledge to make managing their records easier, and help make their records management program a success. Participants will learn how to avoid litigation, how to reduce costs, and what Florida's Public Records Law requires. This seminar will also allow participants to share best practices. Who should attend? State and local agency: Records Management Liaison Officers, Senior and Mid-level Managers, Administrative Staff, and IT Professionals.

Category: Records Management

Date: 09/23/2014

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

**Number of
Days:** 1

Cost: \$90.00

Instructor(s): Roger Sockman

Contact: Division of Library and Information Services, Records Management Training, Mail Station 9A, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250; Phone: 850.245.6746 or 850.245.6745; Email: RMTraining@DOS.MyFlorida.com; **PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** The seminar fee is \$90.00 per person, and includes the workshop and materials. This fee does not include lunch. Payment may be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover), check, purchase order, or journal transfer. Call 850.245.6746 or 850.245.6745 to pay by credit card. Please make check or purchase order payable to Florida Department of State, and send to the contact address listed above. A \$10.00 handling fee will be charged for all refunds. Requests for refunds should be made in writing and sent to the address listed in the contact information above.

Location: Department of Environmental Protection - Southwest District

Address: 1351 N. Telecom Parkway
Temple Terrace, FL 33637

**Maximum
Seats:** 50

**Available
Seats:** 18

You must be logged in to register for this workshop. [Log In](#)

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Item 8. d.
2014 Water Forum
Attendance



2014 Water Forum



Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld
October 10th • 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
***\$75 Per Person**

Renaissance at SeaWorld
6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821
(800) 327-6677

The hotel is providing free, on-site self parking.

If you choose to pay by check, please use the "[printer friendly](#)" form and do not complete this electronic form.

Day/Date	Event	Attending
Friday, October 10, 2014	2014 Florida Water Forum 9:00 am – 3:30 pm	<input type="radio"/>

Name:

Company:

Telephone:

Email:

Please complete payment information on the next page after completing this attendance form.

Fee: \$75

**(After Friday, October 3rd, registration increases to \$90.)*

If you choose to pay by check, please use the "[printer friendly](#)" form and do not complete this electronic form.

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Item. 8.f.
Correspondence



September 5, 2014

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

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

Dear Mr. Plante:

Pursuant to Section 120.74(3), please be advised that the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority does not plan to adopt any Rules during the period between July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

The Authority has repealed all of its rules in Chapter 49C-1.001 – 49C-1.014, Florida Administrative Code. The rule repeal was effective June 29, 2014. In preparation for the rule repeal, the Authority adopted a Statement of Organization on April 17, 2013, per Chapter 28-101, Florida Administrative Code. In addition, the Authority entered into a Revised and Restated Interlocal Agreement governing the Authority on January 14, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

cc: Don Gaetz, Senate President
Will Weatherford, Speaker of the House



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August 26, 2014

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

Re: 2014 Regulatory Plan

Dear Mr. Owen:

Section 120.74(3), Florida Statutes, provides:

(3) No later than July 1 of each year, each agency shall file with the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the committee a regulatory plan identifying and describing each rule the agency proposes to adopt for the 12-month period beginning on the July 1 reporting date and ending on the subsequent June 30, excluding emergency rules.

As of this date, the Committee has not received a copy of your agency's 2014 regulatory plan. Please provide a copy of your agency's regulatory plan at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth J. Plante".

Kenneth J. Plante
Coordinator

Subject: Public Workshops Announced—Senate Bill 536 Study

From: "Florida DEP Division of Water Resource Management" <FloridaDEP_Water@public.govdelivery.com>

Date: Fri, Aug 29, 2014 11:31 am

To: wrwsa@wrwsa.org

Florida Department of Environmental Protection



Senate Bill 536 Study

Mark Your Calendars!

We are happy to announce the public workshops to be held in October 2014 in each of the water management districts. See below for a list of workshop dates and cities to find one near you.

- Wednesday, October 8, 1 PM, Live Oak (SRWMD/DEP)
- Friday, October 17, 10 AM, Palatka (SJRWMD/DEP)
- Monday, October 20, 1 PM, West Palm Beach (SFWMD/DEP)
- Monday, October 27, 1 PM (CST)/2 PM (EST), Panama City (NFWMD/DEP)
- Wednesday, October 29, 10 AM, Brooksville (SWFWMD/DEP)

Please visit our SB 536 Study web page at www.dep.state.fl.us/water/reuse/study.htm for more details, including workshop locations. These workshop meetings are open to the public and were noticed in the August 25, 2014, [Florida Administrative Register](#).

Thank you,

SB536 Study Team

sb536study@dep.state.fl.us

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Subject: Fwd: Sleepy Creek Lands / Adena Springs Ranch Administrative Hearing Update

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 28, 2014 9:05 am

To: Richard Owen <richardowen@wrwsa.org>

Cc: Nancy Smith <nsmith@wrwsa.org>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Florida Conservation Coalition" <smarts421@gmail.com>

Date: August 28, 2014 at 8:52:03 AM EDT

To: FloridaCC@groupsplaces.com

Subject: Sleepy Creek Lands / Adena Springs Ranch Administrative Hearing Update

Reply-To: smarts421@gmail.com

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Dear FCC members,

The Administrative Hearing to challenge the Sleepy Creek Lands (formerly known as Adena Springs Ranch) Consumptive Use Permit and Environmental Resource Permit is underway this week at the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Headquarters in Palatka. ([Click here for a map.](#))

Tonight, from 6 pm to 9 pm, the Administrative Law Judge will allow the public to comment on the record at the Hearing. These comments will also be considered by SJRWMD staff in making their final recommendations to the District's Governing Board.

The Hearing was requested by St. Johns Riverkeeper, Sierra Club Florida, and two concerned citizens, Karen Ahlers and Jerri Baldwin. They contend that the SJRWMD has failed to account for the significant impacts to the flow of Silver Springs, Silver and Ocklawaha Rivers and Salt Springs and the increased nutrient loading that will result from the manure of 9,500 head of cattle and the use of large quantities of fertilizer and water.

You can find more information on the [St. Johns Riverkeeper website](#).

Best,

Ryan Smart

FCC

Founder and Chairman, Bob Graham; Vice-Chairmen, Nathaniel Pryor Reed & Lee Constantine

Item. 8.g.
News Articles

Tampa Bay Times

A Times Editorial

Editorial: Don't weaken laws to protect Florida waters Wednesday, September 3, 2014
6:14pm

Florida Republican leaders are yet again making outlandish claims to torpedo federal rules for protecting the water supply. Appearing together last month, U.S. Rep. Steven Southerland of Panama City and Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam blasted a federal proposal for identifying wetlands as a power grab by bullying bureaucrats that would seriously harm the state's businesses and homeowners. Great sound bite — but that is not the case.

The proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers would establish more clearly which waters deserve protection under the 1972 Clean Water Act. Two U.S. Supreme Court opinions have for the past decade clouded the issue of whether the federal law applies only to navigable waters. The federal agencies proposed the new rule in an effort to address legitimate concerns by state and local governments, businesses and other groups. Continuing to leave them in legal limbo is irresponsible.

That didn't stop Southerland from pointing his finger at "big government bullies" who were out to create more costs and uncertainty in the workplace. He has filed legislation that is headed to the House floor that would let states — not the federal government — determine which wetlands deserve protection. Southerland proclaimed that local officials are better suited to make these decisions than "D.C. bureaucrats a thousand miles away." Putnam chimed in by denouncing federal "overreach," suggesting that even "mushy" lawns would be a problem.

These claims are ridiculous. The federal rule merely clarifies what streams and wetlands would be protected. It does not give the agencies more power, redefine farming, or apply to any waters that historically have not been covered. The measure expressly exempts waste treatment ponds, upland ditches, artificial lakes and ornamental lagoons from regulation. It doesn't change the exemptions that farmers and ranchers already enjoy, infringe on property rights or apply in cases when rainfall saturates lawns and fields. In some cases, the rule could actually broaden the definition of what waters are exempt. Decisions about Florida wetlands permits are made in the Army Corps' offices in Tampa and elsewhere around the state, not in Washington. And the EPA estimates that the marginal costs of implementing the rule would generate about double the return in benefits to public health, flood control and the economy.

Florida Republicans used the same tactic of misinformation several years ago on behalf of the state's biggest polluters to fight the federal government over clean water standards. They had the wrong allegiance then and they have the wrong allegiance now. Florida's congressional delegation should be the last ones urging Congress to weaken a law that protects some of this state's most precious resources.

Editorial: Don't weaken laws to protect Florida waters 09/03/14 [Last modified: Wednesday, September 3, 2014 6:14pm]

Florida Trend

The Issues, People and Ideas that Define Florida Business

Ebb and flow: Managing Florida's water supply

by Mark R. Howard

Posted 6/27/2014

Updated 2 weeks ago

Michael Minton, an attorney with the Dean Mead firm in Orlando, is a fifth-generation Floridian who grew up on Florida's east coast in Fort Pierce. Minton's late father, Dick Minton, was one of the "swampbusters," pioneer citrus growers who worked beginning in the late 1940s to make the land in Florida's Indian River region tillable.

As elsewhere in Florida at that time, making the land productive meant draining it — by speeding the natural flow of surface water from the interior to the coast via canals. Minton says his father, who was inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2003, was an innovator who recognized that the drainage effort worked all too well. Dick Minton, an early adopter of high-efficiency irrigation systems, became a leader in soil and water conservation efforts and instilled in his son both a love for the land and a drive to restore more of the natural flow of the St. Lucie region's water, which at one time extended north up into the headlands of the St. Johns River.

Surface water resources and conservation both have to be part of meeting Florida's water needs. Regions will have to cooperate in creating new supplies.

His father, Minton says, saw ahead to a time when all the surface water that was being channeled away would become a commodity rather than a nuisance. "That water will be valuable one day," his father told him.

We've reached that day. As the recession has receded, growth has resumed in Florida. And communities, landowners and businesses are bumping up against the limits of how much water can be pumped out of the state's aquifers without environmental and economic catastrophe. Nowhere is the problem more acute than in central Florida, where the three water management districts that govern water use in the area estimate that without conservation and additional sources of supply, the area faces a 250 million gallon a day shortfall within a decade.

What such a shortfall can translate to in practical terms is economic and political disruption as businesses, governments and individuals sue each other dizzy over their respective "rights" to water from the aquifers. Communities around Tampa Bay waged water wars over pumping groundwater for more than 30 years before creating an independent, regional authority called Tampa Bay Water that now supplies water to Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties. The agency blew millions on a desal plant that barely functions, but the region's water supply system today is more diverse,

efficient and environmentally sound. Groundwater pumping has been reduced by 50% since 1998.

Meanwhile, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties collaborated to create a similar independent water-supply district, the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority. That authority has built a combination of underground and above-ground reservoirs where it has more than 9 billion gallons of surface water stored.

As the need for water intensifies, the state will see a growing number of proposals for water-supply initiatives involving storing and cleaning surface water. All will come with price tags. What direction should the state take to create and manage new supplies? Some favor a cohesive, statewide approach, perhaps under a "water czar." Others think Florida should adopt policies that emphasize locally based public-private partnerships cobbled together among water management districts, local governments and landowners. Among Minton's clients is a big landowner and citrus grower, Evans Properties, that has been working on a deal with two water management districts. A subsidiary of Evans called Grove Land Utilities would build — with funding from the state, the two water management districts and its own money — a 5,000-acre reservoir and 2,000-acre stormwater treatment area in Okeechobee and Indian River counties that would capture more than 50 billion gallons of the stormwater that now streams into the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon through the water management district's canals.

The proposal — a feasibility study is due this month — seems well-conceived, offering the potential for the state to do something relatively quickly to reverse the degradation of the estuary and lagoon. The reservoir would also offer a way to create a new source of up to 100 million to 125 million gallons a day of drinking water for the central Florida region. Ultimately, Minton says, it could help restore some of the historic flow of water from the area up into the headwaters of the St. Johns. Wiser heads than mine will have to evaluate the soundness of the proposal and how to structure such a deal financially, but Grove Land's proposal is the kind of initiative that Florida will see more of as the demand for water meets the reality of water supply — and as big landowners evaluate a business mix that includes farming water along with growing oranges and other crops.

However Florida may decide to manage its surface water resources, the broader dynamics of water in Florida — illuminated incisively by writer Cynthia Barnett in a [2005 cover story in Florida Trend](#) — remain the same: There's a mismatch between where most people live in Florida and where the water is. The state needs new sources of water supply to meet growth. Regions will have to cooperate to create new supplies. Water belongs to the state, not local communities. Water will, over time, cost more. Increased conservation and privatization both will be part of the answer to ensuring water supply, whether Floridians like it or not.

Robert L. Knight: Paying the springs bill

By Robert L. Knight

Special to The Sun

Published: Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 6:01 a.m.

On July 11, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection provided the 2014-2015 springs' restoration funding project plan to the Legislative Budget Commission.

As expected, the Florida Legislature appropriated \$25 million for springs' restoration and the water management districts kicked in an additional \$12.8 million of state money. Local governments pledged to spend \$31.7 million, for a total of \$69.5 million to help ease the hurt at the state's springs.

Combined with last year's pledge of \$37 million in state and local funding for "springs restoration," this sounds like a good start. Unfortunately for Florida taxpayers, this is just the tip of the springs-cleanup iceberg that will be required to pull our springs back from the brink of disaster. Lax enforcement of Florida's environmental laws by state regulators has resulted in the need for another multi-billion dollar environmental cleanup painfully reminiscent of the Everglades boondoggle in South Florida.

First, some history of springs' protection efforts in Florida. In 1999, Jim Stevenson, former chief biologist with the Florida Park Service, led Gov. Jeb Bush and DEP Secretary David Struhs on a canoe trip to see firsthand the Ichetucknee springs and river that were being threatened by a cement factory. This momentous trip was a response to strong public opposition to this threat to the springs and aquifer.

After the canoe trip, Jim Stevenson was appointed to organize and chair the Florida Springs Task Force. In 2000, the 16 public and private members of the task force published a report detailing the magnitude and causes of spring impairments and laying out a plan for springs' restoration.

During the next 10 years, the Florida Legislature and Govs. Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist allocated \$23 million to the Florida Springs Initiative for springs research and protection projects. That expenditure was augmented by springs-related funding from the St. Johns River and Southwest Florida water management districts. A significant increase in the scientific and public awareness of Florida's springs' crisis was provided by the state's relatively small investment.

After entering office in 2010, Gov. Rick Scott cancelled the Florida Springs Initiative and drastically reduced funding and staff at DEP and all five of Florida's water management

districts. By those actions, Gov. Scott and his like-minded Legislature effectively brought all springs' research and restoration efforts to a screeching halt.

Fast forward to last year. Amid another growing outcry from concerned citizens about the springs' tragedy of declining flows and increasing nitrate pollution unfolding throughout North Florida, the Legislature, governor and water management districts made a sudden about-face and once again started funding "springs' restoration." And so this year the ante for springs' restoration projects was raised again by our elected officials.

Like last year, this year's springs' projects were selected behind closed doors by DEP and water management district staffs, with no citizen involvement. No independent springs' task force was formed to develop an overall springs' project plan, quantitative evaluation procedures or adaptive management methodology to verify that this large sum of money will result in measurable benefits at our springs.

While some of this year's proposed projects may indeed help to reduce nutrient and flow impacts at the springs, government planning without public involvement is suspect from the outset. An examination of the springs' restoration projects planned with taxpayer money is needed to separate the springs' "turkeys" from those projects that may actually benefit the public interest.

Most suspect are seven "agricultural" projects on DEP's list that provide taxpayer support to private, for-profit businesses that are harming the public's groundwater and springs. For example, a total of \$8.9 million of this year's springs' funding is designated to buy new agricultural irrigation systems. Another \$3.6 million is earmarked to subsidize a phosphate company in North Florida that has contributed to reduced flows at White Sulfur Spring for decades. Over \$12 million is allocated for providing central sewer hookups to private developments near Wakulla Spring.

The remaining DEP projects include connection of septic tanks to public sewer systems, wastewater treatment plant upgrades and installation of water-efficient toilets and faucets. Hopefully, these projects will provide some true springs' benefits. But the state did not follow a publicly vetted springs' restoration agenda or provide an evaluation and ranking of the most cost effective alternatives necessary to protect our springs.

The current Florida state government has no estimate for how much it will ultimately cost to reverse the existing damage to our springs. But the science is clear. Comprehensive springs' restoration must include a significant reduction in groundwater pumping and a greatly reduced reliance on the use of nitrogen fertilizers. Both of these actions are attainable with little to no expenditure of tax dollars. Our springs deserve better from our elected officials.

Robert L. Knight is director of the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, a private, nonprofit corporation located in North Florida.

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Subject: Fwd: Gov. Scott announces distribution plan for springs \$
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Gov. Scott announces distribution plan for springs' money

By [Phil Ammann](#) on August 8, 2014

Gov. Rick Scott announced today that \$30 million state lawmakers approved this year for Florida's endangered natural springs would be applied – along with local money — across 27 different projects from the Panhandle to Central Florida.

Using contributions from local governments, agencies and water management districts, \$69 million will be spent for projects in 18 springs threatened from groundwater pumping and pollution.

"These nearly \$70 million in projects that (the Department of Environmental Protection) is proposing will restore water quality, protect water flow and reduce water consumption," according to a statement from Scott's office.

Last year, lawmakers selected \$10 million in the state budget for protecting Florida's natural springs.

The money, set for eight regions between Central Florida and the Panhandle, has \$27 million in matching funds from local governments and organizations.

Scott, during a re-election tour starting Monday, outlined a \$1 billion environmental blueprint for Florida that includes funding of \$50 million annually over 10 years for springs' restoration.

Among the Florida springs directly benefiting from the current year's funding: Fanning, Levy Blue, Jackson Blue, Wakulla, Volusia Blue, Silver, Wekiva, Aripeka, Chassahowitzka and Crystal Springs, the Ichetucknee, Santa Fe and Suwannee rivers and Lake Panasoffkee, as well as springs linked to Econfinia and Holmes creeks.



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Speakers address state of area's springs, water supply at forum

By [Fred Hiers](#)

Staff writer

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Silver Springs' health continues to decline as the amount of its pollutants rise and its flow diminishes despite environmentalists' efforts to draw attention to the water's ills.

But the tide is beginning to turn as water regulators take better stock of the springs, the public becomes more informed and more politicians take heed.

That was much of the collective sentiment by speakers who took part in the Silver Springs Alliance forum Tuesday at the CenterPoint Church on State Road 40 to update the public about the progress and shortcomings in protecting the first-magnitude spring east of Ocala.

About 200 people attended the forum.

Speaker Robert Knight, director of the nonprofit Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute and president of Wetland Solutions Inc. in Gainesville, said the solution to fixing Silver Springs was attainable but requires resolve.

"We don't have to wait 50 years to restore Silver Springs," he told the audience.

The problem is that Florida water regulators have never made a significant effort to restore its flow or reduce its pollutants, he said.

"(As a result, Silver Springs) has never gotten better in any respect," Knight said.

The solution is to "dial back the pumping ... and not issue any more permits," Knight said.

"Turn off the pumps and you get half the flow back," he said.

Knight's remarks came just weeks after St. Johns River Water Management District staff recommended denial of a Fort McCoy cattle ranch's request to pump 1.12 million gallon of water a day. Water district staff said they recommended the denial because that much withdrawal would harm Silver Springs.

But more importantly, Knight said, the water agency staff, as part of the denial recommendation, had re-evaluated how much water was still available to pump from the aquifer in Marion County. The staff's new modeling concluded the aquifer feeding Silver Springs was nearly tapped out.

St. Johns' new and more accurate modeling shows that the existing groundwater withdrawal in the springs' 800,000-acre springshed is already doing harm to the spring's flow, Knight said.

He estimates that existing withdrawal levels could result in Silver Springs' flow shrinking by another 52 million gallons a day, or about 10 percent of its current flow.

Silver Springs' flow has already decreased by at least a third compared to historical trends, and polluting nitrate levels have increased about 3,000 percent, Knight said. In the past few years, flow had fallen to 50 percent.

Marion County withdraws about 100 million gallons of water a day from the aquifer.

The 70-year average Silver Springs flow has nearly free-fallen from 790 cubic feet per second (or about 510 million gallons a day) before 2000 to 535 cfs between 2001 and September 2011.

"You can't squeeze more water out of a spring that's already dying," he said.

Knight also called for reducing nitrate levels. Excess nitrate is responsible for algae blooms that are clogging Silver Springs and other Florida waterways.

Most of the nitrate in the spring is from fertilizer application, mostly from lawn and agricultural uses. Knight wants application to be reduced by 79 percent.

But Knight said that people should take control of the issue and not depend on Tallahassee.

"The people still have the power ... thank God," he said. "We need to save our springs. We can't rely on the government to do everything for us."

Silver Springs was the largest first-magnitude spring in Florida and remains a popular water body destination, being famous for its glass bottom boat rides and its use as both television and film sets. Its flow has recently been surpassed by Rainbow Springs.

Silver Springs feeds the 4.5-mile-long Silver River, which empties into the Ocklawaha River.

The forum was held in the wake of Gov. Rick Scott's announcement this week of his plans for Tallahassee to send Florida's springs hundreds of millions of dollars in relief help over the next decade. But most environmentalists are skeptical that the money — if it's approved by the Legislature — will be used to help reduce spring pollutants or address shrinking flows.

But as Silver Springs suffers, speaker Karen Ahlers, executive director at Florida Defenders of the Environment, talked about setting the groundwork to better protect Silver Springs in the future.

Ahlers reported to the audience about environmentalists' success in challenging the request by a 30,000-acre Fort McCoy cattle operation that originally wanted more than 13.3 million gallons of ground water a day to irrigate its grasslands. The original water request by Sleepy Creek Lands was made in 2011.

Ahlers, along with others, sued Sleepy Creek Lands and helped organize engineers and geologists who showed that if Sleepy Creek's request was granted, the nearly Silver Spring would be harmed.

Amid public pressure, Sleepy Creek reduced its request down to 1.12 mgd.

"The (St. Johns River Water Management District) tends to pay a lot more attention ... when knowledgeable people are talking back," Ahlers said.

"None of these things would have happened if citizens had not declared their intent to fight," Ahlers told the Star-Banner before the forum began.

"Letters from attorneys backed up by top-of-the-line scientific experts get far more attention than comments from outraged citizens," she said.

Speaker Doug Ray, executive editor of the Star-Banner and Gainesville Sun, said that water issues resonate with voters and lawmakers. Both newspapers published numerous articles as part of their Fragile Springs series.

Ray said that while many issues will be debated leading to the November elections, none will "rally" people as much as water and springs issues.

The Fragile Springs series was something that could draw together both the Star-Banner and the Gainesville Sun, he said, and that the area's springs were an important issue that interested both cities.

Tourists and local residents who once enjoyed the area's springs are now angry to find them clogged with algae, he said, adding, "That kind of passion helped drive the series."

Speaker and nature photographer John Moran showed a series of photographs of local springs taken a few decades ago and compared them to some taken recently. The comparison during the forum showed how the springs have deteriorated due to too much algae and decreased flow, sometimes leaving dried pits.

Moran said he would rather take "beautiful" pictures of springs and rivers, "but reality keeps getting in the way."

"This is negligent homicide ... we did this," he said, citing the springs' declining health.

"If you think clean water is expensive, consider the alternative," he said.

"Resistance to change is no longer an option," he said, citing Floridians' waste of water, including lawn irrigation.

Speaker Ryan Smart, of the Florida Conservation Coalition, said it was important for audience members to join environmental organizations. He said local governments take heed when organized environmentalists push water issues.

"You can have a great effect on what those folks say and do," Smart said.

Speaker Guy Marwick, of the Felburn Foundation, urged the audience to support Amendment 1 during the November elections. It would generate about \$10 billion during the next 20 years from real estate documents taxes and use the money for land and water conservation and springs restoration.

Other speakers included Whitey Markle of the Suwannee St. Johns Sierra Club and Jim Stevenson of the Wakulla Springs Alliance

Harriett Jones, 65, who came to the forum from Williston, said such gatherings are a good strategy in forming public opinion about the need for healthy springs.

"I think (such forums) try to do more education ... and let everyone take part and get more involved," Jones said. "And it's good for the forums to offer a scientific approach ... and the facts that anyone can use when discussing the springs."

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Subject: Fwd: Kissimmee River battle looms: Water for fish or cities?

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Date: Mon, Jul 28, 2014 at 10:03 AM

Subject: Kissimmee River battle looms: Water for fish or cities?

To: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>

Hi Richard,

This may be a precedent-setting case we want to closely follow.

Diane

Kissimmee River battle looms: Water for fish or cities? [Kevin Spear](#), Orlando Sentinel

6:18 p.m. EDT, July 27, 2014

The Kissimmee River, which begins as rain running off Orlando streets and has had nearly \$1 billion in environmental repairs along its run to South Florida, is under scrutiny again for how much water it could provide to Central Florida cities while still preserving its rebounding fish and wildlife.

The South Florida Water Management District already has put enormous effort into figuring out the biology of the liquid spine of the greater Everglades ecosystem and how many millions of gallons of water could be pumped from it.

That effort — amid warnings from environmentalists and utility companies' worries that little water would be available for new development — was shelved five years ago. Now it's back and likely more contentious than ever.

"It is non-negotiable that the water-management district must fully protect water for the Kissimmee River restoration before even considering giving away any water," said Jane Graham, an Audubon Florida legal expert.

Tensions over the Kissimmee River water include:

- Findings in the past year by a Central Florida consortium that the traditional source of water, the Floridan Aquifer, is unable to provide much more and that rivers are among the most likely new sources.

- A recommendation this month by the St. Johns River Water Management District to block a billionaire from pumping Floridan Aquifer water, confirming for many that pressure to tap rivers is on the rise.

- Creation of the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge three years ago to protect 150,000 acres of wildlife and water along the river.

"We've seen a tremendous investment in the restoration of the Kissimmee River," said Dan O'Keefe, an Orlando lawyer and chairman of the South Florida Water Management District. "We need to maximize return on that investment."

O'Keefe is on the steering committee of the Central Florida Water Initiative, the consortium of water regulators and utilities that has calculated that the region's demand for water will rise significantly in coming decades.

He said he is aware of growing pressure to pump water from rivers such as the Kissimmee but does not know if that's going to prove appropriate. "I would hesitate to guess," he said.

A report by the South Florida Water Management District in 2009 concluded "all water" in the Kissimmee River "is required for the protection of fish and wildlife." But even as that report circulated, agency administrators were suggesting further study may show the river has extra water during rainy times.

What is certain is that the Kissimmee River is complex. The many lakes in Orange and Osceola counties that drain south to the

Kissimmee River are regulated by dams.

Farther downstream is a stretch of river wrecked by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers a half-century ago. The federal agency cut a 57-mile ditch and filled or bypassed 103 miles of winding river.

After decades of work, more than 40 miles of river and 40 square miles of adjoining wetlands have been restored. Fish and wildlife have responded impressively, district scientists say.

To protect those species and the water they depend on, the water-management district is using a state regulation called a "water reservation." Once set, a reservation will "guarantee that the water needed to keep these ecosystems thriving will not be allocated," according to the district.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which created the new wildlife refuge, pledges to pay close attention to the setting of a reservation "to help ensure the best possible outcome."

Also watching are water-utility directors, including Brian Wheeler at Toho Water Authority, Osceola County's largest utility.

"We understand that the Kissimmee River is extremely flashy, meaning that right now, with all the rain we've had, it's running at a pretty good volume," he said. "At other times, there isn't much water draining to the river so there isn't much to be taken out."

"What we've told the district is to go ahead and do the reservation and let us know if there is excess water, and then we can sit down to see if there is a project where we can utilize that water," Wheeler said.

The water district will hold a public workshop Wednesday at the Osceola County Administration Building in Kissimmee from 10 a.m. to noon.

Don Medellin, district manager for the reservation project, said he didn't know when proposed limits on river water would emerge. "We're going to take our time and do the technical work right to make sure it's legally defensible," he said.

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From the Jacksonville Business Journal

:<http://www.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/news/2014/07/25/water-management-district-says-plan-for-st-johns.html>

Jul 25, 2014, 2:47pm EDT

Water Management District says plan for St. Johns River can safely meet demand



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Countering [pushback from St. Johns Riverkeeper and Florida Defenders](#) over its plans that include withdrawing water from the river, the St. Johns River Water Management District said the opposed plan is a draft with a range of potential options to ensure Northeast Florida has enough water

The district is already seeking more aggressive conservation measures as part of its draft plan, said Management District spokeswoman [Teresa Monson](#).

"Water conservation is a priority for the District," she said, pointing out the measures already in place to save water: Industry, agriculture and recreational users, such as golf courses, must use reclaimed water or storm water for irrigation where feasible and implement additional rigorous water conservation measures.

But conservation alone won't be enough to keep up with water demands from a growing population, she said.

"Water conservation is necessary to prolong existing supplies," she said. "However, a conservation-only strategy will not completely offset the predicted deficit in fresh groundwater supplies."

As far as pumping water from the St. Johns River goes, if the plan is turned into actions, the measure wouldn't harm the environment, [Monson](#) said.

"The study, which involved more than 70 scientists and engineers, confirms the findings of earlier investigations," [Monson](#) said, "The St. Johns River can be used as an alternative water supply source without causing significant harm to the environment."

From the Jacksonville Business Journal

:<http://www.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/news/2014/07/24/st-johns-riverkeeper-and-florida-defenders-of-the.html>

Jul 24, 2014, 2:54pm EDT

St. Johns Riverkeeper and Florida Defenders of the Environment urge against water withdrawals



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The St. Johns Riverkeeper and Florida Defenders of the Environment aren't happy with plans to overcome water shortages by pumping water from rivers.

The St. Johns River Water Management District's plan — which the St. Johns Riverkeeper and Florida Defenders of the Environment disagree with — is to take 86 million gallons of water a day from the Ocklawaha River and over 64 million gallons of water a day from the St. Johns River once shortages occur.

The opposing groups say they would like to see a more efficient use of the water already at play.

"The time is now to get serious about conservation," said [Lisa Rinaman](#), the St. Johns Riverkeeper.

By 2035, the water management district estimates demand for water will exceed groundwater availability by 257 million gallons a day.

"Why spend billions of dollars and jeopardize the health of our rivers with massive surface water withdrawals when we can meet our future supply needs by using our water resources more responsibly and efficiently?" Rinaman said. "We must first address the root cause of our water problems and exhaust all opportunities to use water more efficiently, instead of focusing on new sources, such as water withdrawals from the St. Johns."

The St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Florida Defenders of the Environment are calling for the water management district to not pump water out of the two rivers and instead prioritize and mandate conservation efforts.

"Over-pumping from the aquifer has already resulted in low lake levels, dried up wetlands, and reduced flows in springs and rivers," said [Karen Ahlers](#), executive director of Florida Defenders of the Environment, "It is outrageous to suggest that taking even more water from these already depleted surface waters is the remedy to the problem."

Item 9.
Legislative Update



The Florida House of Representatives
Office of the Clerk

Will Weatherford
Speaker

Bob Ward
Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Florida House of Representatives

FROM: Bob Ward, Clerk of the House

DATE: August 29, 2014

RE: 2015 Interim Committee Meeting Schedule and Other Important Dates

Please be advised that Speaker-designate Steve Crisafulli has authorized the schedule for interim committee meetings as follows:

- The week of January 5
- The week of January 20 (Begins on Tuesday in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday)
- The week of February 2
- The week of February 9
- The week of February 16

During the week of December 8, 2014, there will be training for new House Members and new district staff.

Please note the following important dates:

- Organization Session will convene on Tuesday, November 18, 2014
- Regular Session will convene on Tuesday, March 3, 2015

If you have additional questions, please contact the Speaker's Office at (850) 717-5000.

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August 12, 2014

Mrs. Kim Dinkins, Senior Planner
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Re: WRWSA Local Governmental Water Supply Funding Assistance
Program, Project Grant Agreement

Dear Mrs. Dinkins:

Enclosed you will find three (3) originals of the Project Grant Agreement, which the Authority's Board of Directors approved at its last meeting. The agreement is in the same form as the previous agreements entered into between the Authority and Marion County. Please agenda this item for Board approval and forward the three (3) executed copies back to my office so that I can present them to the Authority for execution at the September meeting, which is scheduled for September 17, 2014.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Cordially,

HAAG, HAAG & FRIEDRICH, P.A.

By: 
LARRY M. HAAG

LMH/ss

Encl.

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY FUNDING
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into this ____ day of September, 2014, by and between the **WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**, (hereinafter called the "AUTHORITY"), and **MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**, (hereinafter called the "GRANTEE"), in furtherance of funding assistance in the development of the "MARION COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM". In consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and pursuant to Chapter 163, Laws of Florida, Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, as subsequently amended, and Section 373.713(2)(i), Florida Statutes, the parties hereto agree as follows:

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

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

3. PROJECT FUNDING:

A. The AUTHORITY agrees to pay, on a reimbursement basis, to the GRANTEE, the sum of \$32,350.00 of the proposed \$64,700.00 total budget cost for the PROJECT.

B. The GRANTEE shall pay PROJECT costs prior to requesting reimbursement from the AUTHORITY. The AUTHORITY shall reimburse the GRANTEE for fifty percent (50%) of all allowable costs in each approved invoice based upon the listed tasks contained in Exhibit "A", not to exceed the sum of \$32,350.00 as identified in paragraph 3. A. above.

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

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

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

4. GRANTEE shall ensure that all services procured and all purchases of goods obtained for the accomplishment of the PROJECT shall be secured in

accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and in accordance with the GRANTEE's adopted procurement procedures.

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

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

7. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution and the GRANTEE shall complete preparation and/or construction of all PROJECT elements on or before September 30, 2015. The completion date may be extended by the AUTHORITY for good cause at the written request of the GRANTEE and must be made prior to PROJECT completion date.

8. The AUTHORITY's Executive Director for the purposes of this Agreement shall be responsible for ensuring performance of its terms and conditions and shall be responsible for recommending approval of all reimbursement requests to the AUTHORITY prior to payment. The GRANTEE's

Liaison Agent, as identified in the PROJECT application, or successor, shall act on behalf of the GRANTEE relative to the provisions of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

14. This Agreement may be unilaterally canceled by the AUTHORITY in the event the GRANTEE refuses to allow public access to all documents, papers,

letters or other material made or received in conjunction with this Agreement pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23. This Agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties. Any alterations, variations, changes, modification or waivers of provisions of this

Agreement shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, duly executed by each of the parties hereto, and attached to the original of this Agreement.

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

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER
SUPPLY AUTHORITY

By: _____
JAMES E. ADKINS
Chairperson

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EXHIBIT A

Program Description

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

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

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

Marion County WRWSA 2014 Attachment 3

Grant Timeline

Irrigation and Landscape Retrofits

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

Irrigation Evaluations to cover eastern Marion County

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

Low-Flow Kits for Homeowners

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

Bi-Monthly Utility Bill Inserts and Postcards

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

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August 12, 2014

Debra Burden
Water Conservation Coordinator
Citrus County Utilities Division
1300 S. Lecanto Hwy.
Lecanto, FL 34461

Re: WRWSA Local Governmental Water Supply Funding Assistance
Program, Project Grant Agreement

Dear Ms. Burden:

Enclosed you will find three (3) originals of the Project Grant Agreement, which the Authority's Board of Directors approved at its last meeting. The agreement is in the same form as the previous agreements entered into between the Authority and Citrus County. Please agenda this item for Board approval and forward the three (3) executed copies back to my office so that I can present them to the Authority for execution at the September meeting, which is scheduled for September 17, 2014.

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Cordially,

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LARRY M. HAAG

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Encl.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY FUNDING
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT

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

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

3. PROJECT FUNDING:

A. The AUTHORITY agrees to pay, on a reimbursement basis, to the GRANTEE, the sum of \$40,250.00 of the proposed \$80,500.00 total budget cost for the PROJECT.

B. The GRANTEE shall pay PROJECT costs prior to requesting reimbursement from the AUTHORITY. The AUTHORITY shall reimburse the GRANTEE for fifty percent (50%) of all allowable costs in each approved invoice based upon the listed tasks contained in Exhibit "A", not to exceed the sum of \$40,250.00 as identified in paragraph 3. A. above.

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

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

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Agreement shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, duly executed by each of the parties hereto, and attached to the original of this Agreement.

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

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Exhibit A 2015

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

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

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August 12, 2014

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

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EXHIBIT A

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

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

Overview

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

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

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

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

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

PURPOSE & PROPOSED INITIATIVES

Major elements of the program consist of:

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

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

Groundwater Guardian Team

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

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

Springs Coast Environmental Education Center (SCEEC)

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

Water Conservation media messaging campaign:

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

Water Conservation (Customer only) Incentive Programs:

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

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

CONCLUSION

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

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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