



WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

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WITHLACOOCHEE WATER AUTHORITY AWARDS CONSERVATION GRANTS

Local communities divvy up nearly \$130,000 for water conservation programs

LECANTO, FL, July 17, 2013 -- Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's Board of Directors representing Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties awarded nearly \$130,000 in matching grants to three member local governments. Hernando County received \$48,400 for its water conservation program, which has served as a model for the region since 2001, Citrus County received \$40,250 and Marion County received \$38,600 for each county's water conservation program. "Competing grant applications once again focus on supporting water conservation activities, and these three projects have proven effective water conservation programs," according to Authority Chairman Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner. Since 1999, the Authority has provided assistance to local governments for water supply projects that are located within the Authority's jurisdiction, that relate to water conservation, and are approved by the local government's elected body. Each year, the grant application period opens on May 1st and closes on the last working day of June. Authority Executive Director Richard Owen explained, "our efforts in recent years have focused on achieving the Southwest Florida Water Management District's per capita requirement of 150 gallons per capita per day and the conservation requirements of the St. Johns River Water Management District." Other matters decided by the Authority's Board included cancellation of the August meeting. The next Authority Board meeting will be on September 18th at 4:30 pm at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

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