

RESOLUTION 15-01

A RESOLUTION BY THE  
WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY (WRWSA)  
IN SUPPORT OF THE RAINBOW RIVER SURFACE WATER  
IMPROVEMENT AND MANAGEMENT (SWIM) PLAN

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the Surface Water Improvement and Management Act of 1987, as amended for the purpose of protecting and restoring the surface water resources of the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Act directs the water management districts to develop and implement management plans for protection and/or restoration of surface water bodies of state and regional significance, and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the Rainbow River was declared a SWIM priority water body, and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow River is a first-magnitude spring system and contributes to the region's aesthetic, ecological, and economic resources, and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, in cooperation with the Springs Coast Steering Committee and other resource management agencies, developed a SWIM plan for the Rainbow River, and

WHEREAS, the SWIM plan identifies the issues, strategies, and priority projects necessary to protect and restore the water body, and

WHEREAS, the SWIM plan identifies agricultural operations, septic tanks, water conservation, minimum flows and levels (MFLs) adoption, invasive species management and recreation management as priority management actions, and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of the management plan for the Rainbow River will require a continuing commitment from the State, water management district, local governments and other stakeholders to the Surface Water Improvement and Management Act of 1987, as amended, to fulfill the requirements of the Act and Legislative mandates,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WRWSA expresses its support for approval and implementation of the Rainbow River SWIM plan by the responsible parties within the limits of their respective resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015 by the WRWSA Board of Directors.

ATTESTED:

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL  
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

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RICHARD S. OWEN  
Executive Director

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Chairman