



**WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL
WATER
SUPPLY
AUTHORITY**

Board Meeting Package

September 18, 2013
4:30 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 5, 2013

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 18, 2013 at 4:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Center Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.**

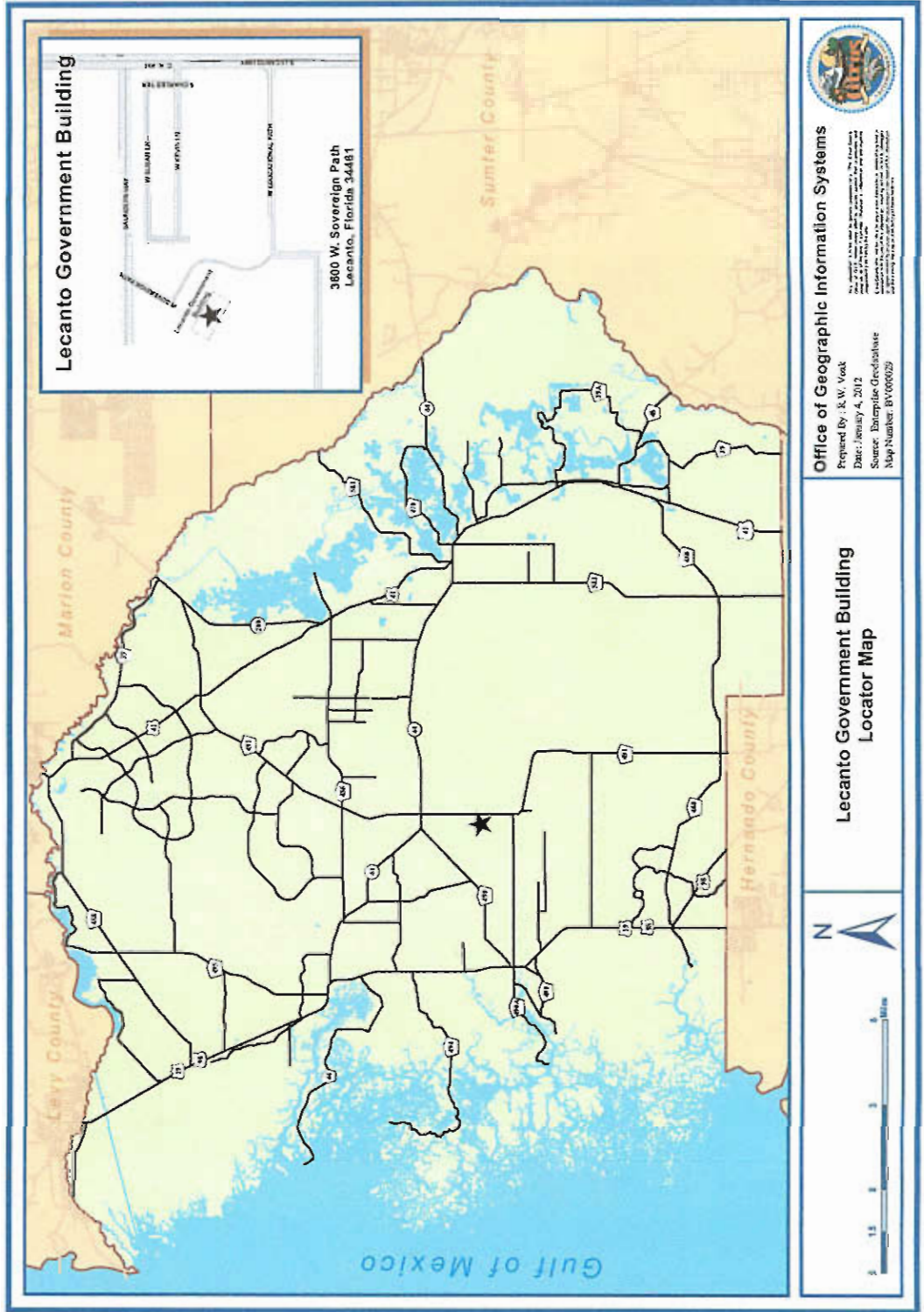
Enclosed for your review are the following items:

- Agenda
- Minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting
- Board Package*

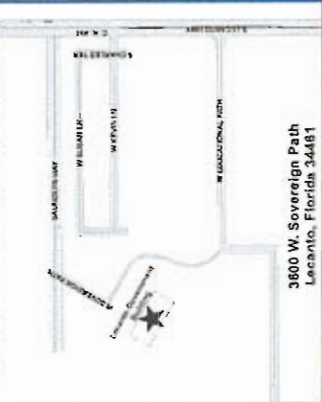
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Enclosures



Lecanto Government Building



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Lecanto, Florida 34481



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**Lecanto Government Building
Locator Map**



Driving Directions to 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto Government Building

From Brooksville:

- Go North on N. Main St. toward S. Broad St./E. Jefferson St.
- Take the 1st Left onto S. Broad St./W. Jefferson St.
- Turn Right onto US 98/Ponce De Leon Blvd.
- Turn Right onto CR 491 toward Lecanto (about 13.5 miles)
- Turn Left on W. Educational Path (traffic signal)
- Turn right at the Park onto W. Sovereign Path; continue to the right to the Lecanto Government Building

From Ocala

- Go southwest on SR 200 into Citrus County
- Turn Right onto CR 491 (stay on 491 through Beverly Hills, crossing Hwy. 486 and SR 44)
- Turn Right on Saunders Way
- Turn Left onto W. Sovereign Path; follow to Lecanto Government Building

From Bushnell

- In Bushnell, Go West on FL-48W
- Turn Right onto US 41; continue to follow US 41 N
- Continue straight onto FL 44 W/W Main St.; continue straight on SR 44
- Turn Left onto CR 491
- Turn Right onto Saunders Way
- Turn Left onto W. Sovereign Path; follow to Lecanto Government Building

From Wildwood

- Go West on SR 44W; continue on SR 44 through Inverness
- Turn Left onto CR 491
- Turn Right onto Saunders Way
- Turn Left onto W. Sovereign Path; follow to Lecanto Government Building.



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

**3600 W. SOVEREIGN PATH, ROOM 166
LECANTO, FLORIDA 34461
September 18, 2013 @ 4:30 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.

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| Item | #1 | Call to Order |
| Item | #2 | Roll Call |
| Item | #3 | Introductions and Announcements |
| Item | #4 | Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2013 |
| Item | #5 | Conservation Program Performance . . . Alys Brockway, Hernando County and Jamie Padgett, The Villages |
| Item | #6 | Regional Water Supply Plan Update . . . Gregg Jones, Cardno ENTRIX |
| Item | #7 | Cooperative Funding Application FY14/15 . . . Richard Owen, Executive Director |
| Item | #8 | Correspondence to SWFWMD . . . Richard Owen, Executive Director |
| Item | #9 | Executive Director's Report . . . Richard Owen, Executive Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Bills to be Paidb. 3rd Quarter Financial Reportc. Purvis Gray Letter of Engagementd. SunTrust Credit Carde. Correspondencef. News Articlesg. Other |
| Item | #10 | Legislative Report . . . Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Liaison |
| Item | #11 | Attorney's Report . . . Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Local Government Grant Agreementsb. Public Participation Processc. Liability Insuranced. Rule Repeal and Interlocal Agreement Changes |
| Item | #12 | Other Business |
| Item | #13 | Public Comment |
| Item | #14 | Next Meeting Time and Location . . . October 16, 2013, 3:30 p.m., Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461 |
| Item | #15 | Adjournment |

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Item 4.
Minutes July 17, 2013

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2013**

TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lecanto Government Building
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166
Lecanto, Florida 34461

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dennis Damato called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

2. Roll Call

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner
Al Butler, Sumter County Commissioner
Dennis Damato, Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner
Don Hahnfeldt, Sumter County Commissioner
Joseph Johnston, Brooksville City Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Adams, Citrus County Commissioner
Ken Brown, Crystal River City Councilor
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilor
Stan McClain, Marion County Commissioner
Nick Nicholson, Hernando County Commissioner
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilor
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

3. Introductions and Announcements

Members of the audience introduced themselves. There were no announcements.

STAFF PRESENT

Richard Owen, WRWSA Executive Director
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney
Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Liaison
Nancy Smith, WRWSA Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities
Jimmy Brooks, Citrus County Resident
Debra Burden, Citrus County Water Resources
Tom Dicks, City of Inverness

Kim Dinkins, Marion County Water Resources
John Ferguson, SWFWMD
Darrin Herbst, SWFWMD
Gregg Jones, Cardno Entrix
Richard Radack, City of Brooksville, DPW
Doug Yowell, Duke Energy
Chris Zajac, SWFWMD

4. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2013 Meeting

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

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Butler to approve the minutes for the June 19, 2013 meeting. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Duke Energy Report on Project Water Use . . . Doug Yowell, Duke Energy

Mr. Owen introduced Doug Yowell, Senior Environmental Specialist with Duke Energy. Mr. Yowell has over 25 years of experience in water supply and wastewater regulatory issues, mostly involving electric utility generation.

<Rebecca Bays arrived at 4:40 p.m.>

Mr. Yowell spoke regarding the water use needs of both the coal-fired units and the nuclear facility. All four of the coal-fired units (Units 1, 2, 4, & 5) require water as part of the energy production process. About 75 percent of the fresh water used at the plant is for coal-fired units 4 and 5 for the clean air pollution control equipment. While closure of the nuclear facility (Unit 3) has reduced water needs by about 27 percent, water is required for the spent fuel. These needs will continue even though the nuclear facility is shut down. Duke Energy is working with the City of Crystal River, with funding from the SWFWMD, to bring reclaimed water to the power plant site to offset the use of fresh water that is currently supplied by a series of wells.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Yowell stated that Duke Energy anticipates some additional water needs for new power generation in the area, perhaps as much as 500,000 gallons per day by 2018. Alternate power sources may be the use of western coal with units 1 and 2 or natural gas if a new plant is constructed. Mr. Owen asked if there is continued potential for collocation of a desalination plant with the power facility given that units 1 and 2 and the nuclear facility use seawater as part of the cooling process. Mr. Yowell stated that units 1, 2 and 3 use the most seawater in the open cycle cooling process. Since unit 3 is closed and units 1 and 2 may be closed after 2016 or 2018, the amount of water for the desalination process is reduced. These three plants were using about 1,800 million gallons per day in the cooling process. Without that amount of flow for dilution needed for a desalination unit, it may not be possible to collocate a desalination project.

6. Consumptive Use Permitting Statewide Consistency Initiative . . . Darrin W. Herbst, P.G.

Mr. Owen stated that the WRWSA has been involved with the statewide consumptive use permitting consistency on behalf of the WRWSA and its member governments. All five water management districts are in rulemaking to implement the changes. He introduced Darrin Herbst, SWFWMD Bureau Chief of the Water Use Permitting Program. Mr. Herbst heads up the water use permit evaluation, water use compliance, well construction permit evaluation and demand management.

Mr. Herbst presented information on the issues that have been addressed in the rulemaking process, focusing on the public supply related issues; this may be referred to as either the consumptive use or water use permitting process. The statewide effort has been to make the water use permitting process more similar in all districts. Incentives for the conservation of water have been added to the rules. If the actual water use is less than the permitted water use due to documented implementation of water conservation measures, the permitted allocation will not be reduced due to a lack of use. In addition, demonstrated water conservation may allow the permit to be extended up to five years. Additional rule workshops and reviews will be held in August and September 2013 with adoption scheduled for the October 2013 Governing Board meeting.

Discussion by the Board followed. Water conservation incentives and offsets for use of reclaimed water are the major changes to the permitting process. Mr. Owen stated that the WRWSA and the member governments have participated in the rulemaking process and continue to maintain interest in the proposed changes. Mr. Owen asked about the ability of the utilities to deduct 50 percent of the reclaimed water that is beneficially used. Mr. Herbst responded that the 50 percent offset would continue. Mr. Owen commented that the WRWSA recommends the District consider changing its rules such that the offset is raised to 100 percent of the beneficially used reclaimed water.

7. Regional Water Supply Plan Update . . . Gregg Jones, Cardno ENTRIX

Mr. Jones presented the fourth progress report for the Regional Water Supply Plan Update. Work is ongoing on water demand estimates, availability of ground and surface water, conservation and reclaimed water strategies, and water supply project options. Significant progress has been made on all four tasks. The Cardno team continues to work with the member utilities to complete the data needed for the Conserve Florida water conservation model. Mr. Owen informed the Board that this model was developed for use by individual utilities. Therefore, he and Gregg Jones are working with the University of Florida Conserve Florida, the group with responsibility for the model's development and use, to have them assist with data entry and to use the model for compiling all of the utilities in the Withlacoochee Region. The Conserve Florida model will then be used to estimate projected water conservation savings opportunities as a part of the WRWSA's Regional Water Supply Plan update. This process has the potential to delay progress on the Regional Water Supply Plan Update.

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

8. Local Government Grant Applications . . . Richard Owen, Executive Director

Mr. Owen summarized the local government grant program instituted by the Authority in 1999. Applications were received from four local governments: the City of Inverness, Citrus County, Hernando County and Marion County. The counties each applied for funds to supplement and continue existing water conservation programs and were consistent with the Authority's water conservation priority. The City of Inverness submitted an application to request support of its Automatic Metering Infrastructure project; however, no description of how the project would address water conservation was given and there was no specific amount of funding requested. Mr. Owen recommended approval of the grants for Citrus County, \$40,250, for Hernando County, \$48,200, and for Marion County, \$38,600 for a total grant program of \$127,250.

Tom Dicks, Inverness Assistant City Manager, presented the City's Automatic Metering Infrastructure project. Mr. Owen offered to work with the City to improve their application for the next year, nevertheless, funding for 2013/14 fiscal year is requested as the project is anticipated to begin in November 2013 and to be complete by June 2014. The City is requesting the maximum funding of \$50,000.

The Board discussed the projects requested and asked for quantifiable data from the existing conservation programs. This information is to be provided to Mr. Owen for inclusion at a later Board meeting.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Butler to approve funding of the water conservation programs for Citrus, Hernando, and Marion counties for a total amount of \$127,250. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adkins and carried unanimously.

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

a. **Bills to be Paid**

The July 2013 bills were provided in the handout. Mr. Owen requested the Board approve payment of the July 2013 bills totaling \$32,725.81.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Adkins to approve payment of the June 2013 bills of \$32,725.81. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnston and carried unanimously.

b. **FY 2013/14 Board Meeting Calendar**

Mr. Owen presented the WRWSA meeting calendar for the fiscal year beginning in October 2013. Beginning with the October 16, 2013 meeting, the time of the meeting will change from 4:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Bays to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for FY 2013/14 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adkins and carried unanimously.

c. **Correspondence**

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

d. **News Articles**

News articles were presented in the Board's package and additional articles in a handout. This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

e. **Other**

Mr. Owen presented updates to the Board on the following issues:

- **Credit Card Application.** Mr. Owen stated that he was working to obtain a SunTrust credit card for the Authority's use consistent with Board action at the April 17, 2013 meeting. SunTrust bank has indicated that a Corporate Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency is required, which document must be signed by the Authority's officers. The Resolution is included in the Board's hand out packet and attached by reference. Mr. Owen requested approval of the Corporate Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Johnston to adopt the Corporate Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency for the SunTrust credit card. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adkins and carried unanimously.

- **AWWA**

Mr. Owen announced that the annual water forum for the Florida section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) is scheduled for September 20, 2013.

He requested authorization to attend for both himself and for Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant. The cost of the attendance will be approximately \$560 including mileage, registration costs, and hotel for Ms. Salz.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Adkins to approve travel to the AWWA forum for both Mr. Owen and Ms. Salz, providing a report following the meeting is provided. The motion was second by Mr. Butler and carried unanimously.

- ***Adena Springs Ranch Consumptive Use Permit, SJRWMD.*** There is no further information at this time. It is still pending action.
- ***Northern District Model***
The northern district model is on schedule. The group is considering which demand scenarios should be included.
- ***Levy County***
At earlier meetings, the Board had discussed the possibility of approaching Levy County to re-join the WRWSA. Levy County was one of the original water supply authority members, but withdrew a number of years ago. Mr. Owen has been in contact with the County Coordinator, Fred Moody. He has sent information to Mr. Moody and has asked to meet with the commissioners one-on-one. Mr. Owen hopes to have a meeting with the full County Commission following meetings with the individual commissioners.
- ***Hernando County BOCC, June 25, 2013***
Mr. Owen informed the Board that he had attended the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners meeting on June 25, 2013. Hernando County's application for funding through the Authority's local government grant program was on the county's consent agenda where it was approved.
- ***CFI Process for 2014/15 FY***
Last year, the CFI application submitted for an irrigation system evaluation program was denied by SWFWMD governing board sub-committee although highly ranked by the staff. Mr. Owen met with member government staff to discuss the next application prior to a meeting with SWFWMD staff. The local government staff affirmed that water conservation is still the primary focus for conserving local water resources and should continue to be the focus for the WRWSA. District staff holds the same position. Water conservation, particularly outdoor irrigation, continues to have the greatest opportunity for saving water. Discussion with the staff included ways to improve our application for the next cycle. Mr. Owen stated that he also hopes to meet one-on-one with Governing Board members to discuss WRWSA potential projects.
- ***SJRWMD – SB 244***
Recent legislation, Senate Bill 244, requires joint planning by water management districts and water supply authorities that have overlapping boundaries. The SWFWMD has been using the WRWSA's master water supply plan for a number of years as the basis of the District's water supply planning for the public supply in this region. St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) will now undertake a similar planning program. To understand better how we can work with them on

their District plan, Mr. Owen plans to have SJRWMD staff come to an Authority Board meeting to discuss their water supply planning program.

- ***Consumptive Use Permit Consistency Process***

Mr. Owen announced an August 7, 2013, workshop on the consumptive use permit consistency process. That meeting conflicts with Technical Advisory Meeting for the Regional Master Plan Update. Mr. Owen will try to participate in the consumptive use process online.

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

Ms. Salz reviewed the legislative update on a variety of issues that she tracks regarding water resources and potential legislative issues. A number of annual meetings of interest are scheduled during August and September; these are listed in the report in the handout under Item 10. The next Department of Environmental Protection public hearing on the Minimum Flows and Levels for the Homassassa and Chassahowitzka rivers will be held on September 10, 2013 at the SWFWMD Brooksville office. Additional funds have been added to the springs protection and restoration program, bringing the total of recurring funds to \$15 million. This amount is increased by matching funds from the water management districts. Four of the five water management districts have proposed projects for using these funds. Ms. Salz will provide additional information as details on funding of specific projects is available.

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

- ***Additional item:***

Mr. Owen stated that he had an additional item for the Board to consider. The WRWSA recently received a letter from the Marion County BOCC to SWFWMD, expressing their concerns over the cooperative funding process in absence of the Basin Boards. This letter was provided to the Board members as separate item. He asked if the Authority should draft a similar letter regarding funding for outdoor water conservation issues. The Board agreed that Diane Salz would draft a letter for review at the September board meeting.

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

There were no items for Board action at tonight's meeting. However, Mr. Haag advised the Board that he would have a number of items for the Board at the next meeting, including the local government grant contracts, quotes on liability insurance, a recommendation on WRWSA rules for repeal, and a public participation process.

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

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Next Meeting Time and Location

Mr. Owen advised that it has been the tradition of the Board to cancel its August meeting. As there is no urgent business for August, he recommended that the Board cancel the August meeting.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Adkins to cancel the August 21, 2013 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bays and carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2013, 4:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

15. Adjournment

Chairman Damato announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the WRWSA and adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Dennis Damato, Chairman

Richard S. Owen, Executive Director

**Item 5.
Conservation Program
Performance Reports**

Item 5. Conservation Program Performance . . . Alys Brockway, Hernando County and Jamie Padgett, Arnett Environmental (Representing The Villages)

At the July 2013 Board meeting it was requested that the local cooperators receiving funding assistance from the Authority come to a future Board meeting with progress reports on their conservation activities. The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide this status report to the Board. At this month's meeting presentations will be provided by:

- Alys Brockway, Water Conservation Division, Hernando County; and
- Jamie Padgett, Arnett Environmental, LLC, representing The Villages.

At the Board's October 16, 2013 meeting presentations will be provided by:

- Debra Burden, Water Conservation Manager, Citrus County; and
- Kim Dinkins, Water Resources Coordinator, Marion County.

Staff Recommendation: This item is for information only and no action is required.

**Item 6.
Regional Water Supply
Plan Update**

**Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Water Supply Plan Update
Progress Report #5 (July 2013)**

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1) Task 2. Availability of Ground- and Surface Water

- a. Worked closely with the SWFWMD to coordinate understanding of our modeling role now that we received the calibrated steady state Northern District model. Specific activities included in depth review of modeling scenarios and methodologies for how the Northern District Model was calibrated and how predevelopment water levels were established. Have worked with SWFWMD to establish the scenarios we will run and how we will establish predevelopment conditions from the calibrated 1995 steady state condition. We have begun to work with the model to establish procedures for setting up transient scenarios as well as pre-development water levels.

2) Task 3. Water Conservation and Reclaimed Water Strategies

- a. Based on our evaluation of the EZ Guide Water Conservation Model and the issues that have made it difficult to use the tool, we have formulated a method to move forward with the model and will be finalizing it in August following coordination with EZ Guide staff at the University of Florida.
- b. Have completed addressing the TAC comments on our projections of the quantity of reclaimed water that will be available to offset demand through 2035 from each utility in the WRWSA's four counties. Have submitted it to the Authority for review prior to sending it to the TAC committee for additional review.

3) Task 4. Water Supply Project Options

- a. Our sub consultant continues work on updating the feasibility of a seawater desalination project option at the Crystal River Power Plant site.
- b. We are continuing our update the surface water supply options for the Withlacoochee River.

4) Task 8. Facilitation of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

- a. The third TAC meeting to be held on August 7th was cancelled because we are not at a stage that requires significant review of work products.

**Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Water Supply Plan Update
Progress Report #6 (August 2013)**

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1) Task 2. Availability of Ground- and Surface Water

- 1) Continued our efforts to work with SWFWMD to coordinate the impact modeling of proposed wellfields. We are expecting the SWFWMD to deliver their updated Northern District model and its updated well packages to us no later than the 2nd week of September. The following are issues associated with the modeling that we have been working through.
 - a. Re-evaluating the need for and locations of the four wellfields proposed in the WRWSA's 2010 Water Supply Plan Update. The re-evaluation is based on the 2035 population and water demand projections that we have recently developed.
 - b. The Northern District model evaluates drawdowns from a pre-development potentiometric surface baseline, which is in keeping with how the SWFWMD has traditionally assessed impacts from groundwater withdrawals. However, the SJRWMD has traditionally evaluated drawdowns from a 1995 potentiometric surface baseline. Since the Northern District model will be used to evaluate drawdowns from wellfields in the SJRWMD, the Districts will need to decide how to deal with model results in the SJRWMD that will show much greater drawdowns than what they have acknowledged in the past.
 - c. For the WRWSA's 2010 Water Supply Plan, the impacts from each proposed wellfield were modeled by adding additional groundwater withdrawal quantities ranging from 7.5 mgd to 15 mgd to the model, depending on the wellfield, for each model run. These quantities were in addition to the groundwater quantities necessary to meet the 2030 demand that were already in the model. This means that the model was withdrawing more water from the aquifer than would actually occur and impacts to springs and other resources would be greater than what would actually occur. This was not a problem in 2010 because the assumption was made that the flow of the major springs near the wellfields could be reduced by as much as 15 percent without violating the anticipated minimum flow for the spring. Now that the actual minimum flows have been adopted or proposed, reduction of spring flow by as little as 2 percent may cause exceedances of the minimum flow. This will require a higher degree of accuracy in the groundwater withdrawal quantity in the model. To achieve this, we will need to remove groundwater withdrawals in the vicinity of the wellfield in an amount equal to whatever withdrawal is being proposed for the wellfield being evaluated.

2) Task 3. Water Conservation and Reclaimed Water Strategies

- a. Develop a scope of work for the University of Florida EZ Guide staff to move forward with the model. Met with the EZ Guide staff and responded to their comments on the scope.
- b. Developed a second draft of projections of the quantity of reclaimed water that will be available to offset demand through 2035 from each utility in the WRWSA's four counties. Have submitted it to the Authority for review , and sent it to the TAC committee for additional review. Currently responding to comments from utility staff.

3) Task 4. Water Supply Project Options

- a. Our sub consultant continues work on updating the feasibility of a seawater desalination project option at the Crystal River Power Plant site.
- b. We are continuing our update the surface water supply options for the Withlacoochee River.

Item 7.
CFI Application

Item 7. SWFWMD 2014-15 Cooperative Funding Program – Approval of Application . . . Richard Owen, Executive Director

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has announced the acceptance of applications for its Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Cooperative Funding Initiative. The District's application deadline is October 4, 2013. In order to meet this deadline, staff has begun preparation of an application for continuation of the Irrigation Audit project. A copy of the project description is included as an exhibit to this item. This project is recommended in the Authority's Phase II – Detailed Water Supply Feasibility Analysis. The purpose of this item is to seek the Board's approval for submitting this cooperative funding application to the SWFWMD. In addition, as directed by the Board at the July 17, 2013 meeting, a letter to the SWFWMD regarding its Cooperative Funding Initiative has been prepared for the Board's consideration and is included as an exhibit to this item.

This project is intended to reduce outdoor irrigation demands and help member governments meet the SWFWMD's conservation requirements. Authority staff has met with local program coordinators that participate in this project, with the SWFWMD staff and a Governing Board member in order to address any reasons why the Authority's 2013-14 application was turned down and better ensure approval of this application. The total project funding is proposed at \$79,500, based upon the number of audits that can reasonably be completed within a one-year time frame, and would be divided equally (\$39,750.00) between the Authority and the SWFWMD.

As a part of the application submittal, the Authority must provide a commitment to fund its 50 percent of the project in its FY 2014-2015 budget. This amounts to a total of \$39,750.00 in project funding, which would come from the Authority's water supply development reserves, which are projected to be approximately \$692,514 at the end of the current fiscal year and will be more than adequate in FY 2014-2015 to fund the Authority's share of this project.

Staff Recommendation: The staff recommends Board approval of FY 2014-2015 SWFWMD Cooperative Funding application for the Irrigation Audit Project for a total amount of \$79,500.00. This includes a commitment to fund the Authority's portion of this project (\$39,750.00) in its FY 2014-2015 budget should the project be approved for funding by the SWFWMD.

Project Description:

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) is proposing the continuation and enhancement of an outdoor water conservation education and irrigation evaluation project that will educate single-family residential customers who use potable water regarding system modifications that can maximize watering efficiency. Project participants will receive an irrigation system evaluation, site-specific water use reduction recommendations, rain sensor installation if an operable sensor is not present and water wise landscaping educational materials. The project results in quantifiable water savings, increases water resource availability to additional customers, assists utilities in meeting the District's required maximum 150 gallons per person per day rule requirement, and contributes to water quality and natural systems protection.

The WRWSA serves as a project manager for the participating utilities, which includes Citrus, Hernando and Marion counties and The Villages of Sumter. A qualified irrigation contractor will be hired to perform evaluations. As in previous phases, each utility is required to provide a minimum of twelve months post-irrigation evaluation water-use data. To-date, two phases of the project have been initiated, including the Pilot and Phase 2. All audits within the Pilot phase are complete, and twelve months of post-evaluation water use data has been submitted by the utilities for the first 50 evaluations. Actual water savings show an average of 432 gallons per account per day, or a total savings of 7.9 million gallons of water per year (mgy). Based on this initial data, the Pilot project annual savings for the total 230 evaluations are projected to be 36.2 mgy. These savings are directly measurable from the utilities water use data and may be measured over time.

Phase 2 was initiated in 2013 and is expected to perform 384 evaluations for a total projected savings of 33.6 mgy. The Phase 3 application proposes to evaluate the irrigation systems of 140 high-water use, single-family residential customers. According to "Potable Water Conservation Best Management Practices for the Tampa Bay Region" (Tampa Bay Water, 2003), a City of Tampa study of 96 residential locations identified average water savings of 188 gallons per account per day (gpad) as a result of irrigation evaluations. To-date, the WRWSA's pilot project has seen an average savings of 432 gpad, more than double the savings identified in the Tampa Bay study, which likely reflects the larger lots found in the District's northern region, the significant amount of outdoor water use associated with these single family residential lots, and the tremendous potential for water savings through the proposed project.

During the pilot phase of this program, customer survey and follow-up evaluation results indicate that many of the suggested system and time clock efficiency modifications were implemented. Upon project completion, annual water savings of this third phase are projected to average 12.3 mgy, enhancing water availability for potable water customers throughout the four-county region. Utilizing the District's methodology and district-wide water savings calculations, the overall cost effectiveness is \$1.58 per thousand gallons saved.

Based on the actual water-use data provided by the utilities for the Pilot Project, the overall cost effectiveness of the proposed Phase 3 project is \$0.87 per thousand gallons saved.

September 18, 2013

Chairman Carlos Beruff
Governing Board
Southwest Florida Water Management District
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899

RE: Cooperative Funding

Dear Chairman Beruff:

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority has enjoyed the support of Southwest Florida Water Management District over the years, particularly the District's Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) program. The CFI program has promoted collaboration among the Authority's member governments of Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties in the northern district region. In recent years, our cooperative efforts have focused on assisting utilities in achieving the District's per capita requirement of 150 gallons per capita per day. The on-going outdoor irrigation audit program was selected by the Authority as the program with the greatest potential for achieving water savings after soliciting input from industry experts among our member governments, Tampa Bay Water, the District, and the Authority's consultants. With the disbandment of the basin boards in 2011, there is growing concern expressed by Authority members that the needs of the northern District may not be understood and heeded without the type of representation that the basin boards provided.

To illustrate this growing concern, Authority member governments have enthusiastically participated in the above-mentioned WRWSA Regional Residential Outdoor Irrigation Audit Program over the past three years made possible through CFI matching grants. This program was modeled after a Tampa Bay municipality's program, which has been supported by the District over the past seven-years. The program has targeted single-family residential households exceeding desirable potable water use levels, and offers voluntarily participating households an audit to identify inefficient landscaping practices and irrigation devices for corrective action.

One of the main concerns expressed by District Governing Board members at the northern region CFI subcommittee meeting was that the WRWSA's program results are not measurable. This was an unfortunate misunderstanding, since the program results are very much measurable. The WRWSA program includes a follow-up with a representative sample of participants to determine the degree of

implementation of audit recommendations. Monthly post-audit metered water use is monitored for a full year and compared to pre-audit water use to evaluate total program water savings. Participants' water use can be evaluated at future intervals as well to evaluate longer-term savings. While the same Tampa Bay municipality's FY 2014 CFI matching grant request was approved, the Authority's Regional Residential Outdoor Irrigation Audit Program was not approved by the District's northern region subcommittee, although District staff had ranked the program high in every category.

In addition, with a sample of fifty participating households in the initial Pilot program, for which we currently have one full year of post-audit monthly metered water use, the Authority's program has already realized a savings of 8 million gallons of potable water per year. Full implementation of the Pilot program would result in 230 households collectively saving 36 million gallons of potable water per year. Phase 2 of the program, which began in April 2013, is expected to save at least an additional 34 million gallons of water per year (mgy) based on District-wide savings rates, or as much as 60.5 mgy using the Pilot program results to date.

Water conservation remains a top priority for the Authority. The Authority will continue to support its member governments in meeting the District's maximum 150 gallons per capita per day requirement, although at a reduced level during FY 2014 without the District's support. We appreciate the partnership the District has supported with the Authority over the years and strongly urge that District guidelines and policies used to evaluate the merits of proposed CFI projects are consistent among the District's regional subcommittees.

Sincerely,

Dennis Damato, Chairman
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

cc: Senator Charlie Dean
Senator Alan Hays
Senator Dorothy Hukill
Senator Wilton Simpson
Rep. Dennis Baxley
Rep. Marlene O' Toole
Rep. Jimmy Smith
Rep. Charlie Stone
Rep. Clovis Watson

Item 8
Correspondence to
SWFWMD

Item 8. Correspondence to the SWFWMD . . . Richard Owen, Executive Director

Authority staff has been in discussions with representatives of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) on several issues of interest to the Authority, its member governments and other stakeholders within the region. Three topics have been the focus of these discussions, including the following:

1. Potential SWFWMD funding assistance for regional fresh ground water projects;
2. The potential for the lower Floridan groundwater aquifer to be designated as an alternative water supply (AWS) for purposes of permittees meeting water use permitting requirements to investigate and, where feasible, utilize AWS; and
3. How reclaimed water provided to non-potable water customers (e.g., golf courses, power plants, etc.), is treated in the District's water use permitting program for purposes of calculating and reporting "compliance" per capita rates.

Staff believes the District may be receptive to these topics and that it is appropriate for the Authority to convey its recommendations regarding these topics in writing to the District. A draft letter for the Board's consideration will be distributed prior to or at the meeting.

Staff Recommendation: The staff recommends Board approval of the proposed letter to SWFWMD for the Chairman's signature.

Item 9.a.
Bills to be Paid

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

Bills For Payment
8/21/13

<u>Administrative Invoices</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richard S. Owen, AICP	2013-07	8/8/13	\$ 6,893.09
1-Stop Prints of Citrus County	13-01112	7/15/13	\$ 76.16
1-Stop Prints of Citrus County	13-01187	7/30/13	\$ 168.00
Citrus Publishing Inc.	12470557	7/31/13	\$ 23.03
The Daily Commercial	22125196	7/31/13	\$ 21.72
Star-Banner	8138785	7/31/13	\$ 42.08
James Adkins	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/17/13	\$ 19.58
Al Butler	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/17/13	\$ 27.59
Joe Johnston	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/17/13	\$ 19.58
Karen Allen (Web Master)	#0041	8/11/13	\$ 75.00
Haag, Haag and Friedrich	1151-1;1151-2	8/6/13	\$ 2,000.80
Diane Salz - Monthly Contract fee	73113	7/31/13	\$ 3,500.00
Diane Salz, Travel	Bd. Mtg. Travel	7/17/13	\$ 191.98
Nancy Smith, Administrative Assistant	2013-07	8/3/13	\$ 3,390.11
Total Administrative Invoices			\$ 16,448.72

<u>Water Supply Studies and Facilities</u>	<u>Total Grant Cost</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Current Invoice</u>
General Services Contract	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Work Order 12-01. WRA		\$ 22,914.80	\$ 1,614.62
FY 12-13 Local Government Water Supply Projects			
FY 13 Citrus Water Conservation Pgm.	\$ 48,300.00	\$ 48,300.00	
FY 13 Hernando Water Conservation Pgm	\$ 46,800.00	\$ 46,800.00	
FY 13 Marion Water Conservation Pgm	\$ 34,900.00	\$ 34,900.00	
FY 2012-14 Ph.2 Irrigation Audit Program	\$ 42,060.00	\$ 37,645.00	\$ 3,660.00
Northern District Model Expansion	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	
Update of Regional Water Supply Plan	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 182,126.54	\$ 10,157.68
<u>Carry-over Projects</u>			
FY12 Cardno TBE CAB Eval & R&R Update	\$ 23,500.00	\$ -	
FY12 Hernando Water Conservation Pgm	\$ 43,500.00	\$ -	
FY12 Marion Water Conservation Pgm	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 34,746.75	
Purvis Gray Rate Analysis (CAB WSF)	\$ 8,588.00	\$ 8,588.00	
FY 2010-12 Pilot Irrigation Audit Pgm Complete	\$ 37,800.00	\$ 12,295.00	\$ 900.00
FY09 North Sumter Data Collection	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,772.55	
Project Invoice Totals	\$ 691,948.00	\$ 517,588.64	\$ 16,332.30

TOTAL BILLS TO BE PAID	\$ 32,781.02
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State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA2 to SBA1	\$ 16,332.30
State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA1 to SunTrust Bank	\$ 32,781.00

**Item 9.b.
3rd Quarter
Financial Report**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

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

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and major fund of Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (the Authority), an Independent Special District, as of and for the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2013, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. 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 required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures 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

September 4, 2013
Tallahassee, Florida

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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 2013

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in Bank - SunTrust	\$ 1,510.29
Cash in Bank - LGIP	633,525.27
Cash in Bank - Fund B	3,370.73
Cash in Bank - LGIP/Citrus Revenue	894,589.07
Cash in Bank - Fund B/Citrus Revenue	<u>8,623.27</u>

Total Current Assets **1,541,618.63**

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Equipment	3,728.84
Accum Deprec - Equipment	(1,494.65)
Citrus Co. Wellfield 88'	4,895,231.21
Accum Deprec - Wellfield	<u>(3,263,490.55)</u>

Total Property and Equipment **1,633,974.85**

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 3,175,593.48**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable - Special Projects	\$ 17,400.26
Accounts Payable - General	<u>15,325.55</u>

Total Current Liabilities **32,725.81**

NET ASSETS

Net Assets - Unrestricted	3,074,801.22
Net Income	<u>68,066.45</u>

Total Net Assets **3,142,867.67**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS **\$ 3,175,593.48**

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
For the Period Ended June 30, 2013

	3 months ended June 30, 2013	%	9 months ended June 30, 2013	%
REVENUE				
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 6,695.41	5.81 %	\$ 20,086.23	6.24 %
Hernando Co. Assessments	8,221.21	7.14 %	24,663.63	7.67 %
Sumter Co. Assessments	4,589.21	3.98 %	13,767.63	4.28 %
Marion County Assessment	15,757.89	13.68 %	47,273.67	14.70 %
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	40,896.75	35.51 %	122,690.25	38.14 %
Citrus County Wlfld Admin Recov	15,000.00	13.02 %	45,000.00	13.99 %
SWFWMD Match Pil Irr Audit Pgm	0.00	0.00 %	18,496.89	5.75 %
LG Match Phase 2 Irr Audit Pgm	24,025.00	20.86 %	24,025.00	7.47 %
VCCDD Pilot Irrig Audit Prg	0.00	0.00 %	2,081.25	0.65 %
NSCUDD Pilot Irr Audit Pgm	0.00	0.00 %	3,607.50	1.12 %
Total Revenue	115,185.47	100.00 %	321,692.05	100.00 %
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Consulting Admin Asst	9,375.00	8.14 %	28,125.00	8.74 %
Executive Director Richard Owen	19,999.97	17.36 %	59,999.99	18.65 %
Advertising	60.61	0.05 %	770.54	0.24 %
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00 %	90.00	0.03 %
Lecanto Rent	0.00	0.00 %	2,218.32	0.69 %
Registration/Dues	0.00	0.00 %	659.00	0.20 %
Legal - Monthly Meeting	1,500.00	1.30 %	3,500.00	1.09 %
Legal - Other Services	1,653.72	1.44 %	4,887.14	1.52 %
Office Supplies	306.04	0.27 %	362.27	0.11 %
Printing & Reproduction	303.85	0.26 %	1,631.61	0.51 %
Postage	187.89	0.16 %	490.23	0.15 %
Audit	0.00	0.00 %	8,565.00	2.66 %
Bookkeeping/Financial Asst.	900.00	0.78 %	1,363.60	0.42 %
Publications/Software	0.00	0.00 %	11.92	0.00 %
State Fees/Assessments	0.00	0.00 %	175.00	0.05 %
Web Page/Internet Services	250.00	0.22 %	1,200.00	0.37 %
Telephone	232.27	0.20 %	670.75	0.21 %
Travel	1,052.39	0.91 %	3,347.25	1.04 %
Legislative Consultant	10,500.00	9.12 %	31,500.00	9.79 %
08-09 North Sumter Data Coll.	0.00	0.00 %	3,227.45	1.00 %
FY11 Irr Audit Pmts Overdorf	1,800.00	1.56 %	17,405.00	5.41 %
FY11 Pmt Irr Audit Admin-Smith	2,700.00	2.34 %	9,000.00	2.80 %
2013 General Services Account	725.00	0.63 %	2,085.20	0.65 %
12-13 Update Reg Master Plan	56,244.02	48.83 %	67,873.46	21.10 %
Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Pgm	4,743.00	4.12 %	4,743.00	1.47 %
FY12 CAB Eng. Evaluation & Updt	0.00	0.00 %	2,350.00	0.73 %
Total Operating Expenses	112,533.76	97.70 %	256,251.73	79.66 %
Operating Income (Loss)	2,651.71	2.30 %	65,440.32	20.34 %
OTHER INCOME				
Interest Income SBA 1	242.75	0.21 %	756.84	0.24 %
Interest Income SBA 2	524.30	0.46 %	1,869.29	0.58 %
Total Other Income	767.05	0.67 %	2,626.13	0.82 %
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 3,418.76	2.97 %	\$ 68,066.45	21.16 %

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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
BUDGET TO ACTUAL
For the Period Ended June 30, 2013

	<u>9 months ended</u> <u>June 30, 2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>9 months ended</u> <u>June 30, 2013</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>Over/(Under)</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Remaining</u>
REVENUE					
Citrus Co. Assessments	\$ 20,086.23	\$ 20,086.50	\$ (0.27)	\$ 26,782.00	\$ 6,695.77
Hernando Co. Assessments	24,663.63	24,663.75	(0.12)	32,885.00	8,221.37
Sumter Co. Assessments	13,767.63	13,767.75	(0.12)	18,357.00	4,589.37
Marion County Assessment	47,273.67	47,274.00	(0.33)	63,032.00	15,758.33
Citrus Co Facilities Recovery	122,690.25	122,690.25	0.00	163,587.00	40,896.75
Citrus County Wifld Admin Recov	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	15,000.00
SWFWMD Match Pil Iri Audit Pgm	18,496.89	14,175.00	4,321.89	18,900.00	403.11
Phase 2 SWFWMD MatchRegIrrAud	0.00	15,772.50	(15,772.50)	21,030.00	21,030.00
LG Match Phase 2 Irr Audit Pgm	24,025.00	27,028.51	(3,003.51)	36,038.00	12,013.00
12-14 Villages Matc Fund IrrAu	0.00	1,971.00	(1,971.00)	2,628.00	2,628.00
2012 SWFWMD Match MP Update	0.00	93,750.02	(93,750.02)	125,000.00	125,000.00
VCCDD Pilot Irrig Audit Prg	2,081.25	1,162.52	918.73	1,550.00	(531.25)
NSCUDD Pilot Iri Audit Pgm	3,607.50	0.00	3,607.50	0.00	(3,607.50)
Total Revenue	321,692.05	427,341.80	(105,649.75)	569,789.00	248,096.95
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Consulting Admin Asst	28,125.00	28,125.00	0.00	37,500.00	9,375.00
Executive Director Richard Owen	59,999.99	60,000.02	(0.03)	80,000.00	20,000.01
As Needed Services JES	0.00	3,750.02	(3,750.02)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Advertising	770.54	1,125.00	(354.46)	1,500.00	729.46
Bank Charges	90.00	450.00	(360.00)	600.00	510.00
Lecanto Rent	2,218.32	1,536.02	682.30	2,048.00	(170.32)
Registration/Dues	659.00	1,500.02	(841.02)	2,000.00	1,341.00
Legal - Monthly Meeting	3,500.00	4,500.00	(1,000.00)	6,000.00	2,500.00
Legal - Other Services	4,887.14	10,500.02	(5,612.88)	14,000.00	9,112.86
Office Supplies	362.27	2,700.00	(2,337.73)	3,600.00	3,237.73
Printing & Reproduction	1,631.61	1,500.02	131.59	2,000.00	368.39
Postage	490.23	749.98	(259.75)	1,000.00	509.77
Audit	8,565.00	6,374.98	2,190.02	8,500.00	(65.00)
Bookkeeping/Financial Asst.	1,363.60	1,012.50	351.10	1,350.00	(13.60)
Publications/Software	11.92	149.99	(138.07)	200.00	188.08
State Fees/Assessments	175.00	131.23	43.77	175.00	0.00
Web Page/Internet Services	1,200.00	1,387.49	(187.49)	1,850.00	650.00
Telephone	670.75	1,874.98	(1,204.23)	2,500.00	1,829.25
Travel	3,347.25	10,499.99	(7,152.74)	14,000.00	10,652.75
Legislative Consultant	31,500.00	31,500.00	0.00	42,000.00	10,500.00
08-09 North Sumter Data Coll.	3,227.45	3,750.03	(522.58)	5,000.04	1,772.59
FY11 Iri Audit Pmts Overdorf	17,405.00	18,750.01	(1,345.01)	25,000.00	7,595.00
FY11 Pmt Iri Audit Admin-Smith	9,000.00	8,100.00	900.00	10,800.00	1,800.00
FY11 Irrigation Audit Marketing	0.00	1,499.99	(1,499.99)	2,000.00	2,000.00
FY12 Purvis Gray Rate Analysis	0.00	6,441.02	(6,441.02)	8,588.00	8,588.00
2013 General Services Account	2,085.20	56,250.00	(54,164.80)	75,000.00	72,914.80
12-13 Update Reg Master Plan	67,873.46	187,499.98	(119,626.52)	250,000.00	182,126.54
12-13 Local Govt Water SupProj	0.00	97,499.98	(97,499.98)	130,000.00	130,000.00
Phase 2 Irrigation Audit Pgm	4,743.00	31,545.00	(26,802.00)	42,060.00	37,317.00
FY12 CAB Eng. Evaluation & Updt	2,350.00	0.00	2,350.00	0.00	(2,350.00)
Total Operating Expenses	256,251.73	580,703.27	(324,451.54)	774,271.04	518,019.31
Operating Income (Loss)	65,440.32	(153,361.47)	218,801.79	(204,482.04)	(269,922.36)
OTHER INCOME					
Interest Income SBA 1	756.84	0.00	756.84	0.00	(756.84)
Interest Income SBA 2	1,869.29	0.00	1,869.29	0.00	(1,869.29)
Total Other Income	2,626.13	0.00	2,626.13	0.00	(2,626.13)
Net Income (Loss)	68,066.45	(153,361.47)	221,427.92	(204,482.04)	(272,548.49)

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July 18, 2013

COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT LETTER

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

This letter is to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the services we will provide.

We will perform the following services:

- 1) We will compile, from information you provide, the quarterly balance sheets and statements of revenue and expenses of the business-type activities and major fund of Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (the Authority) as of and for the periods then ended and issue an accountants' report thereon in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and the statement of cash flows required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The supplementary information accompanying the compiled financial statements is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information will be compiled from information that is the representation of management. We will not audit or review the supplementary information, and accordingly we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on such data.

The objective of a compilation is to assist you in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements. We will utilize information that is your representation without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for the statements to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

You are responsible for:

- a) The preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- b) Designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.
- c) Preventing and detecting fraud.
- d) Identifying and ensuring that the organization complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities.
- e) Making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

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Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Attn: Mr. Richard Owen, Executive Director
Lecanto, Florida

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July 18, 2013

1) *(Concluded)*

We will conduct our compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation differs significantly from a review or an audit of financial statements. A compilation does not contemplate performing inquiry, analytical procedures, or other procedures performed in a review. Additionally, a compilation does not contemplate obtaining an understanding of the Authority's internal control; assessing fraud risk; testing accounting records by obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence through inspection, observation, confirmation, or the examination of source documents (for example, cancelled checks or bank images); or other procedures ordinarily performed in an audit. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance regarding the financial statements being compiled.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to disclose errors, fraud, or illegal acts. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors and any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our compilation procedures that indicate fraud may have occurred. In addition, we will inform you of any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our compilation procedures regarding illegal acts that may have occurred, unless they are clearly inconsequential. We have no responsibility to identify and communicate deficiencies or material weaknesses in your internal control as part of this engagement.

If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the compilations of your financial statements, we will not issue a report on such statements as a result of this engagement.

- 2) We will assist your bookkeeper in adjusting the books of accounts so that your bookkeeper will be able to prepare a working trial balance from which financial statements can be compiled. Your bookkeeper will provide us with a detailed trial balance and any supporting schedules we require.
- 3) We will maintain a depreciation schedule of fixed assets.
- 4) We will discuss such suggestions and recommendations concerning your accounting methods and financial affairs as we consider appropriate with you and/or your selected personnel.

The Authority is responsible for assuming all management responsibilities, and for overseeing any bookkeeping services, tax services, or other services we provide by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience. In addition, the Authority is responsible for evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepting responsibility for the results of such services.

I will be the partner in charge of the work described above. I will be responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it. I will be assisted by other staff in the firm whenever necessary.

Our fee is \$450 per quarter. Our fee will increase to \$500 per quarter for the quarter beginning October 1, 2013.

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
Attn: Mr. Richard Owen, Executive Director
Lecanto, Florida

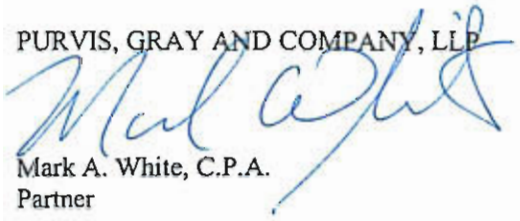
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July 18, 2013

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Sincerely,

PURVIS, GRAY AND COMPANY, LLP


Mark A. White, C.P.A.
Partner

MAW/cjp
Enclosure

ACKNOWLEDGED:

The services and terms described above are acceptable to Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority and are hereby agreed to.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

**Item 9.d.
SunTrust Credit Card**



August 6, 2013

Mr. Owen,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to rectify the situation that resulted from the recent Business Credit Card Application that you submitted for the WRWSA. We truly appreciate your business and sincerely apologize for the inconveniences our error has caused. Unfortunately the teammate you dealt with unknowingly sent you an outdated form and we were not made aware of the error until the underwriter started processing your application. I appreciate the effort that it takes to have an entire board sign off on a document, not to mention having to do it twice through no fault of your own. Your business is my top priority and I will do all that I can to make sure that the rest of the process runs smoothly for you. I also want to assure you that the teammate you worked with has received counseling to avoid this error in the future. If there is anything more that I can do to assist you or any questions that I can answer please feel free to contact me at 407-762-3028. Thank you again for your patience and understanding regarding this matter.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Laura E. Stewart", written over a horizontal line.

Laura E. Stewart
Bank Officer
Business Banking and Consumer Sales Coach



**Corporate Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency
(Commercial Credit Card Account)**

I, Richard S. Owen hereby certify that I am the Executive Director and custodian of the records of Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (a special district authorized by 373.713, Florida Statutes) (legal name of corporation) a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Florida; that the following is a true and correct copy of certain resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said corporation at a meeting duly held on the 18th day of September, 2013 at which a quorum was present; and that the following resolutions are in conformity with the charter and by-laws of said corporation and have not since been rescinded or modified.

RESOLVED, that this corporation enter into a commercial credit card account ("Card Account") relationship with SunTrust Bank ("Bank"); that any one of the officers of this corporation listed below be and is hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the corporation the agreements, documents, or other instruments deemed reasonable or necessary to establish and administer the Card Account; and that this corporation shall be bound by the terms and conditions of said agreements, documents, or other instruments as the same may be amended from time to time.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the corporation shall furnish to the Bank a certified copy of these resolutions, which resolutions shall continue in full force and effect until written notice of the rescission or modification of the same has been received by the Bank, and the Bank has had reasonable time to act on such notice, and shall furnish to the Bank the names and specimen signatures of the officer(s) named herein, and those persons from time to time holding such positions.

I hereby certify that the following are the names and specimen signatures of the officer(s) designated in the foregoing resolutions and that each presently holds the title indicated therein:

Name	Title	Signature
<u>Dennis Damato</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u></u>
<u>James Adkins</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>	<u></u>
<u>Al Butler</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u></u>
<u>Richard S. Owen</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u></u>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said corporation this _____ day of _____

Signature

Print Name

Title

DRAFT

September 19, 2013

Laura E. Stewart
Business Banking and Consumer Sales Coach
7455 Chancellor Dr.
Orlando, FL 32809

Re: WRWSA Corporate Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency

Dear Ms. Stewart:

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's Board met in regular session on September 18, 2013 and approved the revised version of the Corporate Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency (Resolution) provided by SunTrust in support of our application for a business credit card. Included with this correspondence is a copy of the fully signed Resolution. At that meeting, the Authority's Board concurred that Nancy Smith, Administrative Assistant and I, Richard Owen, Executive Director and Secretary to the Board, both be named as cardholders.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

cc: WRWSA Board
Larry Haag, Attorney

Item. 9.e.
Correspondence

CITRUS COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT
110 N APOPKA AVENUE
INVERNESS FLORIDA 34450
(352) 249-2765

CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE
FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION NON-AD
VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE DATE JULY 2, 2013

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER
SUPPLY AUTHORITY
3600 W SOVEREIGN PATH
STE 228
LECANTO FL 34461-7726

Parcel Tax ID: 18E18S25 43100
Sequence Number: CF-090913
Legal: WELL SITE #1- COM AT SE COR
OF

***** NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER *****

As required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and the direction of Citrus County, notice is hereby given that Citrus County will consider the imposition of a special assessment for fire protection services using the tax bill collection method which may be levied on your property. The use of the annual special assessment to fund fire protection services benefiting improved property located within the Citrus County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services (the "MSBU") is a fair, efficient and effective method of funding these essential public services.

The total annual fire protection assessment revenue to be collected within the County is estimated to be \$5,090,458 for fiscal year October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014.

The annual fire protection assessment is based on the classification of each parcel of property and number of billing units contained therein. The above listed parcel has the following units:

Category	Type and Number of Billing Units	Fiscal Year 13-14 Assessment	Maximum Assessment
Land	1 Parcel @ ≤ 160 Acres	\$3.10	\$5.20
Total Assessment		\$3.10	\$5.20

The maximum annual Fire Protection Assessment for the above parcel for Fiscal Year 2013-14 is \$3.10. The maximum annual Fire Protection Assessment that can be imposed without further notice for future fiscal years for the above parcel is \$5.20.

A public hearing will be held at 2:30 p.m. on July 23, 2013, in Room 100 of the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessment. You and all other affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's office at (352) 341-6560, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 341-6580.

Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of Board action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2013-03), the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2013-085), and the preliminary assessment roll for the upcoming fiscal year are available for inspection at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The assessments for tax parcels in the MSBU will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2013, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If there is a mistake on this notice, it will be corrected. If you have any questions regarding your fire protection special assessment, please contact Citrus County Customer Service at (352) 249-2765, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or go to www.sheriffcitrus.org or www.bocc.citrus.fl.us for additional information.

***** THIS IS NOT A BILL *****



July 25, 2013

Ms. Veronica Craw
Springs & Environmental Flows Manager
Southwest Florida Water Management District
2379 Broad St.
Brooksville, FL 34604-6899

Dear Veronica,

I am writing to thank you for attending the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's June 19, 2013 Board meeting. Your presentation on Springs Restoration was excellent and well received by our Board. I think it helped these elected officials get a sound understanding of all the positive activities that are being undertaken to protect and restore springs within the region.

I greatly appreciate your taking the time to come and make this presentation. As you know, the Board asked that you come back later in the year to report on progress. I look forward to continuing our positive working relationship.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

cc: WRWSA Board
Eric DeHaven, SWFWMD



July 25, 2013

Mr. Darrin Herbst, Chief
Water Use Permit Bureau
Southwest Florida Water Management District
7601 US Hwy 301
Tampa, FL 33637-6759

Dear Darrin,

I am writing to thank you for attending the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's June 19, 2013 Board meeting. Your presentation on the inter-district consistency initiative for water use permitting and the District's rule making efforts was excellent and well received by our Board. The presentation helped our Board members understand the substantive changes that are taking place and how these changes may affect water supply utilities in the region.

I greatly appreciate your taking the time to come and make this presentation.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

cc: WRWSA Board
Alba Mas, SWFWMD



July 25, 2013

Mr. Doug Yowell, Senior Environmental Specialist
Water and Natural Resources
Duke Energy
P.O. Box 14042
St. Petersburg, FL 33733

Dear Mr. Yowell,

I am writing to thank you for coming to the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's July 17, 2013 Board meeting. Your presentation on water use at the Crystal River power was very informative and well received by our Board. I greatly appreciate your taking the time out of your busy schedule to come. I believe it helped our Board members better understand all the changes that are happening at the site and implications for both fresh and salt water use.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Owen, AICP
Executive Director

cc: WRWSA Board

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL LAW
*ADMITTED TO OKLAHOMA BAR

July 29, 2013

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

COPY

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

Dear Ms. Burden:

Enclosed you will find a draft of this year's Project Grant Agreement, which the Authority's Board of Directors approved at its last meeting, for your staff and legal review. The Agreement is in relatively the same form as previous Agreements entered into between the Authority and the County. Please provide any comments, questions or suggested changes to my office no later than August 16, 2013.

The Agreement will then be presented to the Authority for execution at its September meeting, which is scheduled for September 18, 2013, after which the original documents will be forwarded to you for your organization's execution.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and if you have any questions please give me a call.

Cordially,

HAAG, HAAG & FRIEDRICH, P.A.

By: _____

LARRY M. HAAG

LMH/ss

Encl.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shaw, Eric" <Eric.Shaw@dep.state.fl.us>
Date: August 8, 2013, 11:49:58 AM PDT
To: "Shaw, Eric" <Eric.Shaw@dep.state.fl.us>
Subject: Surface Water Quality Standards Update

Greetings,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update interested parties on a variety of water quality standards activities.

As required under Chapter 2013-71, Laws of Florida, and as Part of the "Path Forward" Agreement with EPA, the Department submitted a report to the Governor and Florida Legislature, titled "Report to the Governor and Legislature: Status of Efforts to Establish Numeric Interpretations of the Narrative Nutrient Criterion for Florida Estuaries and Current Nutrient Conditions of Unimpaired Waters," dated August 1, 2013. The report has been posted to our website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wqssp/index.htm>. Chapter 2013-71 and the report have also been submitted to EPA.

The Department also submitted to EPA the estuary-specific numeric interpretations of the narrative nutrient criteria for the following estuaries: Perdido Bay, Pensacola Bay (including Escambia Bay), Choctawhatchee Bay, St. Andrew Bay, St. Joseph Bay, Apalachicola Bay, Suwannee Sound, Withlacoochee River, Waccasassa River, Springs Coast (Crystal River to Anclote River), Loxahatchee River, Lake Worth Lagoon, Halifax River, Guana River/Tolomato River/Matanzas River (GTM), and Nassau River. The Department also submitted numeric nutrient standards for remotely-sensed chlorophyll a for coastal offshore waters. All of these criteria have been posted on our website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wqssp/nutrients/index.htm>.

Recently, the Department completed its Triennial Review of state surface water quality standards and submitted the adopted rule revisions to EPA for formal approval. These revisions include changes to Chapters 62-4, 62-302, and 62-303, F.A.C. Revisions to the criteria for dissolved oxygen (DO) are an important part of the Triennial Review rule package. The revised rules have been posted to our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wqssp/tr_review.htm.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Eric Shaw
Environmental Manager
Standards Development Section
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 6511
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400
Phone: (850) 245-8429
Email: Eric.Shaw@dep.state.fl.us

Please take a few minutes to share your comments on the service you received from the department by clicking on this link Copy the url below to a web browser to complete the DEP survey:
<http://survey.dep.state.fl.us/?refemail=Eric.Shaw@dep.state.fl.us>

From: Diane Salz <disalz@yahoo.com>
To: Nancy Smith <nsmithnhs@aol.com>
Subject: Fwd: New Springs Website
Date: Tue, Jul 30, 2013 5:41 pm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chris Zajac <Chris.Zajac@swfwmd.state.fl.us>
Date: July 30, 2013, 4:34:45 PM EDT
Subject: New Springs Website

The WaterMatters.org/Springs website is officially live! The site features information on the five first-magnitude springs systems, including project updates, photo galleries and videos. Visitors to the site can also meet the Springs Team, find out what they can do to protect the springs and learn how to get involved in upcoming volunteer events.

Chris Zajac

Government Affairs Program Manager

Northern Planning Region

Southwest Florida Water Management District

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Item. 9.f.
News Articles



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Sept. 4, 2013

CONTACT: DEP Press Office, 850.245.2112, DEPNews@dep.state.fl.us

GOVERNOR SCOTT ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$37 MILLION INVESTMENT FOR SPRINGS PROJECTS

ORLANDO – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced ten water quality and water quantity springs improvement projects. Funding for the spring projects was leveraged from a \$10 million investment from the Florida Families First Budget, more than \$1 million from Department of Environmental Protection funding, and investments from local partners, for a total of nearly \$37 million for springs projects. The Governor made the announcement at Wekiwa Springs State Park, where he was joined by water management officials, and state and local leaders. The announcement comes on the heels of last weeks' commitment of more than \$130 million to restore estuaries in South Florida.

Governor Scott said, "Today, we're announcing important steps we're taking to protect and restore springs throughout the Sunshine State. Florida's springs are important to animal and plant life, and help support Florida's booming tourism industry. This \$10 million investment from the Florida Families First Budget will enable state and local partners to protect the quality and quantity of water that flows from our springs. Our commitment to Florida families means doing our part in supporting these natural treasures."

"These projects will illustrate what can be accomplished when the state invests wisely to support and supplement department and water management district restoration programs," said DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. "Much more needs to be done, but these projects can pave the way to restoring some of our most iconic springs."

Springs that will receive funding for projects include Silver, Wekiwa, Rock, Ichetucknee, Rainbow, Chassahowitzka, Homosassa, Weeki Wachee, Jackson Blue, Williford, and springs along the Santa Fe and Suwannee Rivers and Kings Bay.

"The Northwest Florida Water Management District is grateful to Governor Scott, the Florida Legislature and Secretary Vinyard for recognizing that the protection of Florida's springs is vital to ensuring a clean and sustainable supply of water for our natural systems and our residents," said Jon Steverson, Executive Director of the Northwest Florida Water Management District. "We look forward to an ongoing partnership as we continue to improve water quality and protect water resources across Northwest Florida."

"We would like to thank the Governor and Legislature for supporting the important springs restoration work within the northern portion of our District," said Robert Beltran, assistant executive director for the Southwest Florida Water Management District. "The state's funding together with the district's funding commitment will help ensure we continue the important task of restoring our springs."

"The project dollars demonstrate the state's commitment to achieving meaningful springs protection," said St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Hans G. Tanzler III. "We appreciate the work of Governor Scott and the Legislature to allocate the funds. We also appreciate the opportunity to partner with DEP and local governments to move these projects forward and begin to improve the health of our springs and their ecosystems."

"We are appreciative to Governor Scott and the Legislature for their leadership appropriating springs funding which has successfully leveraged local funds resulting in profound and lasting water quantity and quality protection for our springs," said Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board Chair Donald Quincey, Jr. "We are also grateful to our local partners for their funding participation that helped to bring funding to improve our springs."

Silver Springs – Ocala

Nearly \$2 million of state funding will be leveraged to fund a \$12 million water quality improvement project that will result in an estimated reduction of 663,000 pounds of nitrogen pollution per year (the equivalent of about 442,000 bags of common fertilizer) going into Silver Springs. These reductions will be achieved by upgrading the City of Ocala Wastewater Facility #2, located near Silver Springs, to advanced treatment, significantly improving the quality of the effluent discharge of the facility.

Another approximated \$1.5 million in state funding will be directed to Phase II of a more than \$8 million water quality improvement and water quantity project that will relocate a wastewater discharge from the Marion County Utilities Silver Springs Shores facility, which is located near Silver Springs, and redirect it for beneficial reuse at area golf courses, further away from the spring. The relocation of the discharge will eliminate a nutrient source near the head of the spring, and result in an estimated reduction of more than 40,000 pounds of nitrogen entering the aquifer per year. It will also result in reduced water consumption at area golf courses and improve the flow of Silver Springs.

Ichetucknee Springs – Lake City

Nearly \$4 million in state funding will be invested to leverage \$4.6 million water quality improvement project that will improve the treatment of wastewater currently routed to a sprayfield (south of Lake City) being used for disposal and treatment by the City of Lake City's wastewater treatment facility. This will result in beneficial recharge to the aquifer with higher quality water. It is estimated that this project will achieve a nitrogen reduction of 85 percent, or an estimated reduction of 77,000 pounds of nitrogen per year from going into the aquifer feeding the Ichetucknee Springs System.

Wekiwa Springs Group – Orlando Region

Approximately \$700,000 in state funding will be leveraged for a more than \$3.5 million project to benefit Wekiwa Springs to construct a reclaimed water transmission main to expand the City of Apopka's reclaimed water service into a high recharge area for Wekiwa and Rock Spring, which feeds the Wekiva River. Utilizing this reclaimed water reduces and eliminates discharges to the Wekiva River system which resulting in an estimated reduction of 66,400 pounds of nitrogen pollution per year to the Wekiva River while also providing spring flow benefits through aquifer recharge.

Kings Bay- Crystal River

Another investment of nearly \$500,000 will be leveraged for a nearly \$1 million living shoreline project to benefit Kings Bay in Hunters Cove. This project will establish emergent vegetation and restore submerged grasses providing for a 15 percent reduction of nitrogen and 42 percent of phosphorus pollution. In addition, a Three Sisters shoreline stabilization project will also be constructed to prevent further sedimentation from the shoreline and surrounding areas into the springs.

An additional \$500,000 in state funding will be leverages for a \$2 million project that will connect several plants, and upgrade waste water infrastructure, to tie into the municipal waste water system that will result in an estimated load reduction of 6,272 pounds of nitrogen per year. This project will generate approximately 90,000 gallons per day of reclaimed water that will be used by an area golf course, reducing their consumptive use and groundwater withdrawals.

Rainbow, Kings Bay, Homosassa, Chassahowitzka, Weeki Wachee Springs

Group – The Springs Coast

This estimated \$875,000 water quality improvement and water quantity project will receive \$375,000 in state funding. This project is a cost-share initiative to work with area farmers to implement agricultural best management practices (BMPs) within the Springs Coast region that will reduce groundwater withdrawal quantities and/or nutrient loading to the Upper Floridan Aquifer system, ultimately benefiting the springs systems. Agricultural operations in the Springs Coast region include citrus groves, row crops, blueberries, grains, field and container nurseries, and animal operations (cow/calf, equine, poultry). This wide range of agricultural activities presents the opportunity for a variety of technologies that can be used to reduce groundwater use, such as weather stations, soil moisture sensors, automatic timers and pumps, tailwater recovery ponds, and irrigation retrofits using more efficient low-volume systems.

Suwannee River Springs – Dixie County

More than \$1.5 million in state funding will be invested to leverage \$2 million for a water quantity improvement project that will restore natural flows of water enabling an estimated 3 billion gallons per year of surface water storage to be recharged into the aquifer improving spring flows along the middle Suwannee River basin. The aquifer recharge benefits of this project will improve flow and water quantity in many springs and supplement other efforts to ensure future minimum flows and levels (MFLs) set for the Middle Suwannee River and associated springs will be sustained.

Jackson Blue Spring - Marianna

More than \$750,000 in state funding will be leveraged for a more than \$1.2 million project to improve water quality and reduce water use demands in and around Jackson Blue Spring. The project will enhance irrigation systems to reduce water use by an estimated 7.5 million gallons per day. In addition, improve fertilizer application technologies resulting in an estimated reduction of 11,800 lbs/year of nitrogen fertilizer application for the average farm will lead to a reduction of nutrients entering the groundwater.

Williford Spring – Youngstown

This nearly \$1.4 million restoration and water quality project will receive more than \$377,000 in state funding. This project will focus on sediment removal, erosion control, spring bank and riparian restoration of Williford Spring. The Northwest Florida Water Management District will improve water quality and clarity in the spring by removing 200 cubic yards of sediment from the spring pool, restoring native vegetation along the springbank that helps capture run-off and sediment, and constructing areas to capture and treat stormwater to improve water quality before it enters the spring. This will result in a 50-60 percent reduction of sediment and other stormwater pollutants from entering the spring. This restoration project will also help protect the spring for future generations and at the same time improve public access to the spring.

Additional Spring Investments

Along with investing in projects, the Department set the very first basin management action plan, or restoration plan, for springs in the Santa Fe River watershed in 2012 and has provided \$1.4 million to improve the nutrient controls for agricultural practices in the area in addition to the \$5.5 million for springs projects within the Suwannee River Water Management District in the Florida Families First budget.

Under Governor Scott's oversight, Florida's water management districts are also making progress in establishing minimum flows and levels for Florida's springs. These are designed to protect and restore spring flows and the natural systems they support. The districts have set minimum flows and levels for 22 springs to date and expect to set them for 49 more springs over the next two years, which will more than double the cumulative efforts of the last decade.

For a map of the projects, click [HERE](#).

From: Diane Salz
<salz.govconsultant@gmail.com>
To: WRWSA <richardowen@wrwsa.org>
Cc: Nancy Smith <nsmithnhs@aol.com>
Subject: FL Friendly Landscaping Program
Date: Tue, Sep 3, 2013 9:43 am

The Florida Friendly Landscaping program, which helps homeowners save on monthly water bills, will continue another year despite cuts that threatened to end the program.

The conservation effort had won accolades for helping consumers and saving millions of gallons of water yearly, but it fell victim to budget cuts when the Southwest Florida Water Management District voted in late July to end its \$500,000 annual subsidy.

The cuts would have shut down the program in the 16 counties where it operates, including the Tampa Bay area, by Oct. 1. Now it seems the water-saving effort will live another year, at least in Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough and Hernando.

Related News/Archive

Tampa Bay Water has agreed to pick up the \$161,000 tab for salaries and benefits for the program coordinators in Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas.

In Hernando, officials opted to subsidize the position and expand the coordinator's duties to include recycling education.

"It just has a lot of value," said Susan Goebel-Canning, Hernando's director of environmental services. "It's a great environmentally friendly program, as far as trying to reduce the amount of fertilizers, control stormwater runoff, reduce contaminants."

The district, known as Swiftmud, said it ended the funding because the coordinators' water-saving tips were already online or known to homeowners. Instead, it said it will focus on an in-house effort called Water Star to persuade builders to construct water-saving buildings.

Counties and county extension services, which administer the program, were floored that Swiftmud was cutting funding.

"There's a difference when people are shown through an outreach effort what can be saved, and if they continue to utilize that information there can be an even greater impact," said Stephen Gran, director of Hillsborough's extension service. "People don't always seek that information, and many times you have to assist them."

Tens of millions of gallons have been saved regionally through the effort, he said. In Pasco, about 3 million gallons are saved monthly, community services director Elizabeth Goodwin Harris said. In Pinellas, the program has saved 13.5 million gallons since 2008.

Word of the cuts came as a shock at Pinellas' extension service where the program's coordinator meets regularly with condo and homeowner associations to find ways to save money, reduce fertilizer use and select plants adapted to Florida's climate.

"Everybody is supportive of the work she provides, so this definitely wasn't good news to us," said Mary Campbell, the extension service's director. "Right away we began looking for opportunities to fund this position."

Tampa Bay Water was already subsidizing conservation programs in Pasco, Pinellas and Hills-borough when its board voted unanimously this month to up its contribution by \$161,000.

The board will need to vote again next year to continue the subsidy, which gives the extension services time to seek other funding sources.

"When you realize that almost half of residential water use is in your yard, anything you can do to lower overall usage is a huge benefit," Tampa Bay Water spokesman Brandon Moore said.

Rich Shopes can be reached at rshopes@tampabay.com or (727) 869-6236.

Central Florida Water: Danger Zone In View

The use of underground water in the Central Florida area around Orlando, including Polk County, is nearing its maximum. "This should come as no surprise." So says Hal Wilkening about a new in-depth analysis of Central Florida's water needs throughout the next two decades.

That the remark comes from Wilkening is significant, because he is the chief water supply planner for the St. Johns River Water Management District.

The study Wilkening refers to was just completed by the Central Florida Water Initiative. It is considered the most scientifically exhaustive and accurate assessment of the region's water needs. The findings are, indeed, no surprise, but rather confirm what many have known for a long time: The greater Orlando area has just about tapped out the Floridan aquifer as its sole supply of water. The study says the CFWI territory is using about 800 million gallons of water per day for residential, business and agricultural uses. It further shows there is just 6 percent more aquifer capacity before it becomes an official environmental danger. The aquifer is an underground series of rivers essentially.

THE LIMIT

Once consumption in the region hits 850 million gallons per day, which is expected before 2020, the CFWI says further pumping of the aquifer will result in "significant" environmental damage to springs, wetlands and other water bodies.

The study also says the region will need 1.1 billion gallons per day by 2035 and needs to begin figuring out where to find that extra water.

The CFWI is a consortium of three water-management districts — St. Johns, South Florida and Southwest Florida — as well as large utilities from Orange, Lake, Seminole, Polk and Osceola counties. The group spent more than a year reaching its conclusions.

Next is the solutions phase. Among the recommendations is "identifying viable alternative supplies." Over the decades, proposals have been to go to less-populated, water-rich portions of the state and raid those supplies. That approach was never appropriate, although it seemed simple to some. Florida has grown too far. It must treat its water needs and supplies not only from a regional perspective, but from a statewide perspective.

Serious conservation plans, desalination technology that will spare, or certainly slow, the destruction of Florida's and other approaches that have the potential of protecting Florida's freshwater resources while meeting the needs of those who live and work in the state are needed.

The focus must be on solutions that are fair, protective and effective.

Editorial: Sadly, we're not surprised at all

"This should come as no surprise."

So says Hal Wilkening about a new in-depth analysis of Central Florida's water needs throughout the next two decades. That the remark comes from Wilkening is significant, because he is the chief water supply planner for the St. Johns River Water Management District.

The study Wilkening refers to was just completed by the Central Florida Water Initiative and is considered to be the most scientifically exhaustive and accurate assessment of the region's water needs ever. The findings are, indeed, no surprise, but rather confirm what most of us have known for a long time: The greater Orlando area has just about tapped out the Floridan aquifer as its sole supply of water.

The study says the CFWI territory is currently using about 800 million gallons of water a day for residential, business and agricultural uses. It further shows there is just 6 percent more aquifer capacity before it becomes an official environmental danger, as opposed to the unofficial one most Floridians have long known about and acknowledged. Once consumption in the region hits 850 mgd, which will be before 2020, the CFWI concedes further pumping of the aquifer will result in "significant" environmental damage to springs, wetlands and other water bodies. The study, incidentally, says the region will need 1.1 billion gallons a day by 2035 and needs to begin figuring out where that extra water will come from now.

The CFWI is a consortium of three water management districts — St. Johns, South Florida and Southwest Florida — as well as large utilities from Orange, Lake, Seminole, Polk and Osceola counties. The group spent more than a year reaching its conclusions. What is not stated in the study is that other regions, importantly Marion County, will inevitably be impacted by whatever the CFWI participants do, short and long term.

We remember well when St. Johns proposed an \$800 million plan to build a pumping plant on the Ocklawaha River and 500 miles of pipeline to quench greater Orlando's future thirst. The backlash from across the state, and especially here in Marion County, was vociferous and unyielding, leading St. Johns to shelve the plan — but not toss it out.

So what is the next step for CFWI? The "solutions phase." And among the recommended solutions is "identifying viable alternative supplies." We have heard that term before — right before St. Johns officials started trying to ram the Ocklawaha pumping plan down our throats.

Here in Marion County we get water and the brutal, self-serving politics surrounding it. We know that when Orlando overpumps, it affects groundwater levels here. We also know if Orlando comes to raid our water, when we need our own alternative supplies they will be taken or, heaven forbid, gone.

No, we should not be surprised by the CFWI findings, or even the water management districts' suggestion that new water raids for cheap water, no matter the long-term environmental cost, are the answer. But we are disappointed the water districts have been so irresponsible and slow moving in implementing serious conservation plans and developing desalination technology that will spare, or certainly slow, the destruction of Florida's fresh water resources.

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INFORMATION REGARDING SINKHOLES FROM THE FLORIDA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

~Facts and information about encountering sinkholes in the state of Florida~

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Florida Geological Survey has compiled the following information to provide a single point source for general knowledge about the nature of sinkholes in the state of Florida and additional information about proper protocol should you ever encounter a sinkhole in an urban area.

Facts about sinkholes in Florida:

-The entire state of Florida sits on top of several thousand feet of limestone. Limestone is a rock that can form with natural void spaces called porosity. In limestone where the void spaces are connected, the rock is permeable. Porous and permeable limestone makes great aquifers and provide millions of gallons

of fresh drinking water for residents and agriculture. The most significant factor in the development of sinkholes is the dissolution of the limestone underlying Florida by naturally acidic groundwater.

-Sinkholes are a natural and common feature of Florida's landscape. They are only one of many kinds of karst landforms, which include depressions, caves (both air and water filled), disappearing streams, springs and underground aquifer systems, all

of which occur in Florida. Thousands of naturally occurring sinkholes can be seen throughout the state of Florida including many that connect underground to springs, rivers and lakes.

-Sinkholes form in karst terrain from the collapse of surface sediments into underground voids. In Florida one may see solution sinkholes, cover-subsidence sinkholes or cover-collapse sinkholes. The first two types will show very little topographical disturbance to the naked eye, while the third is the type which shows a abrupt change in topography and is most associated with the thought of sinkholes.

Questions about sinkholes in urban and suburban environments:

-My yard is settling... Do I have a sinkhole? Maybe. But a number of other factors can cause holes, depressions or subsidence of the ground surface. Expansive clay layers in the earth may shrink upon drying, buried organic material, poorly-compacted soil after excavation work, buried trash or logs and broken pipes all may cause depressions to form at the ground surface. These settling events, when not verified as true sinkholes by professionals, are collectively called "subsidence incidents." If the settling is affecting a dwelling, further testing by a licensed engineer with a licensed geologist on staff or a licensed geology firm may be in order. Property insurance may pay for testing, but in many cases insurance may not cover damage from settling due to causes other than sinkholes.

-A sinkhole opened in my neighborhood... should I be concerned? Although sinkholes in Florida sometimes occur in sets, most are isolated events. The bedrock underlying the state is honeycombed with cavities of varying size, most of which will not collapse in our lifetimes. A quick inspection of your property for any sinking or soft areas might be prudent. Unless the sinkhole is very large, and extends to your property, thereâ€™s likely to be little reason for concern.

Should a sinkhole open in an area near you the hole should be immediately cordoned off and clearly marked to protect traffic. Contact local law enforcement to report the hazard and call your city or county road department to initiate repair work. If the road is private, repair of the hole is usually the responsibility of the landowner or property ownersâ€™ association.

-Is there a safe area of Florida where there is no chance of sinkholes? Technically, no. Since the entire state is underlain by carbonate rocks, sinkholes could theoretically form anywhere. However, there are definite regions where sinkhole risk is considerably higher. In general, areas of the state where limestone is close to surface, or areas with deeper limestone but with a conducive configuration of water table elevation, stratigraphy, and aquifer characteristics have increased sinkhole activity.

Additionally, the Department announced Friday that the Florida Geological Survey, in conjunction with the Florida Division of Emergency Management, has received a \$1.1 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address sinkhole vulnerability. Find more information [here](#).

About the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the stateâ€™s principal environmental agency, created to protect, conserve and manage Floridaâ€™s environment and natural resources. The Department

Options considered for continuing Hernando's Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program



Barbara Behrendt, Times Staff Writer

Friday, July 26, 2013 6:06pm

BROOKSVILLE — From teaching people about the drought-resistant plants that do best in Central Florida to educating residents on the upside of using a rain barrel, Sylvia Durell's job is to make the best of Hernando's landscape while also protecting precious water resources.

Durell is the Hernando coordinator for the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program, but now her work is in jeopardy. Several weeks ago, the Southwest Florida Water Management District told local governments that it was pulling the plug on funding the programs.

Districtwide, that will save the agency about \$500,000, allowing it to focus on other programs such as its Florida Water Star program. In Hernando, the cut will be approximately \$40,000, leaving local officials scrambling to find a new way to fund portions of the program.

Susan Goebel-Canning, Hernando County's director of environmental services, said she is trying to keep the program intact because it has value for the community, but she has not yet settled on a plan.

Some of what Durell does touches on the measures that residents can take to conserve water and protect groundwater quality through their landscaping choices.

Also under Goebel-Canning's direction is the county's water conservation coordinator, Alys Brockway, whose duties include overseeing the incentive programs for utility customers who switch to more water-efficient, low-flow toilets or who use sensors to turn off irrigation systems when it rains.

Goebel-Canning is considering tweaking both job descriptions by possibly adding outreach chores to the water conservation coordinator position and expanding the landscaping program to include another earth-friendly endeavor — promoting the county's recycling efforts.

Finding a funding mechanism that works will be key to any changes that are made, she said.

Just last week, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority announced that Hernando County will receive a \$48,400 grant for water conservation efforts. More than half of that goes into the incentive program Brockway oversees and the rest for education, Goebel-Canning said.

These programs work, she said. Since Hernando's peak water use in 2006, the county has realized a 20 percent reduction in water use. That is important as the county strives to keep its water usage at or below 150 gallons per person per day, a goal Brockway said the county reached about three years ago.

Goebel-Canning is considering funding a portion of the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program out of the county utilities budget, as it is now, and a portion out of the solid waste program.

That would mean that some of outreach time now spent promoting wise landscaping could be used to tell residents about the benefits of recycling. Curbside recycling became available countywide in January 2012, when Republic Services took over garbage collection in the county.

Goebel-Canning said she could see the value of an education program that would explain the reasons why people should recycle. One of the biggest benefits is that it will extend the lifetime of the county's landfill by removing items from the trash stream that could have another life.

The county has been considering switching to single-stream recycling, which would allow residents to put all of their recyclable items into a single covered rolling bin. Goebel-Canning said she expected to talk to the County Commission about the issue in the coming months.



Times (2012)

Education on rain barrel use and other Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program tips have helped Hernando reduce water use, which peaked in 2006, by 20 percent.

Hernando Today

Water conservation efforts net county \$48,400

BROOKSVILLE

Hernando County is in line for a share of grant money for its water conservation program.

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's board of directors has awarded about \$130,000 in matching grants to three member local governments it represents.

Hernando County will receive \$48,400 for its water conservation program, which authority members said has served as a model for the region since 2001. Citrus County receives \$40,250 and Marion County \$38,600, also for each county's water conservation program.

Diane Salz, the authority's governmental and legislative affairs consultant, said Hernando County was the first in the region to enact a water conservation program and praised Alys Brockway, the county's water conservation coordinator for her efforts in leading the way. "Alice was a trailblazer and she really learned how to best administer the water conservation program," Salz said. "She's taken full advantage of all the available resources."

Specifically, the authority awarded the grant because of Hernando County's education and outreach efforts on water conservation, including the Florida Friendly Landscaping Program and toilet rebate program. The authority also cited the county's checks on irrigation systems, rain sensors, school programs and media releases.

"Competing grant applications once again focus on supporting water conservation activities, and these three projects have proven effective programs," Authority Chairman Dennis Damato said in a press release.

Since 1999, the Authority has provided assistance to local governments for water supply projects located within its jurisdiction. The projects must relate to water conservation and be 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 said "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."

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Tampa Bay Times

Editorial: Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is worth the green

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Regional water managers say the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program promoting conservation, environmental protection and lower monthly water bills for homeowners is a worthwhile effort that should be continued — as long as somebody else pays for it. That is shirking responsibility.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District should put a higher value on this initiative. County governments facing their own tight budgets should not have to find the money to save a valuable program. If the landscaping program can save 25 million gallons of water annually in Pasco County, for instance, that amounts to \$100,000 worth of water.

The district said it has reimbursed 11 counties about \$4.4 million over the past decade to maintain program coordinators employed by the local governments. Those coordinators formerly worked with neighborhood associations to educate residents about drought-tolerant plants, rain barrel construction and other conservation tips. The focus changed this year, at the direction of the water district, to what it dubbed measurable water savings — one-on-one visits to heavy water users.

The water district now plans to allocate the coordinators' salaries to a separate water conservation program aimed at new home construction. Targeting home builders to save water via selection of appliances, plumbing, construction materials and outdoor landscaping should be encouraged. But it is unacceptable to largely ignore the existing audience — homeowners already paying property taxes to the district — just because the current program is time consuming.

The water management district's governing board meets next week to set its preliminary tax rate for its \$169 million budget for the coming fiscal year. The board should ensure that the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program remains intact.

Editorial: Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is worth the green 07/25/13 [*Last modified: Thursday, July 25, 2013 5:33pm*]

Swiftmud Pulls Funding on Florida Friendly Landscaping Program

By RICH SHOPE
TAMPA BAY TIMES

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NEW PORT RICHEY | The Southwest Florida Water Management District is pulling funding from a program that helps homeowners save on their water bills while also offering other conservation tips.

The district, commonly known as Swiftmud, says the push to cut funding to the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is meant to save money and bring more resources in-house. Much of the program's information is already available online, Swiftmud says.

But the move has surprised local officials and left many wondering why the district would withdraw its support when millions of gallons of water are being conserved yearly.

Just in Hillsborough, the program is saving about 45 million gallons a year, said Stephen Gran, who heads Hillsborough County's extension service. In Pasco, the program saves millions yearly, as well, though officials there haven't tallied the precise numbers.

"My goal is to save 25 million gallons a year," said Chris Dewey, Pasco's coordinator.

Extension services rely on grants from a combination of agencies, including Tampa Bay Water, to run the conservation effort. Under the program, experts visit homeowners and neighborhood associations to show strategies to cut their water usage and help them save money. The program operates in 11 counties, including Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco.

Swiftmud is just one agency that provides funding, but the extension services say its support is critical to keep the program coordinators in the field meeting with homeowners.

Dewey meets with homeowners and associations about 20 to 25 times a month, said B.J. Jarvis, director of the Pasco extension service. In addition to water-saving tips, he teaches them about drought-tolerant species and fertilizer and pesticide use.

Without the Swiftmud funding, she said, the extension service and others like it would be left scrambling to keep the program afloat.

Swiftmud said it doesn't dispute the program's importance and says that many of its water-saving tips are already available on its website. Eliminating support to the 11 Florida-Friendly programs would save Swiftmud about \$500,000 a year. It also would allow it to pour more resources into its own water-saving program called Florida Water Star.

[LETTER]

Protect Water, Wetlands

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In the July 15 editorial ["Water Management: Supply and Demand"], we learned the Southwest Florida Water Management District is encouraging a regional approach to public water supply.

In July 21 article, "Mosaic's Water Dilution Within State Regulations," we learned that Mosaic recently received a permit to pump 70 million gallons of water a day for the next 20 years, and that the aquifer from which we receive our water supply is overtapped.

The truth is that Polk County's water resources, including lakes and rivers, have suffered from historical well-pumping of the aquifer from mostly agriculture, mining and coastal communities. We are at the headwaters of the aquifer and, as such, our lakes and rivers feel the impacts more than anyone.

Yet Swiftmud is encouraging a "regional approach" to public water supply so that everyday people such as you and I have to pay for problems we did not cause. Water bills will soar with the cost of pumping and improving the low-grade water from the lower aquifer Southeast Wellfield.

The other truth is that if Polk County residents are forced to pay for a regional water supply that will cause additional water problems for Polk County.

The development being supplied by projects like the Southeast Wellfield will cause additional harm to local lakes, wetlands and rivers unless local citizens cough up even more money in the future. Items such as flood control and water quality protection will cost more for future generations. It is a never-ending, unsustainable situation.

A wiser investment would seem to be a long-term, sustainable approach that stores more water in lakes and wetlands, and keeps less water from flowing out of our watersheds.

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Winter Haven

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July 18, 2013

District Launches Instagram Contest on Social Media to Raise Springs Awareness

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) has launched a contest on the social media site Instagram to raise awareness of springs throughout the District.

Springs sites are a popular hot spot with both local residents and tourists during the summer months and especially holiday weekends. This summer, whether you are tubing, kayaking, swimming or just relaxing near one of the many springs in our District, you can share those experiences for a chance to win a springs prize pack that includes tickets to Weeki Wachee Springs State Park. To enter, shoot a photo or video while visiting any spring. Then, upload your photo or video to Instagram and tag it #RenewOurSprings through September 2, 2013. Users earn one contest entry for every photo or video tagged.

To learn more about the area's five major springs systems in Citrus, Hernando and Marion counties, and what the District is doing to monitor and restore them, members of the public can visit the District's redesigned springs website WaterMatters.org/Springs. This site has information on our major springs systems, which include Chassahowitzka River, Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa River, Rainbow River and the Weeki Wachee River.

Members of the public can hear firsthand from the District's team of springs experts about ongoing and future restoration projects at Chassahowitzka Springs, Kings Bay and Three Sisters Springs. Users will find regular project updates, photo galleries and videos. Website visitors can find out about recreational opportunities, what they can do to protect the springs and how to get involved in upcoming volunteer events.

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IN OUR OPINION

Editorial: Ignoring the water reality

Published: Monday, July 22, 2013 at 6:30 a.m.

The Adena Spring Ranch water permit application is not only a concern to Marion County and its residents. Just listen to Chris Bird.

Bird is Alachua County's director of environmental protection. He recently compared the use of groundwater in the North Central Florida to withdrawals from a bank.

According to Bird — and we agree — checks are starting to bounce. Yet, they continue to be written.

Despite recent wet weather, Bird and numerous other experts say that signs indicate that water use in the region is already exceeding the capacity of the groundwater supply. The reduced flow and increased algae growth in springs such as Silver, Rainbow and, in Alachua County, Poe and Ginnie, provide ample evidence that things are not right.

Yet water management districts continue to permit the pumping of massive amounts of groundwater. The permit application raising the most local concern, of course, is Adena Springs Ranch's request to siphon an average of 5.3 million gallons per day from the aquifer. The request, while down significantly from the nearly 14 million originally sought, is merely smoke and mirrors, because Adena officials simply acquired land in surrounding counties to pursue their plans. The water will still be pumped out of the Floridan Aquifer.

Of such concern is the Adena permit, that Alachua County's Environmental Protection Advisory Committee asked its County Commission to recommend the Adena Springs permit be denied.

As North Floridians who have watched their springs and rivers, lakes and wells drop lower and lower know, groundwater doesn't follow county boundaries. Decisions being made to benefit a cattle operation in northern Marion County and municipal water users of Orlando can harm groundwater levels across North Central Florida affect residents across the state, especially North Florida.

There are things that Marion County and its neighbors can do to protect the aquifer. Land-use regulations are an important way to discourage sprawl and landscaping that requires regular watering. It's also important to encourage water conservation.

But those steps only go so far as long as water management districts keep issuing permits, even though they haven't finished the minimum flows and levels process meant to gauge whether pumping is causing significant harm to the supply and environment — a process that is more than two decades, yes, decades behind schedule.

Even Adena Springs, which has gone through a more arduous permitting process than most applicants, is so confident its permit will be approved — because they all

are — that they have their operation nearing completion. They are just awaiting their water permit.

That is a clear indication about how much of a priority protecting our groundwater supply is to sitting elected and appointed officials. Keep the water flowing, they insist. Problem is, if we keep issuing permits while the water table continues to fall, there won't be any water left to flow.

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Item. 11.a.
Conservation Grant
Agreements

**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, 2013, by and between the **WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**, (hereinafter called the "AUTHORITY"), and **CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**, (hereinafter called the "GRANTEE"), in furtherance of funding assistance in the development of the "CITRUS 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 373.1962(2)(i), Florida Statutes, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The AUTHORITY has found that the implementation of water conservation programs by a member government is the primary purpose of the project known as the "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.

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, 2014. 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

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DENNIS DAMATO
Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
RICHARD S. OWEN
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By: _____
JOE MEEK
Chairperson

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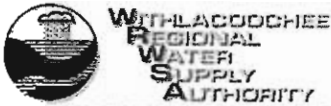
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LARRY M. HAAG
Attorney for Authority

EXHIBIT A



2013-2014 FY

GRANT APPLICATION FORM:

Name of local government:

Citrus County

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

Resolution 2012-071 to be completed September 2013

Resolution 2011-074 completed September 2012

Resolution 2010-075 completed September 2011

Resolution 2009-124 completed in August 2010

Resolution 2008-124 completed in August 2009

Resolution 2007-112 completed in August 2008

Short description of proposed water conservation project:

Citrus County Water Resources' water conservation program will offer its Annual Water Smart Rebate Incentive program to Citrus County Utilities customers. The rebates include toilets, high-efficiency clothes washers, rain sensors, and Smart or Weather-based Irrigation Controllers. The conservation program will continue to supply free indoor retrofit kits to customers. Indoor retrofit items include: low-flow showerheads, bathroom faucet aerators and kitchen faucet aerators. The 2014 conservation program will also offer an irrigation system check-up program that will include rebates for qualifying irrigation system modifications. Funding will also support monthly bill inserts to Citrus County Utilities' customers, educational workshops, and other educational tools.

Attachments to application:

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

Return Application to:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 084

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMITTING FUNDS TO MATCH GRANT FUNDING FOR A WATER CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

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

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

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) participates with local governments in providing assistance for projects with emphasis on water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Citrus County Water Conservation Program meets the grant funding eligibility requirements of the WRWSA,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, as follows:

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

ATTEST:

CITRUS COUNTY, A POLITICAL
SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE
OF FLORIDA

for Angela Vick
ANGELA VICK, CLERK



BY: Joe Meek
JOE MEEK, CHAIRMAN

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

Richard W. Wesch
RICHARD WM. WESCH

Exhibit A

2014

The following programs were created in an effort to reduce unnecessary water usage:

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 in their homes and irrigation systems.
2014 Irrigation System Check-up Rebates	\$15,000	\$7,500	Irrigation system check-ups to residential and commercial sites with in-ground irrigation systems. Check-ups will be provided at no cost to qualified Citrus County Utilities' customers by Water Conservation Specialists. A variety of water saving irrigation retrofits will be available.
Water Conservation Education & Programming	\$20,000	\$10,000	Bill inserts, advertisements, youth conservation education, and water conservation workshops. Continue the indoor retrofit program for both residential and commercial sites.
Total:	\$80,500	\$40,250	
*Programming will begin October 2013. Citrus County intends to expend all grant funding by September 30, 2014.			

**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, 2013, by and between the **WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**, (hereinafter called the "AUTHORITY"), and **HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**, (hereinafter called the "GRANTEE"), in furtherance of funding assistance in the development of the "HERNANDO COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM". In consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and pursuant to Chapter 163, Laws of Florida, Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, as subsequently amended, and Section 373.1962(2)(i), Florida Statutes, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The AUTHORITY has found that the implementation of water conservation programs by a member government is the primary purpose of the project known as the "HERNANDO COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY PROTECTION 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 \$48,400.00 of the proposed \$96,800.00 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 \$48,400.00 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, 2014. 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: _____
DENNIS DAMATO
Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
RICHARD S. OWEN
Executive Director

HERNANDO COUNTY, a political
Subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____
DAVE RUSSELL
Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
KAREN NICOLAI
Clerk of Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _____
GARTH C. COLLIER
County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

By: _____
LARRY M. HAAG
Attorney for Authority



EXHIBIT A

2013-2014 FY

GRANT APPLICATION FORM:

Name of local government:

Hernando County Utilities Department

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

2002-2013

Short description of proposed water conservation project:

Hernando County Utilities Department water conservation project includes:

Education and outreach (including the Florida Friendly Landscaping program,
water conservation incentive programs, including toilet rebates,
irrigation check-ups, rain sensors (et.al), school programming, media messaging.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 09

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

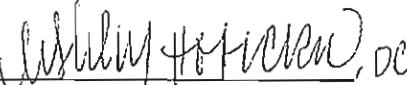
SECTION 8. If any section or part of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

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

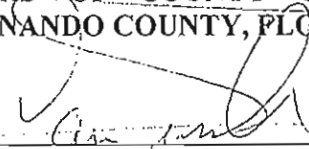
ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 27 DAY OF JUNE, 2013 IN BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA.

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

Attest:


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

By:


**DAVID D. RUSSELL, JR.
CHAIRMAN**

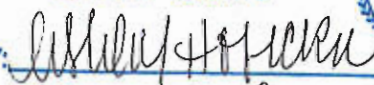


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Legal Sufficiency

By: 

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY
DON BARBEE, JR.
CLERK OF COURTS



BY:  D.C.
THIS 26 DAY OF June 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Susan Goebel-Canning, Director
Environmental Services

FROM: Alys Brockway, Water Conservation Division
Hernando County Utilities Department

DATE: May 22, 2013

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution Supporting the Hernando County Utilities Department's Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program Application to the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority-FY 2014.

OVERVIEW: For the past 11 fiscal years, the Board has approved an agreement with the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) for financial assistance for the Utilities Department's development and expansion of its water conservation and quality protection program. As a result, the Utilities Water Conservation Coordinator has been able to implement a comprehensive water conservation program to serve all of the citizens of Hernando County. The Department's request for the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget to the WRWSA Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program totals \$96,800, with the Authority to reimburse 50% percent, or \$48,400.

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

- Outreach Groups (Citizen's for WATER, Spring Stewards, Utilities Citizens' Advisory Committee)
- Groundwater Guardian Team
- In-school Education Program (Springs Coast Environmental Education Center, Gulf Coast Academy)
- Florida Friendly Landscaping (In Partnership with Southwest Florida Water Management District)
- Water Conservation Incentive Programs (HCUD customers only)

A description of each of these programs is attached. A summary of WRWSA assessments and monies received for Hernando County water conservation projects. Project budget is attached. A requirement of the WRWSA Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance Program is that a resolution of support for the project and commitment of funding must accompany the application.

BUDGET IMPACT: The agreement stipulates that the WRWSA will provide 50% percent of the project costs, or up to \$48,400 on a reimbursement basis. This budget amount will require an expenditure of \$96,800 by the Utilities Department and the WRWSA will reimburse the Department for \$48,400.

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

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

AB/Attachments

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014**

**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 to 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 2012/2013 programs collectively titled Hernando County Water Awareness Series 2013. How to be your own landscape "professional", Florida Friendly Landscaping's, 50 Favorite Plants, Winterize your Florida Lawn and Landscape, Florida Native Plants and pesticide best management practices, Proper Fertilization for your lawn and landscape, How is our water resource protected and the agencies involved in protecting it! This year's program covered a wide variety of water related presentations including, 547 people attended these programs and each seminar was recorded and shown on Hernando County Government Broadcast channel 622. The series is being broadcast on our local government cable channel 622, which currently has a subscription rate of 33,000 and each program is shown once a week. Through the WRWSA Local Government Grant Program we support this division. The WRWSA provided support to this group and helped facilitate this important set of educational lectures.

Our most 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. ***Your Water, Your World: What does water quality mean to you***, was held May 10, 2013 with over 100 participants. 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:

1. Outreach groups (Citizens Programs/Water Awareness. and Springs Protections
2. County-wide user advisory committee (Groundwater Guardian Team);
3. In-school education program (Hernando County Environmental Education Center, Gulf Coast Academy)
4. Conservation Messaging Campaign (partnership with SWFWMD);
5. Customer and Residents Incentive Programs including regional irrigation audit and education pilot project.

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

1. Outreach and Citizens Groups

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

2. Groundwater Guardian Team

This group is authorized by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners and is organized under the auspices of the National Groundwater Foundation. Members represent the major water users of Hernando County. The user groups represented are

power industry, agriculture, development, manufacturing, and recreational industries as well as representatives from the school system, city and county governments, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and citizens. This group has developed, in accordance with the national foundation requirements, a "Result Oriented Plan" and implemented activities to communicate the importance of ground water protection in the community. The Team received its designation as a Groundwater Guardian Community in 2002 through 2013. 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.)

3. Springs Coast Environmental Education Center (SCEEC)

The SWFWMD purchased Weeki Wachee Springs and the attraction property to be part of the Weeki Wachee Preserve. The District has committed approximately \$750,000 to construct an environmental education center on the property, under the condition that the Hernando County School District supply teachers, curriculum and equipment. The Hernando County Water and Sewer District (HCW&SD) Board and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners have pledged to support this endeavor and have authorized a contribution to the Education Center. The doors of the unique learning center opened in April 2005. Initially it will serve fourth grade students of Hernando County, with plans to increase participation to 8th grade students, and will be used for specialized workshops. This past year the (SCEEC) hosted over 6,000 Hernando County students. The Hernando County Utilities Department has specifically provided support for the development of a water resource/quality protection and water conservation module of the curriculum. By providing support to the center, the Utilities Department is allocating its resources to those skilled in working with students - teachers. In addition, creation of the curriculum module ensures that a consistent and continuing message will be embedded in the educational process. In FY 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)

4. 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 as 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)

5. 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 participation in a regional irrigation audit and education pilot project. Partners will include, Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and other member government with the WRWSA. The Cooperative Funding Initiative (to the SWFWMD) is attached. Other water conservation customer incentive programs include a Rain Sensor Rebate Program (\$50.00), Low-Flow Toilet Replacement Program (\$100.00), and promotion of Florida Friendly Landscaping workshop, where customer attendees receive a “tuition” reimbursement on their water bill. Incentives also help further the promotion of Hernando County’s Florida 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 (2012/2013). Funds from the current (FY2013) WRWSA assistance program will be encumbered by the September 30, 2013. This meets the requirement in order to submit funding request for 2013/2014 fiscal year. The water conservation initiatives for 2014 will begin October 1, 2013 and conclude with all grant assistance funds being encumbered by September 30, 2014.

*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 2014 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)	\$ 5,000		
Flyers, brochures, (educational information)	\$ 10,500		
Florida Friendly Landscape Workshop, Program			
Speaker stipends, venue rental	\$ 1,000		
		Total	\$16,500
Conservation Advertising Campaign			
Commercial media spots (television, radio, print)	\$ 2,500		
Hernando County Government Broadcast	\$ 8,500		
(broadcast of water conservation workshops, educational video and broadcast media commercial (with SWFWMD), advertisement wrap)			
		Total	\$11,000
Water Conservation (Customer) Incentives Program:			
Sprinkler Check Up Program	\$24,000		
(Pilot soil sensor program)			
Rain Sensor Rebate Program 2013	\$5,000		
Toilet Rebate Program	\$24,000		
FYN program participation	\$800		
Florida Friendly Landscaping, Rain barrel workshops	\$1,500		
		Total	\$55,300
Equipment			
Projector, laptop, screen, software	\$ 2,000	Total	\$2,000
Spring's Protection Programs			
(training manuals, books, materials, field trips, shirts, displays, stipend for instructors, travel)		Total	\$1,000
Water Awareness Program-Citizen's Workshops			
(materials, field trips, stipend for speakers, travel)		Total	\$ 1,500
Groundwater Guardians			
(training, materials, field trips, web site upkeep, display Awards, travel)		Total	\$ 2,000
Florida Friendly Landscape Demonstration Supplies			
(maintenance items for existing FYN demonstration)		Total	\$ 500
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET		TOTAL	\$ 96,800
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority share	(50%)	Total	\$48,400

**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, 2013, 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 373.1962(2)(i), Florida Statutes, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The AUTHORITY has found that the implementation of water conservation programs by a member government is the primary purpose of the project known as the "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 \$38,600.00 of the proposed \$77,200.00 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 \$38,600.00 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, 2014. 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: _____
DENNIS DAMATO
Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
RICHARD S. OWEN
Executive Director

MARION COUNTY, a political
Subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____
KATHY BRYANT
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN
Clerk of Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _____
MATTHEW MINTER
County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

By: _____
LARRY M. HAAG
Attorney for Authority

EXHIBIT A



2013-2014 FY

GRANT APPLICATION FORM:

Name of local government:

Marion County

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

2013- \$ 34,900 September 30, 2013

2012- \$ 39,000 September 30, 2012

2011- \$ 37,500 September 30, 2011

2009- \$ 23,005 September 30, 2010

2008- \$ 28,250 September 30, 2009

Short description of proposed water conservation project:

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

Attachments to application:

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

Return Application to:

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

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

DATE: July 2, 2013

ITEM NO: _____



AGENDA ITEM

MARION COUNTY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Request Approval of Resolution Supporting Local Funding Assistance From the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 (Budget Impact - Budget neutral; credit of up to \$38,600)

INITIATOR: Mounir Bouyounes, PE **DEPARTMENT:** Office of the
Asssistant County Administrator/ County Engineer
County Engineer

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

As a member of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA), the Board is eligible to apply for Local Government Water Supply Funding Assistance as a reimbursement for local water use efficiency programs. The grant will reimburse up to 50% of the dollars spent on water use efficiency initiatives identified by the County. The requested amount of cooperative funding for FY2013-2014 is \$38,600. To complete the application, a resolution is required which confirms that the Board will budget matching funds. Background materials include a copy of the Resolution and the completed grant application.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Budget Impact – Budget Neutral; Credit of up to \$38,600 (\$32,500 in Grant Revenue for Fund 001-2715 (Water Resources) and \$6,100 in Grant Revenue for Fund 452-7140 (Utilities - Water Operations))

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Two separate motions are requested as follows:

Motion to authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the attached WRWSA Water Supply Funding Assistance resolution as presented; and motion to authorize staff to submit the application for Local Governement Funding Assistance to WRWSA.

RESOLUTION NO. 13 R-223

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board is seeking a grant through the Authority's funding assistance program for the irrigation evaluation, landscape irrigation and indoor retrofit and homeowner-education elements of its overall water conservation programming in Fiscal Year 2013/2014; and

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

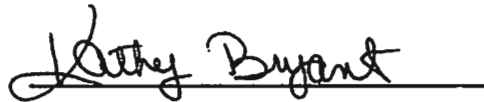
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

- 1. Marion County Board of County Commissioners supports the application to the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority for local program funding for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.**
- 2. Marion County Board of County Commissioners agrees to budget \$77,200 as part of its on-going Water Use Efficiency Program.**

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption of the final budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida.

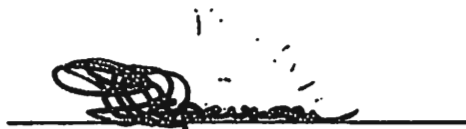
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 2nd day of July, 2013

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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KATHY BRYANT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David R. Ellspermann", is written over a horizontal line.

DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, CLERK

Program Description

The following is a breakdown of the costs of the various projects that Marion County requests grant funding for during the 2013-2014 FY:

Irrigation and Landscape Retrofit Program (continuation)	\$ 40,000
Regional Irrigation Evaluation (Eastern Marion- continuation)	\$ 25,000
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	\$ 77,200
50% Project Costs	\$ 38,600

These projects represent only a portion of the County's on-going Water Use Efficiency Program. A cost-share of \$ 38,600 will help to offset the cost of performing landscape and irrigation evaluations, indoor and outdoor retrofits and conducting public outreach. The remainder of the program costs will be funded by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners and other cooperative partners.

Grant Timeline

Irrigation and Landscape Retrofits

Enroll participants	10/1/2013
Perform irrigation and landscape retrofits/issue rebates	11/1/2013 – 9/30/2014
Irrigation retrofit summary report	2/28/2015

Irrigation Evaluations to cover eastern Marion County

Perform irrigation audits	10/1/2013-9/30/2014
Follow-up audits conducted	5/1/2014-9/30/2015
Final Irrigation Audit Report	12/1/2015

Low-Flow Kits for Homeowners

Order retrofit kits	10/1/2013
Distribute and track retrofit kits	11/1/13-9/30/14
Survey participants and evaluate implementation	12/1/13-11/30/14

Bi-Monthly Utility Bill Inserts and Postcards

Develop and print materials	10/1/2013 – 4/30/2014
Send inserts and postcards	10/1/2013-9/30/2014

Item. 11.b.
Public Participation
Process

RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 2

A RESOLUTION OF THE WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY ("AUTHORITY") PROVIDING FOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AUTHORITY; IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 286.0114, FLORIDA STATUTES (SENATE BILL 50); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority wishes to adopt policies and procedures governing public participation at its meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of adopting said policies and procedures is to implement the provisions of Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes, dealing with public meetings and the reasonable opportunity of citizens to be heard; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this _____ day of September, 2013, as follows:

1. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

A. Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition which comes before the Authority. The opportunity to be heard need not occur at the same meeting at which the Authority takes official action on the proposition if the opportunity occurs at a meeting that is during the decision making process and is within reasonable proximity in time for the meeting at which the Authority takes the official action.

B. Individuals or groups wishing to comment with respect to propositions and issues coming before the Authority for action, or for issues not listed on the agenda or otherwise scheduled for action by the Authority, shall fill out a public participation form, a sample of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part of this Resolution, which may be revised from time-to-time by the Authority as deemed necessary, said form shall include the name and address of the individual or group, a space for the individual or group to state the subject matter for which they wish to provide public comment and also a space to indicate as to whether they are in support, opposition or neutral on the proposition or issue they wish to discuss coming before the Board. If the individual desires they may also designate a representative to speak for them or for their group if he or she so

chooses.

C. Citizens speaking before the Board shall be given three (3) minutes and individuals speaking on behalf of a group shall be entitled to five (5) minutes, with respect to their presentations. The Authority reserves the right to extend these times if, in the opinion of the Chairperson, it is necessary to provide an additional time for comment.

D. The time for public comment shall be at the beginning of the meeting after the Board has approved the Minutes.

E. Should an item or proposition be taken up by the Board, which is not on the Authority's Agenda, at the time said issue or proposition is discussed, the Chair shall open the item up for public comment prior to taking a final vote on the matter.

2. The policies and procedures for public participation set forth in section 1 above shall not prohibit the Authority from maintaining orderly conduct or proper decorum in a public meeting.

3. The requirements in section 1 above do not apply to: a.) an official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare or safety if compliance with the requirements would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the Authority to act; b.) an official act involving no more than a ministerial act including, but not limited to, the approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations; c.) a meeting that is exempt from Section 286.011, Florida Statutes; and d.) a meeting during which the Authority is acting in a quasi judicial capacity provided this paragraph shall not affect the right of a person to be heard as otherwise provided by law.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective October 1, 2013.

DONE AND ADOPTED this _____ day of September, 2013.

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER
SUPPLY AUTHORITY

By: _____
DENNIS DAMATO
Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
RICHARD S. OWEN
Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

By: _____
LARRY M. HAAG
Attorney for Authority

EXHIBIT A



WITHLACOOCHEE
REGIONAL
WATER
SUPPLY
AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No. _____

Request to Speak

(please print)

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

REPRESENTING SELF: _____ OR BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: _____

ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED (AS PRINTED ON AGENDA: IF ISSUE IS NOT ON AGENDA, PUT "NONE" AND TOPIC):

YOUR POSITION ON ISSUE: FAVOR _____ OPPOSE _____ OTHER _____

To assure that all participants have an opportunity to speak, comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Persons representing a group have up to five (5) minutes. Anyone wishing to address the Board on any issue should complete a "request to speak" card and hand to the recording secretary.

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority does not discriminate on the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Authority's functions, including access to and participation in the Authority's programs and activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Nancy H. Smith, telephone 352-527-5795, or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4702; TDD (FL only) 1-800-231-6103; or FAX 352-527-5797.

Prepared 7.19.2013

Item. 11.c.
Liability Insurance



July 22, 2013

Public Risk Insurance Agency
P. O. Box 2416
Daytona Beach, FL 32115

Re: Liability of Public Officials, Errors and Omissions Coverage

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority ("WRWSA") is seeking quotes from various insurance agencies for Public Officials Errors and Omissions Coverage (sometimes referred to as Officers and Directors Liability Coverage). The individuals covered would be the individual members of the Governing Board of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, as well as its Executive Director and Administrative Assistant, (up to 18 Board members, 2 staff, for a total of up to 20). The coverage would be on a claims-made basis with limits of liability of at least a \$1,000,000.00 aggregate limit. Also, to be included in the quote would be any requirement for retention. The company underwriting the insurance would need to have an A.M. Best rating of at least "A".

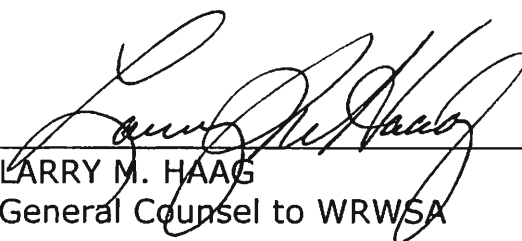
Please have your quotes to the above address on or before September 1, 2013. The Governing Board will make its decision on which quote to accept on September 18, 2013. The Board reserves the right in its sole discretion to reject any or all quotes or to select a quote that may or may not be the lowest quote submitted should the Board, in its sole judgment, determine a particular quote to be in the WRWSA's best interest. Any requests for additional information, such as annual audit reports or other information concerning the WRWSA, should be submitted in writing to Nancy Smith, Administrative Assistant, at the above referenced address or by contacting me directly by phone at (352) 726-0901 or

July 22, 2013

by mail directed to me at HAAG, HAAG & FRIEDRICH, P.A., 452 Pleasant Grove Rd., Inverness, FL 34452.

Cordially,

HAAG, HAAG & FRIEDRICH, P.A.

By: 
LARRY M. HAAG
General Counsel to WRWSA

LMH/ss

cc: Richard Owen, Executive Director, WRWSA

Distribution List

VanAllen Insurance Agency
The Hagar Group
Sheldon-Palmes Insurance
Brice Insurance Agency
West Coast Insurers
Killingsworth Insurance

VANALLEN

INSURANCE AGENCY

117 N. Seminole Avenue • Inverness, Florida 34450-4124

Ph: (352) 637-5191 • Fax: (352) 637-2396

Web site: www.vanalleninsurance.com

August 23, 2013

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
3600 West Sovereign Path
Ste 228
Lecanto FL 34461

Dear Larry,

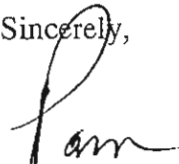
Enclosed please find the proposal for the Public Officials Management Liability.

This proposal does not include Employment Practice Liability because the attached application did not indicate any employees.

Thank you for giving VanAllen Insurance the opportunity to quote this important coverage for you.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,



Pam Clader

cc: Richard S Owen

PROPOSAL

Proposed Insured: Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
3600 West Sovereign Path, Suite 228
Lecanto, FL 34461

Public Officials Management Liability

Carrier: Darwin Select Insurance Company – Best Rating: A XV

Terms:

Public Officials Management Limit:	\$1,000,000
Employment Practice Liability:	N/A – Option Available
Policy Aggregate:	\$1,000,000
Non-Monetary Coverage – Defense Only:	\$50,000
Non-Monetary Coverage – Defense Only Aggregate:	\$100,000
Crisis Management:	\$25,000
Policy Form:	Claims Made
Retention Each Claim:	\$5,000
Annual Premium:	\$1,634.78

Darwin Select Insurance Company


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Farmington, CT 06032
United States

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Best's Credit Ratings

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Financial Strength Rating [View Definition](#)

Rating: A (Excellent)
Affiliation Code: g (Group)
Financial Size Category: XV (\$2 Billion or greater)
Outlook: Stable
Action: Affirmed
Effective Date: November 15, 2012
Initial Rating Date: November 16, 2005
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Best's Credit Rating Analyst


Office: A.M. Best Company, Oldwick NJ
Senior Financial Analyst: Gale Guerra
Vice President: Robert B. DeRose


Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating [View Definition](#)


Long-Term: a
Outlook: Positive
Action: Affirmed
Effective Date: November 15, 2012
Initial Rating Date: November 16, 2005

Reports and News


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 **AMB Credit Report - Insurance Professional** - includes Best's Financial Strength Rating and rationale along with comprehensive analytical commentary, detailed business overview and key financial data.
Report Revision Date: 6/12/2013 (represents the latest significant change).

 Historical Reports are available in [AMB Credit Report - Insurance Professional Archive](#).

 **Best's Executive Summary Reports (Financial Overview)** - available in three versions, these presentation style reports feature balance sheet, income statement, key financial performance tests including profitability, liquidity and reserve analysis.
Data Status: 2013 Best's Statement File - P/C, US Contains data compiled as of 8/21/2013 Quality Cross Checked.

- **Single Company** - five years of financial data specifically on this company.
- **Comparison** - side-by-side financial analysis of this company with a peer group of up to five other companies you select.
- **Composite** - evaluate this company's financials against a peer group composite. Report displays both the average and total composite of your selected peer group.

 **Best's Key Rating Guide Presentation Report** - includes Best's Financial Strength Rating and financial data as provided in the most current edition of Best's Key Rating Guide products. (Quality Cross Checked).

Financial and Analytical Products

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[Best's Insurance Expense Exhibit \(IEE\) - P/C, US](#)
[Best's Schedule P \(Loss Reserves\) - P/C, US](#)
[Best's Regulatory Center](#)
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**Claims-Made Public Officials &
Employment Practices Liability
Application**

See Attachment for explanation of the WRWSA organization and staffing.

I. General Information Respond to the following inquiries. Use a separate sheet of paper for details that require further explanation.

1. Legal name of entity: Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Population: 747,052
Street address: 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228 Seasonal increase: N/A
City: Lecanto State: FL Zip: 34461
County: Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties
Year entity established: 1977 Largest city within 25 miles: Ocala, FL

2. Make up of economic base of the entity. N/A % agricultural N/A % industrial N/A % commercial N/A % residential

3. Do you have a risk manager? ☐ yes ☒ no

4. Do you have a manager/administrator? ☒ yes ☐ no If "yes" provide years of experience in such a position 25

5. Within the last 5 years have any of the following taken place?

a. Grand jury investigations into activities of any official or employee. ☐ yes ☒ no If "yes" provide details.

b. Indictment of any official or employee. ☐ yes ☒ no If "yes" provide details.

6. Provide revenues and expenditures. Provide an explanation for any deficit or large surplus

Fiscal Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)	Accumulated Surplus/Deficit
2011/2012	\$ 417,860	\$ 681,697	(\$ 263,837)	\$ 3,338,639

7. a. Provide total amount of outstanding bonds. \$ 0
b. Latest bond rating (Standard & Poor's or Moody's). N/A Previous rating: N/A
c. Has the entity ever been in default on principal or interest of any bond? ☐ yes ☒ no If "yes" provide details.

II. Claims History Provide currently valued company issued loss runs for the last 4 policy years.

1. Check here if there have been no claims made against the public entity during the last 4 policy periods. ☒

2. Complete the following table for all claims made during the last 4 policy periods. Attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.

Claim	Policy Year	open / closed	Loss Incurred	Defense Incurred	Total Incurred	Description of allegations
1	All N/A					N/A
2						
3						
4						
Totals						

3. Does any official or employee have knowledge of acts, errors, and/or omissions that might reasonably give rise to a claim or suit? ☐ yes ☒ no

4. Have all known acts, errors, and/or omissions that might reasonably give rise to a claim been reported to the current insurer? ☒ yes ☐ no

5. Check the boxes which generally describe the types of claims made against the public entity during the last 4 policy years. N/A

zoning ☐ permits issuance ☐ sex harassment ☐ termination ☐ equal pay ☐ suspension ☐ discrimination ☐
land use ☐ license issuance ☐ variances ☐ promotion ☐ demotion ☐ hiring ☐ segregation ☐

III. Public Officials Information Respond to the following inquiries. Use a separate sheet of paper for details that require further explanation.

1. Does the public entity administer any of the following operations?

For "yes" responses complete the applicable questions.

A. Police Department	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. If no, who provides service?	Governing entity of applicable jurisdiction
B. Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Approximate # of zoning variances granted during the preceding 12 months: _____	
		2. Is there a formal procedure in place for granting of variances?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		3. Is there a policy which prohibits zoning board members from voting on zoning action which might affect a business which they own, invest in, or be employed or retained by?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		4. Is there a policy which requires persons disclose such relationships?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		5. Does the public entity's attorney attend all zoning board meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		6. Do you have a master plan for economic development?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
C. Building Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Do you have a formal process for application and approval of permits?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		2. Any permit denials issued which have unusual circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		If "yes" provide details: _____	
D. Permits Issuance	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Do you have a formal process for application and approval of permits?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		2. Any permit denials issued which have unusual circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		If "yes" provide details: _____	
E. License Issuance	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Do you have a formal process for application and approval of licenses?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		2. Any permit denials issued which have unusual circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		If "yes" provide details: _____	
F. Tax Assessment/Collection	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Do you reassess real property on a regular basis?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		2. If so, how often? _____	
		3. If not, when was last reassessment of all real property in entity's jurisdiction? _____	
G. Water/Sewer Utility	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	Provide # of users: Residential _____ Commercial _____ Industrial _____	
H. Electric Utility	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	Provide # of users: Residential _____ Commercial _____ Industrial _____	
		1. Does utility own or maintain distribution lines?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		2. Are distribution lines buried?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		3. Does the utility monitor electromagnetic fields?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
I. Gas Utility	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	Provide # of users: Residential _____ Commercial _____ Industrial _____	
J. Port Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	# of employees _____ River <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean <input type="checkbox"/> Lake <input type="checkbox"/>	
K. Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Is airport: Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Operated <input type="checkbox"/> Leased <input type="checkbox"/>	
		2. Provide # of: Aviation Shows or Exhibitions _____ Commercial Flights per day _____	
		3. Provide certificate of insurance as evidence that airport liability coverage is in force.	
		4. Is management of the airport contracted to a third party?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		5. Have flight patterns changed in the last 180 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
L. Housing Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Provide # of housing units operated _____ # of stories of tallest building _____	
		2. Are buildings tested for lead paint?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		3. If lead paint is present, do you have a remediation plan to correct the situation?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		4. Is there a policy to house senior citizens and disabled persons on lower floors?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		5. Is there a policy regarding fair housing opportunities?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
		6. Are monthly inspections of all locations performed?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
M. Transit Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. # of employees _____ Types of vehicles operated _____	
N. Landfill	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Is landfill: open <input type="checkbox"/> closed <input type="checkbox"/> hazardous waste <input type="checkbox"/>	
		2. Any sites designated as Superfund Sites?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
O. Hospital/Nursing Home	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Is hospital: owned <input type="checkbox"/> operated <input type="checkbox"/> leased <input type="checkbox"/>	
		2. Number of beds: _____	
P. Daycare	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	1. Are services for: Children <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/>	
		2. Provide details of services: _____	

2. Which, if any, of the above operations are contracted? _____

IV. Employment Practices Information Respond to the following inquiries. Use a separate sheet of paper for details that require further explanation.

1. Total number of employees.	Full time	0	Part Time	0	Seasonal	0
2. Number of employees in each category.	General office	0	Police	0	Fire/Rescue	0
	Road/Utilities	0	Attorneys	0	Architects	0
	Engineers	0	Accountants	0	Other	0

3. Provide us with the names of persons in the following positions.

Attorney	Larry Haag	employee	<input type="checkbox"/>	contracted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engineer	N/A	employee	<input type="checkbox"/>	contracted	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accountant	Purvis Gray & Company	employee	<input type="checkbox"/>	contracted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

4. Do you have a written personnel manual? ☐ yes ☒ no5. Date of latest update / revision. N/A6. Have employment applications and policies and procedures been reviewed by legal counsel? ☐ yes ☒ no7. Is the manual distributed to all personnel? ☐ yes ☒ no8. Is the manual reviewed with new employees as a part of employment orientation? ☐ yes ☒ no

9. Does the personnel manual include policies and procedures for the following?

A. Hiring	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
B. Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
C. Demotion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
D. Termination	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
E. Pre Hire Background Checks	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
F. Suspension	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
G. Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
H. Sexual Harassment	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
I. Medical Leave	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
J. Unpaid Leave	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
K. Employee Grievances	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
L. Education and Training	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
M. Drug Testing	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
N. Administrative Hearings/Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

Provide an explanation for all "no" responses.

The WRWSA has no employees; therefore, no personnel manual10. Have managers/dept heads received training in all policies and procedures? ☐ yes ☐ noN/A. See attachment.11. Are all employees provided with job descriptions? ☐ yes ☐ no12. Are all mandatory posters from EEOC and the state equivalent posted in a conspicuous place? ☐ yes ☐ no13. Have any of the following taken place during the last 5 years? N/A. See attachment.

A. Strike, slowdown or other disruption?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	provide # of incidents	<u> </u>
B. Lay-off or reduction in staff?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	provide # of incidents	<u> </u>
C. Employee suspensions?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	provide # of incidents	<u> </u>
D. Employee dismissals?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	provide # of incidents	<u> </u>
E. Employee transfers?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	provide # of incidents	<u> </u>
F. Non-renewal of employment contracts?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	provide # of incidents	<u> </u>
G. Employee terminations?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	provide # of incidents	<u> </u>
H. Administrative appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	provide # of incidents	<u> </u>
I. Formal Grievances	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	provide # of incidents	<u> </u>

V. Current Insurance Information

1. Please complete the table below.

Coverage	Insurer	Expiration Date	Limits	Deductible	Premium
General Liability	N/A				
Automobile	N/A				
Public Officials	N/A				
Police Professional	N/A				

2. Does your current public officials coverage include the features listed below?

A. Personal Injury coverage for employment claims.

☐ yes ☒ no

B. Coverage for specific awards of Back wages.

☐ yes ☒ no sub limit

C. Defense of non-monetary employment claims.

☐ yes ☒ no sub limit

D. Retroactive date.

☐ yes ☒ no retroactive date

If "yes", provide copy of declarations or endorsement showing retroactive date.

VI. Limits and Deductible Requested1. Per claim limit and annual aggregate limit \$1 million per claim \$ 1 million annual aggregate

2. Deductible per claim: _____

VII. Authorized Entity Representative This application is for Claims-Made coverage. Read the policy carefully.

1. Provide the name and title of the individual designated to receive any and all notices from the insurer concerning any policy issued as a result of this application.

Name Larry M. HaagTitle WRWSA Attorney

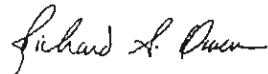
2. Entities Attestation - The authorized signer of this application attests to the best of his/her knowledge that statements set forth herein are true; that no fact, circumstance nor situation indicating the probability of a claim or action now known to any entity, official, or employee has not been declared; and it is agreed by all concerned that omission of such information shall exclude any such claim or action from coverage under the insurance being applied for. It is further acknowledged that the signing of this application does not bind the signer to purchase the insurance. However, it is agreed this form shall be the basis of the contract and any policy which might be issued.

STATE NOTICES

Notice to New York Applicants: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files an application for insurance containing any false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

FRAUD WARNING - APPLICABLE IN KENTUCKY, MINNESOTA, OHIO, AND PENNSYLVANIA - Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

FRAUD WARNING - APPLICABLE TO NEW JERSEY - Any person who includes any false or misleading information on an application for an insurance policy is subject to criminal and civil penalties.



Authorized signatory of entity

August 8, 2013

Date

VIII. Agency Information

Agency name _____ Contact _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Will you make surplus lines filings if necessary? ☐ yes ☐ no Provide your surplus lines license number, _____

**ATTACHMENT
To
Claims-Made Public Official & Employment Practices Liability Application**

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Statement of Agency Organization

- (1) The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority) is an independent special district authorized by section 373.1962, F.S., as subsequently reenacted in section 373.713, F.S., and created by an interlocal agreement executed pursuant to section 163.01 F.S., in 1977 and amended in 1984.
- (2) The Board of Directors (Board) of the Authority consists of Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter Counties and a municipal representative from each member county. Each representative is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governing bodies of the parties. Members of the Board serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in Section 112.016, F.S. The Board's officers consist of a chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer, each of whom shall serve for a term of a year, or until their respective successor is elected and qualified. The Board is vested with all of the powers of the Authority.
- (3) The Authority has no employees. Staffing needs are provided by contract with:
 - Larry M. Haag, Attorney
 - Richard S. Owen, Executive Director
 - Purvis Gray & Company, Accountant
 - Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs Consultant
 - Nancy H. Smith, Administrative Assistant

Item. 11.d.
Rule Repeal and Interlocal
Agreement Changes

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REVISED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2013, by and between the following political subdivisions of the State of Florida: Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter Counties.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the parties hereto that cooperative efforts are necessary in order to meet the water needs of areas experiencing the results of rapid growth and diminishing available water resources, in a manner which will provide adequate and dependable supplies of water without resulting in adverse effects upon the areas from which the water is withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 373.196(2)713, Florida Statutes, local units of government are encouraged to create regional water supply authorities; and,

WHEREAS, it is further the legislative finding that local units of government and regional water supply authorities are to have the primary responsibility for water supply; and,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, pursuant to the provisions of Section 373.196(2)713, Florida Statutes, and to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, desire to enter into an INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT among and between themselves respecting the creation of a regional water supply authority.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto do hereby agree, and join together to form a regional water supply authority for the region comprising said counties

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represented as parties hereto upon the following terms and conditions and do mutually agree as follows:

SECTION I. – Name: The name of the organization formed pursuant to this Interlocal agreement shall be the WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY, hereinafter referred to as the AUTHORITY.

SECTION II. – Purpose: The Authority is created and shall function for the purpose of designing, constructing, operating and maintaining facilities in the locations and at times necessary to insure that an adequate water supply will be available to all citizens within the Authority while attending to the following:

1. Giving priority to reducing adverse environmental effects of excessive or improper withdrawals of water from concentrated areas;
2. Not depriving, directly or indirectly, any county wherein water is withdrawn by the Authority, of the prior right to the reasonable and beneficial use of water which is required adequately to supply the reasonable and beneficial needs of the county or any of the inhabitants or property owners therein;
3. Insuring that each party hereto shall have preferential right to purchase water from the regional water supply authority for use by said party to the reasonable and beneficial needs of all citizens therein.

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SECTION III. – Authority: The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority as provided for herein is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01 and Section 373.1962713, Florida Statutes.

SECTION IV. – Organization: The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority as provided for herein shall be organized in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 163.01, Florida Statutes.

~~SECTION V. – Membership and Representation: The Authority shall be governed by a Board comprised of representatives of the parties hereto. Initially, the Governing Board shall consist of eleven (11) members, which may be increased, each having one vote. There are hereby established two (2) classifications of Governing Board representation:~~

- ~~1. – County Representation – Each county represented as a party hereto shall appoint one (1) County Commissioner for the first 50,000 population and one (1) additional County Commissioner for each additional 50,000 population or increment thereof. The population of individual municipalities which are members of the Authority having over 25,000 in population will be deducted for representative purposes from their respective county population.~~
- ~~2. – Municipal Representation – Authority membership, and Governing Board representation, is hereby extended to all municipalities as follows:~~

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- ~~A. Any municipality, upon adoption of a resolution indicating a desire to become an Authority member, shall be included as a party hereto upon such terms and conditions as set forth herein.~~
- ~~B. Municipalities of 25,000 or more in population will have one (1) representative for the first 50,000 in population; and one (1) representative for each additional 50,000 in population or increment thereof. Municipalities of less than 25,000 in population within each member county will have one (1) joint representative who shall be selected by all member municipalities within their respective county by selecting the said representative who will thereafter represent all member municipalities within the respective county.~~
- ~~C. All municipal memberships heretofore selected to serve shall remain as the representative to the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority with any new member to be appointed pursuant to the provisions of Rule 160-1.06 (2)(b), Fla. Admin. Code, with the term of said municipal member to be provided for in the same manner as prescribed in Section V. 2. B. of the Agreement as the situation may dictate.~~

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SECTION V. - Membership and Representation: The Authority shall be governed by a Board comprised of representatives of the parties to the Interlocal Agreement. Initially, the governing Board shall consist of no more than eleven (11) members, which may be increased, each having one vote. There are hereby established two (2) classifications of Governing Board representation:

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(1) County Representation – Each county represented as a party to the Interlocal Agreement shall appoint one (1) County Commissioner for the first 50,000 population and one (1) additional County Commissioner for each additional 50,000 population, or increment thereof. The population of large cities which are members of the Authority will be deducted for representation and assessment purposes from their respective county population.

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(2) Municipal Representation – Authority membership, and Governing Board representation, is hereby extended to all municipalities as follows:

(a) Any municipality, upon adoption of a resolution indicating a desire to become an Authority member, shall be included as a member of the Authority upon such terms and conditions as set forth herein.

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(b) Large cities shall appoint one (1) representative for the first 50,000 in population; and one (1) representative for each additional 50,000 in population or increment thereof. Small cities within each member county will have one (1) joint representative

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who shall be selected by all member small cities within their respective county by selecting the said representative who will thereafter represent all member small cities within the respective county.

(c) All municipal memberships heretofore selected to serve shall remain as the representative to the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority with any new member to be appointed pursuant to Section V (2) (b) of Fla. Admin. Code paragraph 49C-1.006(2)(b), with the term of said municipal member to be provided for in the same manner as prescribed in Section V (2)(b) of the Interlocal Agreement, as the situation may dictate set forth above.

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(d) Total representation, including municipal and county membership, from a single county may not exceed six (6) representatives to the Authority Board of Directors. Representation from the jurisdictions within the County shall be as follows:

1. The representative from small cities shall be and remain at one (1) per county.

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2. County representation shall be in accordance with the formula provided herein, up to five (5) members. If a member large city is contained within a county, the representation between the county and municipality must be shared. These membership rules assume no more than one

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~~municipality within a county will exceed 25,000 population. When more than one municipality within a single county exceeds 25,000 population, based on official population estimates of the Department of Administration as published by the University of Florida, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, the Authority Board of Directors shall initiate rule-making to revise the representational formula for representation on the Board of Directors.~~

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~~3. Large cities shall be represented in accordance with the formula provided in these rules. Representation for such cities shall be shared with a member county.~~

~~4. Both the member county and the member large city may continue to add representatives until the cap of five (5) members is reached. Each year, based on the most recent Department of Administration population estimates as published by the University of Florida, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, an allocation of representatives for the city and county shall be made. If both units of government have sufficient population for three members, the third representative will be awarded to the unit of government with the greatest population. For purposes of this allocation, the~~

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County's population will be calculated based on the population in the unincorporated area.

SECTION VI. – Term and Compensation of Governing Board Members:

~~1. Representatives to the Governing Board shall serve for two year staggered terms.~~

~~2. The method of staggering said terms shall be determined by the Governing Board.~~

3-1. The balance of the term of any Governing Board member who resigns or is unable to continue to serve shall be filled in the same manner as prescribed in Section V. 1. or Section V. 2. B. as the situation may dictate.

4-2. Members of the Governing Board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in Section 112.016, Florida Statutes.

SECTION VII. – Powers: The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority may exercise any and all powers and all authority as may now or hereafter be vested in said authority by law including but not limited to its powers and authority as provided for in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 373.1962713, Florida Statutes.

SECTION VIII. – Officers: The officers of the Authority shall be as follows:

1. A Chairman, who shall preside at meetings of the Authority; sign, as authorized by the Authority, any contracts or other

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instruments which are deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority; and perform such other duties incident to the office as may be prescribed by the Authority.

2. A Vice-Chairman, who shall act in the Chairman's absence. The Vice-Chairman shall perform such other functions as the Authority may from time to time assign.
3. A Treasurer, who shall be entrusted with the receipt, care and disbursement of Authority funds in accordance with fiscal policies and regulations adopted by said Authority.

SECTION IX. – Staff: The Authority may appoint an Executive Director and prescribe his duties and compensation. Among other duties, the Executive Director shall:

1. Be responsible to the officers, and the Authority, for supervising and administering the work program of said Authority;
2. Act as Secretary to the Authority and shall prepare minutes of each meeting and be responsible for distributing copies to members of the Authority.

SECTION X. – Meetings: Meetings of the Authority shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and shall be held at intervals to be determined by the Governing Board.

1. The date and time of Regular-regular meetings of the Governing Board shall, ~~when feasible and convenient, be~~

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~~rotated among the counties representing parties hereto be determined annually and published in the Fla. Admin. Register and as otherwise required by law.~~

2. Special meetings of the Governing Board may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members at any time and place upon five (5) days written notice to the parties hereto.
3. A quorum at any meeting shall be declared when a majority of the counties who are parties hereto ~~are present have at least one member present. County Commissioner members and municipal members shall represent their respective county for purposes of establishing the county membership quorum.~~

SECTION XI. – Committees: The Chairman with the advice and consent of the Governing Board shall appoint such committees as may be designated by the Governing Board to carry on its work. Committee membership is not restricted to members of the Governing Board.

SECTION XII. – Budget and Finance: Each of the counties represented as parties hereto shall appropriate funds on a county-wide per capita basis as may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section 373. ~~1962713~~, Florida Statutes, ~~19762012~~, and the powers and duties of the Authority or its Governing Board.

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1. The per capita appropriation shall be based upon the most current annual population estimates by the Department of Administration.
2. No appropriations shall become effective until it has been adopted by ~~three-fifths (3/5) vote of the full voting membership of~~ the Governing Board and approved by the official action of at least three (3) of the Boards of County Commissioners representing parties hereto.
3. Said per capita appropriation may be reduced or eliminated for any stated or unstated period should other sources of revenue make it unnecessary to require per capita appropriation.
4. The Authority shall prepare a tentative annual budget for the fiscal year October 1 to September 30 and forward copies of same to the governmental bodies of the counties representing parties hereto ~~at least four (4) weeks prior to the adoption of a final budget by July 1 of each year~~ in order that said counties shall have an opportunity to take considered action in approving or disapproving the proposed budget and to provide for necessary per capita appropriation, if any. The tentative budget shall be considered final upon approval of a majority of the member counties.

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5. The budget and such other changes, amendments or supplements as may be necessary to conduct the fiscal affairs of the Authority may be amended from time to time by action of the Governing Board to include any funds accumulated from time to time from sources other than per capita appropriations.

The budget may ~~not~~ be amended to increase or decrease the annual per capita appropriation by the counties representing parties hereto ~~without the same majority as was necessary for original adoption by the same method set forth in paragraph 2. above.~~

~~SECTION XIII. — Amendments: This INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT may be amended by the Authority by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Governing Board voting at any regular or special meeting of the full voting membership of the Governing Board called for such purpose after written notice to all parties hereto.~~

SECTION ~~XIV~~XIII. – Affirmation:

1. Citrus County hereby affirms that, at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, 20__, it approved the terms of this Agreement and the execution thereof by Citrus.
2. Hernando County hereby affirms that, at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on the _____

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day of _____, 20__, it approved the terms of this Agreement and the execution thereof by Hernando.

3. Marion County hereby affirms that, at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, 20__, it approved the terms of this Agreement and the execution thereof by Marion.

4. Sumter County hereby affirms that, at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, 20__, it approved the terms of this Agreement and the execution thereof by Sumter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

CITRUS COUNTY

By: _____
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HERNANDO COUNTY

By: _____
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARION COUNTY

By: _____

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CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUMTER COUNTY

By: _____
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS