

# Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

## 2016 Legislative Issues Wrap-up

### March 16, 2016 (1 of 3)

Issue	Type of Change	Outcome/Result
Support the allocation of state funds that promotes regional partnerships for water resource and supply development through existing statutes and not create additional bureaucracy.	Legislative and Regulatory	SB 552, effective 7/1/16 Statewide water board failed; Emphasis on funding regionally significant water projects.
Support enhanced funding for restoration and protection of springs.	Legislative and Water Management Districts	SB 552, effective 7/1/16 Creates FL Springs & Aquifer Protection Act; HB 989, effective 7/1/16--\$50 million annually for springs.
Support funding for the Water Protection and Sustainability Program (SB 444), and funding for implementing the WRWSA 2014 Regional Water Supply Plan Update.	Legislative (section 403.890 and 403.891, F.S.)	SB 552, effective 7/1/16 Emphasis on funding regionally significant water projects.
Support Senate confirmations of Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Governing Board Members: Jeff Adams (Pinellas County); Ed Armstrong (Pinellas County); Michael Moran (Charlotte, Sarasota counties); Randall Maggard (Pasco County); Paul Senft, Jr. (Polk County); John Henslick (Manatee County); Kelly Rice (Citrus, Lake, Levy, and Sumter counties); and Support Senate confirmation of SWFWMD Executive Director Robert Beltran.	Legislative (section 373.073, FS)	Confirmed

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Support Senate confirmations of St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Governing Board Members: Ron Howse (At Large); Chuck Drake (St. Johns River Basin above the Ocklawaha River hydrologic unit); Fred Roberts (Ocklawaha River Basin); and Support Senate confirmation of SJRWMD Executive Director Ann Shortelle.		Confirmed
Monitor proposal for multi-source water use permits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicable to all users;</li> <li>• Includes total demand;</li> <li>• Prioritizes use of alternative supplies;</li> <li>• Allows "conjunctive use" of multiple sources to meet demand.</li> </ul>	Legislative (section 373.236, F.S.) and Regulatory	Continue Monitoring through 2017 Legislative Session
Monitor the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Reclaim Water Study to be completed by December 1, 2015, and implemented by DEP and water management districts.	Legislative and Regulatory	Legislation expected to be filed for 2017 Legislative Session.
Support a collaborative approach to water management when there are cross-district impacts for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water supply planning;</li> <li>• Setting Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs), Reservations;</li> <li>• Resource recovery or impact prevention strategies.</li> </ul>	Legislative and Regulatory	SB 552, effective 7/1/16 Codifies Central FL Water Initiative collaborative approaches to water management.

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Monitor efforts to revise the existing surface water reclassification system or to reclassify surface waters within the region which may limit water resource development opportunities.	Legislative and Regulatory	SB 552, effective 7/1/16 Requires DEP to establish rules for the use of surface water for drinking water.
ADDED: Oppose costly new special district interactive website reporting requirements.	Legislative	Failed

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Environmental and Natural Resources Projects  
Funded in the WRWSA Region  
March 16, 2016**

- Brooksville Saxon Brook Drainage Corrections Phase II -- \$125,000
- Hernando County Hunter's Lake Clean-up – \$200,000
- King's Bay Restoration -- \$1,400,000
- Silver Springs Stormwater Nutrient Reduction -- \$250,000
- Wildwood North Well Water Treatment and Storage -- \$724,160

Total: \$2.699 million