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WITHLACOOCHEE WATER AUTHORITY WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

And Begins Preparing for Selection and Hiring of a New Executive Director

LECANTO, FL, February 15, 2012 -- Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority representing Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties announced two new Board members: City of Ocala Councilman John McLeod, replacing Councilman John Priester; and Marion County Commissioner Charlie Stone, replacing Commissioner Mike Amsden. The Board began preparing for the selection and hiring of a new executive director by approving a job description and a process for advertising, screening and presenting candidates for Board interviews and selection. Advertisements will run in regional newspapers, the Florida Administrative Weekly, and the Authority's website at www.wrwsa.org. Applicants will have until close of business on March 30th to apply. Mr. Jack Sullivan will be retiring later this year after managing the Authority over the past 30 years as a consultant through an annual services contract. Southwest Florida Water Management District staff, Ron Basso, P.G. presented the Authority Board an update on the North Sumter County Data Collection program, a joint project between the District, the Authority and The Villages of Sumter County. Mr. Basso explained that the program is intended to gather sufficient data for refining necessary groundwater availability modeling in the region. Mr. Basso was very pleased to report that, "with one remaining test well yet to be completed, the program is coming in well-under the projected total cost of \$100,000." The Authority's next meeting will be March 21, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., in the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

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