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WITHLACOOCHEE WATER AUTHORITY HONORS PAST-CHAIRMAN DENNIS DAMATO

Citrus County Commissioner Recognized for Outstanding Leadership

LECANTO, FL, February 19, 2014 -- Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's Board of Directors representing Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties honored the Authority's immediate past-chairman, Citrus County Commissioner Dennis Damato, for his outstanding leadership. Commissioner Damato served as Authority chairman from January 2012 through January 2014, during an important period of time when the Authority was selecting its new executive director, Mr. Richard Owen, and transitioning into a new permanent office in the Lecanto Government Building. During his tenure, Commissioner Damato led the Authority through a variety of critical projects to the benefit of the entire four-county Withlacoochee region, including: joint funding of water supply projects for member governments; a regional irrigation evaluation pilot program; the Authority's regional water supply plan update; repeal of out-of-date agency rules; update of the Authority interlocal agreement; and advocacy for the Authority and member governments on such issues as springs protection and the establishment of minimum flows and levels (MFLs). The next Authority Board of Directors meeting will be on March 19th at 3:30 pm at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

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