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WITHLACOOCHEE WATER AUTHORITY BRIEFED ON PHASE III WATER RESTRICTIONS

And Legislative Wrap-Up Provided on Key Water Supply & Water Quality Issues

LECANTO, FL, March 21, 2012 – The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority representing Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties was briefed on a number of key areas of interest at a well-attended Board meeting. An overview of the Authority and orientation for new Board members was presented by Mr. Jack Sullivan, Executive Director, since two new Board members were recently appointed to the Board: City of Ocala Councilman John McLeod and Marion County Commissioner Charlie Stone. The Board was also briefed on the Phase III Water Shortage Restrictions recently imposed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. According to Ms. Lois Sorenson, a SWFWMD representative, Phase III Water Shortage Restrictions affecting Hernando, Citrus, Sumter, Lake and Levy counties as well as the City of Dunnellon and the Villages in Marion County began on March 10, 2012, and will expire June 30, 2012. A lawn watering schedule and other necessary restrictions may be found at Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org, or call SWFWMD hotline: 1-800-848-0499. Ms. Diane Salz, legislative and governmental affairs consultant to the Authority, presented a summary of outcomes from the 2012 Legislative Session on key water supply and water quality issues. Authority Chairman, Citrus County Commissioner Dennis Damato requested detailed information on new requirements placed on cities and counties with first magnitude springs, subject to approval by the Governor. The Authority's next meeting will be April 18, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., in the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

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