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### **WITHLACOOCHEE WATER AUTHORITY SELECTS THREE FINALISTS**

*Interviews for New Director to be Conducted at May Board Meeting*

LECANTO, FL, April 18, 2012 – The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority Board of Directors representing Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties was briefed on a number of key areas of interest at a well-attended meeting. Mr. Jack Sullivan, Executive Director, announced the names of three finalists selected among qualified candidates who applied for the Authority's advertised position of executive director since Mr. Sullivan has announced his plans for retirement. These finalists are: Mr. Robert Knight, formerly the Citrus County Utility Director; Mr. Richard Owen, formerly with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD); and Mr. Bruce Wirth, also formerly with SWFWMD. Finalists will be interviewed by the Authority Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Authority anticipates that the new executive director may start as early as July 1, 2012. Additionally, Mr. Hans Tanzler, Executive Director of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) was introduced and engaged Board members in a lively discussion of issues important to the Authority and member governments, including the proposed Adena Springs Ranch water use permit application. Overall, SJRWMD is striving for a non-adversarial relationship with local governments and permit applicants, a balanced approach to its regulatory responsibilities, and a reasonable rate of taxation, according to Mr. Tanzler. The Authority's next Board of Directors meeting will be May 16, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., in the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

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