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WITHLACOOCHEE WATER AUTHORITY ADOPTS FY2015-16 BUDGET

Enhanced Efficiencies are an Added Benefit for Member Governments

LECANTO, FL, May 20, 2015 -- The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority's Board of Directors representing Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties adopted its [2015-16 budget](#), representing reduced costs and enhanced efficiencies for member governments. The Authority's per capita assessment has remained \$0.19 for the past five years, while overall expenditures for the coming year will be 19.9% less. Notably, the Authority's administrative budget is reduced by 1.9% from the current year owing to a diligent effort to hold the line and reduce, where possible, all administrative expenses. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Authority has successfully reduced its Administrative budget. The water resource development projects budget will be 31.3% less than the current year, reflecting completion of several key projects. Projects included in the coming year's budget continue the Authority's highly successful, on-going regional outdoor irrigation program conducted in partnership with the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Authority member governments. In addition, the Authority's Local Government Water Conservation Grants are funded at the current year's funding level of \$130,000, with grant proposals due by the end of June and will be presented to the Board in September. The grant program is intended to fund water conservation-related projects on a matching basis. Applications and instructions are found on the Authority's website at www.wrwsa.org. Water conservation continues to be the most cost-effective way to stretch limited fresh ground water supplies in order to meet the region's growing demand. The next Authority Board of Directors meeting will be on June 17th at 3:30 pm at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

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