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WATER AUTHORITY'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEGINS JULY 1st, 2012

After Three Decades of Leadership by Former Executive Director Jack Sullivan

LECANTO, FL, June 20, 2012 -- The Board of Directors for the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority representing Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties unanimously approved a contract for its new executive director, Mr. Richard Owen formerly with the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Mr. Owen will begin July 1, 2012, replacing Mr. Jack Sullivan who is retiring after managing the Authority over the past 30 years. Board members expressed enthusiastic support for Mr. Owen's new role, and deep gratitude for Mr. Sullivan's past leadership. "We look forward to building the Water Authority with Mr. Owen upon a solid foundation achieved during Mr. Sullivan's tenure," according to Chairman Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commissioner. Mr. Owen's first official Board of Directors meeting as executive director of the WRWSA will be held on July 18, 2012, at 4:30 p.m., in the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

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