

**Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority**  
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228, Lecanto, Florida 34461

**Bills For Payment**  
**1/16/2019**

<u>Administrative Invoices</u>	<u>Invoice Number(s)</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richard S. Owen, AICP, Executive Director	2018-12	1/2/2019	\$6,783.43
Larry Haag, Attorney			\$0.00
Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs (Professional Fee)	123118	12/31/2018	\$3,500.00
C. LuAnne Stout, Admin Asst (Services)	012-Dec-2018	1/3/2019	\$3,125.00
Karen Allen (Web Maintenance)	107	1/9/2019	\$100.00
Sun Trust Business Card Statement (Dec rec'd late)	12.2.2018	12/2/2018	\$19.55
<b>Total Administrative Invoices</b>			<b>\$13,527.98</b>

  

<u>Water Supply Studies and Facilities</u>	<u>Contract/Budget</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Current Invoice(s)</u>
General Services Contract	\$75,000.00	\$35,000.00	
Work Order 18-01. Water Resource Associates	\$25,000.00	\$20,754.60	
Work Order 18-02. Weber and Associates	\$15,000.00	\$13,156.25	
Regional Water Supply Plan Update	\$299,940.00	\$188,301.96	\$21,403.75 (1)
FY2017-18 Water Conservation Grants Program			
Citrus County	\$42,627.50	\$2,461.38	
Hernando County	\$48,350.00	\$7,973.69	
Marion County	\$35,245.00	\$17,571.18	\$17,673.82 (2)
Phase 4 Irrigation Program	\$200,000.00	\$66,239.78	\$500.00 (3)
Phase 5 Irrigation Program	\$200,000.00	\$195,219.55	\$4,780.45 (4)
<b>Total Project Invoices</b>	<b>\$941,162.50</b>	<b>\$546,678.39</b>	<b>\$44,358.02</b>

  

<b>Total Bills to be Paid</b>	<b>\$57,886.00</b>
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<b>State Board of Administration</b>	<b>Transfer from SBA2 to SBA1</b>	<b>\$44,358.02</b>
<b>State Board of Administration</b>	<b>Transfer from SBA1 to SunTrust Bank</b>	<b>\$57,886.00</b>

Notes:

(1) Regional Water Supply Plan Update

Cardno Inc \$21,403.75 Invoice 267396

(2) Water Conservation Grant Program

Marion County Toilet Rebate Program \$3,917.00 Invoice WR-18-004  
Marion County Water Conservation Program \$13,756.82 Invoice WRWSA FY 17-18  
\$17,673.82

(3) Phase 4 (N822) - Irrigation Audit Reinspections

Jack Overdorff, ECO Land Design \$500.00 Invoice 335

(4) Phase 5 (Q040) - Irrigation Audits

Jack Overdorff, ECO Land Design \$4,780.45 Invoice 333

**Phase 4 Irrigation System Audit Program  
Summary by Participant**

<i>Participating Utility</i>	<i>Core Audits Count</i>	<i>Core Audits \$</i>	<i>Enhanced Audits Count</i>	<i>Enhanced Audits \$</i>	<i>Total Combined Audits Count</i>	<i>Total Combined Audits \$</i>	<i>Administration</i>	<i>Promotional Activities</i>	<i>Followups</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>SWFWMD</i>
Citrus	0	\$ -	58	\$ 30,737.75	58	\$30,737.75	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 493.19		\$34,130.94	\$17,065.47
Hernando	0	\$ -	66	\$ 35,608.68	66	\$35,608.68	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 504.73		\$39,413.41	\$19,706.71
Marion	0	\$ -	66	\$ 24,886.97	66	\$24,886.97	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 856.56		\$29,043.53	\$14,521.77
VCCDD (LSSA)	43	\$ 11,228.96	0	\$ -	43	\$11,228.96	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 290.01		\$13,668.97	\$6,834.49
NSCUDD (VWCA)	88	\$ 23,482.80	0	\$ -	88	\$23,482.80	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 588.82		\$28,471.62	\$14,235.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>\$ 34,711.76</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>\$ 91,233.40</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>\$ 125,945.16</b>	<b>\$ 16,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,733.31</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 144,728.47</b>	<b>\$ 72,364.24</b>
<b>SWFWMD CFI Agreement</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>\$73,440</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>\$161,440</b>	<b>\$20,800</b>	<b>\$7,360</b>	<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

As of December 2018

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

**Legislative Delegation Members**

(alphabetical order)

**Citrus County:**

**Rep. Ralph Massullo (Beverly Hills) 352.527.4510**

**Senator Wilton Simpson (Spring Hill) 352.688.5077**

**Hernando County:**

**Rep. Blaise Ingoglia (Spring Hill) 352.340.6554**

**Rep. Ralph Massullo (Beverly Hills) 352.527.4510**

**Senator Wilton Simpson (Spring Hill) 352.688.5077**

**Marion County:**

**Senator Dennis Baxley (Lady Lake) 352.750.3133**

**Senator Rob Bradley (Orange Park) 904.278.2085**

**Rep. Brett Thomas Hage (The Villages) 352.315.4445**

**Rep. Stan McClain (Ocala) 352.732.1313**

**Senator Keith Perry (Gainesville) 352.264.4040**

**Rep. Charlie Stone (Ocala) 352.291.4436**

**Rep. Clovis Watson (Gainesville) 352.264.4001**

**Sumter County:**

**Senator Dennis Baxley (Lady Lake) 352.750.3133**

**Rep. Brett Thomas Hage (The Villages) 352.315.4445**

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Date

Dear Senator/Representative\_\_\_\_\_ (Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties),

On behalf of the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, I wish to congratulate you on your (*election/reelection*) and to share with you the Authority's 2019 Legislative Priorities, adopted on January 16, 2019.

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority is an independent special district authorized by section 373.713, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and created by an interlocal agreement executed pursuant to section 163.01 F.S., in 1977, amended in 1984 and revised and restated in 2014. The Authority consists of Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter counties and a municipal representative from each member county. Each representative is an elected official who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governing bodies.

The Authority is charged with planning for and developing cost-efficient, high-quality water supplies for its member governments; promoting environmental stewardship through its water conservation programs; and developing alternative water sources (AWS) when needed to augment traditional water supplies to meet the region's long-term needs. A long-term commitment will ensure that when costly AWS are needed, the region can collaboratively develop its water sources which can take eight years or more for planning, permitting, designing and implementation.

We look forward to working with you during the coming 2019 Legislative Session, and hope that you will look to us as a resource for any constituent questions and concerns that may arise relating to our water supply. Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_ or Richard Owen, the Authority's Executive Director, at \_\_\_\_\_ for a meeting in your district office or a telephone discussion. Thank you.

With kind regards,

Michelle Stone  
Chair, Marion County Board of County Commissioners  
Chair, Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority

## 2018 - 2019 Interim Committee Meeting Schedule

December 2018 – \*Week of the 11<sup>th</sup>

January 2019 – Week of the 7<sup>th</sup>

January 2019 – \*Week of the 22<sup>nd</sup>

February 2019 – Week of the 4<sup>th</sup>

February 2019 – Week of the 11<sup>th</sup>

February 2019 – \*Week of the 19<sup>th</sup>

\*Meetings begin on Tuesday due to Monday holidays

### 2019 SESSION DATES

August	1, 2018	Deadline for filing claim bills (Rule 4.81(2))
January	25, 2019	Friday, 5:00 p.m., deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, <u>including requests for companion bills</u>
March	1, 2019	Friday, 5:00 p.m., deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, <u>including companion bills</u>
March	5, 2019	Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), Constitution) 12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Rule 3.7(1))
April	20, 2019	All bills are immediately certified (Rule 6.8) Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Rule 6.4(4))
April	23, 2019	50th day—last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Rule 2.9(2))
May	3, 2019	60th day—last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), Constitution)

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## Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Major Water Policy Reforms

January 10, 2019, in News Releases, by Staff

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 19-12 (Achieving More Now For Florida’s Environment), implementing major reforms to ensure the protection of Florida’s environment and water quality.

“Our water and natural resources are the foundation of our economy and our way of life in Florida,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “The protection of water resources is one of the most pressing issues facing our state. That’s why today I’m taking immediate action to combat the threats which have devastated our local economies and threatened the health of our communities.”

The order calls for:

- \$2.5 Billion over the next four years for Everglades restoration and protection of water resources (a \$1 Billion increase in spending over the previous four years and the highest level of funding for restoration in Florida’s history).
- The Establishment of a Blue-Green Algae Task Force, charged with focusing on expediting progress toward reducing the adverse impacts of blue-green algae blooms now and over the next five years.
- Instruction to the South Florida Water Management District to immediately start the next phase of the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project design and ensure the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approves the project according to schedule.
- The Creation of the Office of Environmental Accountability and Transparency charged with organizing and directing integrated scientific research and analysis to ensure that all agency actions are aligned with key environmental priorities.
- The Appointment of a Chief Science Officer to coordinate and prioritize scientific data, research, monitoring and analysis needs to ensure alignment with current and emerging environmental concerns most pressing to Floridians.

### **Executive Order 19-12: Achieving More Now For Florida’s Environment**

#### Section 1: Focus on Rapid Improvement for Water Quality, Quantity and Supply

I hereby direct the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Department of Health (DOH) as provided in paragraph J below, and Visit Florida and the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) as provided in paragraph L below, to take the following actions to enhance Florida’s water quality and preserve its natural resources:

- A. Secure \$2.5 billion over the next four years to invest in Everglades restoration and protecting our water resources.

B. Establish a Blue-Green Algae Task Force, charged with focusing on expediting progress toward reducing the adverse impacts of blue-green algae blooms now and over the next five years. This task force should support key funding and restoration initiatives to expedite nutrient reductions in Lake Okeechobee and the downstream estuaries. This task force should identify priority projects for funding that are based on scientific-data and build upon Basin Management Action Plans to provide the largest and most meaningful nutrient reductions in key waterbodies, as well as make recommendations for regulatory changes.

C. Update and secure all restoration plans, within one year, for waterbodies impacting South Florida communities, including Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuaries. These updates will ensure that the Blue-Green Algae Task Force has the necessary information to provide guidance to DEP on maximizing the investments in water quality improvements.

D. Instruct the South Florida Water Management District to immediately start the next phase of the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project design and ensure the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approves the project according to schedule.

E. Expedite key Everglades projects including the C-44 reservoir and stormwater treatment area, C-43 reservoir, Tamiami Trail and additional projects necessary to protect our waterways and natural resources.

F. Work with the South Florida Water Management District to add stormwater treatment to the C-43 Reservoir to provide additional treatment and improve the quality of water leaving this important storage component.

G. Expedite projects with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve management of Lake Okeechobee, including updating the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule and identifying water quality treatment technologies to install near water control structures in Lake Okeechobee.

H. Direct DEP to establish a septic conversion and remediation grant program with a local government match requirement.

I. Instruct all five water management districts to increase transparency and accountability by providing data and information to DEP to support key water quality restoration efforts. Instruct all water management districts to review budgets and prioritize available funding to focus on projects that will help address harmful algae blooms and maximize nutrient reductions.

J. Participate in Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force to provide technical expertise and assistance studying causes and impacts of red tide. The DOH is also directed to participate in FWC's Task Force to help study air quality and human health impacts of red tide.

K. Continue DEP's red tide emergency grant program to support local governments to clean up their beaches and coastal areas to minimize the impacts of red tide to residents and visitors.

L. Partner with Visit Florida and DEO to identify opportunities within communities and recommend investments in green infrastructure, such as wetland treatment systems, that benefit our natural resources and local economies by increasing recreational and tourism opportunities, while improving water quality.

M. Engage local governments, industry, universities and water management districts to identify and research all viable alternative water supply sources and provide an assessment of funding needs critical to supporting Florida's growing economy. DEP should take all necessary steps to establish recurring funding for an alternative water supply grant program to help communities plan for and implement vital conservation, reuse and other alternative water supply projects.

N. Engage local governments, industry, citizens and other stakeholders through a targeted education and outreach campaign that will focus on the importance of conservation and reuse efforts and encourage Floridians to implement essential conservation and reuse efforts in their homes, businesses and communities throughout Florida.

O. Continue to explore every option to stop Georgia's harmful upstream water use from causing further adverse impacts to the Apalachicola River and Bay.

## Section 2: Restructuring to Focus on Accountability, Transparency, and Science to Achieve More Now for Florida's Environment

I hereby direct DEP to implement the following actions to ensure the agency is making sound decisions based on the best available science and providing for accountability and transparency:

A. Create the Office of Environmental Accountability and Transparency charged with organizing and directing integrated scientific research and analysis to ensure that all agency actions are aligned with key environmental priorities.

B. Appoint a Chief Science Officer to coordinate and prioritize scientific data, research, monitoring and analysis needs to ensure alignment with current and emerging environmental concerns most pressing to Floridians.

C. Take all necessary actions to move the Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit from FWC to DEP to align resources focused on environmental protection and ensure strong enforcement of Florida's environmental laws.

## Section 3: Ensure Florida's Valuable and Vulnerable Coastlines and Natural Resources are Protected

I hereby direct DEP to implement the following actions to protect Florida's coastlines and natural resources:

A. Create the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection to help prepare Florida's coastal communities and habitats for impacts from sea level rise by providing funding, technical assistance and coordination among state, regional and local entities.

B. Take necessary actions to adamantly oppose all off-shore oil and gas activities off every coast in Florida and hydraulic fracturing in Florida.

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