

P R O P O S E D

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority 2020 Legislative Issues November 13, 2019

Issue	Type of Change	Further Detail
Support the allocation of state funds that promotes regional partnerships for water resource and supply development through existing statutes and not create additional bureaucracy, or inappropriate funding diversions.	Legislative and Water Management Districts	Continue funding at least \$40 million annually, with emphasis on funding regionally significant water projects.
Support continued and enhanced funding for restoration and protection of springs, with an emphasis on an appropriate amount of funding for activities addressing the springsheds within the WRWSA region.	Legislative and Water Management Districts	Oppose any diversions away from at least \$100 million annually for springs restoration and protection.
Support funding for the Water Protection and Sustainability Program, and funding for implementing the WRWSA Regional Water Supply Plan.	Legislative (section 403.890 and 403.891, F.S.) and Water Management Districts	Emphasis on implementing the WRWSA Regional Water Supply Plan.
Support Senate confirmations of Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Executive Director Brian Armstrong and Governing Board Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Rice (Citrus, Sumter) • Roger Germann (Hillsborough) • Joel Schleicher (Charlotte, Sarasota) 	Legislative (section 373.073, FS)	Each SWFWMD Governing Board Member will be confirmed for a 4-year term.
Support Senate confirmations of St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Executive Director Ann Shortelle and Governing Board Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Davis (Area 2) • Ron Howse (At Large) 	Legislative (section 373.073, FS)	Each SJRWMD Governing Board Member will be confirmed for a 4-year term.
Monitor legislation to implement Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Reclaimed Water recommendations and the Potable Reuse Commission's recommendations.	Legislative and Regulatory	Legislation expected to be filed for 2020 Legislative Session.
Support a collaborative approach to water management when there are cross-district impacts for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water supply planning; • Setting Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs), Reservations; and • Resource recovery or impact prevention strategies. 	Legislative and Regulatory	Monitor Central Florida Water Initiative for potential statewide impacts.
Monitor efforts to grant legal rights to rivers or revise the existing surface water classification system or to reclassify surface waters within the region which may limit water resource development opportunities.	Legislative and Regulatory	Continue to monitor initiatives and rules for the use of surface water for drinking water.