

Central Florida Water Initiative

Regional Water Supply Plan

Public Workshop Summary

September 26, 2013, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Winter Park Civic Center, 1050 W. Morse Blvd., Winter Park, FL

The purpose of this meeting was to provide a status update on the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Regional Water Supply Plan, answer questions, and facilitate public engagement in the regional water supply planning effort.

Meeting notification occurred by email to stakeholders, interested parties and attendees of prior meetings from the St. Johns River, South Florida and Southwest Florida water management districts. Web-based meeting notification occurred on the CFWI, Orange County and water management district calendar webpages. The meeting was also noticed in Florida Administrative Weekly. More than 60 attendees participated in the meeting, including about 43 members of the public and 18 staff members from the water management districts, water utilities and CFWI technical team members.

The agenda consisted of the following:

4:00 p.m. – Visit the Information Tables

CFWI Information and Solutions Team	Water Supply Options
Population and Water Demand Projections	Groundwater Availability
Regional Water Supply Plan Schedule	Water Conservation Potential

5:00 p.m. – Welcome and Overview of CFWI

John Shearer, CFWI Facilitator

5:15 p.m. – Overview of Regional Water Supply Plan

Tom Bartol, St. Johns River Water Management District

5:45 p.m. – Public Comments

6:15 p.m. – Visit the Information Tables for Questions and Discussion

The public provided verbal comments during the Public Comments section of the agenda. Written public input was also received on public comment cards.

Summary of Comments Received at CFWI Public Workshop – 9/26/13

Seven citizens asked questions or made statements at the meeting. These consisted of:

- Question as to whether the amount of water being used is more than 1995 and how has the water quality changed.
- The list of solutions should include the elimination of water “transport” permits; does not agree with corporate exportation of prime Florida water.
- Questioned if there is any water supply planning beyond 2035. Should plan more for more than 25 years. Need to consider sea level rise.
- Glad something is being done about the decline of the lakes but planning should extend 300 years. Also, absolutely no to Niagara.
- Questioned what effect drainage is having on natural systems versus water withdrawals. Drainage lowers water levels, pressure in the water table, water availability. Need to know this to plan.
- A 16-point list of recommendations was submitted.

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