



Meet the teams behind the CFWI

The work of the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) hinges on collaboration to help meet future demands for water in Florida. Several committees and teams help maintain the collaborative focus required to implement effective and consistent water resource planning across five counties in central Florida.

Here's a look at the committees and teams behind the CFWI.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee oversees the CFWI process and provides guidance to the technical teams and technical oversight/management committees that are developing and refining information on all aspects of central Florida's water resources. The Steering Committee includes a governing board member from each water management district and a representative from a public water supply utility, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS).

Management Oversight Committee

The Management Oversight Committee oversees technical teams, ensures coordination among the teams and identifies policy issues that need to be elevated to the Steering Committee as the process evolves. The Committee includes representatives of the executive management teams from each of the water management districts, DEP and public water supply utilities as well as representatives from the agricultural and environmental communities.

Technical Teams

Specialized technical teams include Conservation, Regulatory Coordination, Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP), Water Resource Assessment, and Communications and Outreach. In some cases, a technical team might contain a working group, or subgroup, to address a distinct topic. Technical teams focus on specific issues and work to develop singular, collaborative models, projections, processes, strategies and plans. The teams include representatives from the water management districts, public water supply utilities, the environmental community, DEP, DACS and other stakeholder groups.

Conservation Team	This team's goal is to continue the effort to advance conservation beyond the estimates established in the 2015 RWSP. Subteams include Agriculture and Public Supply.
Regulatory Coordination Team	This team's goal is to establish consistent rules and regulations for the three water management districts that meet the Collaborative Process Goals and implement the results of the CFWI.
Regional Water Supply Plan Team	This team's goal is to update and implement the single multidistrict 2015 RWSP, including incorporation of needed recovery or prevention strategies and the identification of sustainable water supply programs and projects. Subteams include Population and Water Demands, Reclaimed Water, Technical Writing and Regional Project Solutions.
Water Resource Assessment Team	This team's goal is to review any needed recovery or prevention strategies, update the East Central Florida Transient model, continue the effort to implement the next steps from the 2015 RWSP, and ensure technical coordination between the teams. Subteams include Hydrologic Analysis, Environmental Measures, Minimum Flows and Levels and Reservations, Groundwater Availability and Data, Monitoring and Investigations.

Communications and Outreach Team

This team’s goal is to inform and engage stakeholders and the public on the strategies, programs and project opportunities in the CFWI.

In addition to coordination, involving the public is an essential part of the CFWI process to ensure that the effort reflects the issues and concerns of residents. Information about upcoming public team meetings, as well as past meetings, is available online at cfwiwater.com/meetings.



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The CFWI encompasses five counties: Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk and Seminole. The state’s water experts project that this region will need an additional 300 million gallons of water per day by 2035. Through the CFWI, three water management districts — South Florida, Southwest Florida and St. Johns River — are working collaboratively with other agencies and stakeholders to implement effective water resource planning, including water resource and supply development and management strategies to protect, conserve and restore our water resources. To learn more, please visit cfwiwater.com.