



## CFWI Draft 2020 Regional Water Supply Plan Available for Review and Comment

Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Draft 2020 Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) is now available on the CFWI website for review and comment by stakeholders and the public. The plan identifies existing and projected water needs as well as projects and funding sources to meet those needs in the CFWI Planning Area over the next 20 years.

The CFWI 2020 RWSP has been developed collaboratively between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the St. Johns, Southwest and South Florida water management districts, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, public water supply utilities and other stakeholder groups. The CFWI Planning Area consists of all of Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Polk counties and southern Lake County, covering approximately 5,300 square miles.

“Groundwater sources are limited in the CFWI Planning Area based on expected population projections over the next 20 years and our extensive groundwater modeling efforts,” said Tammy Bader-Gibbs, RWSP Team Lead. “However, we’ve concluded that our current and future water needs can be met while sustaining the water resources and related natural systems through 2040 through an integrated approach.”

The integrated approach outlined in the plan includes increased water conservation, development of alternative water supplies, further hydrogeologic investigation, optimization of groundwater withdrawals, additional project evaluation and modeling, pursuit of funding for water resource and water supply projects, and development of consistent rules and regulations.

Public workshops planned for the month of April throughout the CFWI planning region have been postponed and will be rescheduled when appropriate. [A PDF of the workshop presentation is available online](#) to allow stakeholders and the public the opportunity to learn more and comment on the draft plan. All public comments and feedback are taken into consideration and will be included in the plan's appendix. The comment period ends on May 15, 2020 at 5 p.m.

The final plan will be presented to the governing boards of each water management district for approval in November 2020.

*The Draft 2020 CFWI RWSP is in the process of being converted to an ADA compliant document. The Final 2020 CFWI RWSP will be ADA compliant. If you need assistance, please contact one of the following water management districts:*

*SJRWMD (386) 329-4500 or 1-800-451-7106*

*SFWMD (561) 686-8800 or 1-800-432-2045*

*SWFWMD (352) 796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476*

## April is Water Conservation Month

Florida's local governments and water management districts have declared April as Water Conservation Month.

Residents within the CFWI and throughout the state can participate by being mindful of water use in their daily household activities during what is typically peak demand season.



To encourage participation, the water management districts are working with local governments and utilities to spread information on water saving tips, activities and resources.

Learn more about water conservation [here](#).



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[watermatters.org](http://watermatters.org)



[www.sjrwmd.com](http://www.sjrwmd.com)

The CFWI encompasses five counties: Orange, Osceola, Polk and Seminole and southern Lake. 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](http://cfwiwater.com).