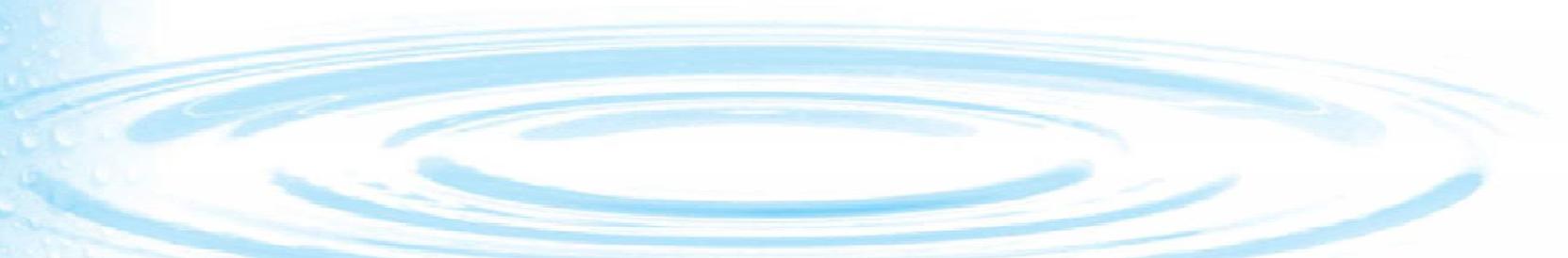


# Central Florida Water Initiative

## Regional Water Supply Plan

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# RWSP Update

- Writing and editing draft chapters
- Coordinating with groundwater availability team for results of technical team analyses
- Once groundwater availability portion complete results will be incorporated into plan

# Public Outreach Activities

- Presentations and briefings with stakeholders
  - Since Oct. 2012, direct outreach to approx. 530 people via 44 presentations
    - Since June 2013, direct outreach to 232 people via 20 presentations
- Upcoming presentations with 10 stakeholder groups in Aug./Sept.

# Public Involvement Schedule

<b>Components</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
<b>Briefings/Presentations</b>	Ongoing
<b>Live Webinar</b> Recorded and Distributed	Aug. 29, 2013 1:30 p.m.
<b>Public Status Update Workshop</b> Winter Park Civic Center (Orange)	Sept. 26, 2013 4–7 p.m.
<b>Technical Methods Workshop</b> Osceola Heritage Park (Osceola)	Nov. 7, 2013 10 a.m.– noon
<b>Draft RWSP Workshop</b> Clermont Community Center (Lake)	Dec. 12, 2013 4– 7 p.m.
<b>Draft RWSP to WMD Governing Bds.</b> SF: Dec. 12; SWF: Dec. 17; SJR: Jan. 7	Dec. 2013/Jan. 2014

# Live CFWI Webinar

What: Overview of CFWI, RWSP and outreach schedule

When: Thursday, August 29 at 1:30 p.m.

Who: Elected officials, professionals, local government staff and all stakeholders

How: Go to [www.polk-county.net/icast](http://www.polk-county.net/icast)

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*Note: Webinar will be recorded and distributed for local government TV and websites*

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### Overview of the Central Florida Water Initiative

Florida's water management districts are committed to finding new ways of meeting the demand for freshwater. Historically, the Floridan aquifer system has supplied the vast majority of the water used in the central Florida area. The boundaries of three water management districts — the St. Johns River Water Management District, South Florida Water Management District and Southwest Florida Water Management District — meet in the area. The three districts are studying whether the Floridan aquifer system is reaching its sustainable levels of use and exploring the need to develop supplemental sources of water.

In the past, the three districts worked independently to resolve water resource issues, but the decisions of one district can impact the water resources of another. Today, the districts are working collaboratively with other agencies and stakeholders to implement effective and consistent water resource planning, development and management through the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI).

The CFWI builds on the prior work of the Central Florida Coordination Area (CFCA). Both efforts focus on an area that includes southern Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Polk counties. The three water management districts, along with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), regional public water supply utilities and other stakeholders are collaborating to develop a unified process to address central Florida's current and long-term water supply needs.

Click for more detailed map, including public water supply utility service areas.

The Central Florida Water Initiative joins efforts between three water management districts.

#### Guiding principles

The guiding principles of the CFWI are:

- Identify the sustainable quantities of traditional groundwater sources available for water supplies that can be used without causing unacceptable harm to the water resources and associated natural systems.
- Develop strategies to meet water demands that are in excess of the sustainable yield of existing traditional groundwater sources.
- Establish consistent rules and regulations for the three water management districts that meet their collective goals, and implement the results of the Central Florida Water Initiative.

Additional information can be found at [cfwiwater.com](http://cfwiwater.com)

## QUESTIONS?