

Central Florida Water Initiative Community Workshop

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Purpose of the Workshop

- Provide Background Information and Accomplishments to date

- Hear from you:
 - Challenges
 - Opportunities
 - What your communities need

- ❖ *To implement Regional Solutions*
- ❖ *To address our future needs*

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What is CFWI?

A collaborative **regional** water supply endeavor
to protect, conserve and restore our
water resources

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Panel Discussion

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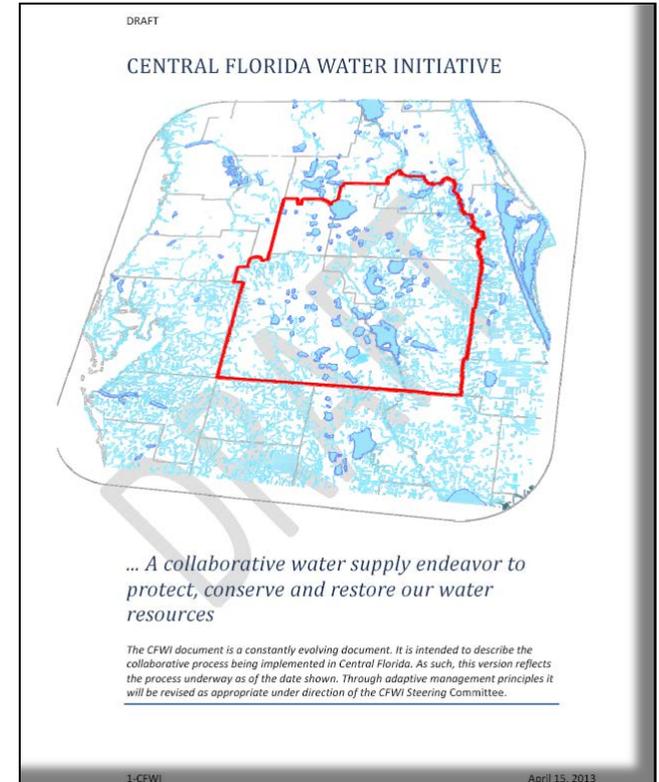
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CFWI Principles

- Identify sustainable quantities of groundwater sources
- Develop strategies to meet water demands
- Establish consistent rules and regulations



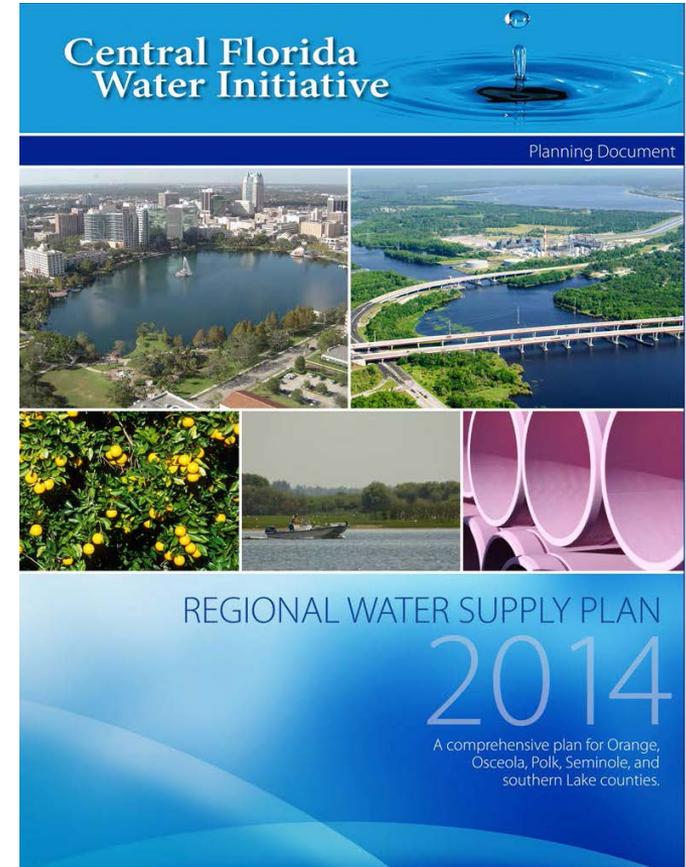
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One Plan for CFWI Region

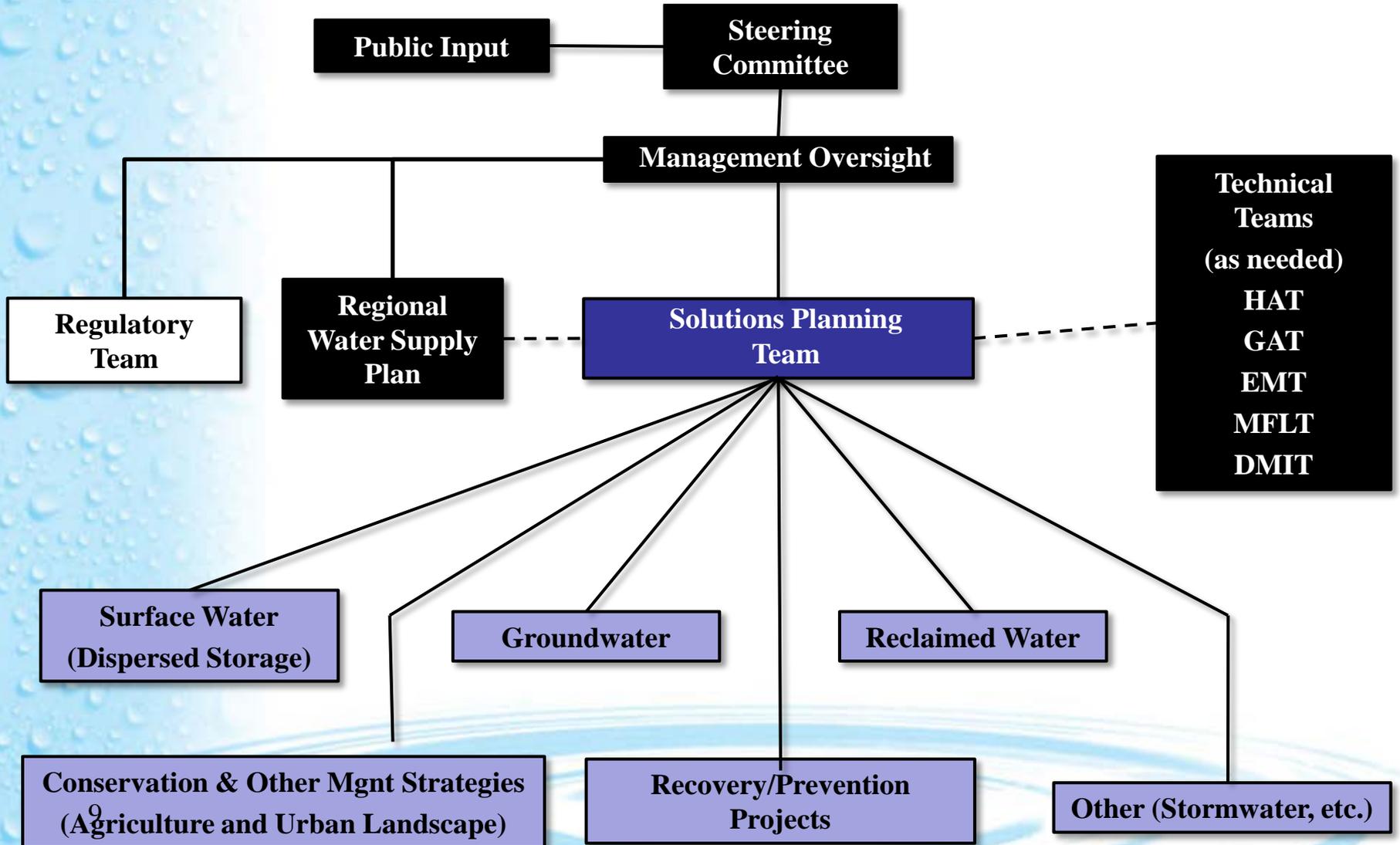
- Developing first-ever Regional Water Supply Plan
- Collaborative effort between Districts, FDEP, FDACS, Utilities and other stakeholders
- Technical teams provided strong scientific foundation for development of Plan



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CFWI Structure



Solutions Team Principles

- Optimize the use of sustainable groundwater sources
- Develop strategies to meet future water demands through conservation and alternative water supplies
- Identify additional strategies to increase consistency for the management of water resources

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Upcoming Timetable

- Two community workshops targeted at local elected officials and community leaders
- Central Florida Regional Leadership Forum on Nov. 21
- Early 2015 – Steering Committee receives Draft Solutions Plan and opens public comment in the Spring of 2015
- Summer Of 2015 – Governing Boards approve the CFWI Regional Water Supply Plan and the Solutions document

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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 limits 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 (DEP), Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS), 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.

Guiding principles

The guiding principles of the CFWI are to:

- 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 systems.

Final Draft Regional Water Supply Plan

- Final Draft Plan
- Appendices
- Comments/responses
- Water Management District Resolutions
- Southwest Florida
- South Florida
- St. Johns River

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