

# CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM



Working Together to Advance  
a Regional Water Strategy

Host



CENTRAL FLORIDA  
PARTNERSHIP

Sponsor



ORLANDO REGIONAL  
**REALTOR**<sup>®</sup>  
ASSOCIATION

In Partnership With



Community Partners



# Central Florida's Priorities are Our Priorities

## REGIONAL ACTION

### Transportation

Advance Connectivity and Access

### Sources of Capital

Position Region as a Center for Innovation and Investment

### Florida's Super Region

Unify and Champion America's 10th Largest Economy

### Talent Pipeline

Attract, Cultivate and Retain Talent—Cradle to Career

### International Business

Export to the World via Local-to-Global Trade

## SUPPORTING ROLE

### Central Florida Water Initiative

### Central Florida Commission on Homelessness

### Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MS&T)



Bringing business and civic leaders together to work on the big issues that span our seven-county region is what the Central Florida Partnership is all about. Every day, Central Florida moves closer to achieving its full potential as a globally-recognized, high-performing economy. The Partnership makes it possible by identifying the opportunities, thinking big and taking action—by moving “Ideas to Results.”



CENTRAL FLORIDA  
PARTNERSHIP

## Central Florida Regional Leadership Forum Working Together to Advance a Regional Water Strategy

### AGENDA

@CFLPartnership  
#CFLPForum



#### I. Coffee & Conversation

#### II. Welcome, Introductions & Acknowledgements

##### Sponsor:

- Orlando Regional REALTOR Association

##### In Partnership With:

- South Florida Water Management District
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- St. Johns River Water Management District

Special Thanks to Our Community Partners

**Jacob V. Stuart**  
President  
Central Florida Partnership

**Aaron J. Gorovitz**  
Chair  
Central Florida Partnership  
Shareholder  
Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor  
& Reed, P.A.

#### III. Understanding Our Regional Values

In May of 2009, the Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders identified “creating a regional water strategy” as its top regional priority. Toward this end, the Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders sought specific recommendations from myregion.org regarding how to work together, as a region, to create a sustainable water supply strategy for the Central Florida Region. Specifically, the Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders encouraged the exploration of a sustainable water supply strategy; one which would incorporate reducing water consumption (conservation), the sharing of water resources, and the development of alternative water supplies; while, at the same time, successfully avoiding litigation from any parties. Through qualitative and quantitative research, myregion.org and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) gathered input from over 1,000 public, private and independent sector leaders from the Central Florida Region; with the result of this research being a final report, entitled, *Creating a Sustainable Water Supply for Central Florida: A Regional Strategy*.

**Mark Brewer**  
Chair  
myregion.org  
Board Member  
Central Florida Partnership  
President & CEO  
Central Florida Foundation

#### IV. Statewide Perspective – Securing Florida's Future

With the passage of Amendment No. 1, Florida needs to be prepared to implement this constitutional amendment which will provide dollars to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitats; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.

**Mark Wilson**  
President & CEO  
Florida Chamber of Commerce

Brevard | Lake | Orange | Osceola | Polk | Seminole | Volusia

ideas  
to results

Agenda as of 11/17/14; subject to change

### AGENDA continued

#### V. An Introduction to the Central Florida Water Initiative

The guiding principles 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 sources; and 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.

**Michael D. Minton**  
Member  
Central Florida Water Initiative  
Board Member  
Central Florida Partnership  
Board Member  
Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Vice President  
Dean Mead

#### VI. Leading the Way in Regional Collaboration, Regional Cooperation & Regional Partnerships

**Robert Beltran**  
Executive Director  
Southwest Florida Water Management District

**Blake Guillory**  
Executive Director  
South Florida Water Management District

**Hans Tanzler**  
Executive Director  
St. Johns River Water Management District

**Steve Seibert**  
Moderator  
Former Secretary  
Florida Department  
of Community Affairs  
Former Executive Director  
Century Commission  
for a Sustainable Florida  
Founding Partner  
triSect

#### VII. Business & Government Working Together

**William Capote**  
Member, Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders  
Mayor, City of Palm Bay

**Erik Jacobsen**  
General Manager, Deseret Ranches of Florida

**Adam Jones**  
Vice President of Quality Assurance, Massey Services, Inc.

**Adrian Jones**  
Board Member, Central Florida Partnership  
General Manager, LEGOLAND Florida

**George Lindsey, III**  
Member, Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders  
Commissioner – District 1, Polk County Commission

**Rasesh Thakkar**  
Board Member, Central Florida Partnership  
Senior Managing Director, Tavistock Group

**Diana Bolivar**  
Moderator  
President  
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
of Metro Orlando

### AGENDA continued

#### VIII. Community Voices—A Community Conversation

**Mark Brewer**  
Moderator

**John P. Albright**  
President & CEO, Consolidated Tomoka Land Company

**Michael A. Babb**  
Governing Board Chair, Southwest Florida Water Management District  
President, Two Rivers Ranch, Inc.

**Drew Bartlett**  
Chair, Steering Committee, Central Florida Water Initiative  
Deputy Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**Randolph Bracy**  
Representative - District 45, Florida House of Representatives

**Marva Brown Johnson**  
Board Member, Central Florida Partnership  
Corporate Vice President Government & Industry Affairs, Bright House Networks

**Bob Dallari**  
Chair, Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders  
Chair, Seminole County Commission

**Charles Lee, Sr.**  
Director of Advocacy, Audubon of Florida

**Mark Middlebrook**  
Executive Director, St. Johns River Alliance

**John A. Miklos**  
Governing Board Chair, St. Johns River Water Management District  
President & Senior Project Manager, Bio-Tech Consulting (BTC) Inc.

**Charles R. Mojock, Ed.D.**  
President, Lake-Sumter State College

**Daniel T. O'Keefe**  
Governing Board Chair, South Florida Water Management District  
Attorney, Shutts & Bowen LLP

**Eric Rollings**  
Realtor, uOwn Real Estate

**Mary Fickert Thomas, PE**  
Supervising Engineer, Parsons Brinckerhoff

**Lynda L. Weatherman**  
President & CEO, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast

**Katie Worthington**  
President & CEO, Greater Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce

#### IX. Concluding Remarks & Adjournment

**Jacob V. Stuart**



# Central Florida Water Initiative

## An Overview

### Background

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).

### Partners for a Common Goal

The CFWI focuses on the Central Florida Coordination Area, which 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:

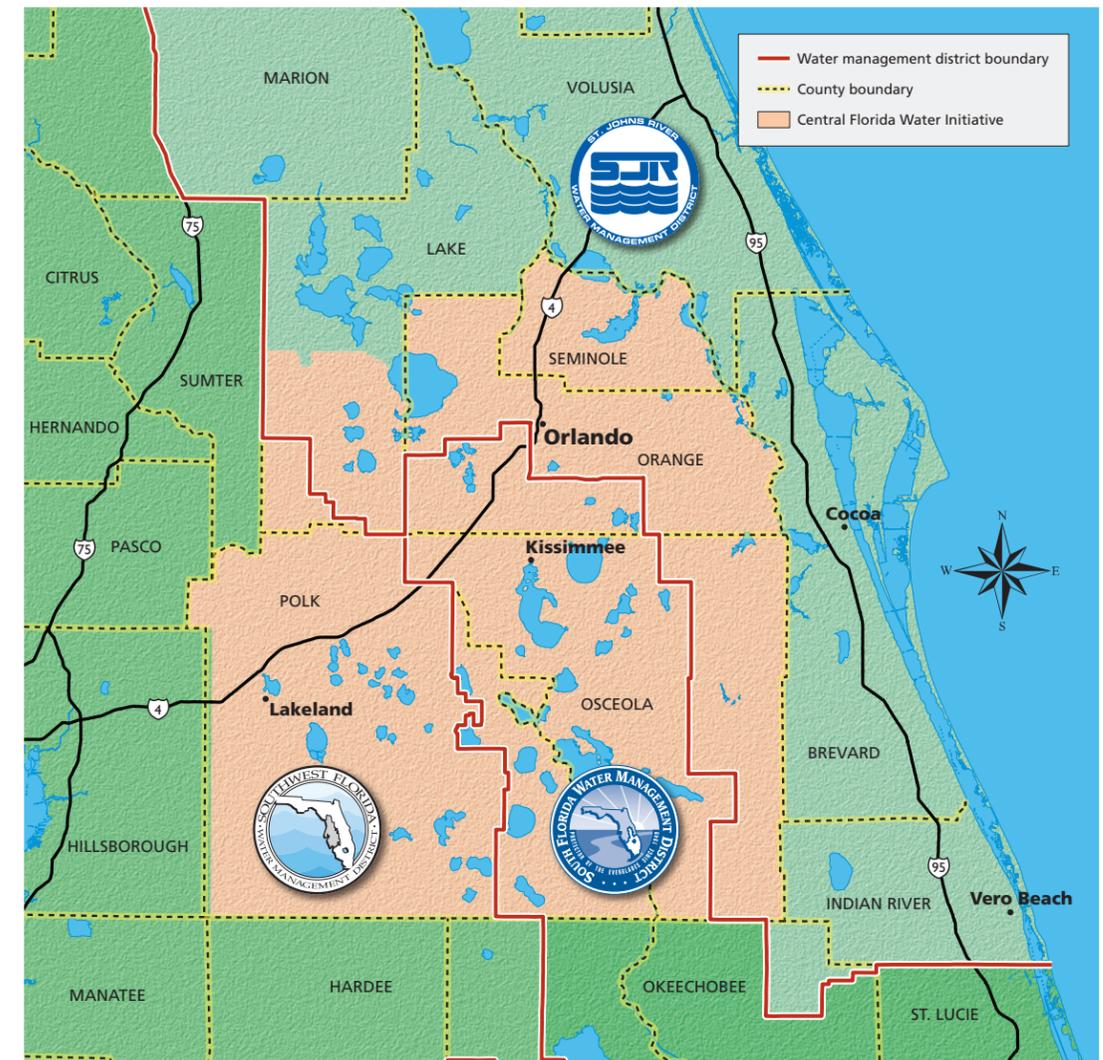
- Identify the sustainable quantities of traditional groundwater sources available for water supplies that can be used without causing unacceptable harm to the water resources and associated natural systems.
- Develop strategies to meet water demands that are in excess of the sustainable yield of existing traditional groundwater 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.

### Organizational Structure

A 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:

- Public water supply utility representative
- Governing Board member from each of the three water management districts
- Representative from DEP
- Representative from DACS

Technical and Management Oversight committees oversee technical teams, ensure coordination between the teams and identify policy issues that need to be



elevated to the Steering Committee as the process evolves. These two committees are comprised of representatives of the executive management teams from each of the water management districts, DEP and public water supply utilities.

Specialized Technical Collaborative Teams focus on specific issues, including:

- Hydrologic analysis
- Environmental measures
- Minimum flows and levels and water reservations
- Data, monitoring and investigations
- Regional water supply plan
- Groundwater availability

The work of the technical teams will result in one shared groundwater model, one process for establishing minimum flows and levels to protect water bodies, one coordinated strategy for recovery and prevention of harm to water bodies, and one regional water supply plan.

### Public Input

Protecting central Florida's water supplies is a deliberative, thoughtful and science-based process. Public input is encouraged. Visit [cfwiwater.com](http://cfwiwater.com) for additional information.

*Overview provided courtesy of the Central Florida Water Initiative. For more information, please visit [cfwiwater.com](http://cfwiwater.com).*

**RSVP Today • Complimentary Event for Everyone**



**A Meeting of 36 Powerful Voices Representing 7 Counties**

# **Central Florida Legislative Delegation Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2014**

Delegation Meeting: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Regional Leadership Reception: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**Disney's Coronado Springs Resort – Walt Disney World**

1000 West Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

## ***Conversations that Advance Our Region's Priorities***

This meeting of the Central Florida Legislative Delegation is hosted by the Central Florida Partnership and held in cooperation with Walt Disney World. A program involving invited panelists and presenters will advance the Central Florida Regional Priorities, adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Partnership. Our conversation will include updates on Water, Transportation, Sources of Capital, Florida's Super Region, Talent Pipeline and International Business.

## ***A Delegation that Represents Central Florida***

The Central Florida Legislative Delegation is made up of 10 Florida Senators and 26 members of the Florida House of Representatives from across the Central Florida Partnership's seven counties (Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia). The chair of the delegation is Representative Steve Crisafulli and the vice-chair is Senator Andy Gardiner. Because of the generous hospitality of Walt Disney World, there is no fee to attend and everyone is welcome. By the way, Walt Disney World is located in the heart of the Central Florida Region, the 19th largest economy in the United States; with over 4 million permanent residents and working together this year to welcome 60 million visitors.

**RSVP TODAY!**

**Contact Nancy Graham, Central Florida Partnership, at [Nancy.Graham@IdeasToResults.org](mailto:Nancy.Graham@IdeasToResults.org)  
or at 407.835.2535. You may also register online at [IdeasToResults.org](http://IdeasToResults.org).**