



**2025 CFWI Regional Water Supply Plan  
Steering Committee and Public Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2025, 9:00 am**

- Facilitator: Pamela Flores, DEP, Chief of Natural Sciences, Bureau of Water Policy, Office of Water Policy & Ecosystems Restoration
- Welcome and Electronic Forum Coordination
- Ms. Flores took roll call for all Steering Committee Members.
- Present:
  - Adam Blalock, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Chair
  - Todd Swingle, Public Water Supply, Toho Water Authority
  - Benjamin Butler, South Florida Water Management District
  - J. Chris Peterson, St. Johns River Water Management District
  - West Gregory, Director, Office of Agriculture Water Policy
- Not Present:
  - Ashley Bell Barnett, Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Reviewed the forthcoming Agenda
- Purpose of Meeting: To review the draft of the 2025 CFWI Regional Water Supply Plan conclusions and recommendations.
  - No action items but questions allowed.
  - Comments from the public and board members will be taken at the end of the meeting.

## 1. Overview of the public draft 2025 CFWI Regional Water Supply Plan Presentation:

Presented by: Callie Register, St. John's River Water Management District

- Summary:
  - Compared 2020's plan to current demands. Plan is updated every 5 years.
  - Collaboration amongst districts, water conservation, alternative water resources, and current and future assessments were discussed
  - Plan strives to meet water expectations through 2045, while protecting water and natural systems.
  - Draft available for public review since March 2025
  - Public comment period open until May 16, 2025 via the CFWI website.
  - Steering Committee meeting to meet again Sept./Oct 2025
  - Final approval by Governing Boards anticipated by December 2025.

## 2. General Public Comment:

- Comment: Michael Cliburn: Friends of Wekiva River made a statement. Regional water supply plan notes that bodies of protected waters are being affected by groundwater pumping including Wekiva Springs. Concerned about length of time to meet the Wekiva and surrounding area MFL's. Wants to create a moratorium on the Wekiva water bodies until the current in-place MFL's are met.
  - Response: Clay Coarsey, Director, St. John's River Water Management District: Will reach out to set a meeting with Mr. Clyburn regarding the recovery strategy currently in place for these noted bodies of water.
- Comment: Michael Alfieri: Didn't hear much discussed, what about potable reuse?
  - Response: Clay Coarsey, Director, St. John's River Water Management District: All public supply utility may be looking at this option as an asset for public supply. Water users and all Districts will be looking at for supply.
- Comment: Angel Martin: Wanted clarification on groundwater withdrawal optimization and the potential for use of different

modeling.

- Response: Mr. Clay Coarsey from SJRWMD, gave some background information on optimization. Regarding the modeling, mentioned covering this in a future time frame and suggested setting up a meeting with the modeling group for further discussion.
- Comment: Gabrielle Milch: Praised ongoing efforts. Expressed concern over policy consistency with the Basin Management action plans and drinking water quality standards.
  - Response: She will be submitting written public comments in the future regarding concerns.
- Comment: Kim Ornberg: Inquired about regulatory plans to reduce the use of potable water for irrigation.
  - Response: Mr. Clay Coarsey from SJRWMD clarified current regulations and reviewed economic and environmental viability.

### 3. Steering Committee Comment

- Comment: Todd Swingle, Toho Water Authority: Support for potable reuse and reiterated need for public education. Would like to see consistency and beneficial recharge aligned definitions between the Regional Water Supply Plan and FDP. Mentioned the need for stakeholder engagement in future technical working groups.
- Comment: West Gregory, Director, Office of Agriculture Water Policy: Highlighted farmer's efforts and water conservation. Advocated for recognition of agricultural water conservation and plans.

### 4. 2025 Steering Committee Schedule

- Final draft presentation tentatively scheduled for late September or early October 2025.
- November 2025: Final approval anticipated by governing board.
- December 2025: Final plan posted to CFWI website.

### 5. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned with a reminder of the availability of the public comment submission.