Central Florida Water Initiative

Water for Tomorrow

Steering Committee and Public Meeting
September 12, 2025

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Agenda

- Steering Committee Introduction - Pamela Flores, FDEP
- **Action Item** – Approval of November 19, 2024 and April 23, 2025 Minutes – Pamela Flores, FDEP
- CFWI Project Highlights
  - Cherrylake Tree Farm Water Conservation – Austin Spivey, Cherrylake, Inc.
  - Cypress Lake Alternative Water Supply Project – Deborah Beatty, Toho Water Authority
  - Polk Regional Water Cooperative's (PRWC) Southeast Wellfield and Transmission Projects – Katie Gierok, Wright-Pierce for PRWC
- **Action Item** - Final Draft 2025 CFWI RWSP - Callie Register, SJRWMD
  - Public Comments
  - Steering Committee Action
- General Public Comments
- Steering Committee Comments
- Adjourn

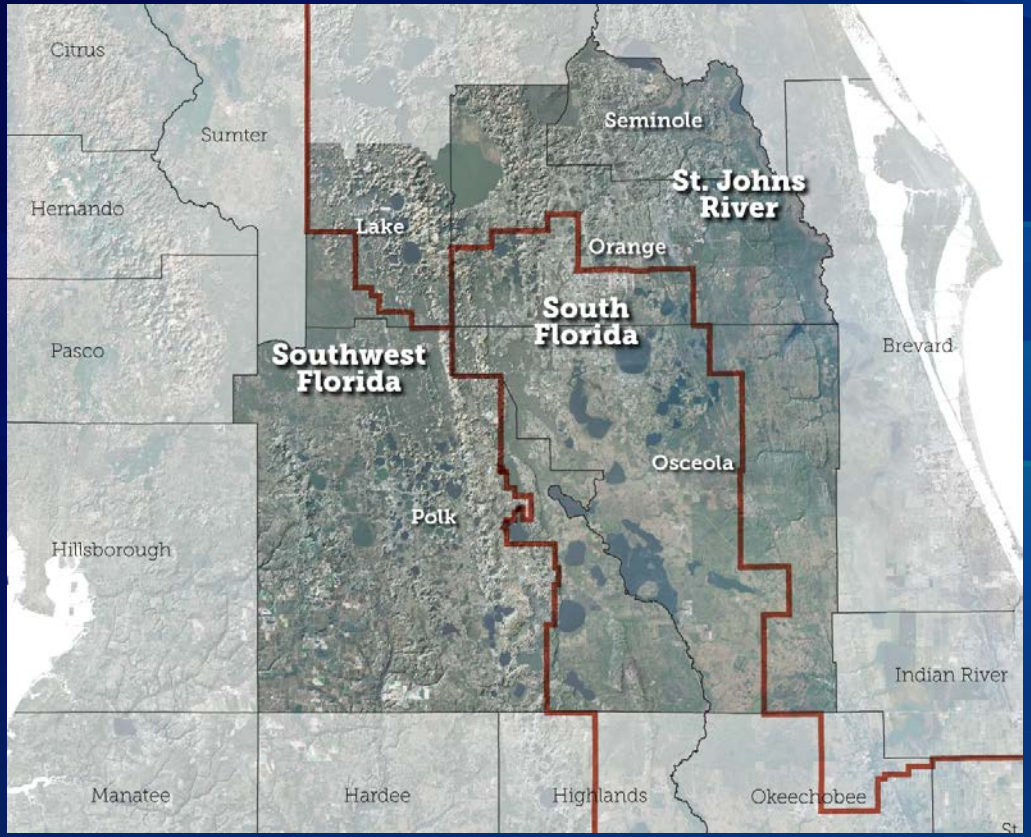
Steering Committee Members

Florida Department of Environmental Protection	
Deputy Secretary for Ecosystems Restoration	**Adam Blalock,** Chair
Public Water Supply Utility Representative	
Toho Water Authority, CEO	**Todd Swingle**
Water Management Districts	
South Florida Water Management District	**Benjamin Butler**
Southwest Florida Water Management District	**Ashley Bell Barnett**
St. Johns River Water Management District	**J. Chris Peterson**
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	
Office of Agriculture Water Policy, Director	**West Gregory**

Steering Committee Actions

- Approve meeting minutes from the November 19, 2024 Steering Committee Meeting
- Approve meeting minutes from the April 23, 2025 Steering Committee Meeting

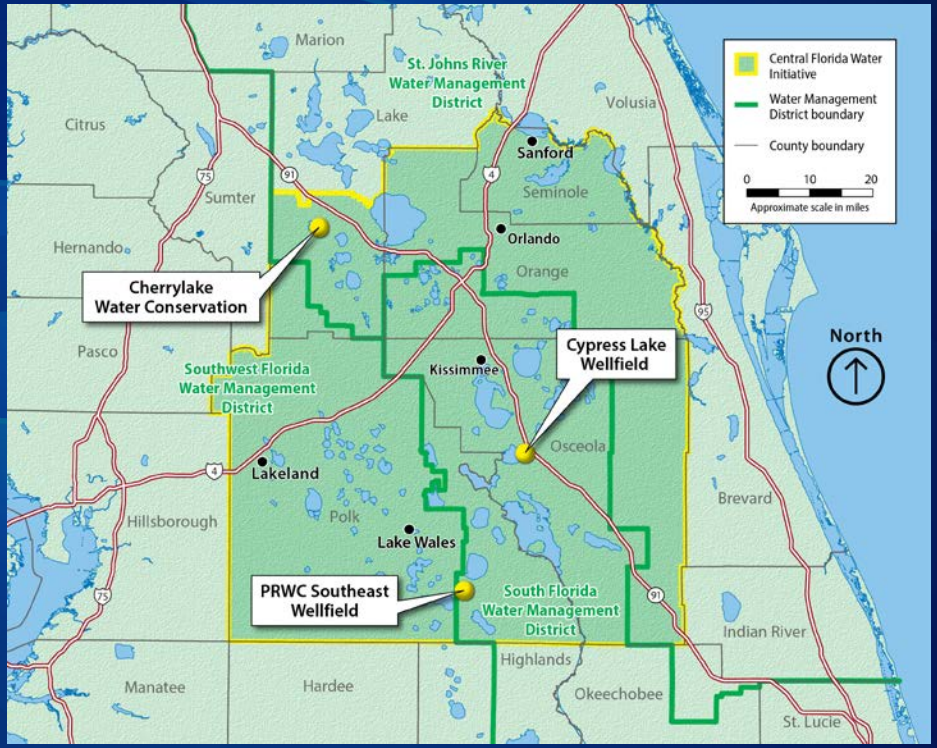
Central Florida Water Initiative Planning Area



- A collaborative water supply planning effort to protect, manage, conserve, and restore Central Florida's water resources
- A comprehensive plan for Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and southern Lake counties

CFWI Project Highlights

- Cherrylake Water Conservation
- Cypress Lake Alternative Water Supply Project
- PRWC Southeast Wellfield and Transmission Projects



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SJRWMD Cost-Share Partnership

Presentation Overview

- Brief Overview of Cherrylake, Inc.
- Overview of our irrigation systems
- History of our cost-share project with SJRWMD
- Realized savings and conservation

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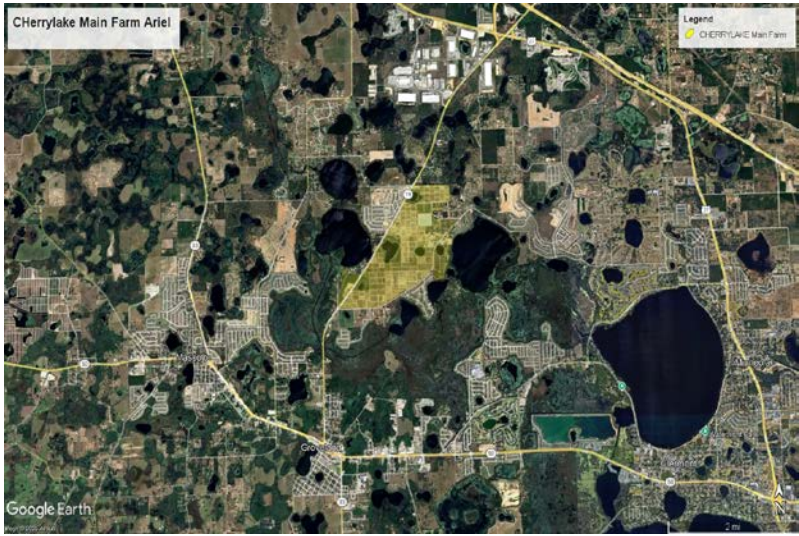
Cherrylake's History

Approximately 1300 Acres in Ornamental Production. One of the largest Container Tree Operations in the U.S.

- ★ 1985 Cherry Lake Tree Farm was born- split from IMG Citrus
- ★ 1992 Introduction of Airpot System
- ★ 2003 Outsourcing sales (OSCE) and Tree LIner Sales (TQL) began
- ★ 2005 began to vertically integrate with Legacyscapes Landscape Construction
- ★ 2006 Palm Field located in Fort Pierce Florida
- ★ 2008 Shrub program began
- ★ 2014 further vertical integration into Legacyscapes Landscape Maintenance
- ★ 2016 a rebranding and consolidation of all entities into Cherrylake, Inc.
- ★ 2019 the creation of the Sustainability team and Native Plant Palette production
- ★ 2020 development of "Curbside" online ordering and Retail Sales began
- ★ 2025 and beyond…. E-commerce platform and Retail Garden center



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CUP/ Irrigation System Overview

- Closed loop pressurized system of an interconnected network of 11 well pumps and 4 surface water pumps
- Range in size from 5hp (Offices, GH, etc) to 200 hp (Production Well)
- Water allocations are an approximate split of 60% groundwater and 40% surface water
- All pumps have pressure differential self cleaning filters.
- All pumps are controlled using Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) and system is pressure regulated throughout
- 90% of our water usage is applied through micro emitter irrigation and the remaining 10% is applied through overhead
- We have 3 Weather stations at the main location and 1 weather station at each of the smaller locations.
- We utilize a network of sensors totaling around 29 communication nodes and 58 sensors including leaf wetness, Soil Moisture, and Relative humidity sensors
- We employ 9 individuals that monitor and check the soil moisture daily via manual probes. We employ 2 individuals to maintain the system year round.

(2016) Project #1- Irrigation emitter retrofit

- Conversion of existing micro emitter system to more efficient micro-emitter system.
  - No moving parts
  - Ability to close off individual trees vs entire rows of trees
  - 100% Water directed to the soil/ Better DU Avg 80% to Avg 95%
- 1 year to complete with 3 full time employees.
- A total of 524,000 emitters were replaced.
- 493,680’ of Poly pipe was replaced (93.5 miles)
- Savings of 287,000 gallons per day- Nearly 105 million gallons per year.

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(2018) Project #2- Surface Water Pump Installation

- Installing a significantly larger surface water pumping station to utilize lower quality surface water.
- Required the installation of a large suction line, a fully built pump station complete with Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) pressure controls, and a large self cleaning filter bank.
- Made approximately 739,000 gallons of lower quality surface water available per day.
- Currently supplies over 25% of the farm's water from this single pump.

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(2019) Project #3- Pressure Regulation Upgrades

- Installation of pressure regulating devices on all non-pressure regulated valves.
- Upgrading the pressure regulation hardware and technology of all existing pressure regulation valves.
- Installation of large pressure regulating valves on existing mainlines (10”, 12”, 14”) where undulation in topography is present.
- The increased uniformity of pressure throughout the entire system, despite the challenging topography, has produced increased Distribution Uniformity (DU) represented by a savings of approximately 275,000 gallons of water per day.

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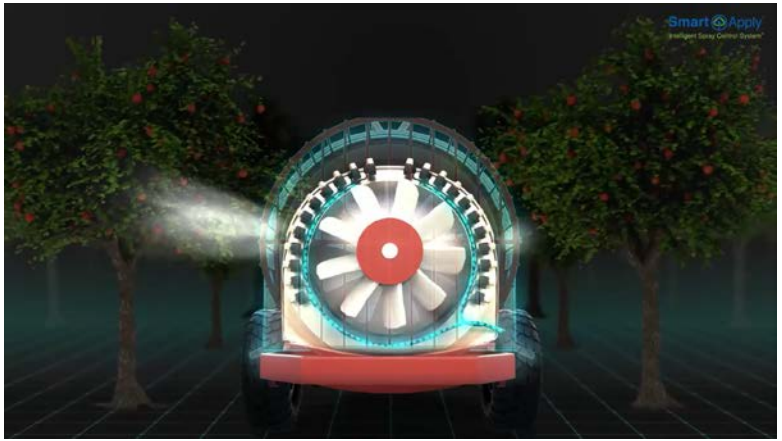
(2020) Project #4- Variable Rate Fertilizer Applications

- Partnered with Smart Apply Intelligent Spray Systems to install Lidar sensing technology to all foliar fertilizer application and sprayer systems to eliminate airborne drift and runoff.

- First Ornamental grower in the state of Florida to utilize this technology.

- The Lidar senses the 2D, as well as 3D, profile of the tree. Spray nozzles are turned on and off automatically to precisely apply the spray to foliage only. The 3D element allows the sensor to measure the density of the tree canopy and will “chatter” the nozzle solenoids to govern the flow or volume of the spray. This allows for precise and targeted application for canopy coverage only while simultaneously applying the precise prescribed amount of volume to each leaf…. I.e ml/cc

- Using the system we experienced a reduction in overall output of approximately 50% resulting a reduction of total Nitrogen output of 13,455 lbs and total Phosphorus output of 1,643 lbs annually.



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(2021-2022) Project #5 & 6- Irrigation retrofit and Telemetry Installation

- This project was for our satellite farm located approximately 7 Miles South of the main farm in Groveland.
- Updated the pump control systems to a remotely accessed irrigation control via internet.
- Reconfigured the mainlines and sub-main laines for better pressure and uniformity
- Converted all emitters from broadcast 360° spray patterns encompassing 4 trees to Spot Spitter micro emitters for each individual tree.
- Installation of a VFD for optimal pressure consistency.
- Installation of a Weather Station complete with a mesh network of 15 telemetry nodes and soil moisture sensors
- DU increased from 75% prior to the project to 95%. This is considered to be the maximum and most optimal uniformity achievable through Micro-emitter systems.
- Reduction of water output from 6.3 gallons per day/ tree to 3.6 gallons per day per tree
- Annual Savings of around 4,000,000 gallons of water per year.

Summary of Cost Share Efforts 2016- Present

Project	Year	Gallons/Yr	MGD	N (lbs/yr)	P (lbs/yr)	(Yrs)	Total Save	N Reduct	P Reduct
Micro Emitter Conversion	2016	104,755,000	0.287	861	428	10	1,047,550,000	8610	4280
Surface Water Pump	2018	269,735,000	0.739			8	2,157,880,000		
Pressure Regulation	2019	100,375,000	0.275	696	197	7	702,625,000	4872	1379
Variable Rate Fert App (SAS)	2020	0		13455	1643	6		80730	9858
Irrig Retrofit and Telemetry (LCTF)	2021	4,015,000	0.011	70	8	5	20,075,000	350	40
VFD Pressure Reg (LCTF)	2022	1,095,000	0.003	18	2	4	4,380,000	72	8

Total cost of all Projects	$907,764.00
Total funding SJRWMD	$663,796.00

Totals		**1,774,630,000**	**94634**	**15565**
Convert Water		**2,157,880,000**	

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Should a grower invest?

- Out of pocket expenses since 2016- **$243,968.00**
- Average energy cost per 1k gallons of water pumped*- **$0.19**
- Water saved since 2016 at Cherrylake's Main Farm- **1,750,175,000**
- Energy savings- **$332,533.00**
- Return On Investment (ROI) Achieved in approximately 7 yrs. with energy savings alone. Actual ROI achieved within 3-4 yrs considering factors below…
  - Less labor due to ease of use of existing system
  - Less repairs and maint due to pressure regulation investment
  - Less tree health issues as a result of precision data based watering prescriptions
  - 50% reduction in material output with Smart Apply had an instant savings of over $100k/ year

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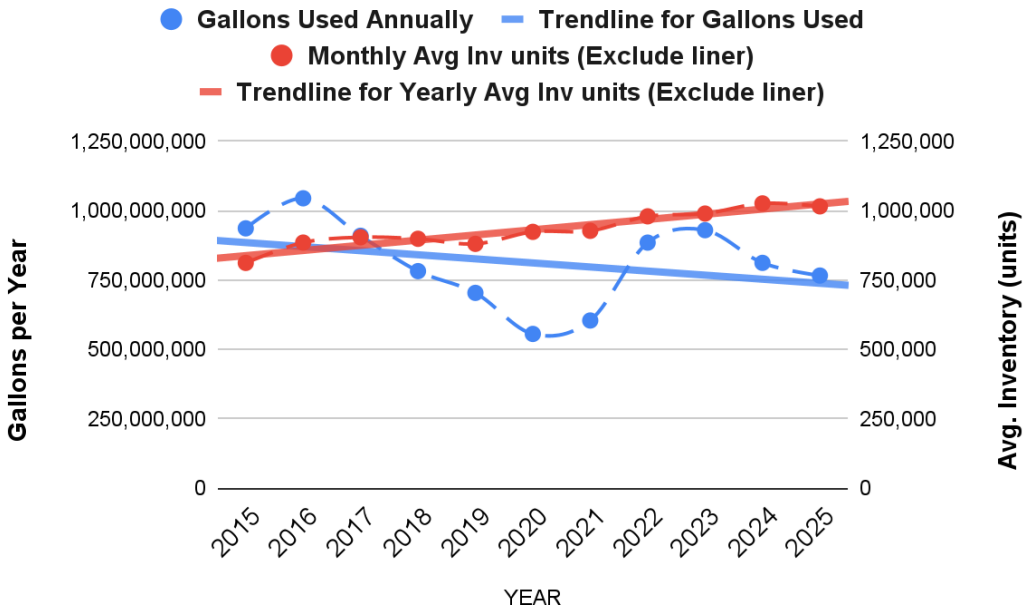
*Based on 2016 calculated rates

Additionally….

- Savings realized over the last 10 years coinciding with a total production acreage increase of 22%
- Average gal/mth per unit (Tree) 2015-2016 is 99 gallons.
- Average gal/mth per unit (Tree) 2017-2025 is 68 gallons.



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Cypress Lake Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Project

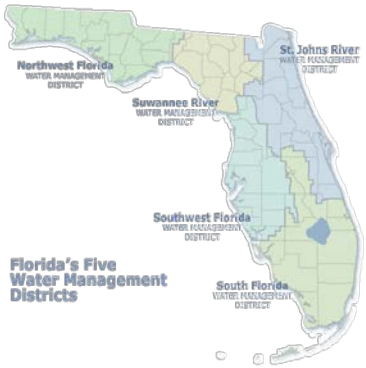
Water Cooperative of Central Florida

CFWI Steering Committee Meeting

September 12, 2025

WCCF and the Cypress Lake AWS Project

20-year WUPs issued in 2007 to Central Florida water providers



- WUPs mandated development of AWS projects due to UFA groundwater supply constraints
- Encouraged development of regional projects to meet projected growth

- Central Florida water providers collaborated to develop regional AWS projects

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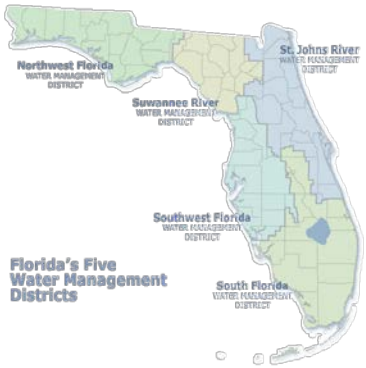


WCCF Charter established by Interlocal Agreement in 2011

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE
WATER COOPERATIVE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

By and Among

THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA,
TOHOPEKALIGA WATER AUTHORITY,
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA,

and

POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

WCCF member governments: City of St Cloud, Toho Water Authority; Orange County Utilities; Polk County Utilities

FUNDAMENTAL GOAL OF WCCF:

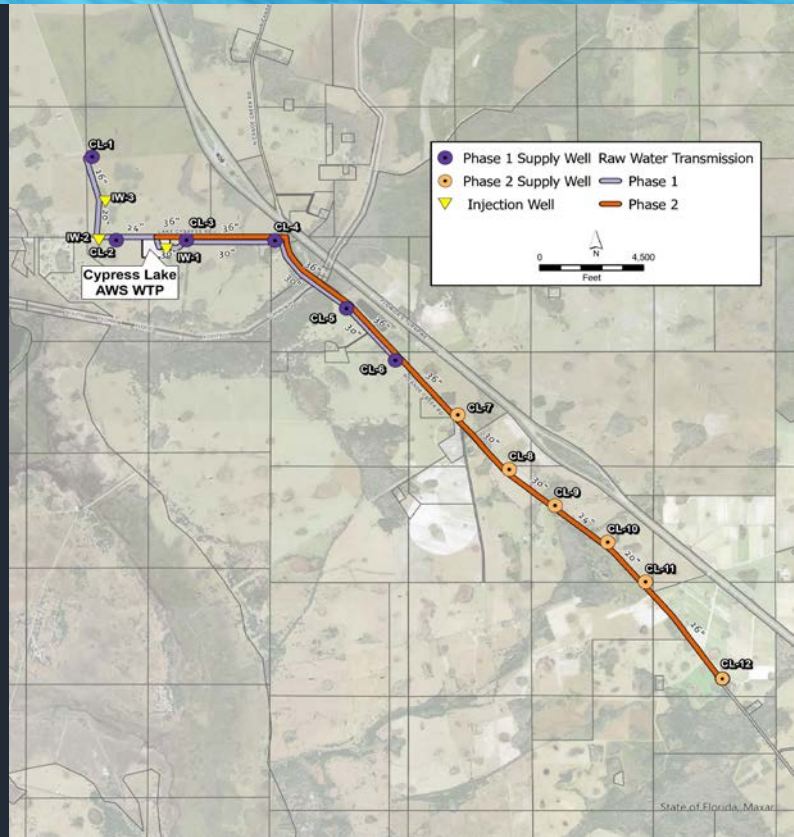
- Develop, coordinate, permit, fund, construct, and operate sustainable AWS projects to support regional growth
- Cypress Lake AWS Project subsequently initiated through partner collaboration

2007 2011

Cypress Lake AWS (CLAWS) Project

Establish CLAWS Project

- *Identify potential brackish wellfield*
- *Drill Test/Production Wells*
  - *Two LFA T/P wells drilled to collect data and bracket wellfield*
- *Collaborate with SFWMD to establish brackish water as an AWS*
- *Obtain WUP for 37.5 MGD of brackish water withdrawal*
  - *WUP issued by SFWMD in Oct. 2011*



Cypress Lake AWS (CLAWS) Project

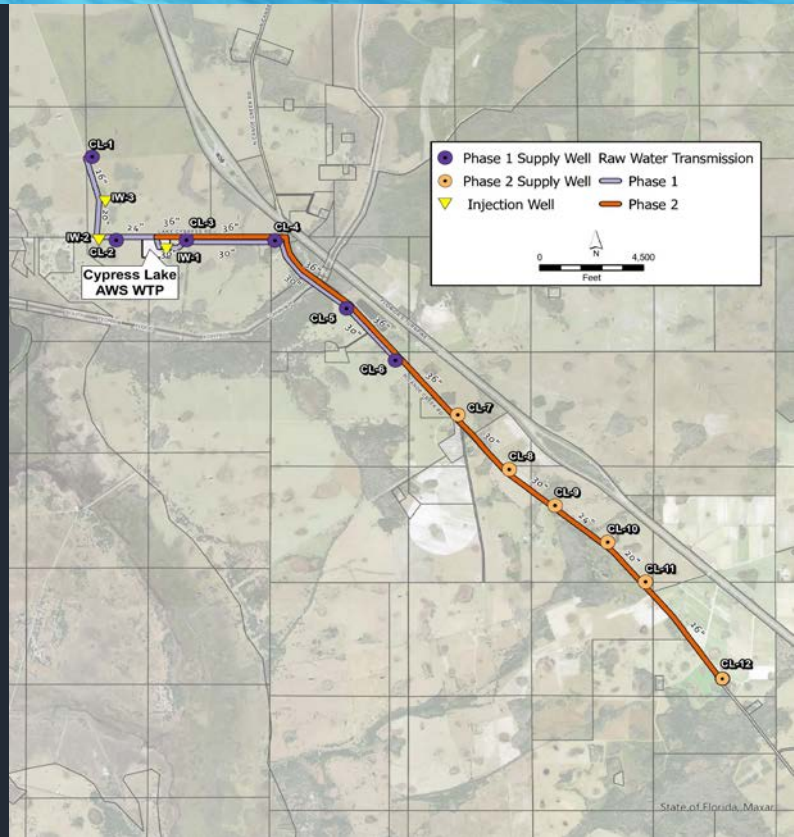
ID CLAWS Project components

Preliminary Design of WTP

- *Raw water supply wells (12)*
- *Raw water transmission mains*
- *Brackish GW RO treatment plant*
- *Concentrate disposal*
- *Phasing strategy*

Transmission of Finished Water

- *Optimize existing infrastructure to "wheel" water to member utilities*



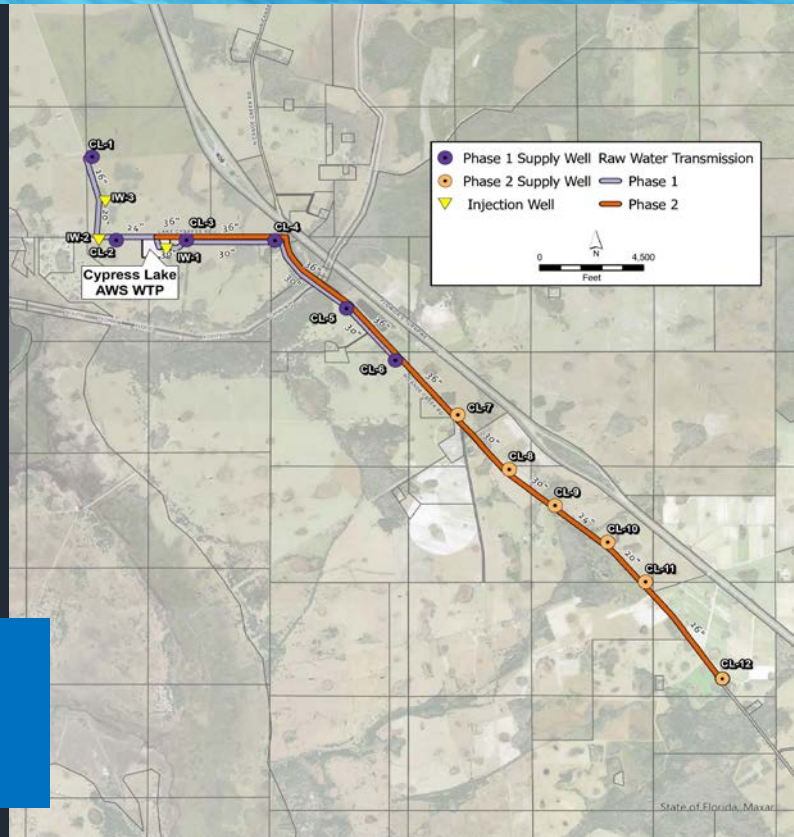
Cypress Lake AWS Project

Water Allocation by Agreement

Ultimate Capacity	30 MGD Allocated*	
Toho Water Authority	12 MGD	40%
Orange County	9 MGD	30%
City of St. Cloud	5 MGD**	16.67%
Polk County	3 MGD	10%
RCID (withdrawn)	1 MGD***	3.33%

**Additional finished water beyond 30 MGD will be allocated by agreement*
*** City of St. Cloud's capacity administered by Toho*
**** RCID's allocation to be reallocated to PCU and Toho*

Cost of project is shared proportionally based on water allocation
Phase I capacity of 15+ MGD anticipated to be constructed by FY2030
Phase I cost based on 60% design: $277M



Cypress Lake AWS Project

Summary of ILA Agreement & Funding Amendments

Amendments
#1, 2, 3

- Funded work completed including two exploratory/ production wells, preliminary design of project and wheeling infrastructure, first injection well
- Associated work completed

Amendment
#4

Approved 10/2020

- Funding for final design and various appurtenant services

Amendment
#5

Approved 11/2022

- Funding for construction of 4 production wells and associated services

Amendment
#6

Approved 10/2023

- Funding for construction of second IW and associated services
- RWM to connect 4 production wells to WTP site

Amendment
#7

Approved 04/2025

- Funding for construction of Production Wells #5 & #6 and RWM

Cypress Lake AWS Project

Summary of Grant Funding

FDEP/SFWMD Grant Funding Agreement & Amendments:

TOTAL $15,476,500

2019
Awarded for construction of IW-2 and associated MW

Orig. Agreement:
$2.556 M
All funds received

2020
Awarded for construction of 3 new production wells
$3.0 M
Amendment 1: Construction near completion

2024
Awarded to fund second IW & MW RWM, PW retrof
$5.169M
Amendment 2: Construction underway

2025
Awarded to fund two additional Production Wells and RWM
$4.75 M
Amendment 3: Design underway

Cypress Lake AWS Project

Summary of Wheeling Agreements

Water Wheeling Master Cost-Sharing Agreement

Approved 12/2021

Project **SA-1** Sub-Agreement *Approved*

Project **SA-2** Sub-Agreement *Approved*

Project **SA-3** Sub-Agreement *Approved*

Project **SA-4** Sub-Agreement *Approved*

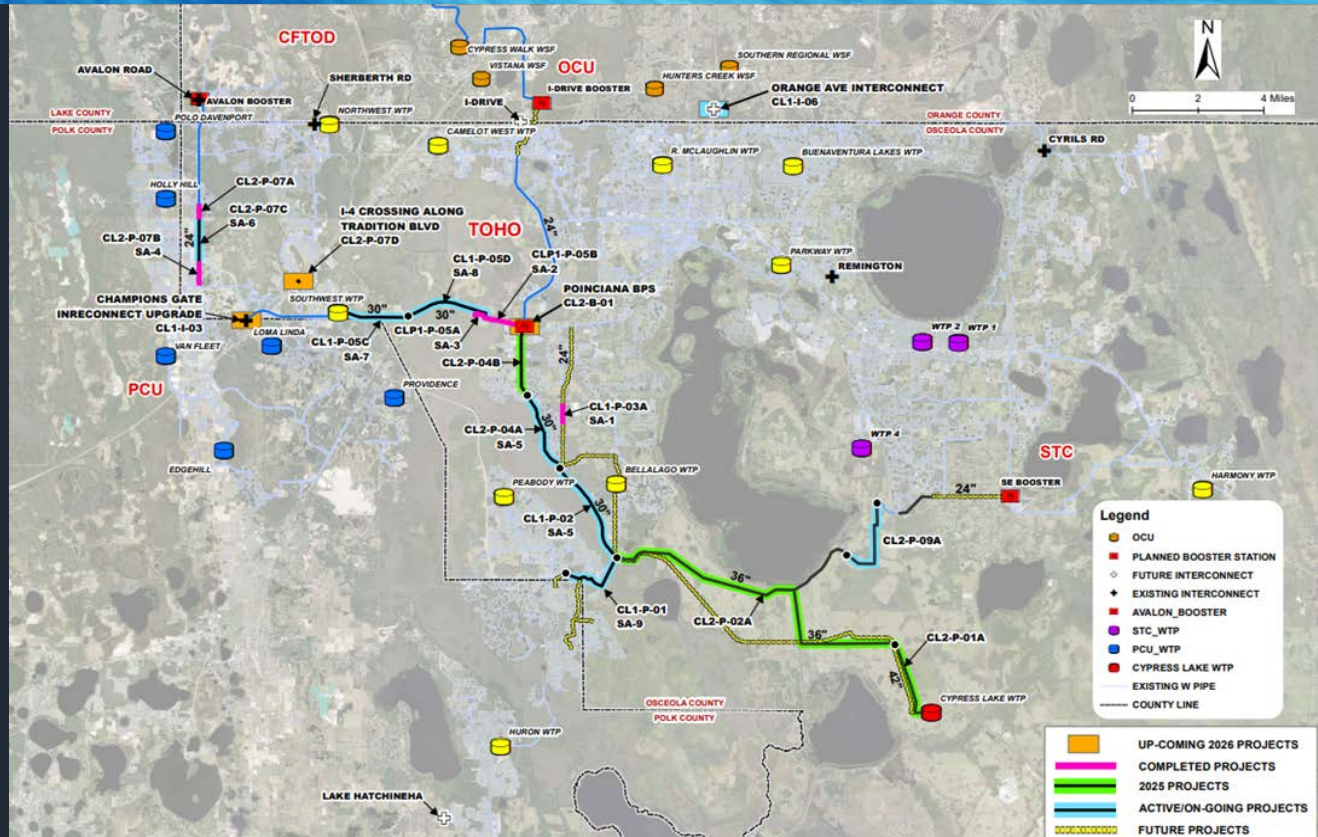
Project **SA-5** Sub-Agreement *Approved*

Project **SA-6** Sub-Agreement *Approved*

- Sub Agreements for Individual Projects: SA-1 through SA-6 approved
- Additional Projects are in Design/Bidding/Construction (WWIP)

Cypress Lake AWS Water Wheeling Infrastructure

- Supports transmission of water to WCCF members
- Master Cost-Sharing Agreement & Sub Agreements establish framework for collaboration and cost sharing
- Estimated Cost: $340M



WCCF and the Cypress Lake AWS Project

Governance Agreement – Approved 04/23

ACTION ITEMS	STATUS
Secure Funding for WTP Construction	Underway
Develop Annual Project Plan: Funding, Planning, Budgeting, Rates & Charges, Capacity Management • 10-year annual allocation projections	Reporting template created Complete 10-year annual allocation
Establish Annual and 5-year Schedule of Work and Budget Needs • 5-year Capital Outlay Projections • Annual Allocation Requests • Capital Project Fund; Operating Capital Fund; Operating Fund	Future
Develop Annual Budget for Board approval before each new fiscal year	Future
Current and Historical Quantity/Usage of Water	Future

Cypress Lake AWS Completed Activities

- ✓**Preliminary Design:** PDR & Phasing Strategy
- ✓**Design of four Production Wells & Raw Water Mains**
- ✓**Transmission Optimization Study:** ID infrastructure improvements
- ✓**Design and construction of two Exploratory Test/Production Wells**
  - ✓ Water Use Permit issued October 2011
- ✓**Design and construction of first Exploratory Injection Well & Monitoring Well for concentrate disposal**
  - ✓ FDEP UIC Class I Construction Permit issued August 2023
- ✓**Bronson Property Acquisition:** 217.7 +/- Acres for Phase I infrastructure
  - ROWTP, 4 PWs, 2 IWs, Easements for RWMs, FWMs, ROCMs, Wetlands Monitoring

Cypress Lake AWS Current Activities

- **WTP Design:** 60% completed
  - 90% design drawings and specifications underway
- **CMAR, Third Party O&M Preconstruction Services**
- **Design of Two (2) Additional PWs Underway**
- **Permitting:**
  - Osceola County SDP, ERP, ROW; FFWCC; WTP ERP (FDEP, USACE)
  - FDEP Construction Permit for WTP received - PWS #3494445
  - FDEP UIC Class I Construction Permit received for 3 IWs

Cypress Lake AWS Current Activities

- **Well construction**
  - Three new production wells (PW): drilling and testing complete
  - Retrofit of fourth PW: drilling and testing complete
  - Second Injection Well (IW) & associated Monitoring Well (MW)
    - IW drilling near completion to 2500’ bls. Final casing seat: 2184’ bls
    - Up next: construction of MW
- **Raw Water Main construction** to connect 4 PWs to WTP site
    - Contractor to mobilize in January 2026

Cypress Lake AWS Project

Project Accomplishments

Permitting
(WUP, FDEP UIC Class I Injection Wells, WTP PWS#)

Grant Funding
($15,476,500 awarded to date)

Phase I Property Acquisition

Construction of 4 PWs and 2 IWs

Phase I RWM In construction

WTP Final Design 60% Complete

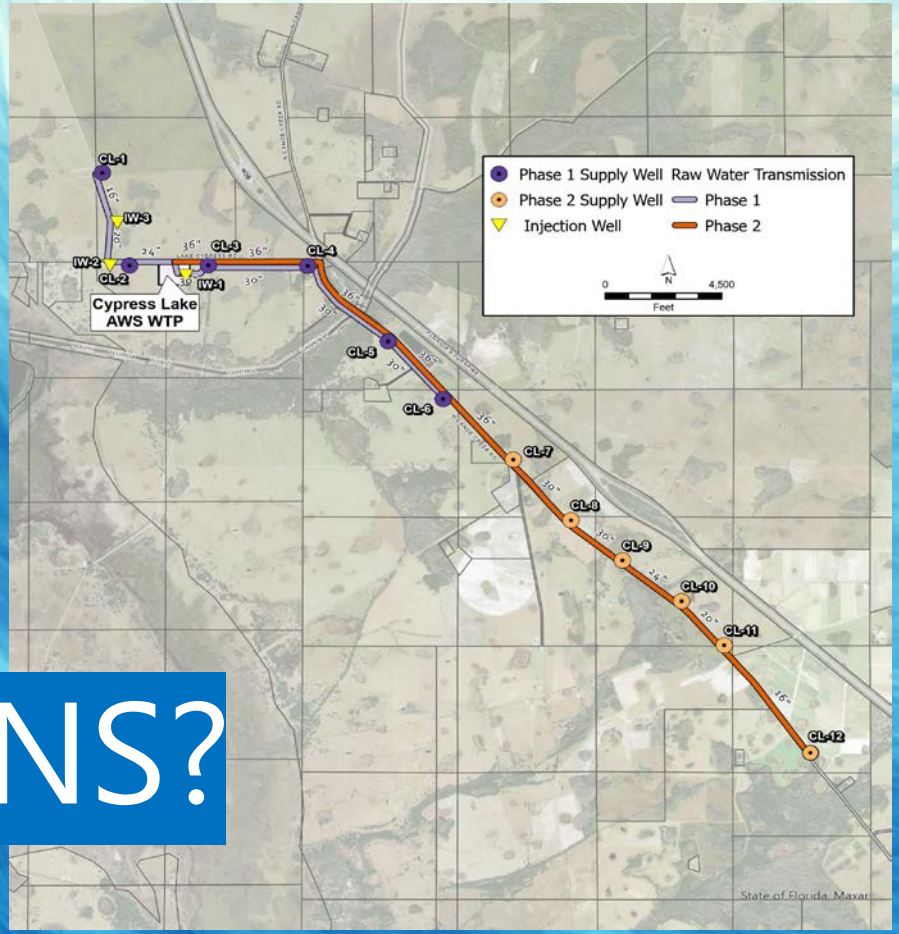
Preconstruction Services
(CMAR, 3rd Party Operator)

Project Interlocal Agreements
- CLAWS Project ILA and seven funding amendments
- Wheeling Master Agreement with standard Sub-Agreement (six executed)
- Governance Agreement

Preliminary Design
- WTP, Wellfield, RWMs
- Transmission Optimization Study

Phasing Strategy
- Phase I – 15 to 17 MGD in incremental quantities as capacity is needed
- Phase II – incremental expansion to WTP build-out of 30 to 34 MGD

Appurtenant work



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Southeast Wellfield Overview & Status

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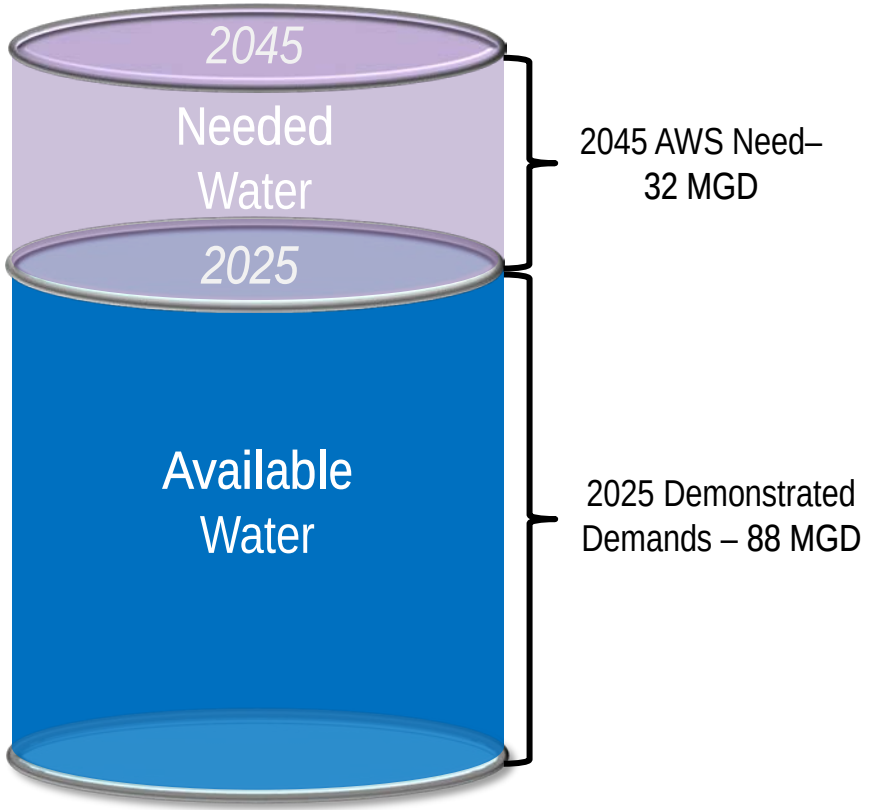
Topics

- PRWC Overview
- Southeast Lower Floridan Aquifer Wellfield Project
- Water Supply Availability

Upper Floridan Aquifer (UFA) Restrictions

- CFWI Rule adopted by Legislature in 2021 restricts UFA use.
- Polk County could need another 32 million gallons per day in “alternative” water supplies (AWS) to meet 2045 demands.
- Polk County AWS options are limited



PRWC Overview

PRWC is a regional agency of Polk County and 15 municipal governments

- Identify alternative water supplies (AWS) and projects
- Ensure sustainable water sources
- Meet future water demands
- Determine infrastructure needs

- Identified water supply challenge
- Formed countywide cooperative to respond
- Selected and studied 4 AWS projects
- Initiating final design and construction of 2 AWS Projects
- $92+ million in investments so far
- Funding/finance package in-place

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Project Overview

- Phase 1 - 7.5 MGD of drinking water in 2028
- 16.3 MGD total by 2045
- Desalination by reverse osmosis (RO)
- 61 miles finished water transmission main
    - 2 booster stations
- 6 miles raw water transmission main
- 5 Lower Floridan aquifer raw water wells
- 1 deep injection well (8,030 feet deep)
- $286M in Grant Funding

Phase 1 Schedule

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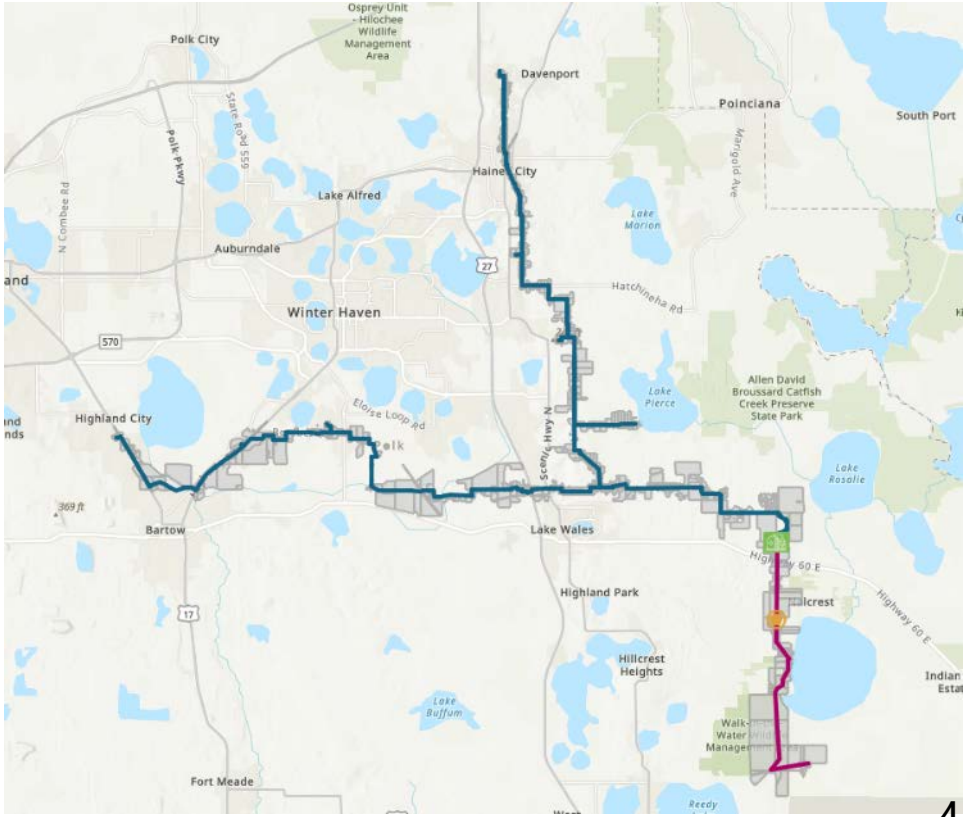
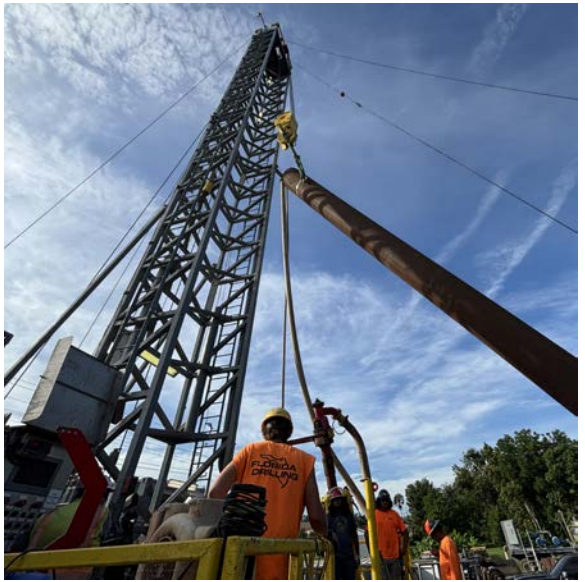
- November 2022: CMAR Contract executed
- April 2023: Third-Party Operator Contract executed
- March 2024: Complete Test/Production Well #3 construction
- September 2024: Final design completed
- February 2024: Injection well#1 construction completed
- April 2025: Commenced major plant and pipeline construction
- September 2028: Substantial completion



SE Transmission System (SETM) and Wells

- SETM Design Complete, with ongoing refinements underway due to development conflicts.
- Significant acquisition effort underway; over 300 easements needed, nearly 200 closed.
- Bidding underway. 5 SETM packages complete; 2 packages remain.



- Production well construction underway. 3 complete; 2 pending.

SE Water Production Facility

- Design and bidding complete.
- Clearing and grubbing in progress
- Site grading and underground utilities to follow
- Substantial Completion September 2028

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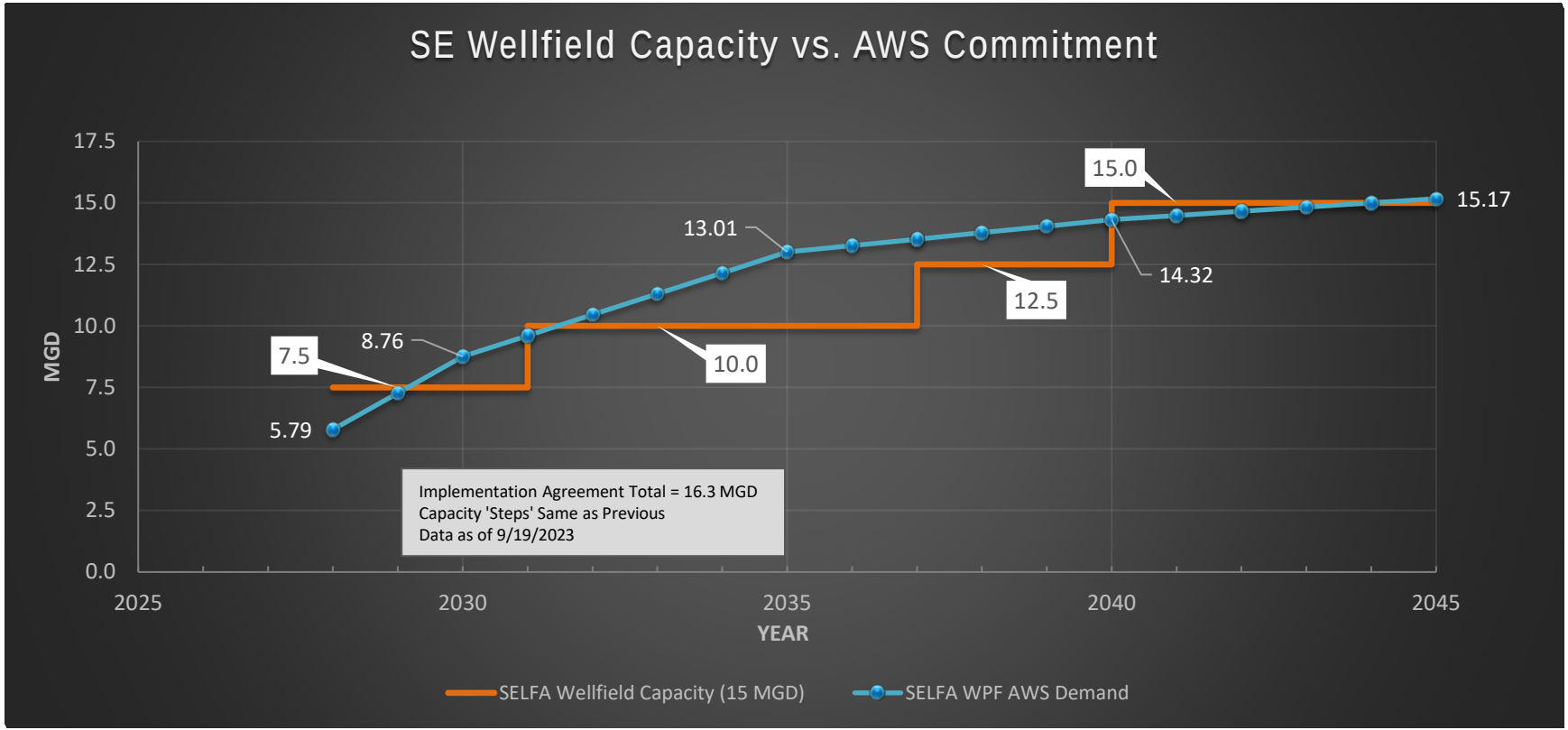
Estimated Future Phases



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Thank you

Any questions?

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Final Draft 2025 CFWI RWSP

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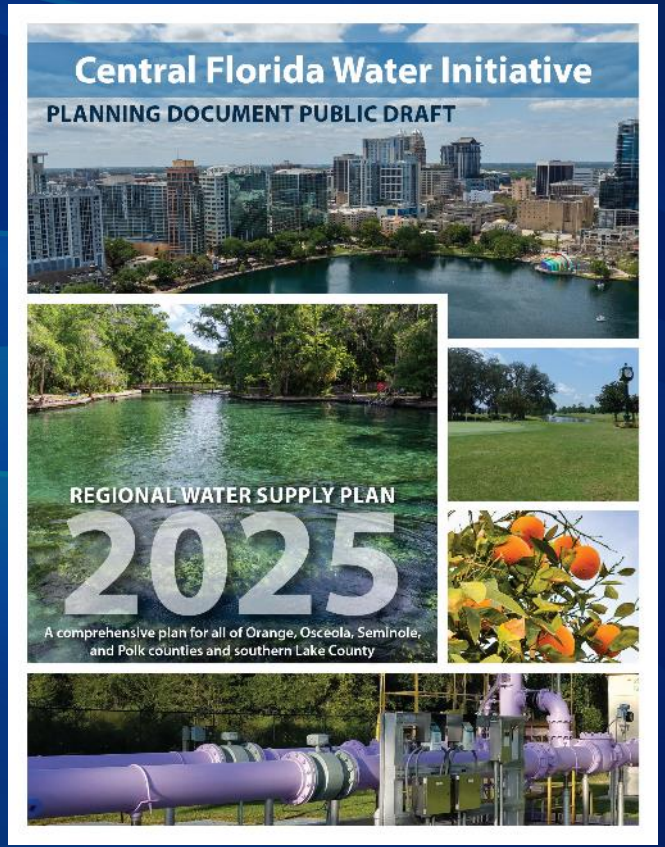
Regional Water Supply Planning Coordinator

2025 CFWI Regional Water Supply Plan

- 20-year planning period
- Updated every 5 years
- RWSP Chapters include
  - Progress since 2020 CFWI RWSP
  - Population and Water Demands
  - Water Resource Assessment
  - Water Conservation
  - Water Source Options
  - Water Supply & Water Resource Development
  - Funding Options
  - Conclusions and Recommendations



Progress since 2020 CFWI RWSP

- Regulatory Protection
  - CFWI Rule adoption in 2021
  - Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels
- Intergovernmental and Public Coordination
- Alternative Water Supply Development
- Cooperative Funding
- Water Conservation
- Water Storage and Restoration Projects

Water Demands in the CFWI Planning Area

	Public Supply	Domestic and Small Public Supply	Agricultural Irrigation	Industrial/ Commercial/ Institutional	Landscape/ Recreational Irrigation	Power Generation	Total
2020	406.83	19.96	134.70	42.39	30.27	5.00	**639.15**
2045	642.19	14.80	131.02	66.19	38.72	9.58	**902.50**
Change	235.36	-5.16	-3.68	23.80	8.45	4.58	**263.35**
% Change	58%	-26%	-3%	56%	28%	92%	**41%**

Demands under average rainfall conditions, in million gallons per day.

Population

2020 3,383,425 residents

2045 4,741,314 residents

40% increase

Irrigated agricultural acres

2020 121,686 acres

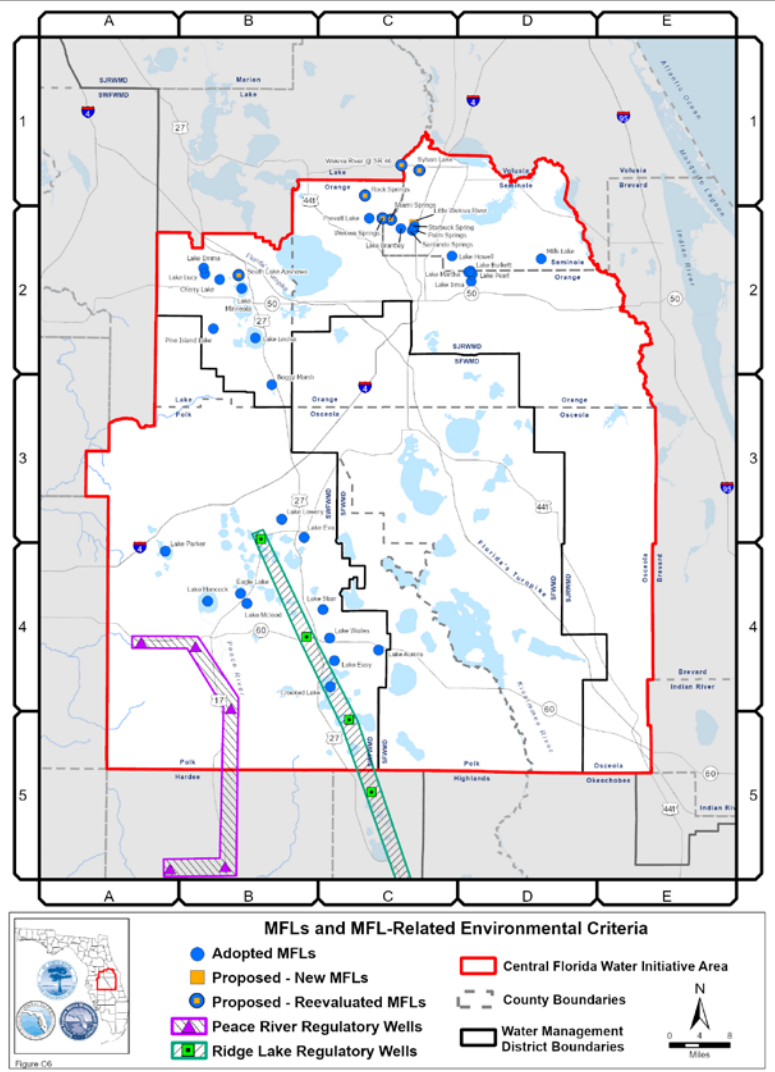
2045 115,183 acres

5% decrease

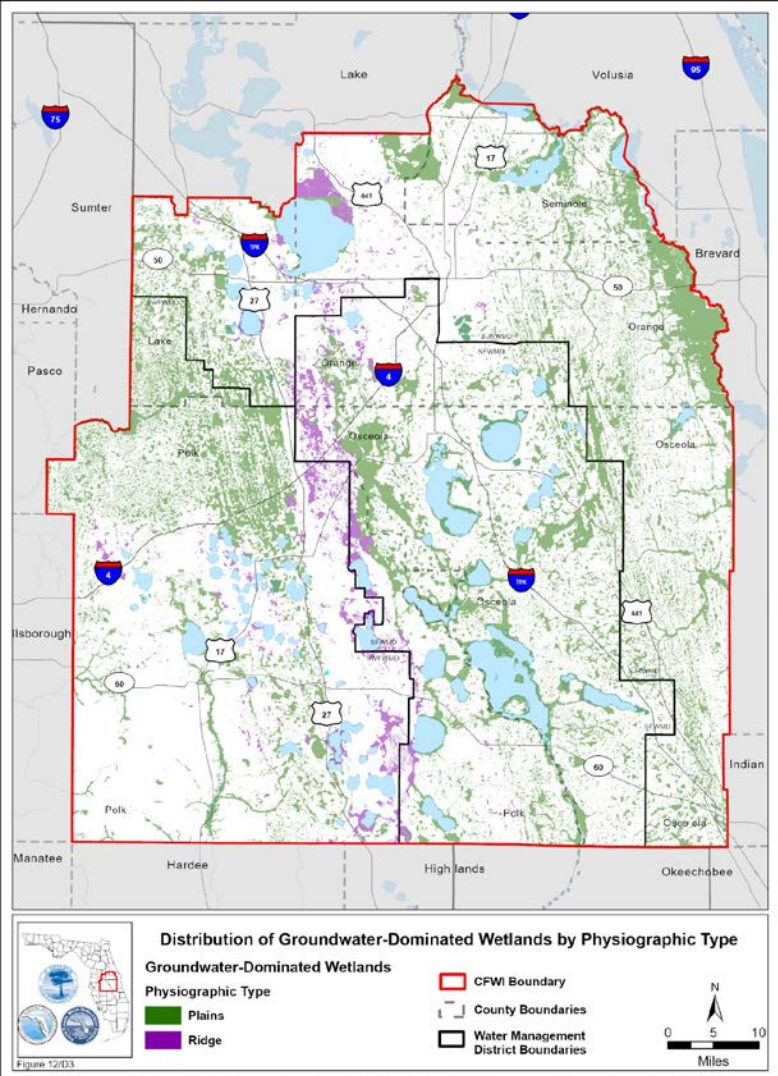
MFLs and MFL-Related Environmental Criteria

38 criteria assessed:

- Adopted MFLs: 26 lakes and wetlands
- 1 water level target based on Upper Peace River Regulatory Wells for SWUCA recovery
- 1 water level target based on Ridge Lakes Regulatory Wells for SWUCA recovery
- Peer reviewed but not yet adopted MFLs for 10 water bodies

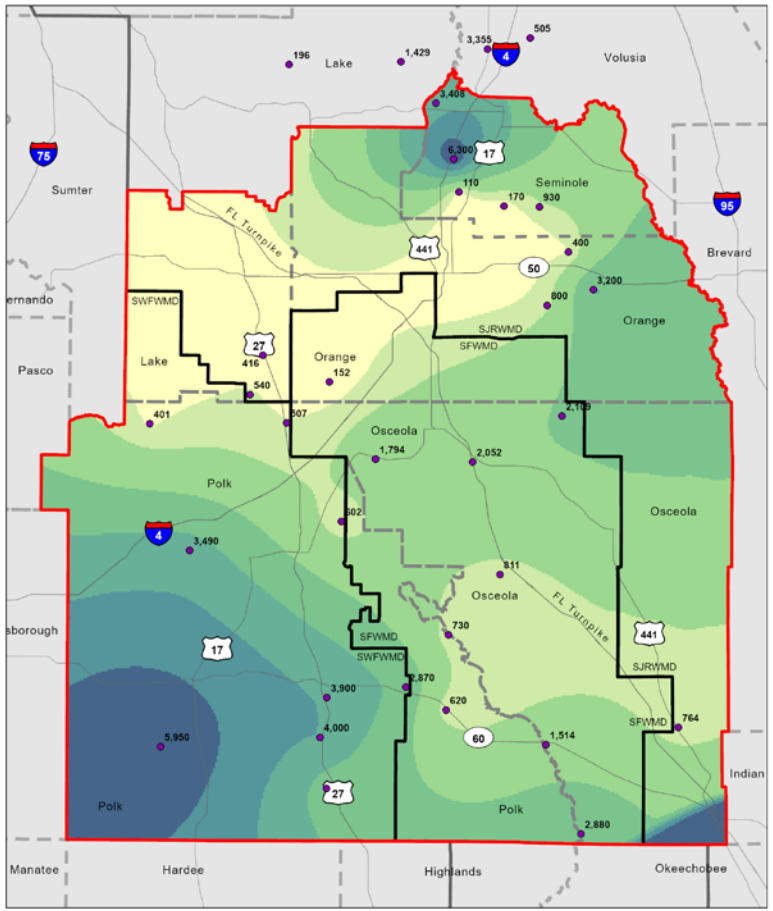


Groundwater-Dominated Wetlands in CFWI Planning Area



- About 442,290 acres included in analysis
- 382,850 acres of Plains wetlands
- 59,440 acres of Ridge wetlands

Total Dissolved Solids in the Lower Floridan Aquifer



Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) within the Uppermost Permeable Zone of the Lower Floridan Aquifer (LFA), Model Layer 9

TDS Concentrations (mg/L)

- < 500
- 500 - 1,000
- 1,000 - 2,000
- 2,000 - 3,000
- 3,000 - 4,000
- 4,000 - 5,000
- > 5,000

- Well
- CFWI Boundary
- County Boundaries
- Water Management District Boundaries

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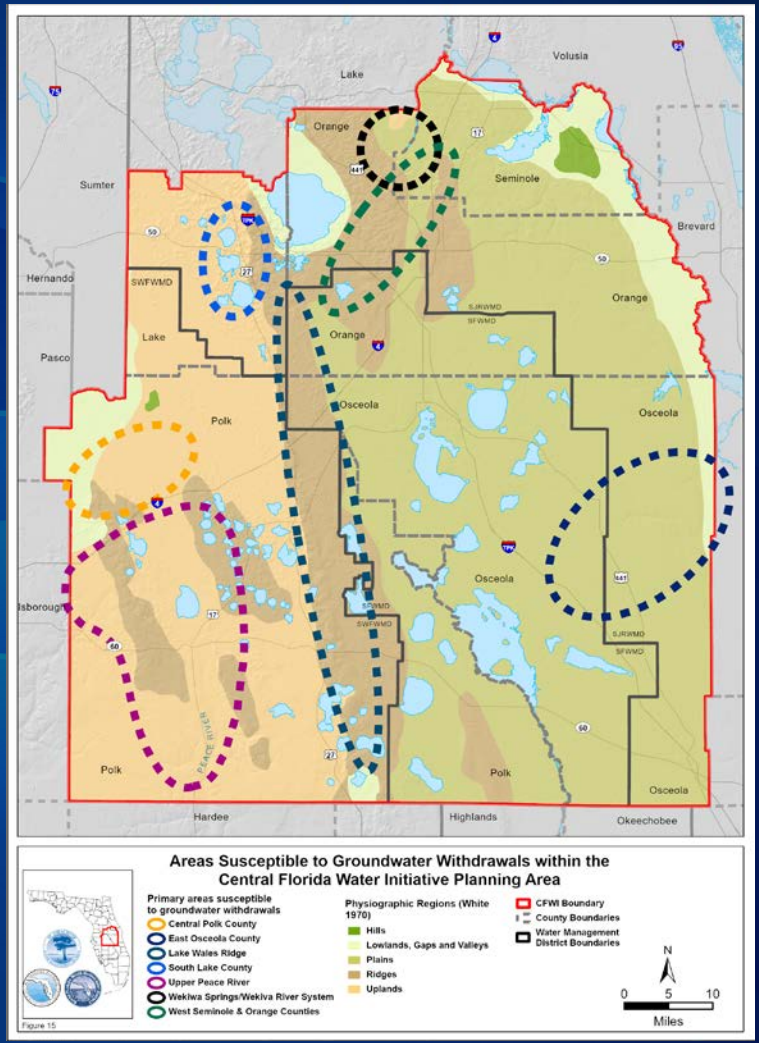
Primary Areas Susceptible to Groundwater Withdrawals

- Wekiwa Springs/Wekiva River System
- West Seminole County/West Orange County
- South Lake County
- East Osceola County
- Lake Wales Ridge
- Upper Peace River Basin
- Central Polk County (north of I-4)



Planning-Level Groundwater Availability

Groundwater available	760 mgd
Year 2020 groundwater use	603 mgd
Year 2045 groundwater demand	856 mgd
Groundwater shortfall	96 mgd
To meet these demands:	
Project Options	514 mgd
Conservation	45 mgd

million gallons per day (mgd)

Projected 2045 Water Conservation Savings

Category	Projected 2045 Water Demand (mgd)	Projected 2045 Water Conservation Savings (mgd)
Public Supply	642.19	36.95 – 38.21
Domestic and Small Public Supply	14.80	0.43
Agriculture	131.02	4.19 – 7.17
Landscape/Recreational	38.72	1.74
Commercial/Industrial/Institutional	66.19	1.49 – 4.50
Power Generation	9.58	
Total	**902.50**	**44.80 – 52.05**

Water Supply and Water Resource Development Options

County	Brackish Groundwater	Management Strategies	Reclaimed Water	Surface Water	Stormwater	Total
Lake	13.70	10.00	6.00	15.00	0.00	44.70
Orange [1]	14.00	5.00	42.26	54.00	1.06	116.32
Osceola [2]	30.00	0.00	30.50	126.00	6.00	192.50
Polk	22.50	0.00	44.36	1.50	0.00	68.36
Seminole	3.00	0.00	7.03	82.20	0.00	92.23
Total	**83.20**	**15.00**	**130.15**	**278.70**	**7.06**	**514.11**

Project options are shown in million gallons per day

[1] Includes the Taylor Creek Reservoir Projects located in Orange and Osceola counties.

[2] Includes the Grove Land Reservoir Project located in Okeechobee and Indian River counties.

Draft Conclusion and Recommendations

- Although groundwater sources are limited, the Draft 2025 CFWI RWSP concludes that current and future water demands can be met through 2045, while sustaining water resources and related natural systems
- An integrated approach is recommended to achieve this conclusion:
  - Continued implementation and expansion of water conservation measures
  - Continued development of alternative water supplies
  - Optimization of groundwater withdrawals
  - Continued research and hydrogeologic investigations
  - Pursuit of funding for water resource/water supply projects

Public Participation and Outreach

- Discussions with local governments, environmental, agricultural and utility representatives
- Governing Board updates
- Draft plan documents posted online in March for public comment
- Presentations and public meetings
- CFWI website
- CFWI quarterly newsletter

Public Outreach (continued)

- Public workshop - Projections — October 2023
- Technical methods workshop — April 2024
- Public meeting - Draft results — Nov 2024
- Public meeting - Public draft — April 2025
- Public comment — March 14 – May 16, 2025

Public Draft Comment Summary

- Public review
  - 20 stakeholders
- Comment Themes
  - Water supply project options
  - Minimum Flows and Levels
  - Groundwater modeling

Local Government Requirements

After the Districts approve the RWSP:

- Local governments must amend their Comprehensive Plans to include an updated 10-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan
- Work Plan must demonstrate sufficient water supply and facilities for at least the next 10 years
- Identify projects to be implemented

2025 CFWI RWSP Approval

- SJRWMD Governing Board 11/12/25
- SFWMD Governing Board 11/13/25
- SWFWMD Governing Board 11/18/25

Public Comments - Action Item

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Steering Committee Actions

- Endorse the Final Draft 2025 CFWI RWSP and associated appendices
- Encourage the respective Governing Boards to consider approval of the Final Draft 2025 CFWI RWSP and associated appendices

General Public Comments

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Steering Committee Comments

Thank you

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