

Regulatory Team

Team Leader:

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Background:

The Regulatory Team (RT) was formed to assist in the solutions planning process for the 2015 RWSP by identifying and addressing regulatory issues or constraints that could affect successful implementation of the projects identified by the Solutions Planning Team (SPT), develop options for consistent regulations, and carry out any additional assignments to support the SPT efforts. The RT collaboratively shared ideas, information, alternatives, and responsibilities under the guidance of the Steering Committee (SC), Management Oversight Committee (MOC), and SPT to fulfill the Guiding Principles of the CFWI. Team membership was comprised of regulatory staff from the Districts, FDEP, FDACS, public water supply utilities, and environmental group representatives. The RT interacted with the other CFWI technical teams to evaluate regulatory options identified for ensuring sustainable water supplies. The RT supported FDEP's Guidance Memo on Interim Consumptive Use Permitting with the CFWI Planning Area provided guidance to the Districts in implementing the CUP program and specifically addresses coordination on pending applications, permit duration, water conservation, proposed agency action documentation, and permit conditions. The RT compiles monthly reports of pending consumptive use permit applications in the CFWI Planning Area and posts them for public view on www.cfwiwater.com.

Goal:

The goal of the RT is to support CFWI 2020 Guiding Principle three to “establish consistent rules and regulations for the three water management district that meet the Collaborative Process Goals and implement the results of this Central Florida Water Initiative.”

Team Approach:

The RT is comprised of regulatory and legal staff from the South, Southwest, and St. John's Water Management Districts (WMDs); a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) representative; a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) representative; public water supply utility representatives; and environmental group representatives. The RT will work under the guidance of the Steering Committee (SC) and Management Oversight Committee (MOC) to fulfill the Guiding Principles of the CFWI. The RT will interact with the other CFWI teams to evaluate regulatory options identified for ensuring sustainable water supplies. The Regulatory Team's approach will be a collaborative sharing of ideas, information, alternatives, and responsibilities.

Team Objectives:

The objectives of the RT are to develop options for consistent regulations as well as identify legislative changes, as needed, to implement the solution strategies identified in the CFWI process, to assist with resource recovery strategies, and to provide for equitable and predictable review of consumptive use permit applications among the Districts.

Team Scope of Work:**H1 - Report consumptive use program data**

Coordinate with WMD representatives and continue to generate monthly reports of consumptive use permit applications.

H2 - Regulatory and statutory options

Identify options for uniform regulations and statutory changes as needed.

H3 - Assist with prevention and recovery strategies

Assist WMDs with the development and regulatory implementation of prevention and recovery strategies.

H4 - Review regional strategies

Provide regulatory review of updated regional strategies and solutions identified to meet water demands that are in excess of the sustainable yield of existing traditional groundwater sources.

H5 - Report findings

Present findings of the above evaluations to the Management Oversight Committee and Steering Committee.

Team Schedule

The RT will provide products to the MOC and TOC in accordance within RWSP 2020 and legislatively mandated timeframes.

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Develop a consistent rule framework for the region that recognizes the water resource challenges of the area. Develop options for consistent regulations as well as identify Legislative changes, as needed, to implement the solution strategies identified in the CFWI process, to assist with resource recovery strategies, and to provide for equitable and predictable review of consumptive use permit applications among the districts.

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