

CREATING A REGIONAL WATER STRATEGY FOR CENTRAL FLORIDA

Presented to
the
*Central Florida Water Initiative
Steering Committee*

Friday, January 27, 2012

- Led by *myregion.org* on behalf of the *Congress of Regional Leaders*
- ULI Central Florida
- South Florida, Southwest Florida, and St. Johns River Water Management Districts
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- University of Central Florida Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies



Central Florida Regional Growth Vision for 2050

Trend

Vision



- The Central Florida Regional Growth Vision called for the **development of regional strategies** to provide sufficient water and ensure that the water supply is in place to support Central Florida's citizens and businesses.
- It also recommended the development of **one regional water resources plan**.
- The *Congress of Regional Leaders* adopted these recommendations as its top priorities.

PHASE I - WATER SUPPLY/DEMAND/CONSERVATION (2009-2011)

- Regional Water Problem/Issues Identification
- Supply/Demand/Conservation “Briefing Book”
- Supply/Demand/Conservation Technical Assistance Panel Forum
- Supply/Demand/Conservation “White Paper”
- *Congress of Regional Leaders* Acceptance of Report/ implementation

PHASE II - WATER GOVERNANCE /CIVIC ARCHITECTURE (2011)

- Water Governance “Briefing Book”
- Water Governance Technical Assistance Panel Forum
- Regional Water Summit
- **November 4, 2011** – *Congress of Regional Leaders* Presentation of Report and Recommendations

Technical Advisory Panel

- Richard (Rick) Foglesong, Rollins College Department of Political Science - Moderator
- Michael M. Bell, Director, External Affairs, Rayonier
- Chuck Carden, Director of Operations & Facilities, Tampa Bay Water
- Lee Constantine, Former State Senator (Altamonte Springs)
- Henry Dean, Of Counsel, Gray-Robinson
- Doug Manson, Manson Law Group, P.A.
- Chip Merriam, Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC)
- Michael Minton, Shareholder, Dean Mead
- John R. (Woody) Wodraska, President, Wodraska Partners, Inc.

TAP Recommendation 1 - Conservation

Focus on Conservation First

- **Develop Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) among Local Governments in Central Florida to Achieve Conservation Measures**

TAP Recommendation 2 - Regulatory Efficiencies

Redefine WMD Responsibilities in Central Florida for Water Supply Planning and Regulation

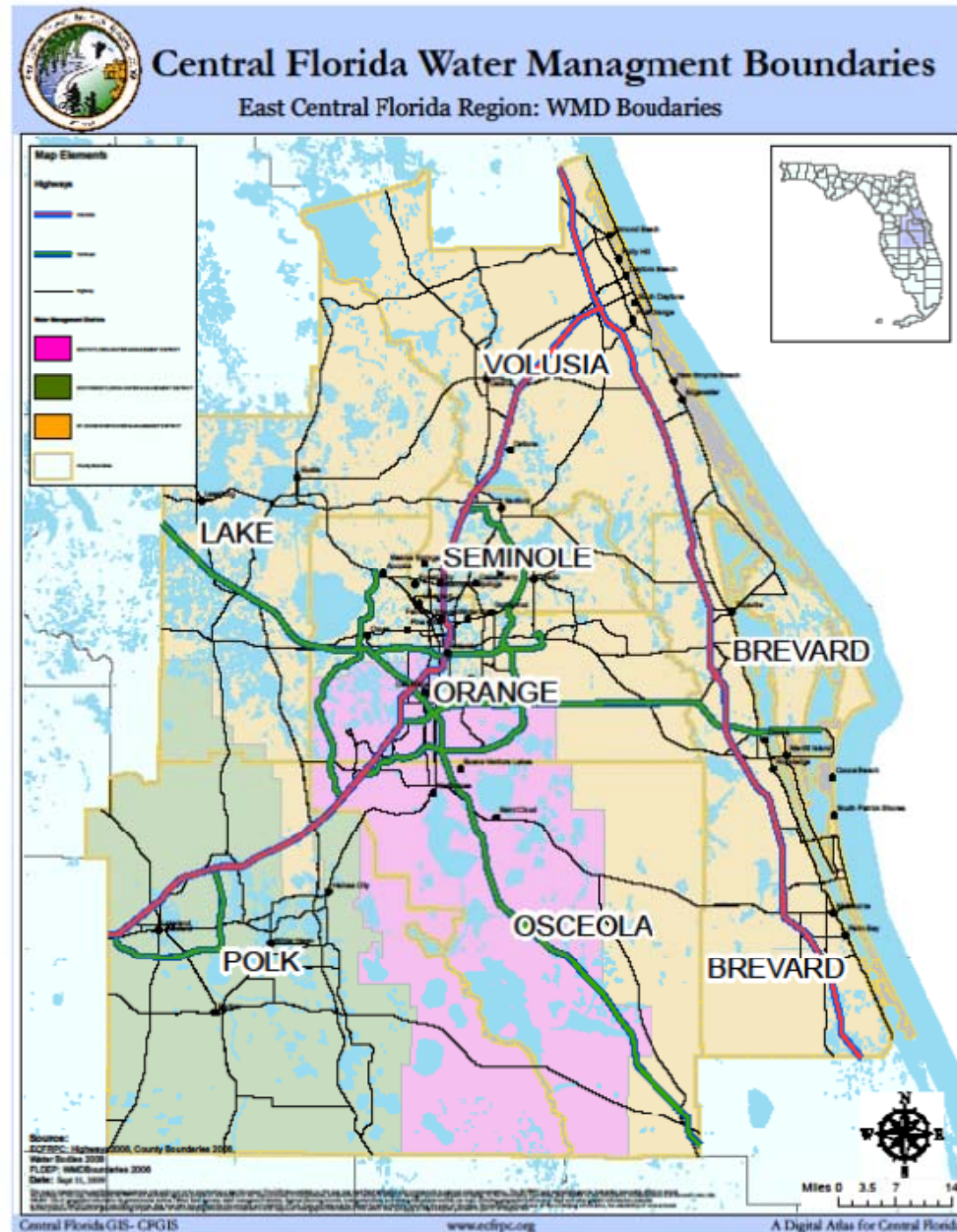
- Establish a Tri-party WMD Agreement to improve *Water Supply Planning, Project Implementation, and Regulation* within “myregion”.

TAP Recommendation 3 – Sustainable Water Supply

The *Congress of Regional Leaders* Should Define Success for Water Supply in Central Florida

- **Assure the Necessary Water Infrastructure is Planned to Support Central Florida's Business Development and Population Growth**

Exhibit - Central Florida Showing Water Management District Boundaries



Note: SJRWMD area shown in tan; SFWMD area shown in purple; SWFWMD area shown in green

Note: SJRWMD area in Polk County now a part of SWFWMD

Source: ECFRPC, www.cfgis.org/



- **Institute a pilot program** to develop a civic architecture considering local needs, regional priorities and state interests
- Use **Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) as the Pilot Program** in Central Florida to address the following;
 - Develop and agree upon a **consistent technical knowledge base**
 - Develop and agree upon **regional approaches and initiatives for conservation**
- The CFWI pilot group should **report its progress** to the *Congress of Regional Leaders* either biannually or quarterly.

The *Congress of Regional Leaders* includes 16 elected officials representing city and county governments and the school boards of the seven Central Florida counties (Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia).

Congress of Regional Leaders

- Chair: Sam Johnson, Polk County Commission
- Past Chair: Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere
- Robert F. Apgar, City of DeLand
- Brandon Arrington, Osceola County Commission
- Frank Bruno, Jr., Volusia County Council
- Welton G. Cadwell, Jr., Lake County Commission
- Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry
- Cheryl Grieb, City of Kissimmee
- Carlton D. Henley, Sr., Seminole County Commission
- Michael Holland, City of Eustis
- Teresa Jacobs, Orange County
- Candace Lankford, Volusia County Public Schools
- Chuck Nelson, Brevard County Commission
- Nancy Robbinson, Orange County Public Schools
- James H. Tulley, Jr., City of Titusville
- H.L. “Roy” Tyler, City of Haines City

- Accepted the Report, “Creating a Regional Water Civic Architecture for Central Florida”
- Agree that a “Champion” be identified (per TAP recommendation)
- Ask that *myregion.org* serve as the regional “champion” and work with CFWI Steering Committee
- Seek agreement with CFWI on “next steps”

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