

CFWI Steering Committee Briefing

South Lake Regional Water Initiative Water Resources Planning Study

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South Lake Regional Water Initiative

- Began in early 2012
- Chaired by Lake County Commissioner Sean Parks and co-chaired by Groveland Mayor Tim Loucks.
- Formed in recognition of the need to take a cooperative approach to water resource development



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- Lake County, acting as the facilitator, prepared an Interlocal agreement for the SLRWI utility members
- Through the Interlocal, parties agreed to hire a common consultant to evaluate water resource options
- Senator Hays was instrumental in securing a \$300,000 grant for the SLRWI members to fund the water resources study

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Study focus:

- Review and refine demand projects – potable and irrigation
- Review available water resources – groundwater (UFA and LFA), reclaimed water, surface water, stormwater, and water from other providers
- Identify MFL impacts, identify source of impact and recommend mitigation strategies
- Identify infrastructure needs to convey water resources to SLRWI member systems

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Study focus (cont):

- Prepare preliminary cost estimates
- Prepare a report of findings and recommendations
- Assist with evaluation of funding sources and recommendation of mechanism for implementing selected projects
- Attend public meetings throughout the process to keep community informed and involved

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- RFQ was issued in June by City of Clermont with a qualifications statement due date of July 31
- Received four responses for evaluation
- Selection committee meeting held on August 22
- Anticipate selecting a firm by September, starting services in November and completing study by early Summer 2015

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QUESTIONS?



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