



**Central Florida Water Initiative
Workshop Evaluation
October 29, 2014
Summary Report (24 evaluations collected)**

Question 1.

One purpose of the workshop was to inform local leaders on the background and progress being made with the CFWI. Did we achieve that purpose?

(Scale of 1-5, 1=Strongly Disagree, 5= Strongly Agree)

Results –

Responses	Total Number
1 – Strongly Disagree	2
2 – Disagree	3
3 – Neutral	1
4 – Agree	11
5 – Strongly Agree	7

Average of all responses **3.75**

Question 2.

Another purpose of the workshop was to provide local leaders with an opportunity to discuss both barriers to and opportunities for developing regional solutions for future water supply needs. Did we achieve that purpose?

(Scale of 1-5, 1=Strongly Disagree, 5= Strongly Agree)

Results –

Responses	Total Number
1 – Strongly Disagree	2
2 – Disagree	2
3 – Neutral	0
4 – Agree	12
5 – Strongly Agree	8

Average of all responses **3.92**



Question 3.

What other information would you like provided, either in the workshop or as a follow-up to the workshop?

- More specifics on conservation measures, info on cost/benefit analyses of projects, info on water reservations to ensure aquifer, lake, river, wetlands sustainability, implementation of low hanging fruit (i.e. rain sensors, xeriscaping, water restriction enforcement, system losses from aging infrastructure, regional storm water systems) (Marian Ryan – Sierra Club)
- Project cost details (Steven Elias – Envisors)
- Proposed legislative priorities (Brian Sheahan – Lake County)
- More info on the 147 water supply projects identified by the CFWI Plan (Erin Hartigan – Lake County Attorney’s Office)
- I would like more financial information on these projects and how it affects the local communities on a financial level (Wanda Harris – City of Polk City)
- Storm water (Troy Kipe – City of Frostproof)
- Information well provided, at the end of the program Len made the strong point is to recognize current resources and move to capitalize on retention. I think storm water is an untapped source as our future (Tim Porpichal – City of Auburndale)
- Information on funding. Funding will be a huge issue with council and citizens (Tenny Croky – City of Frostproof)
- More detail in respect for subarea water development (Joe Costine – City of Lakeland)
- Additional data supporting the justification and validate the science. More discussion of the proportionate share and options of funding (Amy Miles – City of Winter Haven)
- Public attendance (Paul Senft – SWFWMD)
- More information as solutions implementations (when the plan is ready). Financing opportunities. Governance concepts for cooperation. (Alan Oyler – SLRWI)
- How the projects identified will be developed within the communities. Will it be in the hands of the communities to come to the districts or will there be a push/movement from the districts to get the projects moving forward? (Katie Gierok – Reiss Engineering)



Question 4.

Would you like to have a presentation on CFWI to our local Board of Commissioners, organization or group? If so, please provide a person to contact to schedule a presentation.

- Marian Ryan, Vice-Chair Sierra Club, Ancient Islands Group, 863-207-5206, marianryan@gmail.com
- Commissioner Sean Parks (Lake County)
- City of Polk City (Patricia Jackson)
- American Planning Association – FL chapter, Heart of FL Section (Amy Palmer 863-965-5530)
- City of Frostproof (Tenny Croley 863-635-7855)
- Haines City (Michael Stripling, mstripling@hainescity.com)
- Chamber of Commerce (Fran Beach 863-875-7800) I will let her know this was suggested. Contact schools for presentation to students. We have Discovery Academy Charter School, Lake Alfred/Addair Middle School, Lake Alfred Elementary. This would cover a wide age level to have our younger generation become more aware of the environment and water conservation in general (Vice Mayor Charles Lake – Lake Alfred)

Additional Comments

- In the SWFWMD SWUCA the break down of usage indications a large portion of the water is used in agriculture, roughly 60%. How will the agricultural community be educated? What will be done to further reduce the use in agriculture while still keeping people fed? There could be some gains in residential use but the overall usage in the SWUCA is only about 25% of total use. (Ruffin Gray – City of Lakeland Utilities)
- Like the comment about utilizing storm water (Tenny Croley – Frostproof)
- The CFWI expects to impact 40K acres of wetlands from pumping. Projects to mitigate these impacts need to be included as priority projects funded with wellfield projects – focus should be on restoration of public lands i.e. Hilochee WMA, Green Swamp, properties. Need to keep natural resource benefits local. (Marian Ryan – Sierra Club)

Highlighted portions are comments from individuals who responded negatively (with 1s or 2s) to Question 1 or Question 2.