



CFWI Regional Water Supply Plan Team Presents the 2025 CFWI RWSP Overview and Schedule

The Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) Team held a virtual public meeting in October, which was attended by nearly 150 participants. During this meeting, staff discussed the population and total water demand projections for the next 20 years, communicated the status, overall conceptual intent, and the schedule for the 2025 CFWI RWSP.

The 2025 CFWI RWSP is the second five-year update to the 2015 CFWI RWSP and is a collaborative effort between the St. Johns, Southwest and South Florida water management districts (Districts) and stakeholders. In addition to identifying projected water needs, the 2025 CFWI RWSP will identify projects and funding sources to meet the projected water needs over the next 20 years.

Staff from the three Districts have been working collaboratively with stakeholders since 2021, sharing deliverables and garnering feedback for key components to the 2025 CFWI RWSP development.

During the 2020-2045 planning horizon, the CFWI Planning Area is expected to grow from 3.4 million residents to 4.7 million residents by 2045, which is a 40% increase. Irrigated agriculture is expected to decrease slightly from 121,686 acres in 2020 to 115,183 acres in 2045, which is a 5% decrease. Meanwhile, total water demand is expected to increase from 639 million gallons per day (mgd) in 2020 to 903 mgd in 2045, which is a 41% increase. The CFWI Planning Area is composed of Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Polk counties and southern Lake County, covering approximately 5,300 square miles.

The CFWI RWSP Team will continue to hold meetings with stakeholders over the next two years as pertinent information becomes available. The 2025 CFWI RWSP is anticipated to be available for public review in early 2025. The final 2025 CFWI RWSP is scheduled for approval by the governing boards of the three Districts by the end of 2025.

For more information on the CFWI RWSP effort, please contact the CFWI District contacts at cfwiwater.com/contacts.html. In addition, CFWI RWSP resources are available at cfwiwater.com/CFWIresources.html and upcoming meetings are available at cfwiwater.com/meetings.