

Central Florida Water Initiative

Regional Water Supply Plan

Technical Methods Public Workshop Summary

November 7, 2013, 10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee, FL

The purpose of this meeting was to provide an overview of the technical data and modeling tools used to support the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Regional Water Supply Plan, answer questions, and facilitate public engagement in the regional water supply planning effort.

Meeting notification occurred by email to stakeholders, interested parties and attendees of prior meetings from the St. Johns River, South Florida and Southwest Florida water management districts. Web-based meeting notification occurred on the CFWI, Orange County and water management district calendar webpages. The meeting was also noticed in Florida Administrative Weekly. There were 49 attendees participating in the meeting, including about 30 members of the public and 19 staff members from the water management districts, water utilities and CFWI technical team members.

The agenda consisted of the following:

I. Welcome and Overview of CFWI and Regional Water Supply Plan

Mark Elsner, South Florida Water Management District

II. Overview of Technical Methods

David MacIntyre, Hydrologic Analysis Team Lead

Doug Leeper, MFLs and Reservations Team Lead

John Zahina-Ramos, Environmental Measures Team Lead

Mark Barcelo, Groundwater Availability Team

III. Public Comments

Note: Q & A followed each of the presentations

The public provided verbal comments during the Question and Answer session after each technical team's presentation and during the Public Comments section of the agenda. Written public input was also received on public comment cards. One comment card was submitted.

Summary of Questions/Comments Received at CFWI Public Workshop – 11/7/13

- How many square miles are in the CFWI region?
- Is there just one RWSP presentation for the Governing Boards?
- Will the model be further refined for a smaller grid size?
- How the model is being used to determine what's happening.
- How do they determine what happens in each cell? Can you tell me in any one of these grids what is going on? Do you have a monitor well in each grid?
- Scenario results questions - are we looking at how much water or pressure?
- Calibration period - any comparison to more recent data since 2006?
- When will the data be updated?
- When will we see the written data?
- Will there be any public comments period for the plan?

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- Lake Wales is most important area but the area you say the information is least accurate?
- SWFWMD - since they don't use MFLs how do you address this?
- Can you explain the difference between reservations and MFLs?
- MFLs aren't just spatial but they are temporal are you factoring in?
- The WMDs have channels and the way the districts are managing these flows - should we be talking about quantity instead of flow and the way we are managing the resources?
- Is there any thought to using an integrated model and the results might be better?
- You forecast for 2035 - has the work begun with SWFWMD been taken into consideration?
- Do you have a document that I can look at – any actual written availability of the data?
- How will stressed wetlands relate to the RWSP?
- How do you account for the predictive land use to determine MFLs and wetland impact? What is the predictive use model?
- How are you able to consider other impacts from wetlands infilling and other activities?
- If the 800 million gallons a day is the current usage and we have all these problem areas, are we just going to add to that if we draw more water?
- Drawdown model used existing well activity. If there were wells put in outside the defined area, wouldn't it expand it into that area?
- In the 2035 scenario, did you impose a well grid on that area? Did it consider new well points?
- Are we going to be seeing another echelon in permits or all the districts going to combine their BORs?
- Who is developing the policies that will need to be implemented as we move forward with the plan?
- Comment was made about needing to start talking about the ridge area related to MFLs and how things will be handled.
- Comment was made relaying doesn't think the connection has been made to how stressed wetlands will factor into the plan.

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