

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: David Still, Executive Director *DS*

DATE: December 18, 2009

RE: Activity Report, Executive Office

The following is a brief summary of Executive Office activities during the past month.

David Still:

- Met with citizens in Ft. White, Florida, on the Santa Fe BMAP project that is a part of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) effort.
- Met with the City Manager of Lake Butler to review issues concerning the lake.
- Met with Terry Witt of the Levy County Journal to discuss water supply.
- Attended the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Annual Farm City Week breakfast.
- Along with David Flagg and the other water management districts, participated in the Quarterly Department of Environmental Protection teleconference meeting with Secretary Sole.
- Attended the Florida Agriculture Council Annual Meeting at the Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka, Florida.
- Attended the Florida Stormwater Association's Winter Conference in Tampa, Florida.
- Along with Charlie Houder and Kirk Webster, met with Melda Bassett with the University of Florida Foundation to discuss spring protection.
- Along with Charlie Houder and Brian Kauffman, met with Bob Ballard of the Division of Recreation and Parks with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to discuss possible state management of certain District properties.
- Along with Kirk Webster and Cindy Johnson, met with Georgia Jones concerning The Ichetucknee Partnership.

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FROM: Steven Minnis, Director of Governmental Affairs

THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*

DATE: December 21, 2009

RE: Legislative Report Update – December 2009

- Interim Senate Committee Meetings were held during the week of December 7th.
- The Senate Select Committee on Florida's Inland Waters received a briefing from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on its watershed restoration activities. FDEP recognized the Suwannee River Partnership Program. The Committee will be holding a public hearing in Ocala on December 16th.
- The Senate General Government Appropriations Committee was provided presentations from agencies on their budget reduction proposals.
- The Senate Environmental and Preservation Committee received a briefing by FDEP on numeric nutrient criteria. Mr. King, from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), stated that EPA is not considering a single state-wide numeric number. He also mentioned that proposed numeric criteria for individual water bodies are anticipated to be released on January 14, 2010, that there will be a 60-day public comment period and public hearings will be held throughout the State.
- Met with the offices of Senator Dean, Senator Oelrich, and Representative Chestnut to discuss regional water supply issues.
- FDEP, Governor's Office and the Water Management Districts met to discuss leftover revenue from past appropriations and grants.
- Attended the Gilchrist County Legislative Delegation Meeting.
- Submitted a Water Resource Development Application proposal to Congressman Boyd's Office in the amount of \$750,000 to develop a groundwater transient model to assess regional cumulative withdrawals.
- The Levy County Legislative Delegation Meeting is scheduled for December 17th and District will be represented.

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RE: Summary of State's Congressional Resource Services Position

For the past 10-years, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the five water management districts (referred to collectively as Agency) have entered into a memorandum of agreement to fund a congressional services position. The position is housed in the State of Florida's Washington, D.C. Office and reports to that Office Director and the FDEP Legislative Affairs Director. The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) funds 5% of the position for an amount not to exceed \$3,750.

This position administers and directs program coordination of the State of Florida's request for federal authorizations and appropriations for water supply, water quality, and other water related projects. This position also develops and implements planning and coordination mechanisms for the Agency's involvement in federal programs and legislation relating to water policy, water supply, water quality, water resource planning and related issues.

The duties and responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to, coordination of those projects contained in the biennial Water Resources Development Act and those funded by Department of Interior or VA/HUD appropriation bills. The position will work with the state's five water management districts and the Office of the Governor to coordinate Florida's requests for project authorization and appropriations. Additionally, the position will maintain active contacts with state and federal agencies and members and staff of Florida's congressional delegation.

In the implementation of the Agency's statutory duties, the position attends meetings, prepares reports, participates in committees and performs other duties as assigned by the Agency.