

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
Charles H. Houder, III, Asst. Executive Director *CHA*.

DATE: February 18, 2010

RE: Activity Report, Executive Office

The following is a brief summary of Executive Office activities during the past month for David Still and Charles (Charlie) Houder.

- David and Charlie met regularly with the Governing Board Investment Committee.
- David and Charlie meet with staff regularly on the following issues:
 - Water Supply Modeling and Planning
 - R. O. Ranch
 - Suwannee River Partnership
 - Minimum Flows and Levels
 - The Ichetucknee Partnership
- David and Charlie met at R. O. Ranch with Mr. Bob Ballard from the Division of Recreation and Parks.
- David and Charlie attended the R. O. Ranch monthly meeting in Mayo.
- David and Charlie met with Mr. Bob Powell, District's auditor, concerning the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).
- David made a presentation to the Inland Waters Committee in Tallahassee.
- David attended the Northeast Florida Upper Santa Fe Basin Regional Water Supply Planning Public Work Group Meeting in Alachua County.
- David attended the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Meeting.
- David attended the U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Award Program in Cedar Key.
- David participated in the monthly teleconference call with Secretary Sole's office.
- David met with the North Florida Utility Coordination Group's Executive Committee Meeting at St. John's River Water Management District.
- Charlie attended the Suwannee County League of Cities meeting in Williston.

- Charlie attended the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) meeting in Jacksonville.
- Charlie attended the Greenways and Trail Council meeting in Altamonte Springs.
- Charlie attended the USDA Jobs and Economic Growth Forum at the Farm Bureau Headquarters in Gainesville.

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FROM: Steven Minnis, Director of Governmental Affairs

THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*

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RE: Legislative Committee Summary – February 2010

- Interim House and Senate Committee Meetings were held for three weeks in February.
- The Senate Select Committee on Florida's Inland Waters met in Wakulla Springs and Palatka.
- Both the Senate and House continued budget discussions.
- Met weekly during the Interim Committee Weeks with the Governor's Environmental Policy and Budget Unit, DEP and the other WMDs to discuss legislation of interest and upcoming issues.
- Senate Bill 142 (filed by Senator Baker) that deletes the requirement that the water management district Governing Board delegate its permitting authority to the Executive Director was referred to the Environmental Preservation and Conservation, Governmental Oversight and Accountability, and General Government Appropriations Committees.
- House Bill 659 (filed by Representative Van Zant) that deletes the requirement that the water management district Governing Board delegate its permitting authority to the Executive Director was referred to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee, Policy Council, and Government Accountability Act Council.
- Senate Bill 1180 (file by Senator Negron) that proposes to revise the State Constitution to require the election of Governing Board Members that have the authority to adopt millage rates was referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation, Ethics and Elections, Government Oversight and Accountability, Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means, and Rules Committees.
- House Bill 493 (filed by Representative Domino) that proposes to revise the State Constitution to require the election of Governing Board Members that have the authority to adopt millage rates was referred to Governmental Affairs Policy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee, Finance and Tax Council, and Economic Development and

Community Affairs Policy Council. HB 493 is scheduled to be heard by the Governmental Affairs Policy Council on February 17th.

- Senate Bill 604 (filed by Senator Dean) revises the requirements for expenditure of the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Funds to allow the SRWMD and NFWMD to also use funds for regional water supply planning, water resource development, water resource planning, and springs protection even if there is a regional water supply plan that has been referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation and General Government Appropriations Committees.
- House Bill 307 (filed by Representative Boyd) revises the requirements for expenditure of the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Funds to allow the SRWMD and NFWMD to also use funds for regional water supply planning, water resource development, water resource planning, and springs protection even if there is a regional water supply plan that has been referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee, Natural Resources Appropriations Committee, and General Government Policy Council. HB 307 is scheduled to be heard by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee on February 17th.
- March 2nd is the opening day of the 2010 Regular Legislative Session.

cc: Charlie Houder