

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2008- B05

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE  
3 OF CITIES RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR A  
4 COLLABORATIVE, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL APPROACH  
5 TO ADDRESS COUNTY-WIDE WATER RESOURCE  
6 NEEDS; ESTABLISHING THE BROWARD WATER  
7 RESOURCES TASK FORCE COMPOSED OF ELECTED  
8 COUNTY AND CITY COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICIALS  
9 REPRESENTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER  
10 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD,  
11 SPECIAL DISTRICTS, AND WATER CONTROL  
DISTRICTS; AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF A  
TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL STAFF WORKGROUP TO  
ADVISE THE TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES OF  
THE TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS OF THE  
TASK FORCE AND TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
WORKGROUP; PROVIDING FOR STAFF SUPPORT;  
PROVIDING FOR REPORTING AND MAINTENANCE OF  
RECORDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

12 WHEREAS, Broward County has long depended upon the Biscayne Aquifer for  
13 the County's primary source of water; and

14 WHEREAS, it has been determined that further withdrawals and continued  
15 dependence upon the Biscayne Aquifer impact the ecological health of the Everglades;  
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17 WHEREAS, in response to efforts to restore the Everglades, in 2007 the South  
18 Florida Water Management District adopted the Regional Water Availability Rule which  
19 restricts future withdrawals from the Biscayne Aquifer; and

20 WHEREAS, Broward County's local government leaders recognize it is critical to  
21 address the availability of water resources within the County to protect the public health,  
22 ensure the sustainability of sensitive environmental resources and natural systems, and  
23 provide viable economic opportunities for our communities and residents; and  
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1           WHEREAS, pursuant to Senate Bill CS/CS/SB 1302 (*Wastewater*  
2 *Discharge/Ocean Outfalls* legislation) passed by the 2008 Legislature, two regional  
3 wastewater treatment providers in Broward County will be required to reuse significant  
4 amounts of treated domestic wastewater currently being disposed of via ocean outfalls;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, the County is facing significant and costly projected water supply  
7 needs, which cannot be met with increased demands on the Biscayne Aquifer unless  
8 appropriate measures are taken in accordance with the Regional Water Availability  
9 Rule, wastewater disposal needs that cannot be addressed through traditional  
10 discharge methods, and pressing decisions related to the development of alternative  
11 water supply projects such as the use of reclaimed water; and

12           WHEREAS, local leaders are committed to ensuring that the long-term water  
13 resource needs of all Broward's water users are effectively planned for and met,  
14 including those of water providers, wholesale and retail purchasers, and their  
15 customers; and

16           WHEREAS, these needs may be met more efficiently and cost effectively  
17 through collaborative partnerships, evaluation of existing and planned infrastructure and  
18 by considering regional or sub-regional approaches; and

19           WHEREAS, there is no effective forum to consider these opportunities; and

20           WHEREAS, in 2005 the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2005-291, Laws of  
21 Florida, SB 444, legislation that encourages cooperation with local entities to plan for  
22 multi-jurisdictional water supply entities to maximize state funding for alternative water  
23 supply projects; and

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1           WHEREAS, at a Joint Workshop Meeting on May 12, 2008, the Broward County  
2 Board of County Commissioners, the South Florida Water Management District  
3 Governing Board, and Elected Officials representing the County's various municipalities,  
4 inclusive of water providers and users, agreed to work collaboratively to find potential  
5 environmentally, economically, and technically feasible strategies and solutions to the  
6 County's future water resources needs and provide recommendations;

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8           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY  
9 LEAGUE OF CITIES:

10           Section 1. The adoption of this and companion resolutions by the Broward  
11 County Board of County Commissioners, the South Florida Water Management District  
12 Governing Board and others shall have the effect of creating the Broward Water  
13 Resources Task Force ("Task Force").

14           Section 2. The Task Force shall be composed of elected and appointed  
15 officials designated by the government entities identified in Section 3 of this resolution.  
16 A Technical/Professional staff workgroup may be designated by the entities in Section 4  
17 to advise the Task Force on matters such as, but not limited to, water resource  
18 availability, management, facilities and infrastructure, supply and constraints, and other  
19 technical, environmental, and professional subject matters as requested by the Task  
20 Force.

21           Section 3. The Task Force shall be composed of representatives of the  
22 following entities:

- 23           (a) Six (6) City elected officials appointed by the Broward League of  
24           Cities, which represents a cross section of small, medium, and

1 large cities, one of whom shall be an elected official of a city that  
2 purchases water from another municipality or water utility. For each  
3 of the six members appointed, the Broward League of Cities shall  
4 also appoint an alternate member to serve in the appointed  
5 member's absence. Alternate members must be municipal elected  
6 officials and must be from a different similarly-sized municipality.

7 (b) Five (5) City elected officials appointed by the Broward League of  
8 Mayors, which represents a cross section of small, medium, and  
9 large cities, one of whom shall be an elected official of a city that  
10 purchases water from another municipality or water utility. For each  
11 of the five members appointed, the Broward League of Mayors  
12 shall also appoint an alternate member to serve in the appointed  
13 member's absence. Alternate members must be municipal elected  
14 officials and must be from a different similarly-sized municipality.

15 (c) One (1) County Commissioner and an alternate appointed by the  
16 Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

17 (d) One (1) Special Independent District Water Provider official and an  
18 alternate appointed by the Surface Water Coordinating Committee.

19 (e) One (1) Drainage/Water Control District elected official and an  
20 alternate appointed by the Surface Water Coordinating Committee.

21 (f) One (1) South Florida Water Management District Governing Board  
22 Member and an alternate appointed by the Governing Board.  
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1 When making appointments, each entity shall consider and balance its appointments to  
2 reflect the diverse racial, ethnic, religious, economic, and geographic representation  
3 within the County.

4 Section 4. The following entities may designate appropriate  
5 Technical/Professional staff, as provided in Section 2, to assist the Task Force:

- 6 (a) Eleven (11) Municipal staff persons appointed by Task Force  
7 members represented in the categories of Section 3(a) and (b).
- 8 (b) Two (2) County staff persons appointed by the Broward County  
9 Administrator.
- 10 (c) One (1) staff person appointed from the Drainage District/Water  
11 Control member participating on the Task Force.
- 12 (d) One (1) staff person appointed from the Special Independent  
13 District Water Provider member participating on the Task Force.
- 14 (e) One (1) water management staff person appointed by the South  
15 Florida Water Management District Governing Board.
- 16 (f) One (1) representative of the Water Advisory Board's Technical  
17 Advisory Committee appointed by the Water Advisory Board to the  
18 Broward County Board of County Commissioners.
- 19 (g) One (1) builder representative appointed by the Builders  
20 Association of South Florida.
- 21 (h) One (1) builder representative appointed by the South Florida  
22 Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

1 Section 5. The Task Force will identify and evaluate opportunities and  
2 impediments to providing future water supply, conservation, wastewater treatment, and  
3 reuse or reclaimed water opportunities that are most efficient and cost effective.

4 Section 6. The Task Force shall meet monthly for a one-year period following  
5 its initial organizational meeting. The Task Force shall, at its organizational meeting,  
6 elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, adopt rules of procedure, including provisions for quorum,  
7 voting, and consideration of motions and other items, and establish such standing  
8 committees as necessary to conduct the work of the Task Force.

9 Section 7. The Technical/Professional staff workgroup may meet as  
10 necessary to address any issues assigned by the Task Force. The staff workgroup  
11 shall meet following the appointments made pursuant to Section 4 for the purpose of  
12 selecting a Chair and Vice-Chair, adopting any necessary rules of procedure, and  
13 appointing any standing workgroup subcommittees.

14 Section 8. The Broward County League of Cities, Broward County, and the  
15 South Florida Water Management District shall provide staff support to the Task Force.

16 Section 9. Support staff will prepare meeting notices and minutes, maintain  
17 records, coordinate or prepare draft reports, and prepare the final report containing the  
18 findings and recommendations of the Task Force.

19 Section 10. The governmental entities adopting this resolution recognize and  
20 agree their participation as members of the Task Force is a voluntary effort. The  
21 participating governments further recognize that any final report issued by the Task  
22 Force shall not be construed as imposing any mandates upon the participants or other  
23 government entities within Broward County. It is understood and desired, rather, that  
24 the collaborative work of the Task Force serve as recommendations for Broward's local

1 governments, businesses, and residents as each community moves forward with  
2 consideration and decision-making regarding future water resources planning,  
3 development, and management.

4 Section 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.

5 This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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7 ADOPTED this 7th day August , 2008.

8 BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES

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10 BY: M. Margaret Bates  
11 President M. Margaret Bates

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