

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Resolution No. 2025 - 1113

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District approving the 2025 Central Florida Water Initiative Regional Water Supply Plan; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Governing Boards of each water management district are authorized to undertake regional water supply planning efforts pursuant to Section 373.709, Fla. Stat. This authorization includes updating existing plans such as the 2025 Central Florida Water Initiative Regional Water Supply Plan (2025 CFWI RWSP); and

WHEREAS, section 373.709, Fla. Stat., establishes a framework for the regional water supply plan's scope, analysis, implementation, and process. Specific water resource development and water supply development projects must also be included in regional water supply plans; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) was established by Section 373.0465, Fla. Stat., and is a collaborative planning process involving the South Florida Water Management District (District), the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), regional public water supply utilities, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the CFWI is led by a Steering Committee that includes a public water supply utility representative, a Governing Board member from each of the three water management districts, and representatives from FDEP and FDACS; and

WHEREAS, the CFWI Planning Area is located in central Florida and consists of Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Polk counties and southern Lake County, where the boundaries of the three Districts meet. The CFWI Planning Area includes the District's Upper Kissimmee Basin Planning Area, which is one of the District's five regional water supply planning areas; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 CFWI RWSP builds upon the previous CFWI RWSPs and considers cumulative impacts on water resources and guides future management of those resources to ensure adequate water supply for existing and projected reasonable-beneficial uses and to sustain the water resources and related natural systems through the year 2045; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 CFWI RWSP concludes that development of traditional water sources is near, has already reached, or in some areas, has exceeded the sustainable limits, and that alternative and nontraditional water sources will need to be developed to meet the projected needs while not impacting water resources and natural systems. The 2025 CFWI RWSP has identified sufficient project options, including water conservation, for the development of water supplies to meet the region's needs through 2045; and

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WHEREAS, the public participated in the development of the 2025 CFWI RWSP. The three Districts held a technical methods workshop in April 2024, as well as public workshops in October 2023, November 2024, and April 2025 to receive public input, local knowledge and expertise, and the collective concerns of the various stakeholders in the planning region; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2025 CFWI RWSP was made available for public review and comment from March 14, 2025, through May 16, 2025. The comments were evaluated and, where appropriate, incorporated into the final draft; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee reviewed and endorsed the Final Draft 2025 CFWI RWSP at their September 12, 2025, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 CFWI RWSP is not a self-executing document. Implementation of the 2025 CFWI RWSP will occur through a variety of future Governing Board actions. A flexible course of action is proposed. Future decisions about contracts, research, budgetary appropriations, cost-sharing arrangements, permitting, operational protocol, local agreements, and inter-governmental coordination will commit the District to a specific direction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby approves the 2025 Central Florida Water Initiative Regional Water Supply Plan, including the associated appendices, pursuant to Section 373.709(5), Fla. Stat. The 2025 CFWI RWSP, including the associated appendices and Notice of Rights can be found at the following link:
<https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/water-supply/upper-kissimmee>

Section 2. Staff may distribute notice of this Resolution by certified mail, regular mail, and/or electronic mail to persons who have participated in plan development process and those entities identified as appropriate for implementing water supply development projects. Notice shall also be published in the Florida Administrative Register and newspapers of general circulation within the planning region.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 13th day of November, 2025.



Attest:



District Clerk/Secretary

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

By:



Chauncey P. Goss, II
Chairman

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