

# Public Process and Water Supply Plan Requirements

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## Today's Agenda

Northwest

Suwannee River

Water Supply Planning Requirements

- LWC Water Supply Plan Update Process
- 2006 Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan Overview
- Population and Demand Projections
- Goal & Objectives



## **Public Participation**

- Public meetings through WRAC Special Issues Workshops in each region
- Updates to full WRAC
- Presentations to local governments
- One-on-one meetings and discussions with stakeholders



- Meetings with regional planning councils
- Coordination with other WMDs, where appropriate

#### Who to contact?

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**LWCWSP Website** 

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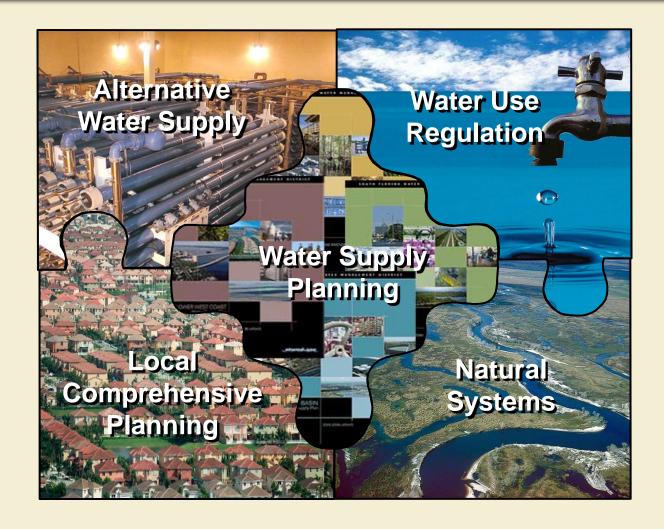
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### Regional Water Supply Plan Requirements



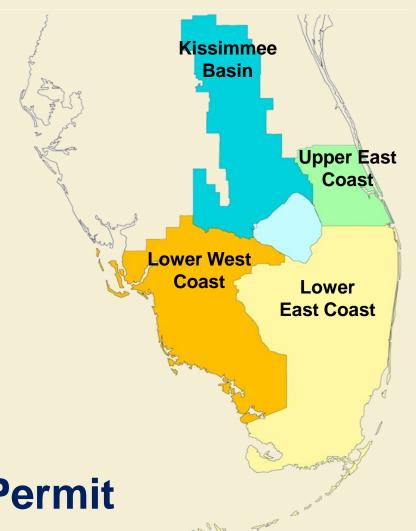
- Water management districts must conduct water supply planning where existing sources of water are not adequate for:
  - all existing and future reasonablebeneficial uses, and
  - to sustain water resources and related natural systems
- Plans to be updated every 5 years
- Local government water facilities work plan updated within 18 months of Water Supply Plan approval

# **State Law Requirements**



#### What is a Regional Water Supply Plan?

- Current and future look at water needs
- Strategies to meet future water demands and the needs of the environment
- Based on at least a 20-year future planning horizon
- Based on at least a 1-in-10 year level of certainty

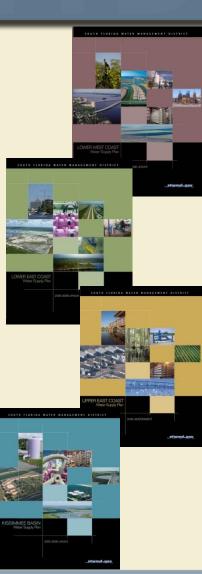




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# Regional Water Supply Plan Requirements

- 20-year Planning Period
- 1-in-10 Level of Certainty
- Water Resource Development
  - Regional-level Projects and Studies
- Water Supply Development
  - Local-level Projects
- Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs)
  - Recovery and prevention strategies
- DEP Guidelines



#### Water Supply Plan Updates Will Include...

- DEP provides guidelines for each round of updates; topics added
  - Climate change/sea level rise
  - Biofuel production
- Increased focus on:
  - Conservation
  - Outreach to local governments
  - Utility summaries



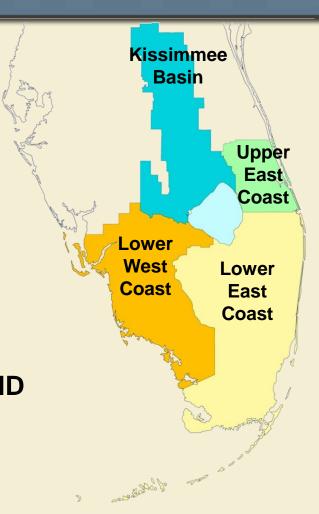
#### **Key Points and Issues for Updates**

- Regional solutions with diversified water sources
- Slowed growth and reduced population projections reduces projected demands
- Water conservation
- Slowed economy affects implementation of AWS projects
- New rules since last plan update
- Future of Agriculture



#### SFWMD Update Schedule

- Upper East Coast
  - Completion FY 2011
  - Coordinating with SJRWMD
- Lower West Coast
  - Completion FY 2011
  - Coordinating with SWFWMD
- Kissimmee Basin
  - Completion FY 2012
  - Coordinating with SJRWMD and SWFWMD
- Lower East Coast
  - Completion FY2012





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