



**Peace River
Manasota**

Regional Water Supply Authority



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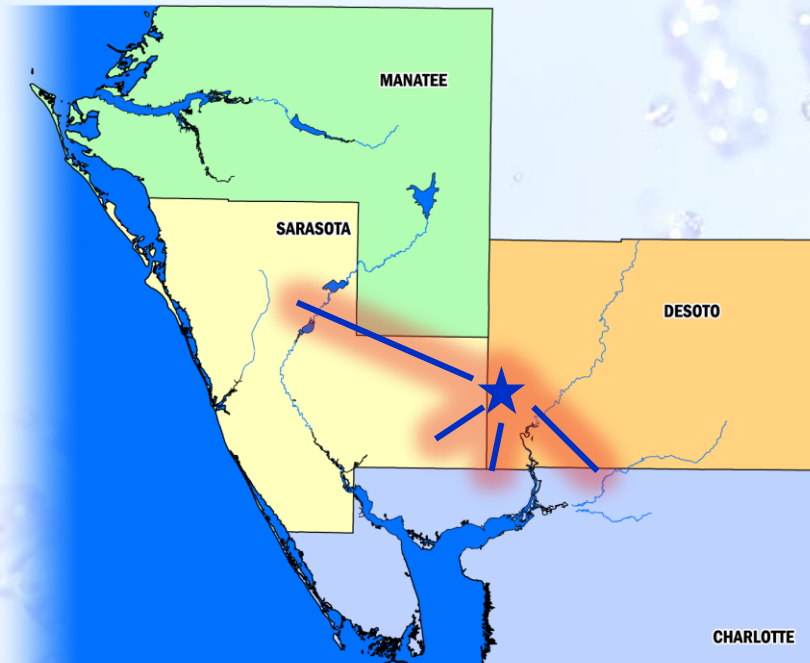
WATER '101'

Authority Board Workshop
October 4, 2017

PRMRWSA – Who We Are!

Regional Wholesale provider of drinking water within 4 Counties:

- Charlotte County
- DeSoto County
- Manatee County
- Sarasota County



Created in 1981

- Interlocal Agreement (2005)
- Master Water Supply Contract (Amended 2015)
- Peace River Facility
 - Acquired from GDU in 1991
 - Expanded to 51 MGD capacity
- Regional Transmission System
 - 70 Miles large diameter pipelines
 - Emergency Interconnects

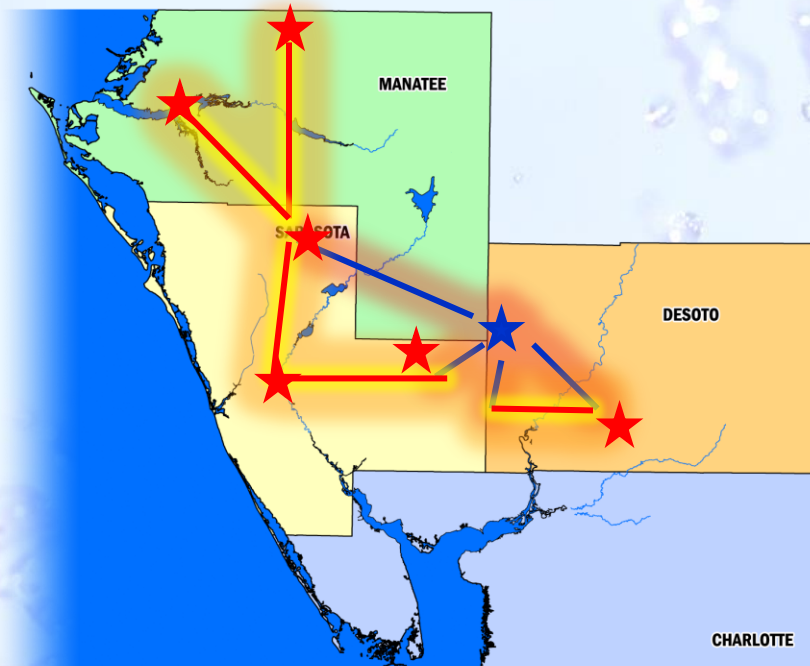
PRMRWSA – Who We Will Be!

Regional Wholesale provider of drinking water within 4 Counties:

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- Manatee County
- Sarasota County

Year 2035

- Integrated Regional Water Supply Plan - 2015
- Sustainable water supplies
- Multiple interconnected sources
- Additional 25 MGD of supply
- 114 Miles transmission pipelines



Agenda

1. Workshop Purpose and Objective
2. Strategic Plan
3. Water Resources Act [Chapter 373, Florida Statutes]
4. Authority Governing Documents
 - a) 2nd Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Authority (2005)
 - b) Master Water Supply Contract (2005; Amended 2015)
5. Authority Infrastructure
 - a) Peace River Facility
 - b) Regional Transmission System
6. Water Supply Master Plan
7. 20 Year CIP
8. Board Discussion/Issues

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1. Workshop Purpose and Objective

Workshop Purpose and Objective

Create Business Plan:

Identify issues for development of Business Plan to move forward with strategic objectives and initiatives.



2. Strategic Plan



Strategic Plan

- Strategic Plan adopted in 2014, revised in 2017.

- **Mission of the Authority**

'to provide the region with a sufficient, high quality, safe drinking water supply that is reliable, sustainable and protective of our natural resources now and into the future.'

- **Vision of the Authority**

'through cooperation and collaboration the Authority and its members shall create, maintain and expand a sustainable, interconnected regional water supply system.'



Strategic Plan

Cooperation and Collaboration

- *Maintaining a strong spirit of cooperation and addressing regional water supply needs through the leadership of the Authority and its member governments.*
- *The Authority will seek to develop a significant, constructive role for all local governments in regional water supply planning and management.*

Regionalization and Diversification

- *The long-term aim of the Authority is to forge a system that is environmentally sensitive and sustainable, highly interconnected, diversified and affordable.*
- *The Authority will work with its members and water providers in the region to further diversify supplies, integrate additional water supplies into the Authority's regional system, and protect and enhance water-dependent natural resources.*

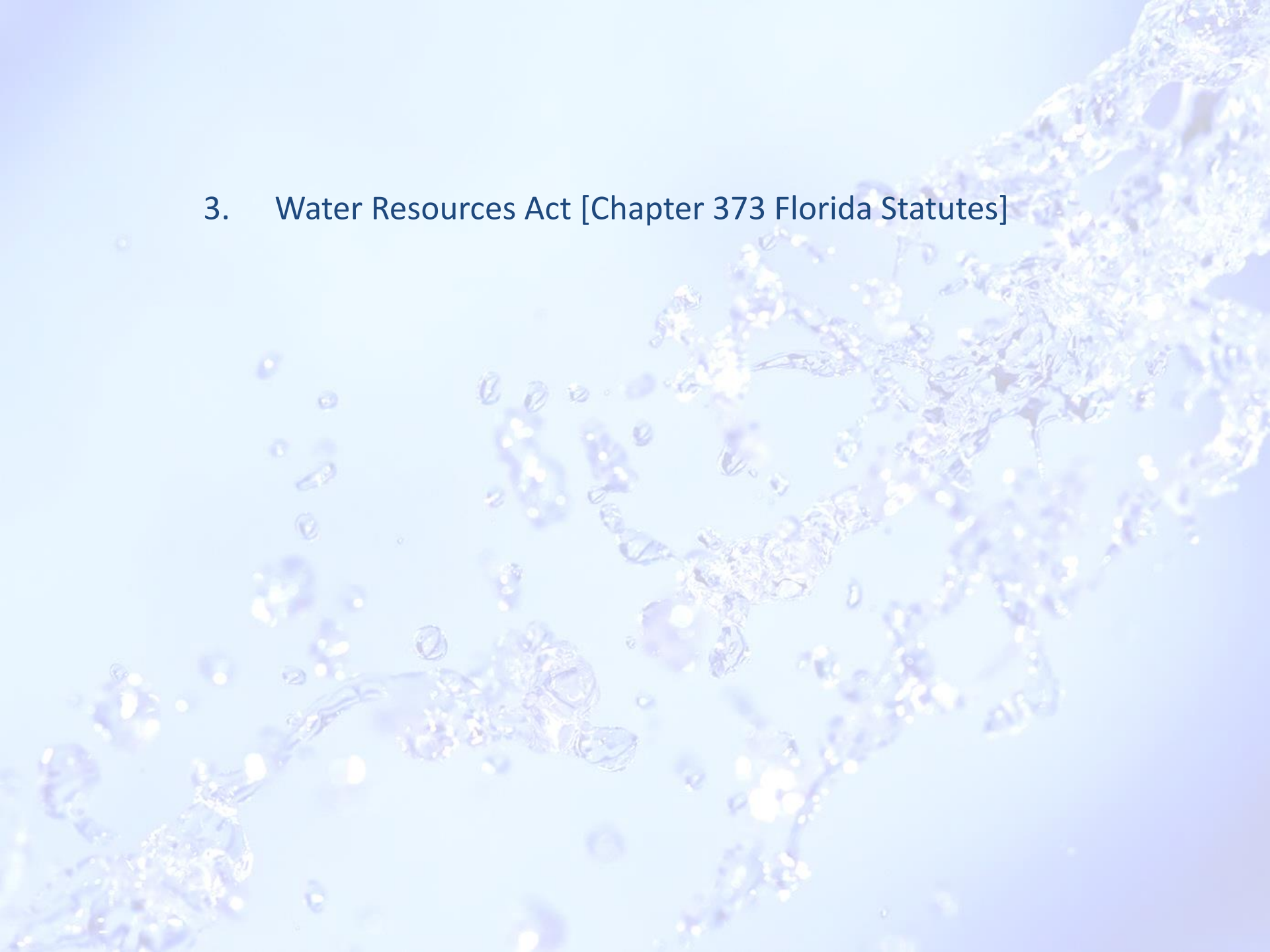
Financial Stability

- *The Authority will maintain financial policies to assure its financial stability while providing affordable water rates that are fair and equitable.*

Water Advocacy

- *The Authority will be a leader for water advocacy through participation in legislative water policy and environmental stewardship for water source, water supply and resource protection.*

3. Water Resources Act [Chapter 373 Florida Statutes]

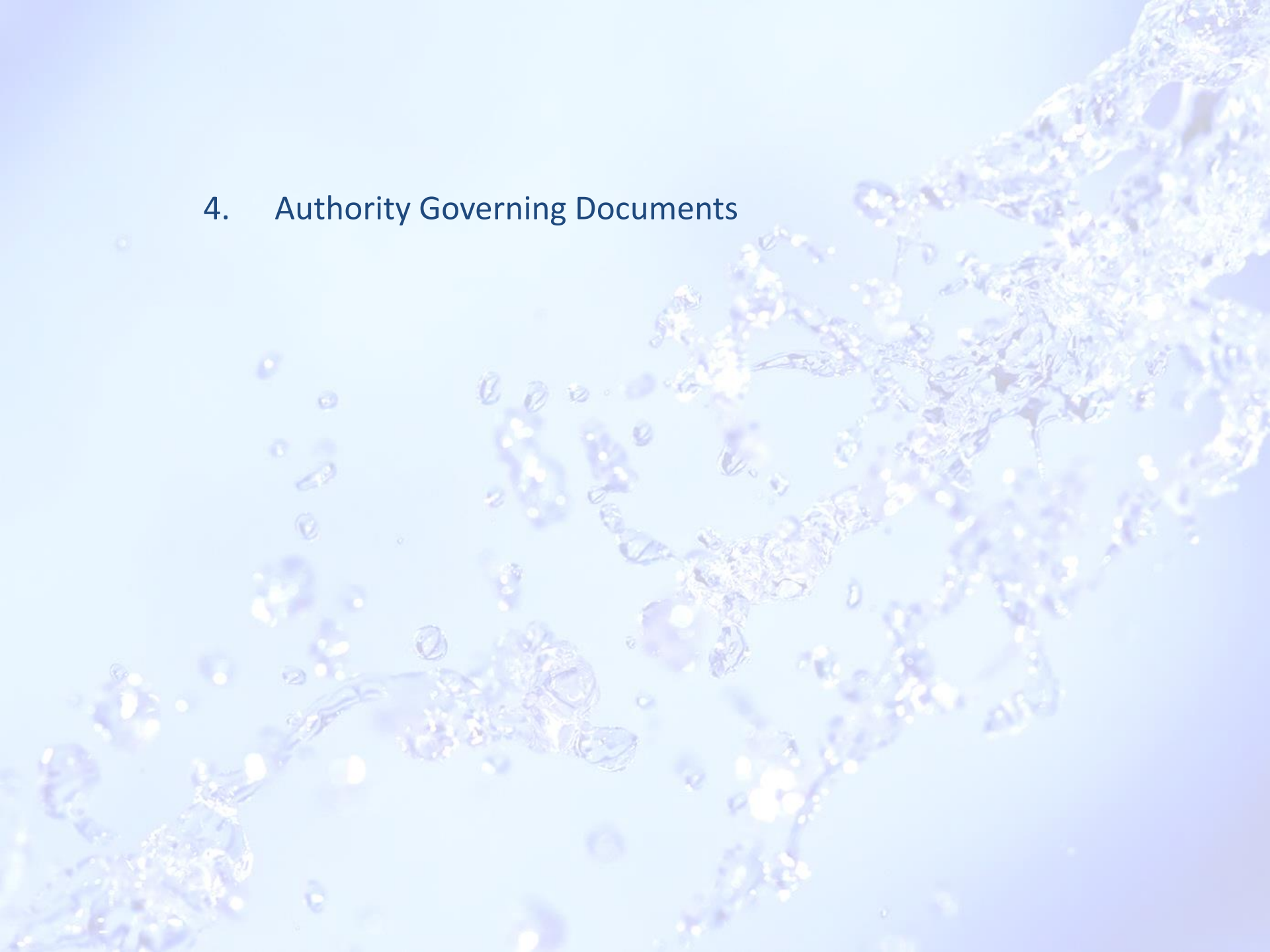


Water Resources Act

Provides for the creation of Regional Water Supply Authorities:

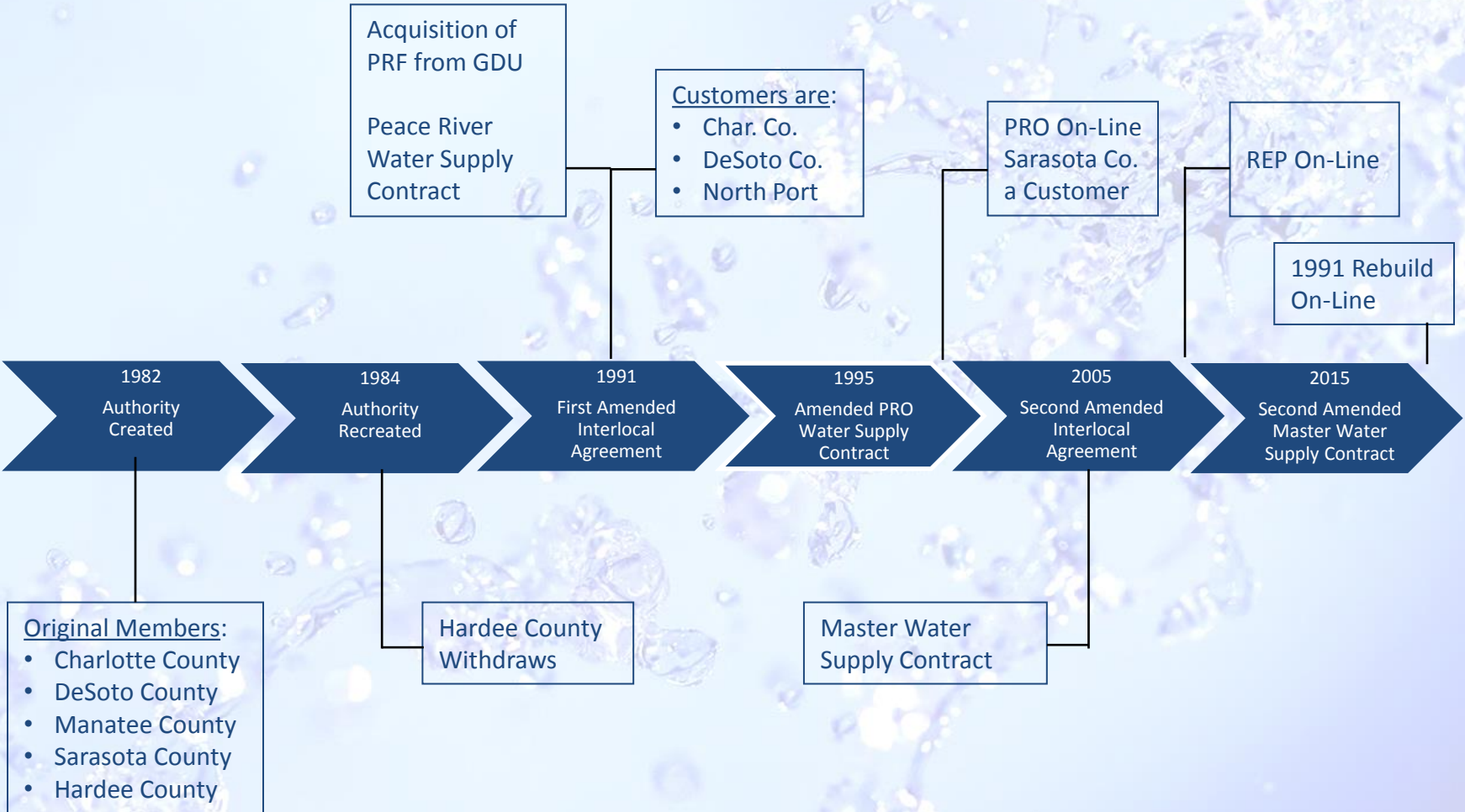
- Section 373.713, Florida Statutes
- Purpose: *'...developing, recovering, storing and supplying water for municipal purposes in such a manner as will give priority to reducing adverse environmental effects of excessive or improper withdrawals of water from concentrated areas.'*
- Can not engage in local water distribution
- Created via interlocal agreement and governed in accordance with the agreement as an independent special district of the state created pursuant to Chapter 163.01, Florida Statutes.
- Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection must approve the creation of a Regional Water Supply Authority.

4. Authority Governing Documents



Authority Governing Documents

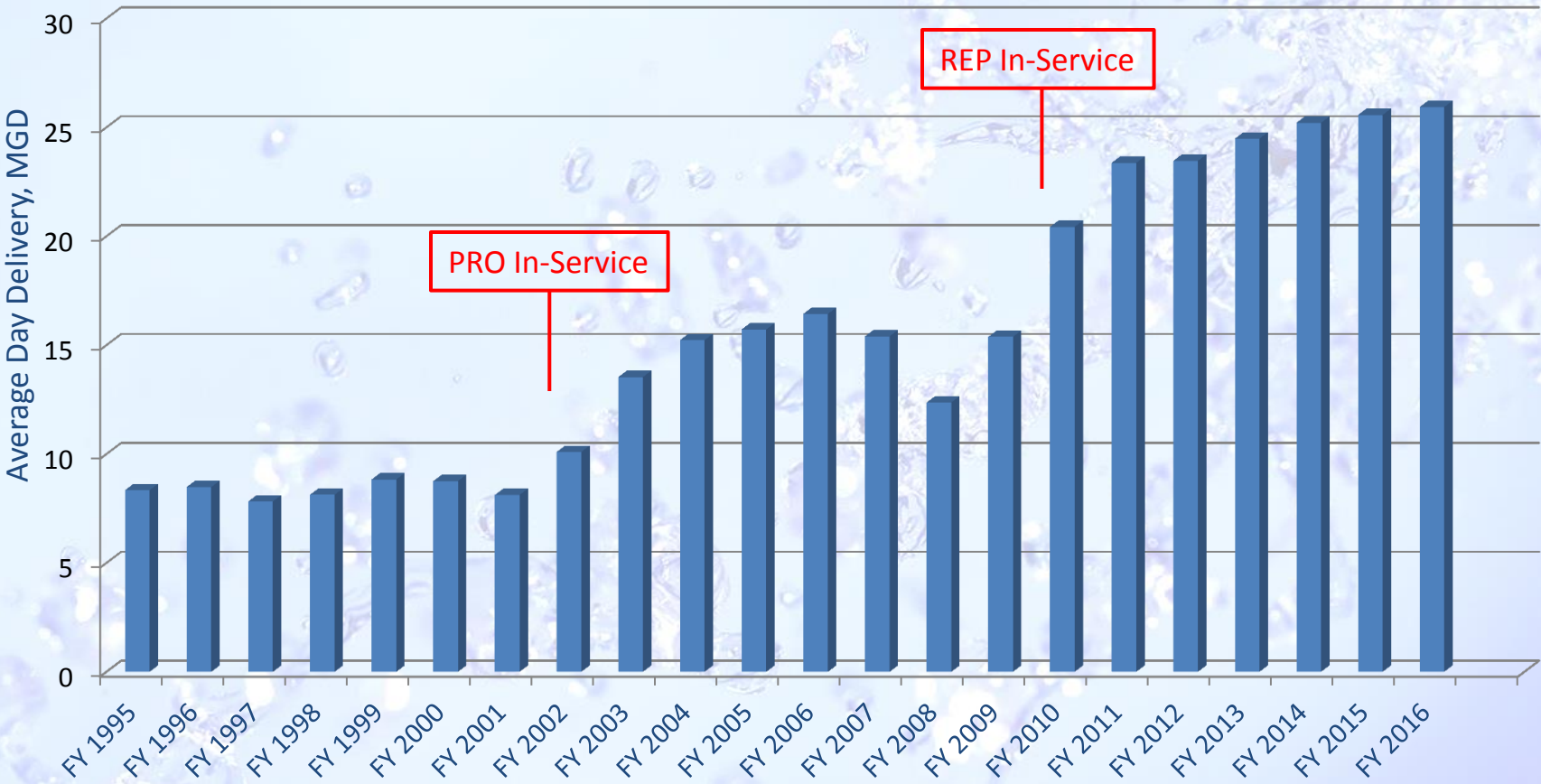
Governance Timeline



Authority Governing Documents

Expansion Timeline

Peace River Facility Average Day Delivery



Authority Governing Documents

Second Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Authority (2005)

- Members are four counties
 - a) Charlotte County
 - b) DeSoto County
 - c) Manatee County
 - d) Sarasota County
- All members equal – one member, one vote
- Grants a preferential right to the four counties and City of North Port to purchase water from the Authority
- Establishes two classifications of customers
 - a) Water Allocation based Customer
 - b) Exclusive Provider Customer
- Host jurisdiction consent for new water facilities
- New member by unanimous vote of the Authority Board

Authority Governing Documents

Master Water Supply Contract (2005; Amended 2015)

- Customers are four member counties and City of North Port.
- Supersedes all prior water supply contracts.
- Provides the foundation for all future water supply projects.
- Identifies DeSoto County as an 'Exclusive Provider Customer'.
- Establishes water allocations by Customer [Exhibit B].
- Establishes debt service by existing cost centers [Peace River Facility and Regional Transmission System].
- Debt service cost for new water supply sources to be combined with REP debt service cost for the common debt service cost in the water rate.
- Provides for Authority to maintain capacity in Authority facilities.
- Creates a planning process – Annual submittal [January].
 - a) 20 year demand projection
 - b) 7 year commitment [MWSC Exhibit C]
- Establishes 'Pool Water' for transfer of water between customers.

Authority Governing Documents

Exhibit B Water Allocations [Average Annual]

Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	North Port	Total
FY 05	12.525	0.535	3.048	1.192	17.300
FY 06	12.758	0.550	3.500	1.192	18.000
FY 07	12.758	0.550	3.500	1.192	18.000
FY 08	12.758	0.550	3.500	1.192	18.000
FY 09	13.895	0.593	6.808	1.705	23.001
FY 10	15.031	0.635	10.116	2.218	28.000
FY 11	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY 12	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY 13	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY 14	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY 15	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY 16	16.100	0.675	15.060	2.865	34.700
Future Years	16.100	0.675	15.060	2.865	34.700

Values in million gallons per day (MGD)

Authority Governing Documents

Exhibit C New Water Supply Demands [Average Annual Day]

Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Manatee County	Sarasota County	North Port	Total
FY 2015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY 2016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY 2017	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY 2018	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY 2019	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY 2020	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY 2021	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY 2022	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Values in million gallons per day (MGD)

Authority Governing Documents

Transmission Pipelines

- Pipeline agreements together with the Master Water Supply Contract for individual pipeline projects.
- The Authority maintains complete ownership of pipelines – allocates hydraulic capacity entitlement to Customers.
- All rates are governed by the Master Water Supply Contract.
- Master Water Supply Contract ‘Base Rate Charge’ includes the hydraulic capacity entitlement cost of each pipeline.

Authority Governing Documents

Resolution 2005-08 Rate Setting Methodology



EXHIBIT A Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Master Water Supply Contract (MWSC) Rate Setting Methodology

	Rate Component	Master Water Contract Methodology
Base Rate Charge	Capital Component Charge [Regional Water System]	Customer cost proportionate to 1991 Facility water allocation [MWSC Section 16.1, 19 and Exhibit F]
	PRO Bonds [Regional Water System]	Customer cost proportionate to PRO water allocation [MWSC Section 16.2 and Exhibit F]
	PRO Bonds [Payment for Oversized Facilities for PRO]	Customer cost per contract percentages: DeSoto 12.5% Sarasota 87.5% [MWSC Section 18.1]
	REP Bonds [Regional Water System]	Customer cost per contract percentages: Charlotte 27.21% DeSoto 0.81% Sarasota 61.72% North Port 10.26% [MWSC Section 16.1 and Exhibit F]
	REP Bonds [Payment for Oversized Facilities for REP]	Customer cost per contract percentages: DeSoto 1.1% Sarasota 85.62% North Port 13.28% [MWSC Section 18.2]
	Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement Cost	Customer cost of debt service proportionate to contract pipeline percentage or other pipeline contracts [MSWC Section 1.20, 23 and Exhibit E]
	Fixed O&M	Common Rate [Customer cost proportionate to total water allocation MWSC Section 1.6]
	DeSoto Payment [Replaces Facility Use Charge]	Customer cost of DeSoto Payment per contract payment schedule [MWSC Section 1.15 and Exhibit A]
	Contribution to R&R Reserve	Common Rate [Customer cost proportionate to total water allocation]
	Contingencies	Common Rate [Customer cost proportionate to total water allocation]
Water Use Rate Charge	Variable O&M	Common Rate [Customer cost by actual usage of metered water delivered]

Authority Governing Documents

Cost Centers

Debt Service (Water Supply)

- 1991 Acquisition
(12 MGD)
- Peace River Option
(6 MGD)
- Regional Expansion Program
(14.7 MGD)
- 1991 Rebuild Capacity Increase
(2.0 MGD)

Debt Service (Pipelines)

- 1991 Acquisition
[36-Inch RTS]
- Carlton WTP Interconnect
- Kings Highway RTS
- DeSoto U.S 17 Interconnect
- Phase 1A Interconnect
- Phase 3A Interconnect
- Phase 2 Interconnect

O&M

- Unitary Rate
Pro-Rata Water Allocation

Authority Governing Documents

Changes Since MWSC 2005

- Peace River Facility expansion to 51 MGD and 6 BG Reservoir

a) Water Allocation Shift = Cost Shift

	1991	Post PRO [2002]	Post REP [2009]	Post Rebuild
Charlotte County	89.7%	70.9%	49.2%	46.4%
DeSoto County	0.4%	3.0%	0.2%	1.9%
Sarasota County		19.4%	40.4%	43.4%
City of North Port	10.0%	6.7%	8.3%	8.3%

- Regional Pipelines Constructed and In-Service

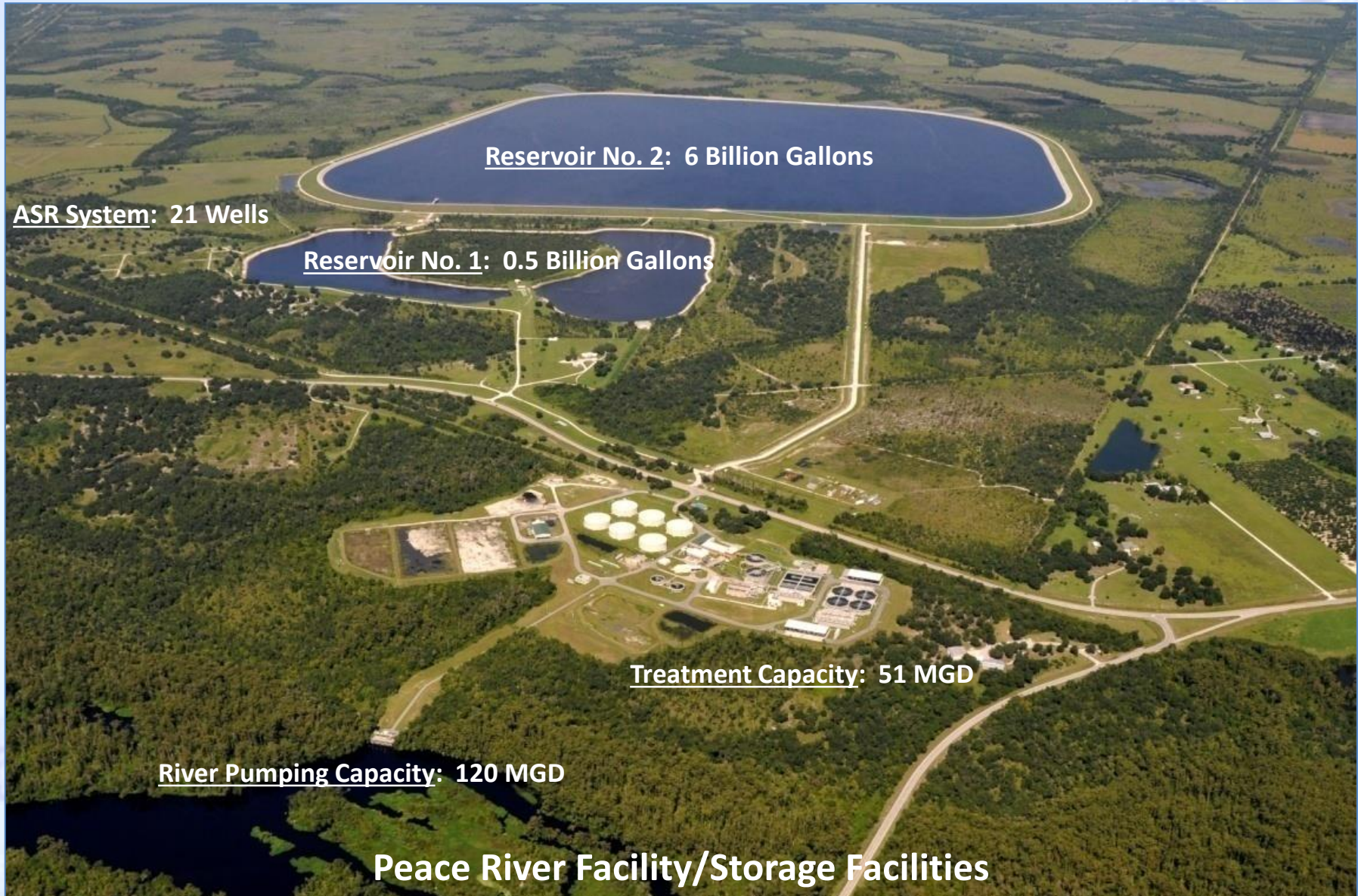
- a) Phase 1A connecting Punta Gorda system
- b) Phase 2 to North Port and Charlotte County systems
- c) Phase 3A extending the Sarasota County system
- d) Englewood/CCU interconnect
- e) Sarasota/North Port interconnect
- f) Authority retains hydraulic capacity in pipelines.

- Integrated Regional Water Supply Master Plan adopted.
- Strategic Plan updated with goals & initiatives.

5. Authority Infrastructure

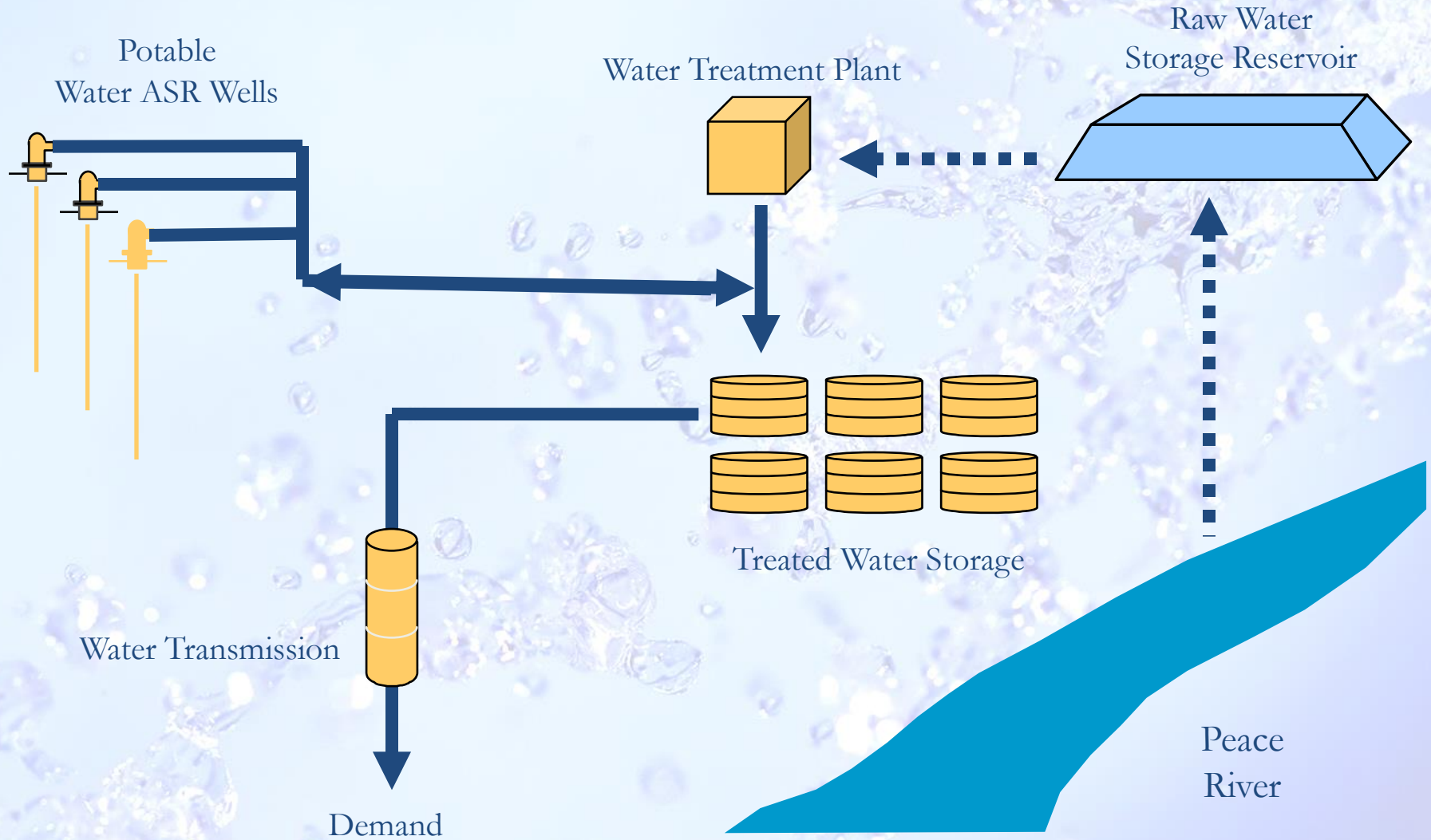


Existing Regional System



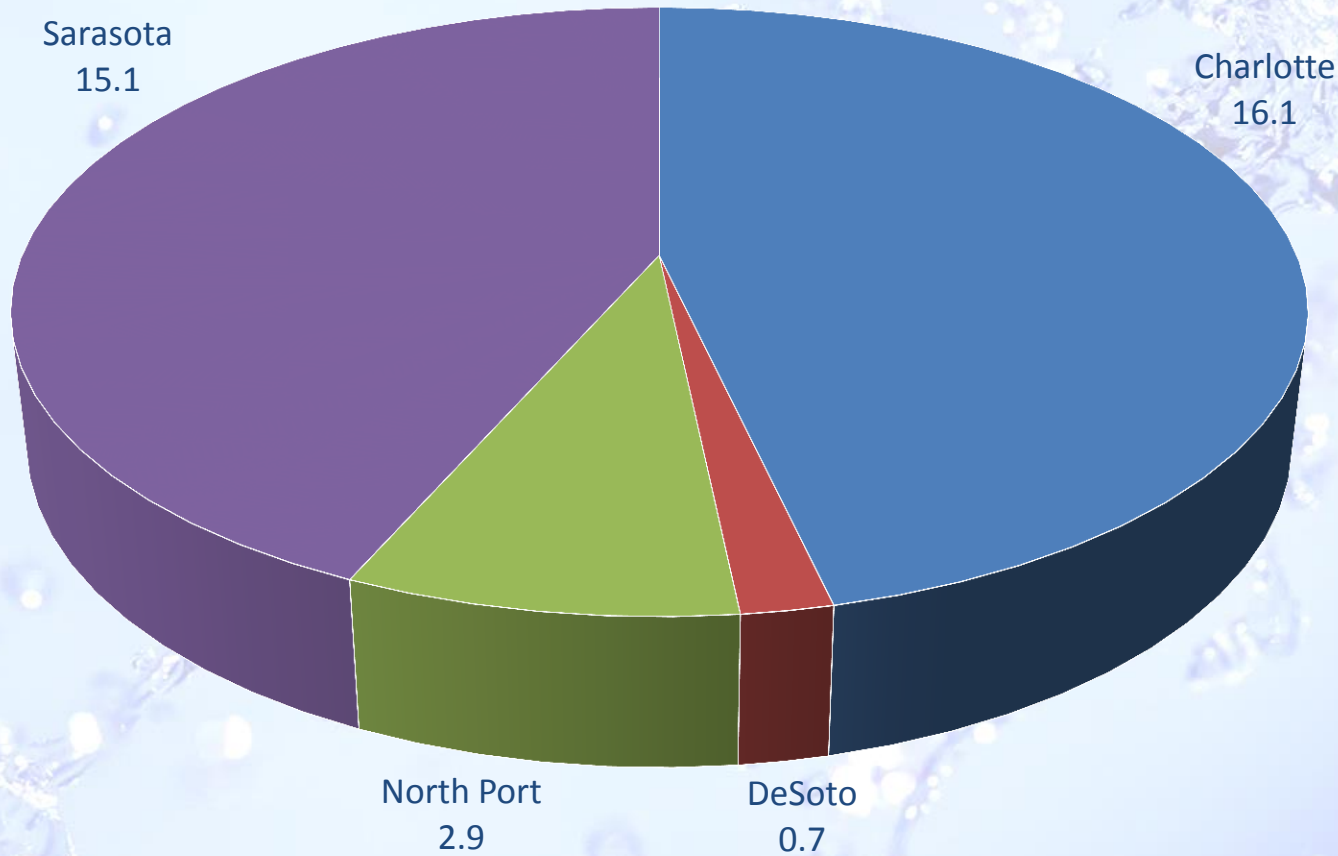
Existing Regional System

Peace River Facility Flow Schematic



Existing Regional System

PRF Water Allocations

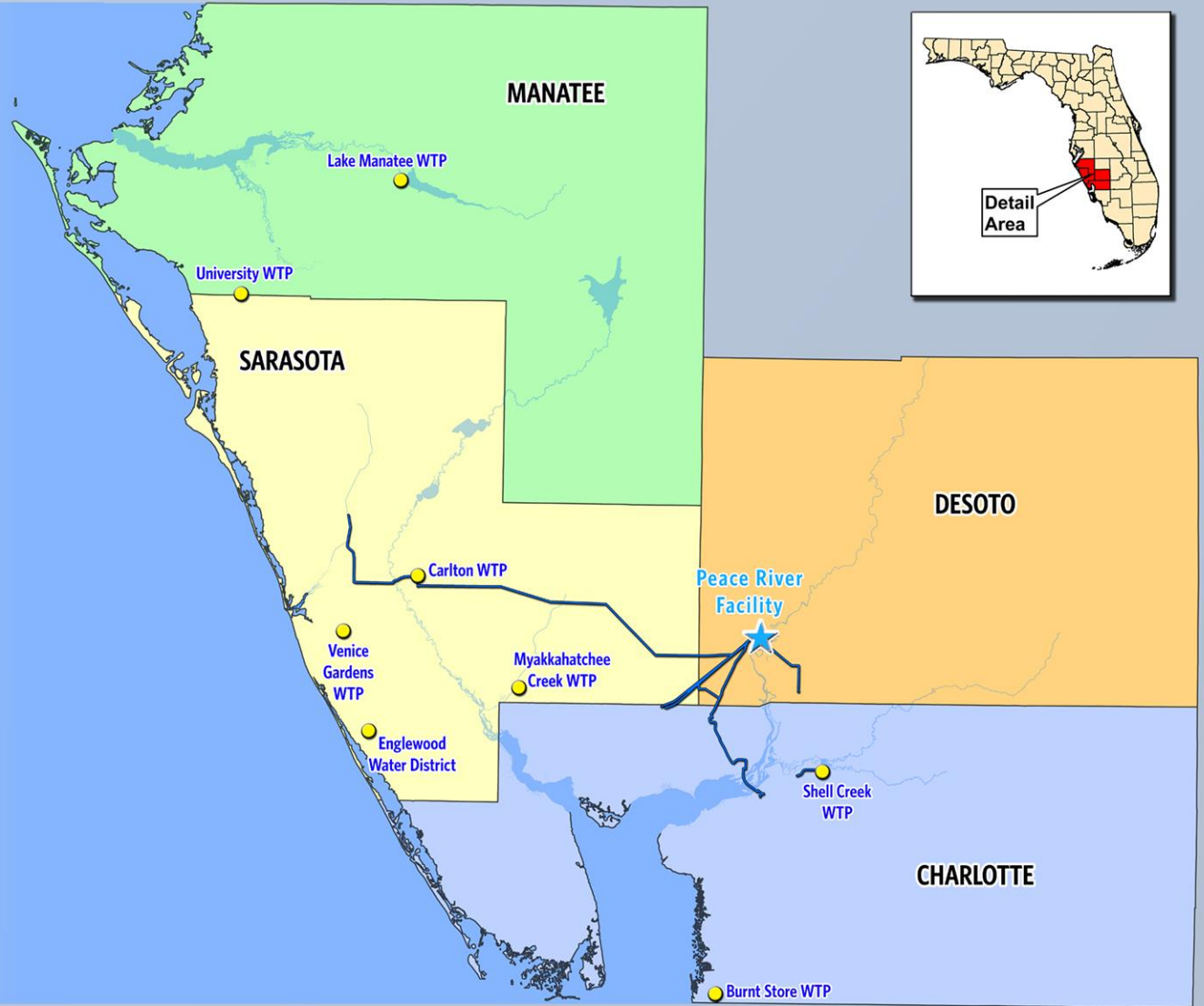


Total Allocated Capacity: 34.7 MGD

Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Regional Transmission System 2015



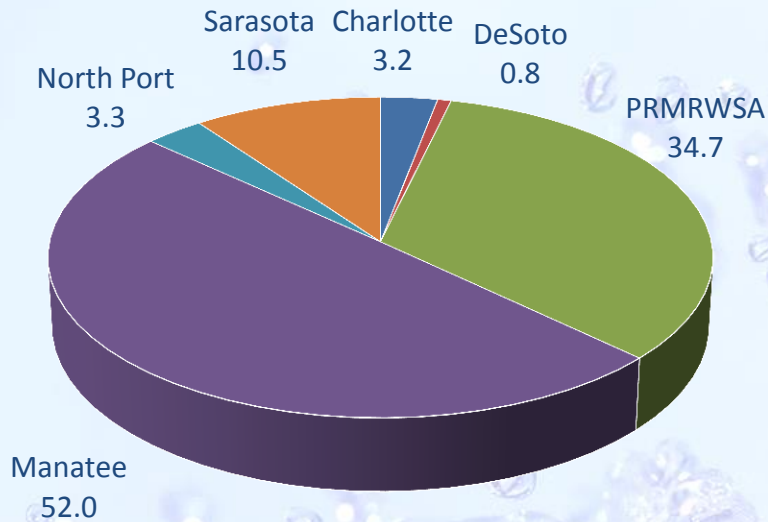
Regional Transmission Mains



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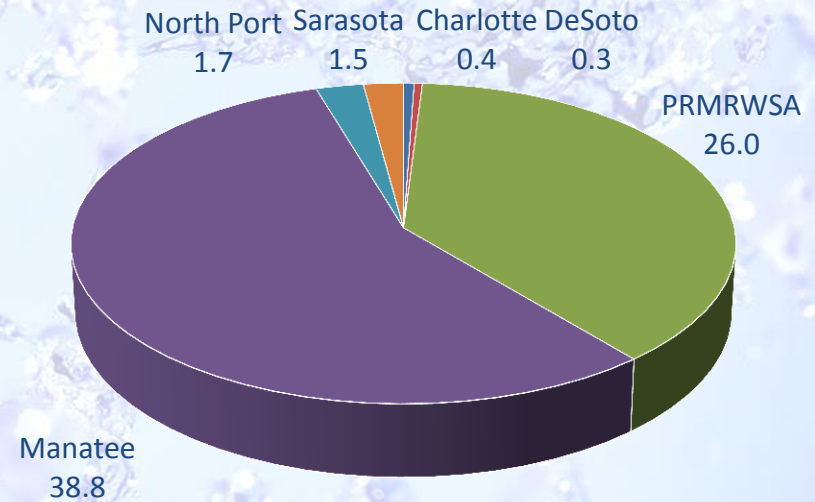
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Water Supply Permitted Capacities



Total Permitted Capacity: 104 MGD

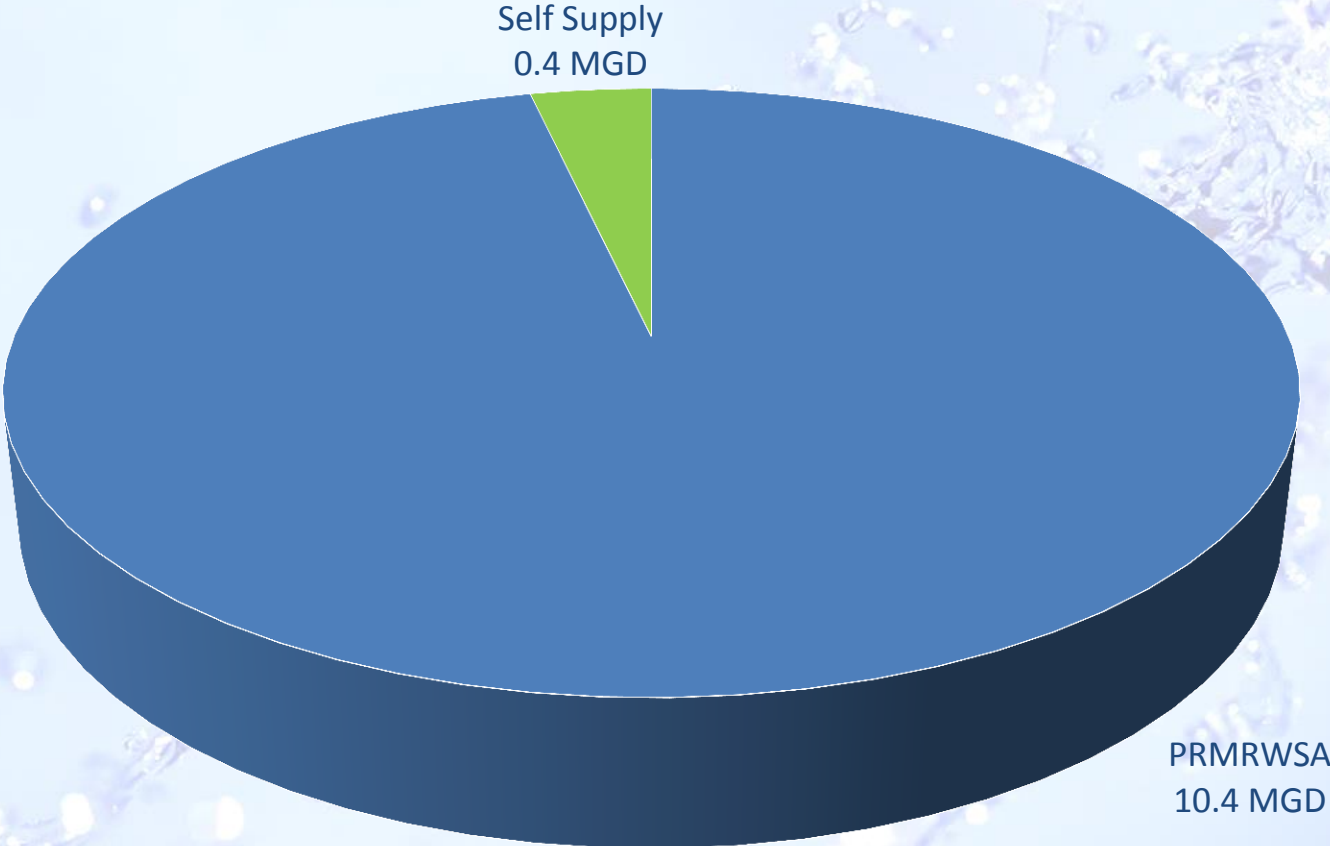
Water Supply Production FY 2016



Total Water Production: 69 MGD

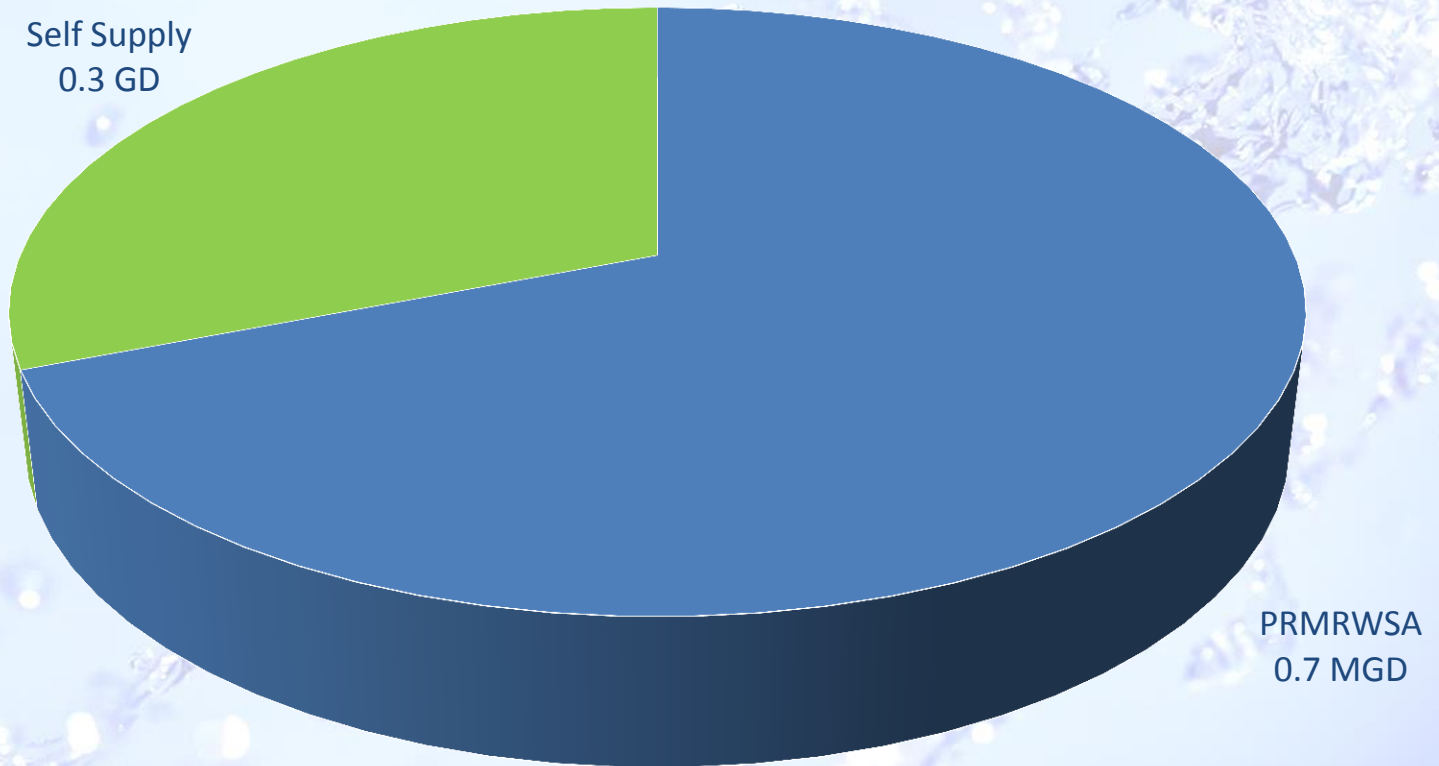
Existing Regional System

Charlotte County Utilities - Source of Supply FY 2016



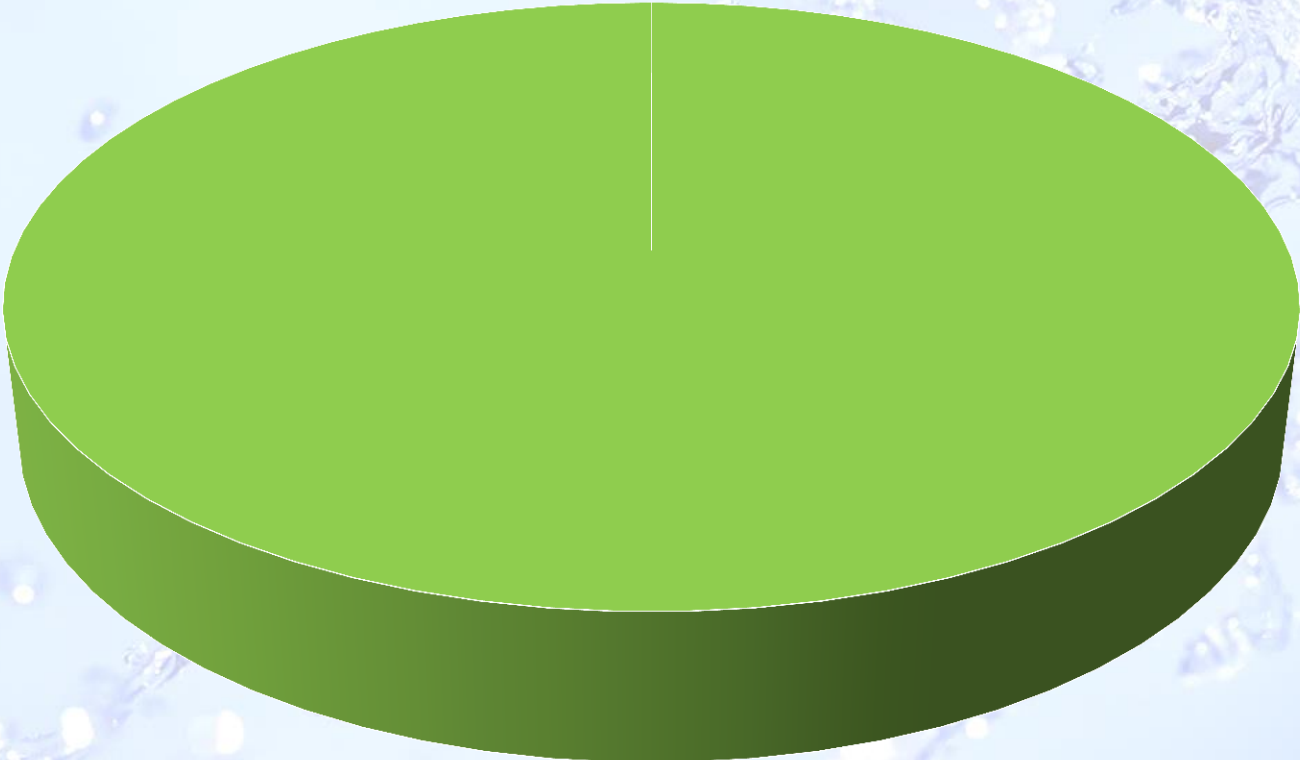
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DeSoto County Utilities - Source of Supply FY 2016



Existing Regional System

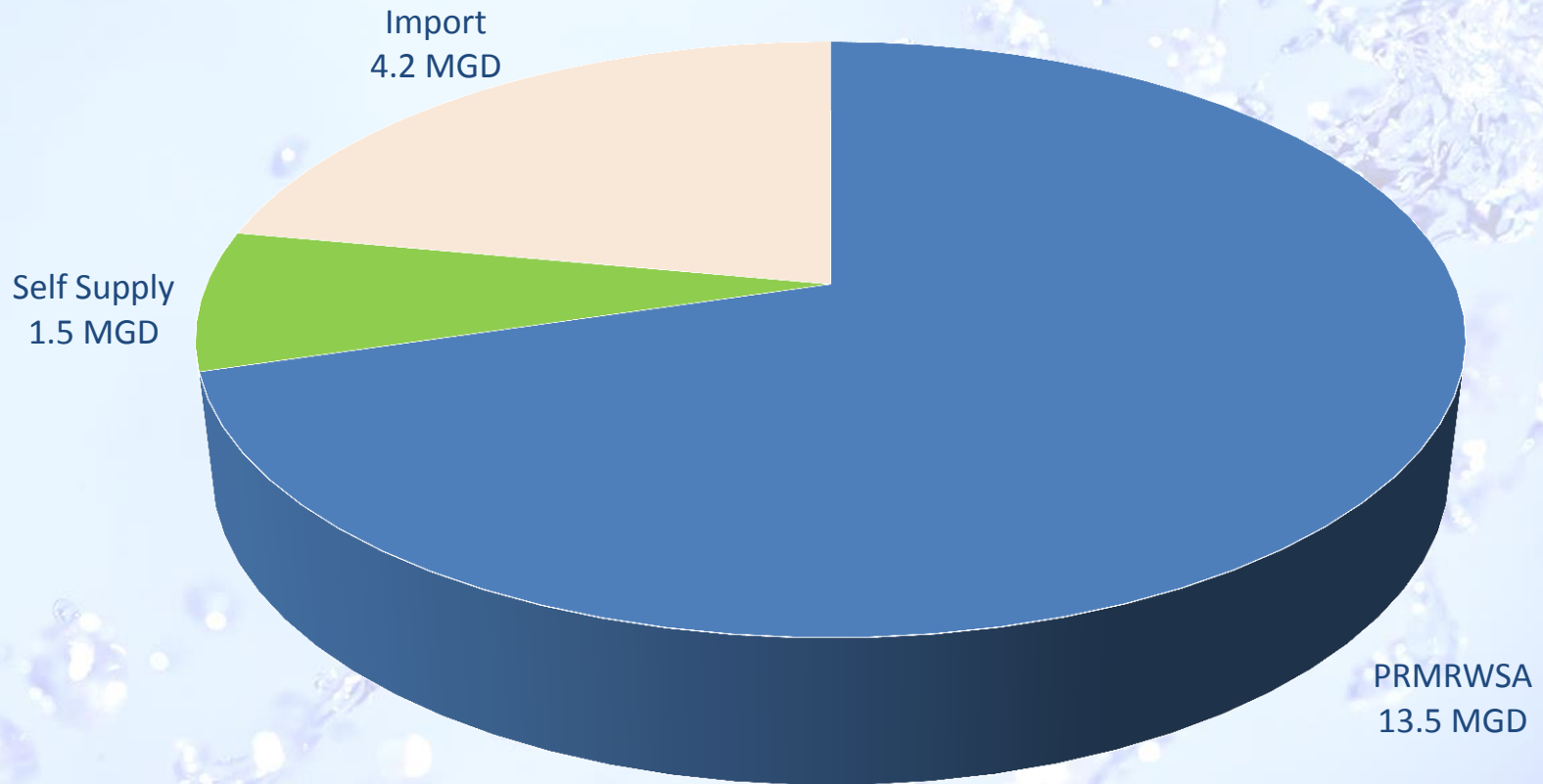
Manatee County Utilities - Source of Supply FY 2016



Self Supply
31.2 MGD

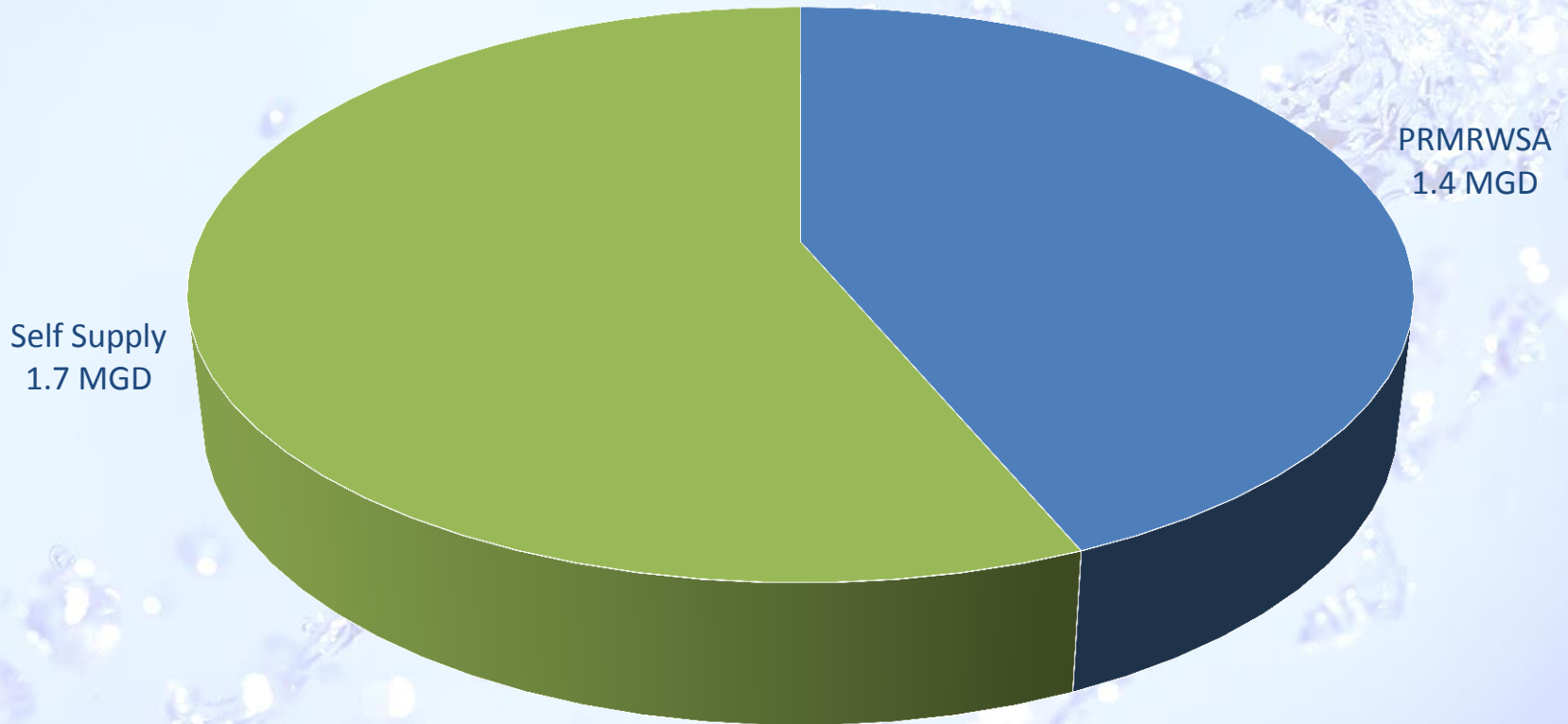
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Sarasota County Utilities - Source of Supply FY 2016



Existing Regional System

City of North Port Utilities - Source of Supply FY 2016

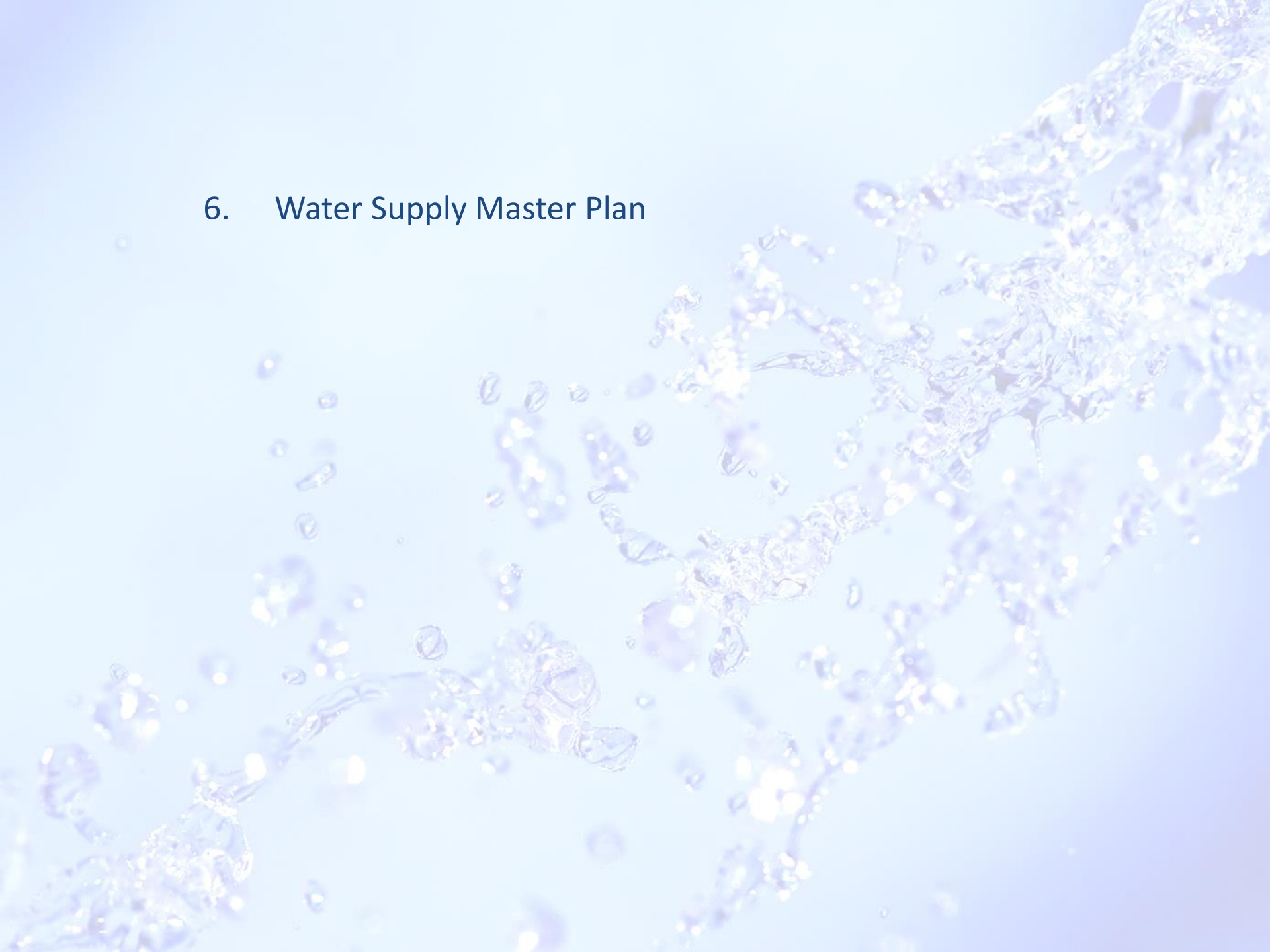


Existing Regional System

Infrastructure Investment

	Total Customer Investment	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	Manatee County	North Port
Water Supply Pipelines	\$ 225 M \$ <u>50 M</u>	\$ 79 M \$ <u>13 M</u>	\$ 5 M \$ <u>0.2 M</u>	\$ 122 M \$ <u>27 M</u>	\$ 0 M \$ <u>0 M</u>	\$ 19 M \$ <u>10 M</u>
Total	\$ 275 M	\$ 92 M	\$ 5.2 M	\$ 149 M	\$ 0 M	\$ 29 M
Water Allocation	34.7 MGD	16.10 MGD	0.675 MGD	15.06 MGD	0.00 MGD	2.865 MGD

6. Water Supply Master Plan



Integrated Regional Water Supply Plan 2015

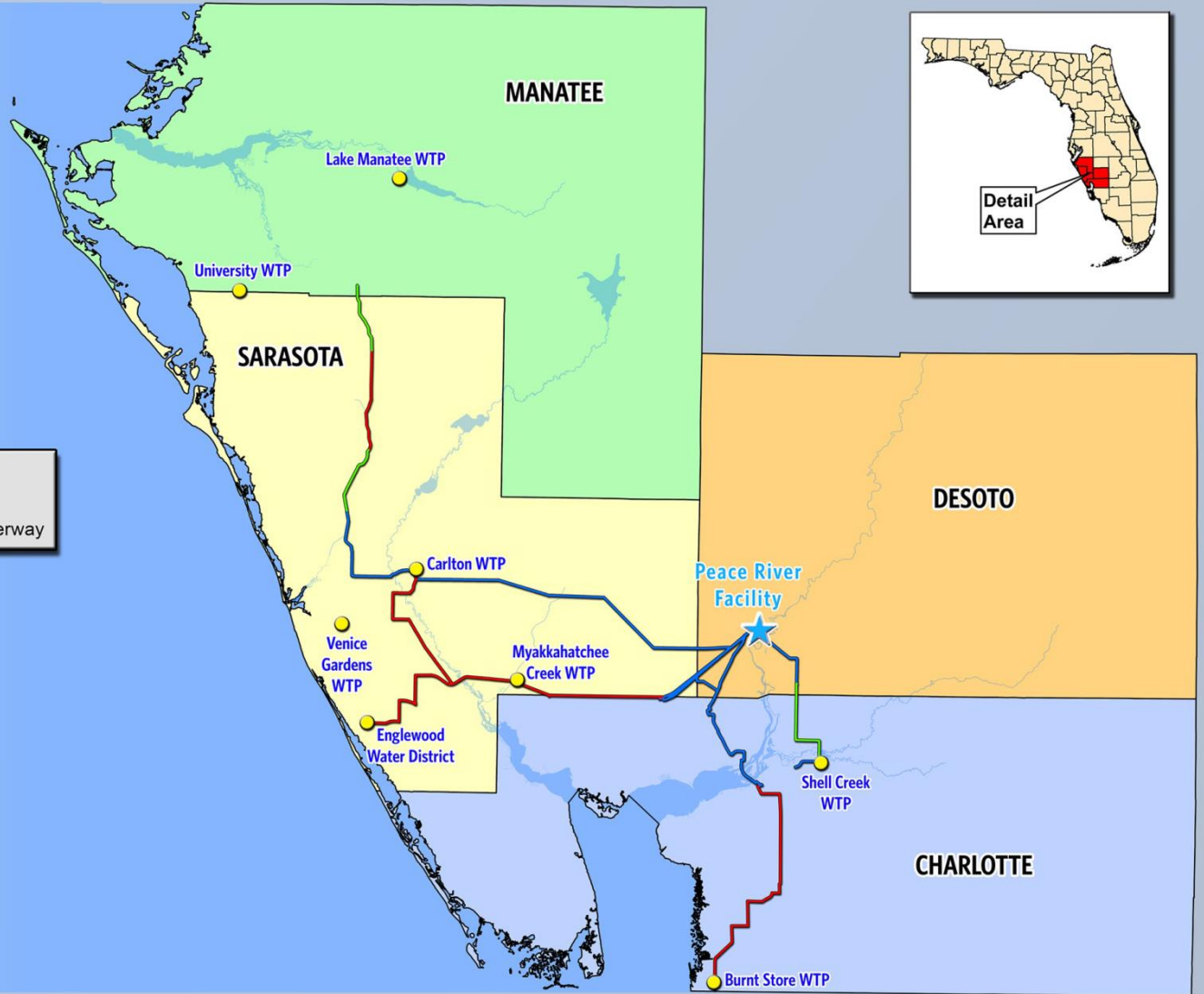
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- Introduction
- **Demand Projections**
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- Conservation
- **Potential Sources of Supply**
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- System Water Quality Maintenance
- Source Water Protection



Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Regional Vision for 2035

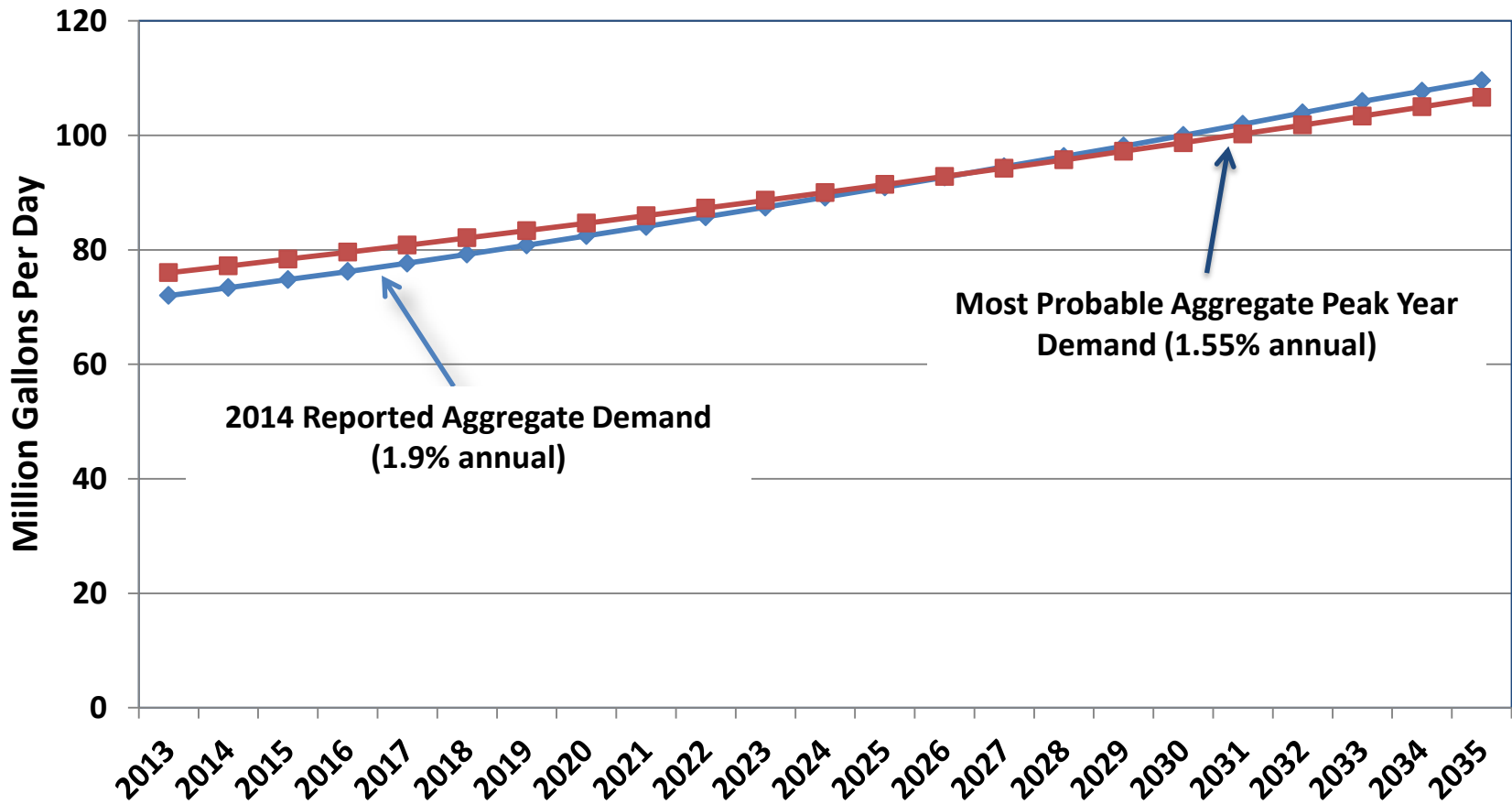


- Regional Transmission Mains
- Future Regional Transmission Mains
- Regional Transmission Mains Projects Underway



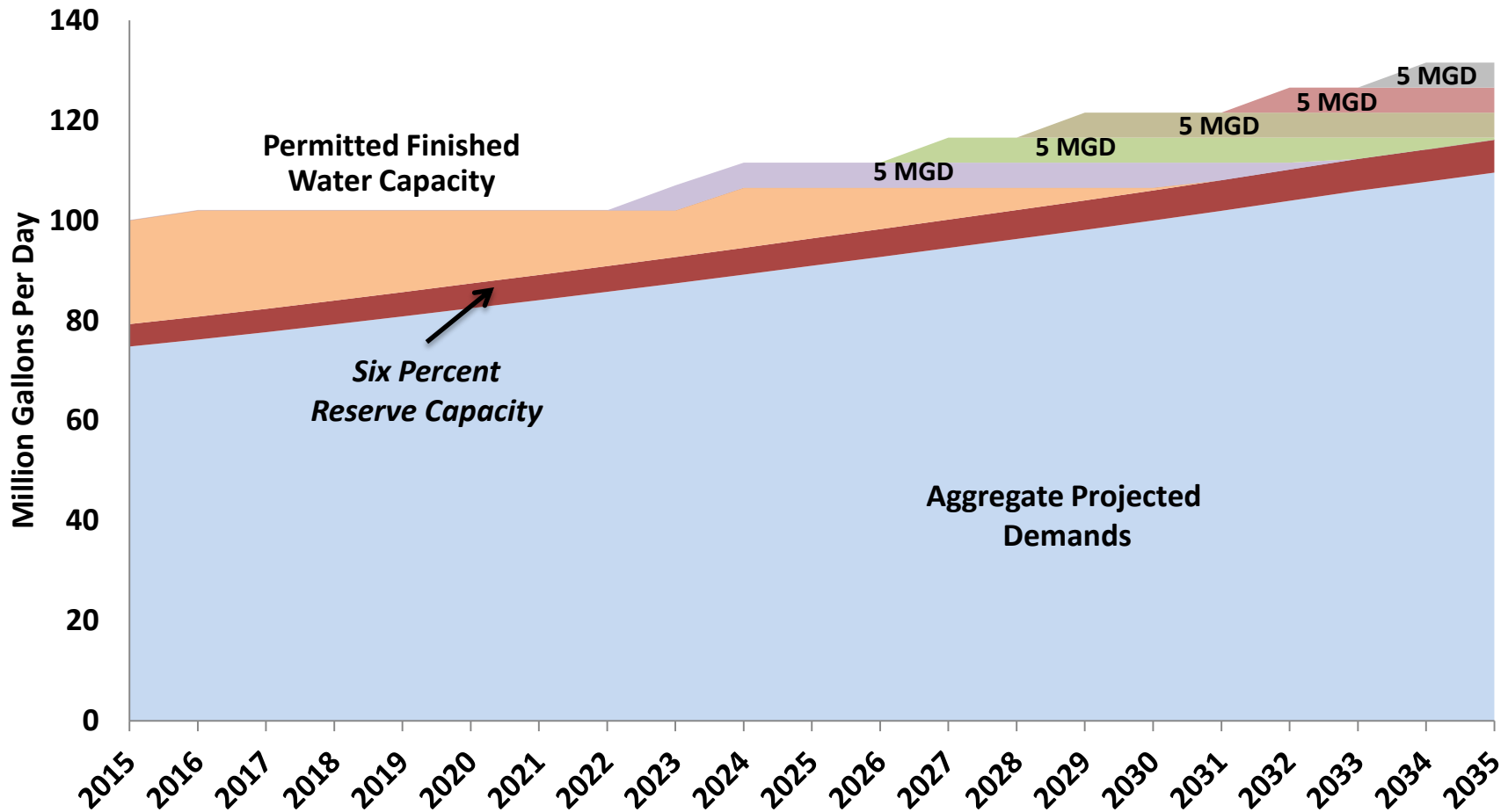
Integrated Regional Water Supply Plan 2015

Aggregated Demand Projections (Authority Customers)



Integrated Regional Water Supply Plan 2015

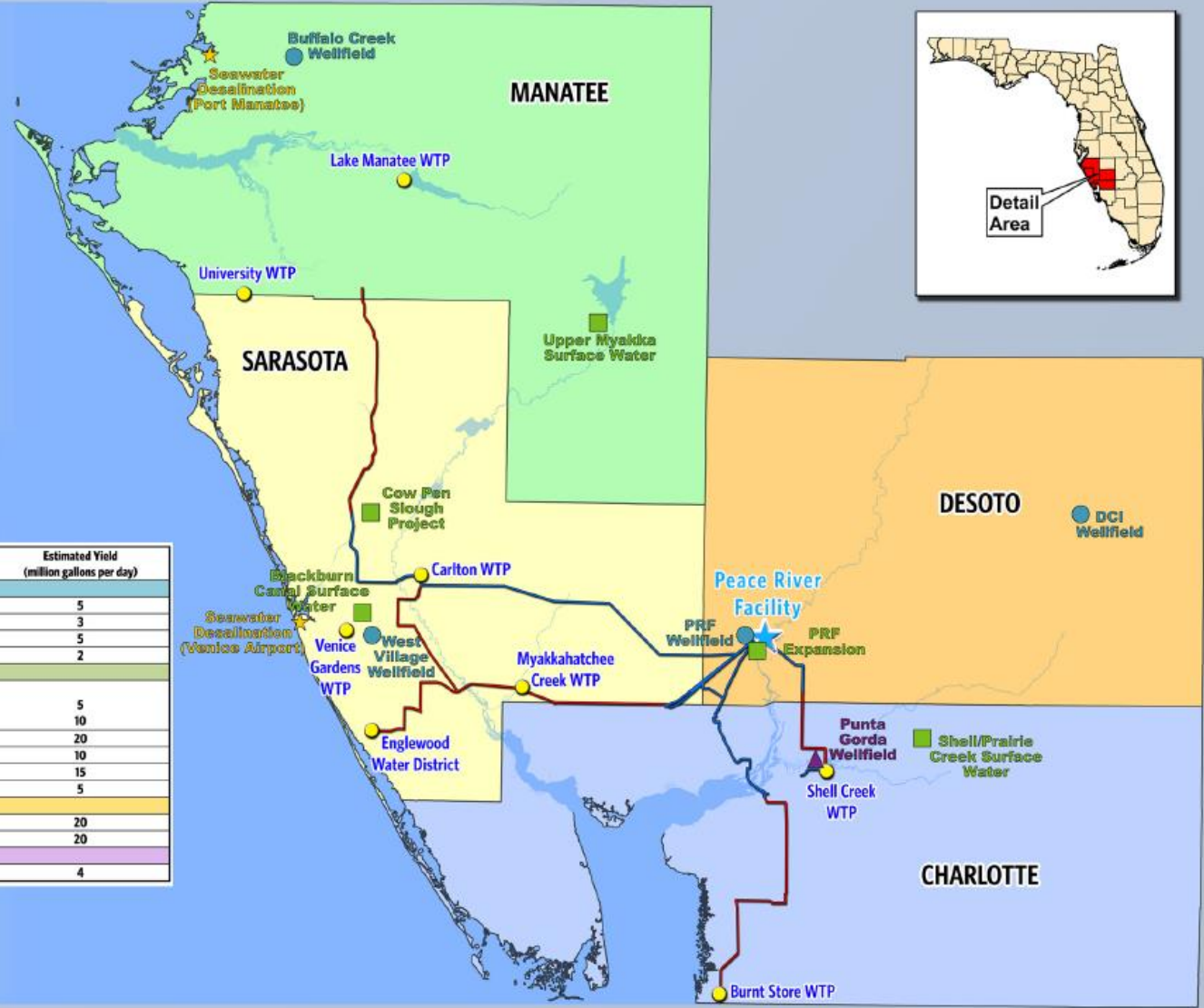
Timing & Need for New Supply



Permitted finished water capacity includes 2.0 MGD of planned additional annual average daily capacity at the PRF scheduled for spring 2015, and the already permitted Buffalo Creek and West Village Wellfields planned to be online in 2024.

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Potential Future Water Sources



— Regional Transmission Mains
— Future Regional Transmission Mains

Potential Future Water Sources		Estimated Yield (million gallons per day)
Potential Wellfield		
Peace River Facility - Brackish Wellfield		5
Manatee County - Buffalo Creek Brackish Wellfield		3
DCI - Brackish Wellfield		5
North Port West Villages - Brackish Wellfield		2
Potential Surface Water Facility		
Cow Pen Slough Project		
• Cow Pen Slough Phase 1 - Surface Water		5
• Cow Pen Slough Expansion - Surface Water		10
Shell/Prairie Creek - Surface Water		20
Upper Myakka - Surface Water		10
Peace River Facility Expansion - Surface Water		15
Blackburn Canal - Surface Water		5
Potential Seawater Desalination		
Seawater Desalination near Port Manatee		20
Seawater Desalination near Venice Airport		20
Partners Planned Wellfield		
Punta Gorda - Brackish Wellfield		4

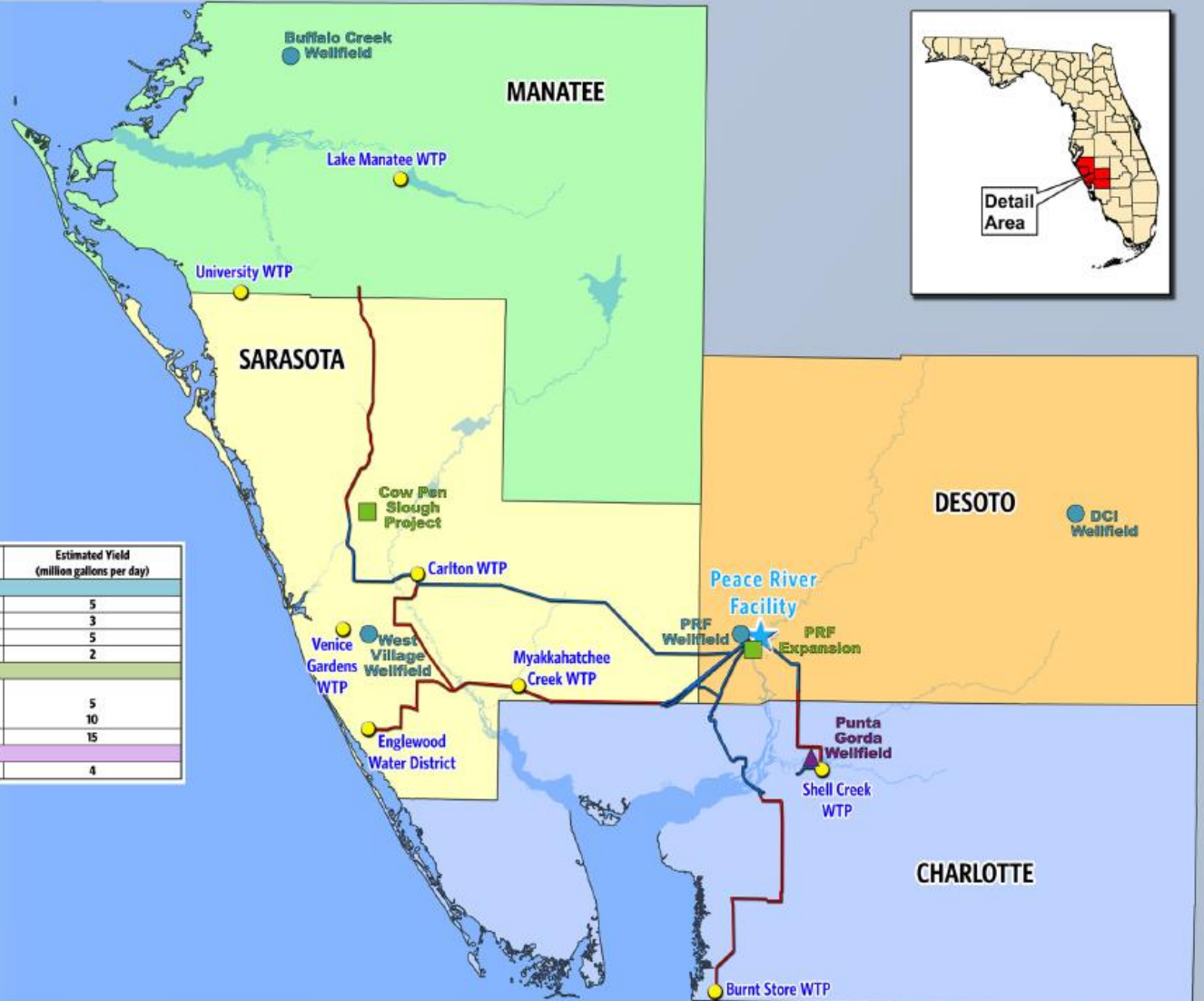
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High Priority Future Water Sources

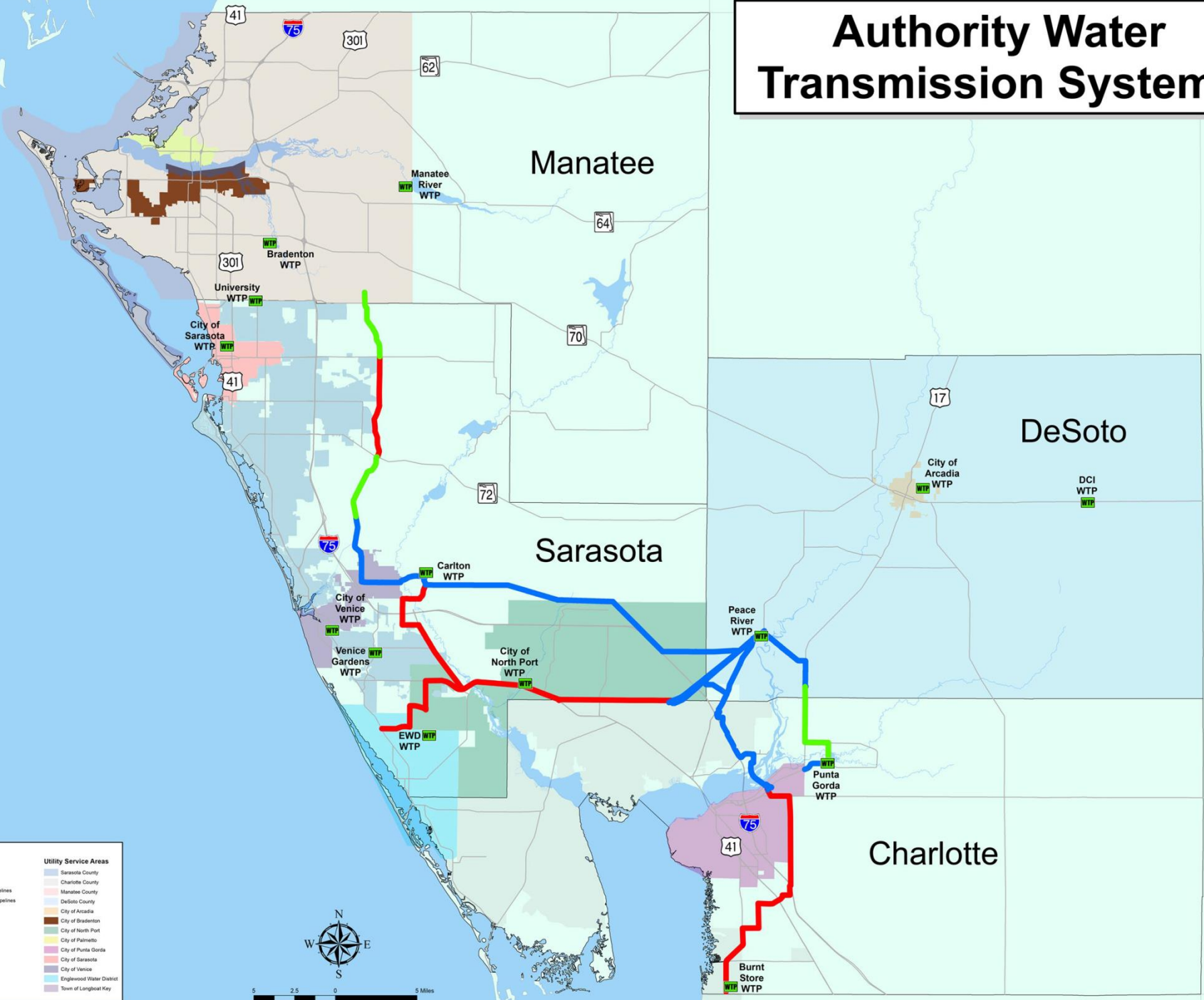


— Regional Transmission Mains
— Future Regional Transmission Mains

	Priority Future Water Sources	Estimated Yield (million gallons per day)
●	Potential Wellfield	
	Peace River Facility - Brackish Wellfield	5
	Manatee County - Buffalo Creek Brackish Wellfield	3
	DCI - Brackish Wellfield	5
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	Peace River Facility Expansion - Surface Water	15
▲	Partners Planned Wellfield	
	Punta Gorda - Brackish Wellfield	4



Authority Water Transmission Systems



Legend

Facilities

- Water Treatment Plant

Pipelines

- PRM/RWISA Existing Pipelines
- PRM/RWISA Proposed Pipelines
- PRM/RWISA Underway

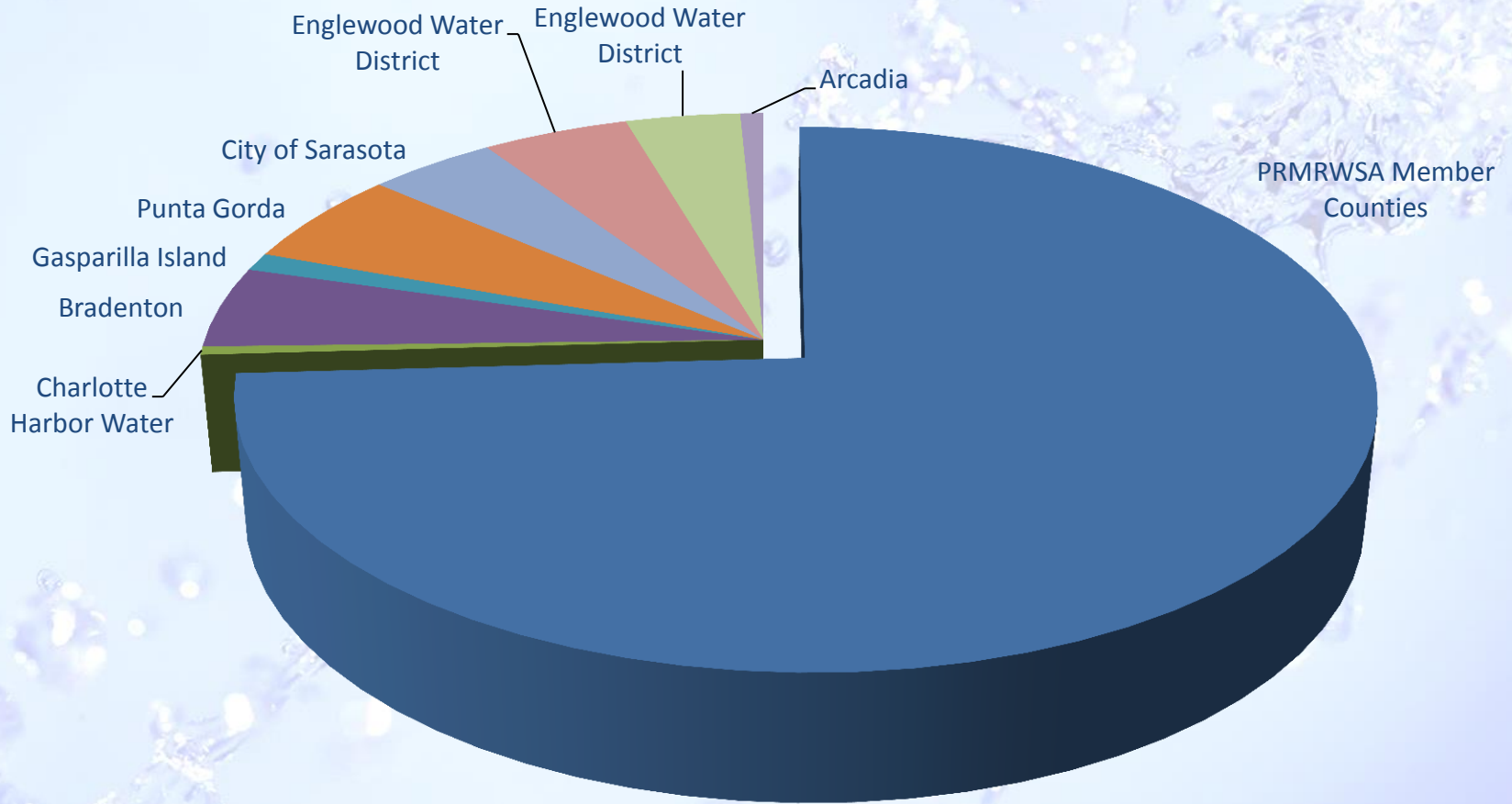
Utility Service Areas

- Sarasota County
- Charlotte County
- Manatee County
- DeSoto County
- City of Arcadia
- City of Bradenton
- City of North Port
- City of Palmetto
- City of Punta Gorda
- City of Sarasota
- City of Venice
- Englewood Water District
- Town of Longboat Key

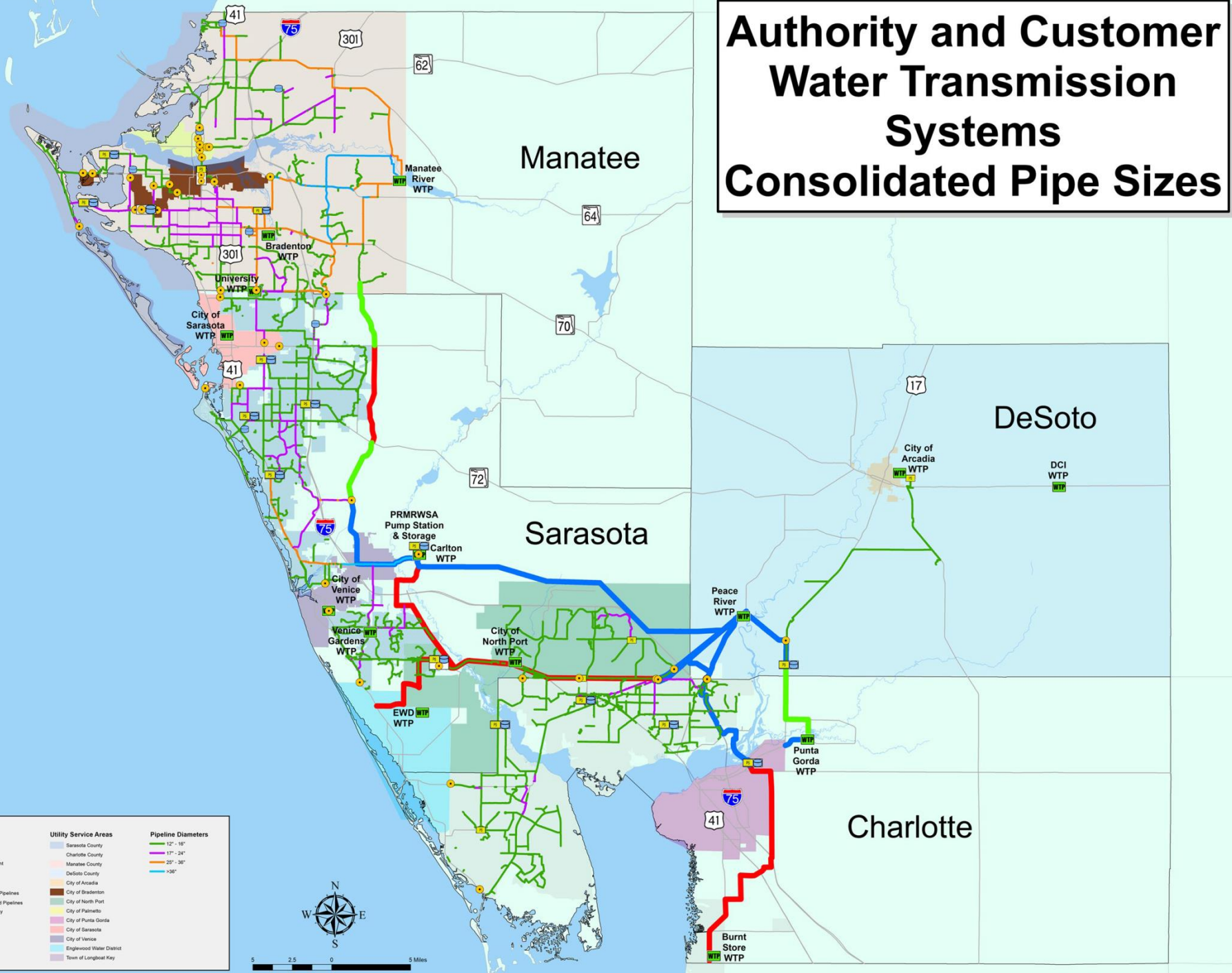


Integrated Regional Water Supply Plan 2015

Regional Water Use 2015



Authority and Customer Water Transmission Systems Consolidated Pipe Sizes



Legend

Facilities	Utility Service Areas	Pipeline Diameters
Storage	Sarasota County	12" - 16"
Pump Station	Manatee County	17" - 24"
Water Treatment Plant	Charlotte County	25" - 36"
Interconnects	DeSoto County	>36"
PRMRWSA Existing Pipelines	City of Bradenton	
PRMRWSA Proposed Pipelines	City of North Port	
PRMRWSA Underway	City of Palmetto	
	City of Venice	
	Englewood Water District	
	Town of Longboat Key	



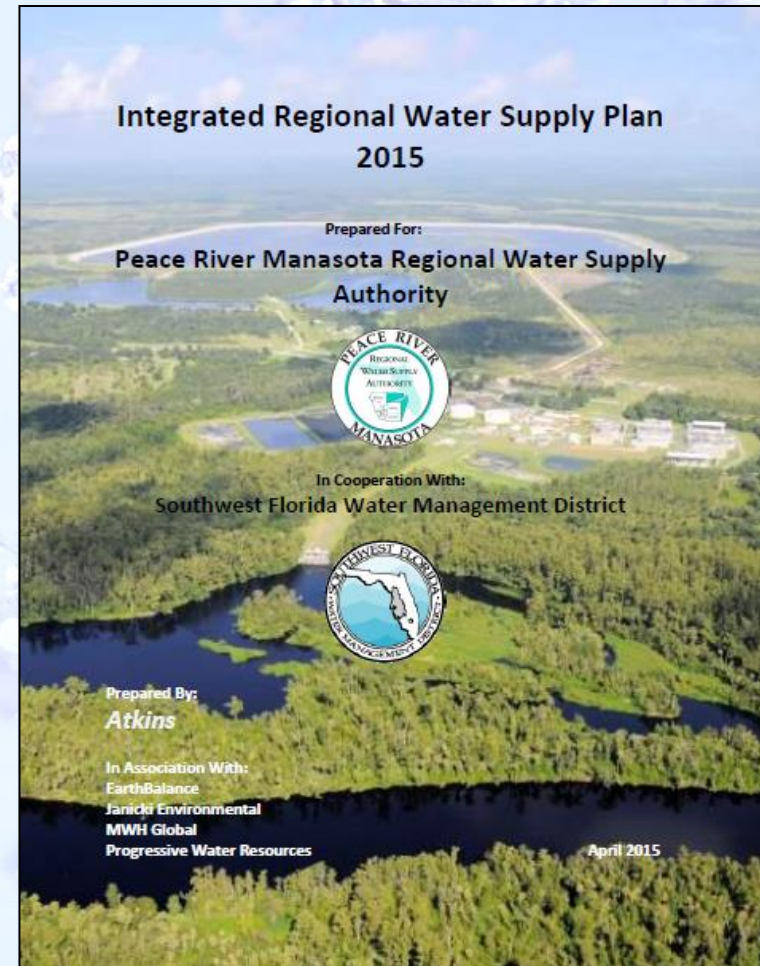
Integrated Regional Water Supply Plan 2015

Stay Ahead of Demand

- Maintain Reserve Capacity
- Develop 25 MGD additional capacity by 2035
- Maintain & where possible increase production capacity at existing facilities
- Re-Purpose Operational Flexibility WUP

Improve Connectivity

- Up to 72 more miles of Regional Transmission Pipeline



7. 20 Year CIP



20 Year CIP

Type of Project	FY 18 - 22	FY 23 - 27	FY 28 - 32	FY 33 - 37	TOTAL
New Water Supply	\$ 18 M	\$ 32 M	\$ 196 M	\$ 34 M	\$ 280 M
New Pipelines	\$ 46 M	\$ 33 M	\$ 46 M	\$ 90 M	\$ 215 M
Other Infrastructure	\$ 1 M	\$ 12 M	\$ 2 M		\$ 15 M
TOTAL	\$ 65 M	\$ 77 M	\$ 244 M	\$ 124 M	\$ 510 M

8. Board Discussion/Issues





Peace River Manasota

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GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND STATUTES

[October 2017]



Governing Documents and Statutes

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Tab 1
Second Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the
Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority [2005]

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**SECOND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING THE
PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

THIS SECOND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING THE PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY ("Agreement"), entered into this 5th day of October, 2005, by and between CHARLOTTE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Charlotte"); DESOTO COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("DeSoto"); MANATEE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Manatee"); and SARASOTA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Sarasota") (collectively, the "Counties").

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WHEREAS, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota find it is in the public interest and welfare to enter into this Second Amended Interlocal Agreement relating to the governance of the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority ("Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority was first established by Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota and Hardee Counties on February 26, 1982 through an Interlocal Agreement entered on the same date (the "1982 Interlocal"); and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hardee County's withdrawal from the Authority, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota entered into a new Interlocal Agreement, which superseded the 1982 Interlocal and reestablished the Authority on February 1, 1984 (the "1984 Interlocal"); and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 1991, the Counties entered into that certain "Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority" (the "1991 Interlocal"), which superseded the 1984 Interlocal and incorporated the commitments made by the Counties in the Memorandum of Intent, attached as Exhibit "C" to the 1991 Interlocal; and

WHEREAS, in order to more effectively address the responsibilities and obligations of the Counties with respect to the growth and development of a regional water supply, the Counties desire to enter into this Second Amended Interlocal Agreement for the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, which shall supersede and replace the 1991 Interlocal; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota wish to set forth this Agreement among themselves with respect to the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority

pursuant to the provisions of Section 373.1962, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized and found by the Counties that the provision of potable water and the protection of water resources can best be accomplished by maintaining a regional water supply authority whose primary function shall be to ensure future water supply and the development, recovery, storing and supplying of water resources for county or municipal purposes in such a manner as will give priority to encouraging conservation and reducing adverse environmental effects of excessive or improper withdrawals of water from concentrated areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, which shall be deemed an integral part of this Agreement, and of the mutual covenants and agreements hereafter set forth, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota intending to be legally bound hereby agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS. In the absence of a clear implication otherwise, capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1. Authority. The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority.
- 1.2. Authority Board. The Authority's governing body.
- 1.3. Authority Water Supply Facilities. All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, treatment systems, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery facilities, water transmission mains, any future expansion of said facilities and appurtenant or associated installations owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Authority and used for the supply of potable water.

1.4. Capital Component Charge. For any Contract Year, the charge established by resolution of the Authority for payment to Charlotte for the transfer of the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility. The Capital Component Charge shall be assessed pursuant to the Master Water Supply Contract.

1.5. Contract Year. The period between execution of the Contract and September 30, 2005, and each fiscal year of the Authority (beginning on each October 1, and ending on the immediately following September 30) thereafter during the term of this Contract.

1.6. Customer(s). Manatee, DeSoto, Charlotte, Sarasota and the City of North Port.

1.7. Debt Service Cost. For any Contract Year, all costs including reserve or coverage requirement, if any, incurred by the Authority during such Contract Year in connection with the Authority Water Supply Facilities for principal payments, Capital Component Charge, interest payments, redemption premiums, if any, and service charges with respect to payment of Obligations.

1.8. Director. A Member's appointed representative on the Authority Board.

1.9. Exclusive Provider Customer. A subset of Customers that designate the Authority as the exclusive provider of new potable water in the Master Water Supply Contract or similar agreement. Generally, the Exclusive Provider Customer agrees not to develop any additional Water Supply Sources unless the Authority and the Exclusive Provider Customer mutually agree to enter into a joint project to develop a new Water Supply Source. The Exclusive Provider Customer may sell or transfer any or all of its existing Water Supply Facilities to the Authority, but shall not sell or transfer existing Water Supply Facilities otherwise. The Exclusive Provider Customer shall be irrevocably committed to pay for the Water Allocation assigned to it by the Authority. If the Exclusive Provider Customer meets its

payment obligations under the Master Water Supply Contract or similar agreement, the Authority shall have the absolute and unequivocal obligation to develop and provide potable water to the Customer based upon its permissible future potable water demand.

1.10. Financing Documents. Any resolution or resolutions of the Authority, as well as any indenture of trust, trust agreement or similar document relating to the issuance or security of the Obligations.

1.11. Management and Planning Costs. Costs incurred by the Authority for management functions including, but not limited to, keeping records, recording and distribution of minutes, meeting announcements and coordination of respective member staff input and planning functions including but not limited to feasibility studies, planning processes, collecting and analyzing data, identifying and analyzing potential new Water Supply Sources, and planning related to developing, expanding or interconnecting regional transmission pipelines.

1.12. Master Water Supply Contract. The Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Master Water Supply Contract executed concurrently with this Agreement and as may be amended in the future.

1.13. Member(s). Members of the Authority. This term refers jointly to Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota.

1.14. Obligation(s). A series of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, including but not limited to, Financing Documents, notes, commercial paper, capital leases or any other debt of the Authority issued or incurred.

1.15. Operating and Maintenance Cost. For any Contract Year, all costs budgeted and reserves established by the Authority for operating, maintaining and securing the Authority Water Supply Facilities during such Contract Year, including, but not limited to: a)

personnel, staffing and operating costs of the Authority related to the operation, maintenance and security of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; b) the general and administrative costs of the Authority related to the operation, maintenance and security of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; c) minor capital expenditures of the Authority for items such as tools, parts, and other equipment and vehicles necessary for the operation, maintenance and security of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; and d) all costs incurred in obtaining and maintaining the Permits for the Authority Water Supply Facilities.

1.16. Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility (“the 1991 Facility”). All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, buildings, treatment systems, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoirs, aquifer storage facilities and appurtenant or associated facilities located in DeSoto and Sarasota, which were transferred by Charlotte to the Authority pursuant to that certain “Acquisition Agreement” dated May 21st, 1991 by and among the Authority, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and any expansion of said facilities undertaken pursuant to that certain “Peace River Water Supply Contract” dated May 21st, 1991 by and among the Authority, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota. The foregoing notwithstanding, this term shall not include the construction, acquisition or use of any groundwater production wells. “Groundwater production wells” shall not include facilities withdrawing water from the Peace River through the use of horizontal wells not more than 50 feet deep or aquifer storage and recovery wells.

1.17. Permits. All licenses, permits, authorizations or other approvals from any government or governmental agency, whether federal, state, regional or local, necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction, expansion and operation of Water Supply Facilities and Water Supply Sources, including but not limited to any general water use permit, temporary

water use permit or individual water use permit issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District or any entity.

1.18. Quorum. A Quorum shall consist of any three (3) Directors out of the four (4) Directors currently comprising the Authority Board.

1.19. Regional Water System. All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, buildings, treatment system, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoir(s), aquifer storage and recovery facilities and appurtenant or associated facilities owned by Authority, excluding the Regional Transmission System.

1.20. SWFWMD. The Southwest Florida Water Management District.

1.21. Water Allocation. The portion of the Regional Water System allotted to a Customer pursuant to the Master Water Supply Contract.

1.22. Water Supply Facilities. All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, treatment systems, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery facilities, water transmission mains, any future expansion of said facilities and appurtenant or associated installations owned, leased or otherwise controlled by Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota or the Authority and used for the provision of potable water supply.

1.23. Water Supply Source. Any project, construction, acquisition, transfer or transaction creating a new water source or expanding an existing water source for use by the Authority, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee or DeSoto.

2. **FORMATION**. The Authority was established on February 26, 1982 and has remained in continuous existence since that date. The Authority was created pursuant to Sections 373.196, 373.1962 and 163.01, Florida Statutes, and other applicable law.

3. TERRITORY. The geographic territory of the Authority consists of all of DeSoto County, Florida, Manatee County, Florida and Sarasota County, Florida and that portion of Charlotte County, Florida located within the territorial boundaries of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

4. AUTHORITY BOARD. All powers, privileges and duties vested in or imposed on the Authority shall be exercised and performed by and through a governing body in accordance with the following:

4.1. Name. The governing body of the Authority shall be designated and known as the Authority Board.

4.2. Composition of the Authority Board. The Authority Board shall be composed of the Member representatives of the Authority. Each Member shall duly appoint one Director to the Authority Board. Such appointment shall be at the sole discretion of the appointing Member and shall be a member of the appointing Member's Board of County Commissioners. A Member may appoint an alternate Director to the Authority Board and such alternate shall have the power to vote in the absence of the primary designated Director. Alternate Directors do not have to be members of the appointing Member's Board of County Commissioners. Appointments to the Authority Board shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing Member.

4.3. Voting Procedure. All votes on questions, orders, resolutions, regulations, budgets or other decisions coming before the Authority Board shall be conducted as follows:

4.3.1. Each Member shall have one vote to be exercised by the Director or the alternate Director.

4.3.2. No Member shall use its authority under this Section to impede the Authority's ability to operate the Authority Water Supply Facilities.

4.3.3. A majority vote of the Members shall be necessary for any Authority Board action.

4.4. Authority Board Officers. The Authority Board shall elect one Director as chairman and one Director as vice-chairman. The chairman shall preside at Authority Board meetings and shall execute all contracts and other legal documents on behalf of the Authority. The chairman shall be elected for the term of one (1) year. If the chairman shall cease to be a Director or shall for any reason be unable to serve as chairman, a successor shall be elected by the Authority Board for the unexpired portion of the term. The vice-chairman shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and shall assume all of the duties of the chairman in his/her absence. If neither the chairman nor vice-chairman is in attendance or both are unwilling or unable to chair a meeting at which a Quorum is present, the Authority Board may elect a chairman pro-tem for the duration of that meeting.

4.5. Power of the Authority Board. All powers, privileges and duties vested in or upon the Authority shall be exercised and performed by and through the Authority Board in accordance with this Section; provided, however, the exercise of any and all executive, administrative and ministerial powers may be delegated by the Authority Board to any of its officers, staff, employees, agents or designees, which delegation may be redelegated or withdrawn by the Authority Board. The Authority Board shall fix and publish to the Members the time and place or places at which its regular meetings shall be held, and shall provide for the calling and holding of special meetings at the request of any Member upon appropriate notice.

The Authority Board shall adopt rules, regulations, resolutions and orders for conducting its business.

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4.6. Compensation of Directors. Directors shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel in accordance with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

5. GENERAL POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY. In addition to and supplementing any other privileges, benefits and powers granted by Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, the Authority shall have the following powers and duties:

5.1. The right to exercise any and all provisions or powers granted to the Authority by Section 373.1962, Florida Statutes, said provisions being incorporated by reference herein, and whatever rules, regulations, resolutions, by-laws, and organization necessary to perform the intended functions of the Authority. The procedures for conducting any elections or referenda required and the qualifications of an elector shall be as provided by Chapters 97 through 106, Florida Statutes, known as "The Florida Election Code;" and

5.2. The full and complete right to contract; and

5.3. The authority to prescribe, fix, maintain, and regulate fees, charges, or rents for the use of any of the Authority facilities or services by persons or things at the discretion of the Authority Board; and

5.4. The right to lease, as lessor or leasee, to or from any person, firm, corporation association or body, public or private, facilities or property of any nature for the use of the Authority to carry out any of the purposes authorized by this Agreement; and

5.5. The right to acquire land, submerged lands and properties, real or personal or interests therein by purchase, gift, or otherwise, and to hold or dispose of same upon such

terms and conditions as the Authority Board shall deem necessary and prudent and to improve such land or lands so acquired in any manner which promotes or has a tendency to promote the public good of the region and which relate to the duties and authority specified in this Agreement; and

5.6. The right to exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by law for the condemnation of real property for public use, to acquire title to such interest in real property as is necessary to the exercise of the powers herein granted, except any property held by a Member; and

5.7. The right to apply for and receive Permits; and

5.8. The authority to borrow money, issue bonds and other types of securities, mortgage, pledge or otherwise encumber any of the Authority's property or assets upon terms and conditions to be determined by the Authority Board. This power shall be full and complete in all respects in order to promote, construct, accomplish, maintain, and operate any of the public purposes or projects enumerated in this Section; provided, however, that the power to borrow money and issue water revenue bonds shall be limited to requiring only those parties who voluntarily consent to pay back any borrowed money or pledge their water revenue to the payment of any issued Authority bonds; and

5.9. The right to adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations or procedures pertaining to the use, acquisition, maintenance, development, operation, or disposal of any of the services, facilities, or projects enumerated or authorized in this Section; and

5.10. The right to acquire, to do, and to perform all things enumerated in this Section separately or in conjunction with a county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state whether the same is within or without the territorial limits of the Authority; and

5.11. The authority to employ a staff and such other technical assistants and other employees as the Authority Board shall determine to be necessary; and

5.12. The right to conduct and pay for studies, plans, and designs to effectuate the purpose of the Authority, which action may include, but is not limited to, work plans for providing existing or new water supply and for expansion, staffing plans, and financing plans as provided pursuant to this Agreement; and

5.13. The right to enter into interlocal agreements or other contracts with public or private entities, if necessary, for the purpose of selling or purchasing water; and

5.14. The right to produce and supply water on a regional basis; provided, however, the Authority shall not engage in local distribution of water; and

5.15. The right to enter into contracts with public or private entities for provision of assistance in planning, financing and constructing any and all facilities and services as determined appropriate and desirable by the Authority Board; provided however, the Authority shall not enter into any management contract with respect to Authority Water Supply Facilities, which jeopardizes the tax exempt status of any revenue bonds issued by Members regarding said facilities; and

5.16. The right to secure funding and to contract for appropriate engineering and financial feasibility studies to evaluate the applicability of the Authority assuming responsibility for the production and supply of water on a regional basis or to further effectuate the purposes of the Authority; and

5.17. The right to maintain an office at such place or places within the territorial boundary of the Authority as the Authority Board may designate; and

5.18. The right to employ and compensate such personnel, consultants and technical and professional assistants as the Authority Board shall deem necessary to exercise the Authority's powers and to perform the duties set forth in this Agreement; and

5.19. The right to accept and receive, utilize or expand, in furtherance of its functions, funds, grants, and services from the federal government or its agencies, from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of state, municipal, county, or other local governments, or from private or civic sources; and

5.20. The right to invest any surplus money in the Authority treasury, including such money in any sinking fund or other fund established for the purpose of providing for the payment of the principal or interest of any bonded or other indebtedness or for any other purpose, not required for the immediate necessities of the Authority, in its bond, or in treasury notes, or bonds, of the United States, or of this state, and such investment may be made by direct purchase of any issue of such bonds, or treasury notes, or part thereof, at the original sale of the same, or by subsequent purchase of such bonds or treasury notes. Any bonds or treasury notes thus purchased and held may from time to time, be sold and the proceeds reinvested in bonds or treasury notes, as above provided. Sales of any bonds or treasury notes thus purchased and held shall, from time to time, be made in season so that the proceeds may be applied to the purposes for which the money, with which the bonds or treasury notes were originally purchased, were placed in the treasury of the Authority; and

5.21. The right to have and exercise such powers as are reasonably implied herefrom and necessary and proper to carry out the objectives and purposes of the Authority; and

5.22. The right to provide other services as may be agreed upon by the Members through amendment of this Agreement.

6. **FUNDING FOR MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING.** It is acknowledged that Management and Planning Costs of the Authority may be obtained from the Customers in a manner determined by the Authority Board, and that additional funds available for Management and Planning Costs shall be sought by the Authority from the federal and state government, including but not limited to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Community Affairs, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Basin Boards of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and appropriate utilities and agencies.

7. **EXISTING OPERATION.** The Customers shall have a preferential right to purchase water from the Authority.

8. **PROVISION OF NEW WATER SUPPLY.** The Authority will develop new potable water supply for Customers as set forth in the Master Water Supply Contract and paid for by the Customer in advance, or the Authority may finance the required funds based upon the Customer's irrevocable commitment to pay the required amount contained in the Master Water Supply Contract or similar agreement.

8.1. **Election of Exclusive Provider Status.** A Customer's election to become an Exclusive Provider Customer shall be declared in the Master Water Supply Contract. The Master Water Supply Contract provides the specific guideline for implementation of this Section.

8.2. **Customer Consent.** Pursuant to Section 22 of the Master Water Supply Contract, the Authority must have the written consent of the governing body of a Customer in whose jurisdiction the Authority intends to expand, acquire, develop, construct or operate new Authority Water Supply Facilities.

9. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AUTHORITY. A Member may withdraw from the Authority only upon giving the other Members one hundred and eighty (180) days prior written notice of its intention to withdraw. Any Member who withdraws from the Authority shall continue to be responsible for any financial or contractual obligations it has specifically assumed while a Member of the Authority, including but not limited to the withdrawing Member's obligations under the Master Water Supply Contract and any subsequent amendments, contracts or agreements between the Members and the Authority.

10. NEW MEMBERS. Admission of new Members to the Authority and any amendment of this Agreement to reflect said new Members shall be by unanimous vote of the Authority Board.

11. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended in writing executed by all the then current Authority Members in the same manner as this Agreement.

12. PRIOR AGREEMENTS. All negotiations, proposals and agreements prior to the date of this Agreement, including but not limited to the Interlocal Agreement of February 26, 1982, the Interlocal Agreement of February 1, 1984, the Memorandum of Intent and the Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority dated May 21, 1991 are superseded. This Agreement shall constitute the entire interlocal agreement of the Members with respect to the formation, general powers and general obligations of the Authority. The foregoing notwithstanding, this Agreement shall not supersede the Master Water Supply Contract which shall be read in pari material with this Agreement.

13. BUDGETS. The Authority shall establish its budgets in the following manner:

13.1. Tentative Budgets. The Authority shall establish a tentative budget no later than May 15, for the ensuing Contract Year. The tentative budget shall include all

anticipated expenditures of the Authority for its projects and activities for the ensuing Contract Year, including Operating and Maintenance Cost, Management and Planning Costs, and Debt Service Cost. As part of the budget process, the Authority shall adopt rates, fees, and charges to generate sufficient revenue to pay all budgeted expenditures on a water user basis for Authority Water Supply Facilities. Membership fees and rates shall be established annually and adopted by resolution at the time of budget adoption.

13.2. Final Budgets. The Authority shall establish a final budget and corresponding rate resolution no later than August 15 for the ensuing Contract Year. The final budget shall include all anticipated expenditures of the Authority for its projects and activities for the ensuing Contract Year, including, but not necessarily limited to, Operating and Maintenance Cost, Management and Planning Costs, and Debt Service Cost.

13.3. Budget Adoption Procedure. The Authority's tentative budget shall be adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with normal notice and procedure requirements applicable to such meeting. The Authority's final budget shall be adopted at a public hearing preceded by published notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of each of the Authority's Members. This notice shall be published one time only at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing. Additionally, the Authority shall provide copies of the tentative budget and all supporting documentation to its Members at least thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing. The public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to address the Authority Board.

13.4. Audit. At the close of each Contract Year, the Authority shall have an audit performed of all of its accounts by an independent certified public accounting firm.

14. **DEFAULT AND REMEDY.** The Members agree the sole remedy for a breach of this Agreement shall be specific performance. However, nothing in this Section shall limit the Authority's remedies to recover payments due for the provision of water pursuant to the Master Water Supply Contract.

15. **DISSOLUTION OR MODIFICATION OF THE AUTHORITY.** Should the Authority be adjudged bankrupt or insolvent or dissolved by law or other proceeding, or transferred or assigned to another governmental agency or body, or if the Legislature of the State of Florida changes (a) the composition of the current Members of the Authority or (b) the method of determining the composition of the Members of the Authority or the Directors of the Authority Board, other than as set forth in this Agreement, then the Authority Water Supply Facilities and shall be transferred by operation of law to those Members holding a Water Allocation in the Authority Water Supply Facilities in proportion to the sum of all Water Allocations in their boundaries under the Master Water Supply Contract; provided, the Members receiving any ownership interests in the Authority Water Supply Facilities shall continue making payments, when due, on their applicable portion, as computed directly above, of any and all Obligations.

16. **RECLASSIFICATION OF THE PEACE RIVER.** The Authority shall not use its formation or existence as grounds for requesting the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to reclassify all or any portion of the Peace River as an Outstanding National Resource Water, an Outstanding Florida Water or Class I Water as those terms are defined and used in Florida Administrative Code.

17. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE. The laws of the State of Florida shall govern the validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Agreement and venue for any suit involving this Agreement shall be in Hillsborough County, Florida.

18. ASSIGNMENT. No assignment, delegation, transfer or novation of this Agreement or any part thereof shall be made unless approved in writing by all Members.

19. NOTICES. All notices, demands, requests and other communications hereunder shall be deemed sufficient and properly given, if in writing and delivered in person to the following address or sent by certified or registered mail or by overnight delivery, postage prepaid with return receipt requested, at such addresses; provided, if such notices, demands, requests or other communications are sent by mail, they shall be deemed as given on the third day following such mailing which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which United States mail is not delivered: the Authority Executive Director's Office, the Charlotte County Administrator's Office, the DeSoto County Administrator's Office, the Manatee County Administrator's Office and the Sarasota County Administrator's Office. The Authority or any Member may, by like notice, designate any further or different address to which subsequent notices shall be sent. Any notices hereunder signed on behalf of the notifying party by a duly authorized attorney at law shall be valid and effective to the same extent as if signed on behalf of such party by a duly authorized officer or employee.

20. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES. Nothing herein shall be deemed to constitute any Member as a partner or joint venturer, or to create any fiduciary relationship among the Members.

21. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. No right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, or for the benefit of any person not expressly named as a party in this

Agreement, except for any bond holders and/or credit enhancers relating to revenue bonds issued with respect to Authority Water Supply Facilities owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Authority.

22. WAIVER. Unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of this Agreement, no delay or failure to exercise a right resulting from any breach of this Agreement shall impair such right or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but such right may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. Any waiver shall be in writing and signed by the party granting such waiver. If any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement is breached by any party and thereafter waived by another party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular breach so waived and shall not be deemed to waive, either expressly or impliedly, any other breach under this Agreement.

23. SECTION CAPTIONS AND REFERENCES. The section headings and captions contained herein are included for convenience only and shall not be considered part of this Agreement or affect in any manner its construction or interpretation. Except as otherwise indicated, all references herein to sections are to sections of this Agreement.

24. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall, for any reason, be determined invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith and agree to such amendments, modifications or supplements of this Agreement or such other appropriate actions as shall, to the maximum extent practicable in the light of such determination implement and give effect to the intentions of the parties as reflected herein, and the other provisions of this Agreement, as amended, modified, supplemented or otherwise affected by such action, shall remain in full force and effect.

25. **ATTORNEYS FEES AND COST.** In the event there is a breach of this Agreement and it becomes necessary for any party to employ the services of an attorney either to enforce the Agreement or pursue other remedies, with litigation or adversarial administrative proceedings, the losing party or parties shall pay to the successful party or parties reasonable attorney's fees and such reasonable costs and expenses as are incurred in enforcing the Agreement or pursuing other remedies.

26. **FURTHER ASSURANCES.** The Members each shall use all reasonable efforts to provide such information, execute such further instruments and documents and take actions as may be reasonably requested by another party and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement and not involving the assumption of obligations or liabilities different from, in excess of or in addition to those expressly provided for in this Agreement to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

27. **CONSENTS.** To the extent the consent of any party to this Agreement is required as a condition to the action of other parties, such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

28. **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS.** This Agreement shall be executed in fifteen (15) duplicate originals, any of which shall be regarded for all purposes as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. A true and correct copy of this Agreement and any subsequent amendments shall be recorded with the clerk of the circuit court in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

29. **SOVERIGN IMMUNITY.** The Members intend to avail themselves of the benefits of Sections 768.28 and 163.01(9)(c), Florida Statutes, and of other statutes and common law governing sovereign immunity to the fullest extent possible. In accordance with Section 163.01(5)(o), Florida Statutes, the Members are not jointly liable for the torts of the officers or

employees of the Authority, or any other tort attributable to the Authority, and that only the Authority shall be liable for torts attributable to it or for torts of its officers or employees, and then only to the extent of the waiver of sovereign immunity or limitation of liability specified in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. The Members intend the Authority to have all the privileges and immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinances, rules and common law which apply to the municipalities and counties of the State of Florida. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to inure to the benefit of any third-party for the purposes of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

30. AMBIGUITY. The parties agree that each one has played an equal part in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement, and in the event of any ambiguity should be asserted or realized in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement, the result of such ambiguity shall be equally assumed and realized by each party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota have executed this Contract on the day, month and year first above written.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WITNESS:

[Signature]

[Signature]

By: [Signature]

Sara J. Devos, Chairman

Date: 9/29/05

Approved as to form:

[Signature]

Attorney for Charlotte County MB

Janette S. Knowlton

LR #05-43

ATTEST:

Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of Circuit
Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners

By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Sara J. Devos, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Charlotte County, and _____, acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 29th day of September, 2005.

[Signature]
Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires: NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA
Stacey K. Miller
Commission # DD448505
Expires: JULY 07, 2009
Bonded Thru Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.

DESOTO COUNTY

WITNESS:

Craig M Coffey
Barbara J. Hobbs

By: Ronald P Neads

Date: September 13, 2005

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Attorney for DeSoto County

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DESOTO

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, RONALD P. NEADS, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the DeSoto County, and RONALD P. NEADS, acknowledged before me that RONALD P. NEADS, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 14th day of September, 2005.

Carol Treadwell

Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:



Second Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority

MANATEE COUNTY

WITNESS:

By: *[Signature]*

Date: 9/20/05



Approved as to form:
Not applicable
Attorney for Manatee County

ATTEST: R. B. SHORE
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: *[Signature]*

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MANATEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, _____, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Manatee County, and _____, acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this ____ day of _____, 2005.

Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:

SARASOTA COUNTY

WITNESS:

Kathleen J. Schneider
Tricia Gray

By: Paul H. Mercier

Date: 9-28-05



Approved as to form:

Step [Signature]
Attorney for Sarasota County

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, PAUL H. MERCIER, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Sarasota County, and HE, acknowledged before me that HE, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 28th day of SEPTEMBER, 2005.

Jan W. Owens
Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:

PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

WITNESS:

Edward Yates
Linda Stewart

By: Patricia M. Glass
Date: October 5, 2005



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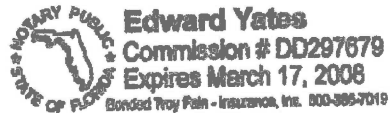


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COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Patricia M. Glass, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, and Patricia M. Glass, acknowledged before me that Patricia M. Glass, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 5th day of October, 2005.

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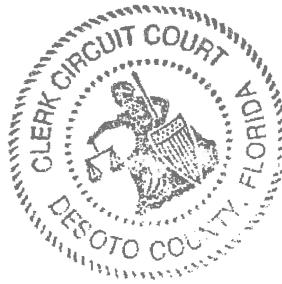


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**PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
MASTER WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT**

THIS CONTRACT, entered into this 5th day of October, 2005, by and between the **PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**, a regional water supply authority created and existing pursuant to Sections 373.196, 373.1962 and 163.01, Florida Statutes, and other applicable law, acting by and through its Board of Directors, the governing board thereof ("Authority"); **MANATEE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Manatee"); **CHARLOTTE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Charlotte"); **DeSOTO COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("DeSoto"); **SARASOTA COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Sarasota"); and the **CITY OF NORTH PORT**, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of City Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("North Port") (collectively "Customers").

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WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Authority was created for the purpose of developing, storing and supplying water for county and municipal purposes and exists pursuant to the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority executed concurrent with this Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that the potable water supply needs for citizens residing within Charlotte, Manatee, DeSoto and Sarasota Counties and North Port, can best be met in whole or in part by expanding the Authority Water Supply Facilities, in a cooperative and coordinated manner; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the Customers agree it is necessary to expand the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility to be known as the Regional Expansion Program ("REP"), as more specifically set forth in Exhibit "G" and incorporated herein by reference in order to provide a total of 32.7 MGD of water to meet the water supply needs of the Authority's Customers; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Parties that this Contract govern the operation, maintenance, alteration, replacement and expansion of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has applied and the Southwest Florida Water Management District ("SWFWMD") has provided New Water Source Initiative funds to assist in development and construction of the REP; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and its Customers recognize that as a result of increased Customers' demands, the REP will not satisfy all future Customers' demands and the Authority has begun developing other water supplies; and

WHEREAS, Manatee has adopted Resolution No. R-05-108 on June 7, 2005 conditionally requesting the development of potable water by the Authority for Manatee beginning January of 2014; and

WHEREAS, expansions to the Authority Water Supply Facilities and the design and construction of new Water Supply Sources may be financed for the Customer(s) through the issuance of Authority revenue bonds, capital contributions from the Customer(s), capital contributions from SWFWMD, or other governmental grants, or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Customers desire to purchase water from the Authority according to the terms and conditions of this Contract, and the Authority desires to provide the Customers water

according to the terms and conditions of this Contract; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the benefits provided by the REP and future Water Supply Sources, the Customers and the Authority agree that the Authority shall implement a common Debt Service Cost for the Water Rate only for the REP and all future Water Supply Source projects of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Customers desire that the Authority facilitate the transfer of Authority water among Customers, with such transfers being made through the Authority at the same Water Rate assessed by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is intended to constitute the entire agreement of the Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota and North Port with respect to the Water Allocations and the terms and conditions contained herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, which shall be deemed an integral part of this Contract and of the mutual covenants and agreements hereafter set forth, the Authority and the Customers intending to be legally bound hereby agree as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS.** In the absence of a clear implication otherwise, capitalized terms used in this Contract and in the attached exhibits shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1 **Annual Average Daily Quantity.** The total water quantity provided by the Authority to a Customer in a Contract Year divided by 365 as set by its Water Allocation.
- 1.2 **Authority.** The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority.
- 1.3 **Authority Board.** The Authority's governing body.
- 1.4 **Authority Water Supply Facilities.** All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, treatment systems, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery facilities, water transmission mains, any future expansion of said facilities and appurtenant or associated installations owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Authority and used for the provision of potable water supply.
- 1.5 **Available Water.** That portion of a Customer's Water Allocation that is temporarily available to other Customers.
- 1.6 **Base Rate Charge.** For any Contract Year, the rate established by resolution of the Authority for payment of the Authority Obligations, Bond Coverage Costs, Debt Service Costs, Charlotte Oversized Facilities Payment, Capital Component Charge, Hydraulic

- Pipeline Capacity Entitlement Cost and Renewal and Replacement Costs for the Authority Water Supply Facilities. The Base Rate Charge also includes the Fixed Operations and Maintenance Costs budgeted by the Authority for expanding, operating, repair and replacement, maintaining and securing the Authority Water Supply Facilities regardless of the quantity of water, if any, being produced or delivered by the Authority, with such fixed costs being assessed proportionately in accordance with the Annual Average Daily Water Allocation.
- 1.7 Bond Coverage Costs. The costs of providing the coverage requirements established by the Financing Documents.
- 1.8 Capital Component Charge. For any Contract Year, the charge established by resolution of the Authority for payment of the Capital Component Charge paid to Charlotte for the transfer of the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility. The Capital Component Charge shall be assessed by the percentages in Exhibit "F" for the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility.
- 1.9 Charlotte Oversized Facilities Payment. The 1991 Facility was stated to possess certain components that had a larger capacity than the 1991 Facility treatment capacity. Charlotte acquired the 1991 Facility then transferred to the Authority the entire 1991 Facility. However, payment for the oversized components was deferred until the Authority used these oversized components. Under the PRO and REP, the Authority will pay for all the remaining oversized components.
- 1.10 Conservation Rate. For any Contract Year, the charge established by resolution by the Authority to any Customer that exceeds its Water Allocation set forth in Exhibit "B".
- 1.11 Contract Year. The period between execution of the Contract and September 30, 2005, and each fiscal year of the Authority (beginning on each October 1, and ending on the immediately following September 30) thereafter during the term of this Contract.
- 1.12 Customers. Manatee, DeSoto, Charlotte, Sarasota and North Port.
- 1.13 Debt Service Cost(s). For any Contract Year, all costs including reserve or coverage requirement, if any, incurred by the Authority during such Contract Year in connection with the Authority Water Supply Facilities for principal payments, interest payments, redemption premiums, if any, and service charges with respect to payment of Obligations.

- 1.14 Delivery Point(s). The point(s) of connection between the Regional Transmission System and the distribution system of the Customers to this Contract having a Water Allocation. The Delivery Point(s) for each Customer is attached hereto as Exhibit "D."
- 1.15 DeSoto Payment. For any Contract Year, an amount included in the Water Rate, transmitted by the Authority to DeSoto in the amounts set forth on Exhibit "A" for the term of the Contract. The DeSoto Payment as defined herein supersedes the "Facility Use Cost" as defined in Section 1.8 of the Peace River Regional Water Supply Contract dated May 21, 1991.
- 1.16 Exclusive Provider Customer. A subset of Customers that includes only DeSoto in this Master Water Supply Contract.
- 1.17 Financing Documents. Any resolution or resolutions of the Authority, as well as any indenture of trust, trust agreement or similar document relating to the issuance or security of the Obligations.
- 1.18 Fixed Operating and Maintenance Costs. All operating and maintenance costs and expenses other than Variable Operating and Maintenance Costs incurred by the Authority for the operation, maintenance, management, security and development of the Authority Water Supply Facilities.
- 1.19 Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement. The Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement for the Regional Transmission System for each Customer is attached as Exhibit "E."
- 1.20 Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement Cost. The debt service cost associated with Customers' Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement.
- 1.21 Maximum Daily Quantity. The maximum water quantity to be provided by the Authority to a Customer for any given day as set by its Water Allocation.
- 1.22 Member Governments. Members of the Authority. This term refers jointly to Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota.
- 1.23 MGD. Million gallons per day.
- 1.24 New Water Supply Demands. The new water supplies the Authority is committed by this Contract to develop and complete to meet Customer demands as shown on Exhibit "C" as updated annually pursuant to Section 11.
- 1.25 Obligation(s). A series of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, including but not limited

to, Financing Documents, notes, commercial paper, capital leases or any other debt of the Authority issued or incurred.

- 1.26 Operating and Maintenance Cost(s). For any Contract Year, all costs budgeted and reserves established by the Authority for operating, maintaining and securing the Authority Water Supply Facilities during such Contract Year, including, but not limited to: a) personnel, staffing and operating costs of the Authority related to the operation, maintenance and security of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; b) the general and administrative costs of the Authority related to the operation, maintenance and security of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; c) minor capital expenditures of the Authority for items such as tools, parts, and other equipment and vehicles necessary for the operation, maintenance and security of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; and d) all costs incurred in obtaining and maintaining the Permits for the Authority Water Supply Facilities.
- 1.27 Party or Parties. Party shall mean a signatory to this Contract. Parties shall mean DeSoto, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, North Port and the Authority.
- 1.28 Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility (the "1991 Facility"). All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, buildings, treatment systems, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoirs, aquifer storage facilities and appurtenant or associated facilities located in DeSoto and Sarasota, which were transferred by Charlotte to the Authority pursuant to that certain "Acquisition Agreement" dated May 21st, 1991 by and among the Authority, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota and the Southwest Florida Water Management District and any expansion of said facilities undertaken pursuant to that certain "Peace River Water Supply Contract" dated May 21st, 1991 by and among the Authority, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota. The foregoing notwithstanding, this term shall not include the construction, acquisition or use of any groundwater production wells. "Groundwater production wells" shall not include facilities withdrawing water from the Peace River through the use of horizontal wells not more than 50 feet deep or aquifer storage and recovery wells.
- 1.29 Peak Month Average Daily Quantity. The total water quantity provided by the Authority during the calendar month of the Customer's highest water use, divided by the number of days in that month and expressed in MGD as set by the Customer's Water

Allocation.

- 1.30 Permits. All licenses, permits, authorizations or other approvals from any government or governmental agency, whether federal, state, regional or local, necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction, expansion and operation of Water Supply Facilities and Water Supply Sources, including but not limited to any general water use permit, temporary water use permit or individual water use permit issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District or any entity.
- 1.31 PRO. The Amended Peace River Option Water Supply Contract dated March 8th, 1996 that expanded the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility by adding 6 MGD annual average daily quantity of water to the System Capacity.
- 1.32 Redistribution Pool. A depository of each Customer's Available Water for any Contract Year for purchase by all Customers.
- 1.33 Regional Transmission System. Those facilities, including appurtenant and associated facilities, owned by the Authority pertaining to the delivery and measurement of potable water to the Customers of the Authority including but not limited to primary transmission pipes, real property, interest in real property, fixtures and personal property. Regional Transmission System does not include the Aquifer, Storage and Recovery ("ASR") system or its connecting piping.
- 1.34 Regional Water System. All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, buildings, treatment system, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoir(s), aquifer storage and recovery facilities and appurtenant or associated facilities owned by the Authority, excluding the Regional Transmission System.
- 1.35 Renewal and Replacement Charges. The charges established by the Authority for the exclusive purpose of funding renewals and replacements of the Authority Water Supply Facilities. The charges will be established to satisfy the requirements of the Authority's Obligations and shall be set forth in the annual budget approved by the Authority for the ordinary renewal, replacement, upgrade and betterment of the Authority Water Supply Facilities.
- 1.36 Renewal and Replacement Costs. The capital expenditures set forth in the annual budget approved by the Authority for the ordinary renewal, replacement, upgrade, and betterment of

the Authority Water Supply Facilities. Renewal and Replacement Costs do not include capital expenditures associated with the expansion or addition of water treatment, storage, pumping or transmission capacity or the costs associated with reconstruction of any major components of the Authority Water Supply Facilities.

- 1.37 Renewal and Replacement Fund. The fund established by the Authority for the exclusive purpose of funding renewals and replacements of the Authority Water Supply Facilities. The deposits to such fund shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the Financing Documents of the Authority. The balances on deposit in the Renewal and Replacement Fund will be expended for those Renewal and Replacement Costs specifically identified in the annual budget approved by the Authority.
- 1.38 Second Amended Interlocal Agreement. The Second Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority executed concurrently with this Contract.
- 1.39 System Capacity. The total combined capacities of the various components of the Regional Water System in terms of a quantity of water on an average annual daily basis expressed in MGD.
- 1.40 Variable Operating and Maintenance Costs. All operating and maintenance costs and expenses of the Authority for the operation, maintenance and management of the Authority Water Supply Facilities that change in proportion to changes in the volume of water produced by the Authority, including, but not limited to, power, chemicals and water purchases.
- 1.41 Water Allocation. The portion of the System Capacity of the Regional Water System allotted to a Customer for the term of this Contract as initially specified at Exhibit "B" as increased from time to time pursuant to Section 11.
- 1.42 Water Rate. For any Contract Year, the rate established by resolution of the Authority for the sale of water, which, to the extent applicable, shall be comprised of a Base Rate Charge, the DeSoto Payment, and a Water Use Charge.
- 1.43 Water Supply Emergency. A loss or reduction in System Capacity caused by drought or a sudden, unexpected, unavoidable interruption in water delivery as declared by resolution by the Authority Board.

- 1.44 Water Supply Facilities. All real property, interest in real property, fixtures, personal property, wells, treatment systems, pumps, pipes, storage facilities, reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery facilities, water transmission mains, any future expansion of said facilities and appurtenant or associated installations owned, leased or otherwise controlled by Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, North Port, Sarasota or the Authority and used for the provision of potable water supply.
- 1.45 Water Supply Source. Any project, construction, acquisition, transfer or transaction creating a new water source or expanding an existing water source developed by the Authority, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto or North Port.
- 1.46 Water Use Charge. For any Contract Year, the rate established by the Authority for payment of the Variable Operating and Maintenance Costs. This Water Use Charge shall be based on Customer metered water usage and shall be the same charge per thousand gallons used for each Customer.

2. **TERM.** The term of this Contract shall begin on the date of its complete execution by all Parties and end on the last day of the Contract Year in which the thirty-fifth (35th) anniversary of the execution date falls. The rights and obligations of any Customer may be extended prior to expiration of the initial term at the option of that Customer for another thirty-five (35) years, said extension to expire on the last day of the Contract Year in which the seventieth (70th) anniversary of the execution date falls. Such option must be exercised at least two (2) years prior to expiration. If during the Contract term, the Authority issues Obligations to construct additional System Capacity to provide additional or maintain existing Water Allocation of the Customers that is secured from the payments made by the Customers for service from the Authority and which repayment period extends beyond the termination date of the Contract as set forth above, the Contract will automatically be extended to include the last payment date of such additional Obligations. Before the expiration of this Contract, the Authority and Customers recognize that a new contract or extension of this Contract will need to be in place to provide ongoing water service from the Authority Water Supply Facilities and all Parties agree to work together in good faith to extend this Contract or create a new contract prior to this Contract's expiration date to meet the overall intent of the Authority to provide regional drinking water.

3. **AUTHORITY CAPACITY.** The Authority shall not be prohibited from maintaining

unallocated capacity of the Authority Water Supply Facilities.

4. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT. All rights, obligations and liabilities of the Authority and the Customers shall be subject to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent identified in Section 4.1.

- 4.1 Conditions Precedent. The following are conditions precedent to the Parties' rights, obligations and liabilities under this Contract:
- 4.1.1 The complete execution of this Contract by the Authority and the Customers.
 - 4.1.2 The representations set forth in Section 8 are true and correct as of the date this Contract is fully executed by all Parties.
 - 4.1.3 No change shall have occurred on or before the date this Contract is fully executed by all the Parties in any applicable federal, state or local law, or any applicable federal, state or local rule, regulation or ordinance thereunder, or an interpretation thereof by any applicable regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction, that would make the execution or delivery of this Contract, or that would make compliance by the Parties with the terms and conditions of said Contract or the consummation by the Parties of the transactions contemplated thereunder, a violation of such law, rule, regulations or ordinance.
 - 4.1.4 The Authority and North Port shall execute a Settlement Agreement that requires North Port to file a Voluntary Dismissal with prejudice in *City of North Port v. Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority*, Case No. 05-05254, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Hillsborough County, Florida within ten (10) days of execution of this Contract.
 - 4.1.5 DeSoto and the Authority shall execute a transfer agreement pursuant to Section 21 herein.
 - 4.1.6 Notwithstanding Paragraphs 8.4 and 10.5 herein, Charlotte and Sarasota shall establish a means to settle their disagreement over the "Water Sale and Purchase Agreement" between Charlotte and Sarasota dated March 8, 1996.
- 4.2 Satisfaction of the Conditions Precedent. The Parties shall exercise good faith and due diligence in satisfying the conditions precedent set forth above and the Authority shall give prompt notice to the other Parties when the foregoing conditions precedent have been

satisfied or waived in writing by all the Parties.

5. **FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ("EPA").** The funding from the EPA grant dated March 28, 1995 shall be used for the construction of the REP.

6. **INTANGIBLE ASSETS OF THE CUSTOMERS.** Each Customer's Water Allocation and Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement is an intangible asset of that Customer's utility system pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract.

7. **FUNDING FROM SWFWMD.** The funding from the SWFWMD New Water Sources Funding Agreements shall be used for the construction of the REP. All Parties shall work to obtain the maximum amount of funding from SWFWMD for the REP, any future expansion of or addition to the Authority Water Supply Facilities and new Authority Water Supply Sources.

8. **REPRESENTATION OF THE PARTIES.** The Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota and North Port make the following representations:

- 8.1 Each Party is duly organized and existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Florida and is duly qualified and authorized to carry on the governmental functions and operations as contemplated by this Contract.
- 8.2 Each Party has the power, authority and legal right to enter into and perform its obligations set forth in this Contract, and the execution, delivery and performance hereof by it a) has been duly authorized by its governing board; b) does not require any other approvals by any other governmental officer or body; c) does not require any consent or referendum of the voters for Authority financed projects; d) will not violate any judgment, order, law or regulation applicable to the Party; and e) does not constitute a default under, or result in the creation of, any lien, charge, encumbrance or security interest upon the assets of the Party under any agreement or instrument to which it is a Party or by which the Party and its assets may be found or affected except as provided herein under Sections 16.5 and 16.6.
- 8.3 This Contract has been duly entered into and delivered by the respective governing boards and, as of the date of its full execution by all Parties, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of said Party, fully enforceable in accordance with its terms provided the enforceability thereof may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, or by the exercise of

judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity.

- 8.4 There is no action, suit or proceeding, at law or in equity, before or by any court or governmental authority, pending or, to the best of the Party's knowledge, threatened against the Party which is not resolved by the execution of this Contract, wherein any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially adversely affect the performance by the Party of its obligations hereunder or the other transactions contemplated hereby, or which, in any way, would adversely affect the validity or enforceability of this Contract, or any other agreement or instrument entered into by the Party in connection with the transaction contemplated hereby.

9. **REP CONSTRUCTION.** In consideration for financial and other commitments made by the Customers herein, the Authority agrees to permit and construct the REP as a necessary Water Supply Source for the Water Allocations. The cost of construction and construction schedule are attached as Exhibit "G". The Authority agrees to use its best efforts to construct the REP in accordance with the schedule set forth in Exhibit "G". The Customers recognize that the construction schedule may be affected by circumstances beyond the control of the Authority including, but not limited to, weather, availability of material and contractors, governmental approvals, and other force majeure. The Authority agrees to keep the Customers apprised of the progress made in construction of the REP and of any delays that may affect the scheduled completion date.

9.1. **Cost of Construction.** The Authority will use its best efforts to complete the REP construction project within the budgeted amount shown in Exhibit "G". The Authority will comply with its procurement procedures in the construction of the REP.

9.2. **Insurance.** The Authority shall require suitable payment and performance bonds from all principal contractors working on the construction of the project. The Authority shall further require the provision by the principal contractors of hazard insurance, general liability insurance, and worker's compensation insurance from such carriers and at such limits as are customary.

10. **DELIVERY OF WATER.** During each Contract Year, the Authority shall deliver water to each Customer in accordance with their Water Allocations and the terms and conditions of this Contract. Customers shall pay for and the Authority shall timely develop and deliver new Water

Supply Sources and facilities to meet the needs of its Customers as set forth in Sections 11 and 12 herein.

- 10.1 Allocation. The Authority shall be required to deliver water for a Customer's water demand from its Water Allocation. Future Water Allocations will be delivered only in accordance with a Customer's New Water Supply Demands in Exhibit "C" as modified by projected water demands pursuant to Section 11 herein. If a Customer meets its payment obligations to the Authority, the Authority shall have the absolute and unequivocal obligation to develop and provide for the Customer's permissible future potable water demand in its Water Allocation and New Water Supply Demands.
- 10.2 Limitation of Allocation. The Authority shall not be required to deliver water to a Customer if prohibited by any applicable federal, state, regional or local statute, rule, ordinance, law, administrative order or judicial decree or in violation of applicable Permits. If, at any time, there is insufficient potable water available to fully meet the Water Allocations described above for any reason, then the Customers shall have their Water Allocations reduced on a pro-rata basis.
- 10.3 Delivery Point. The Authority shall deliver water through the Regional Transmission System to each Customer only at their respective Delivery Point(s) as identified in Exhibit "D". Additional Delivery Point(s) may be added by mutual agreement of the Authority and receiving Customer(s).
- 10.4 Exceedance of Delivery Schedule. Subject to Section 10.5 herein, in the event a Customer should receive delivery of water in excess of its Peak Month Average Daily Quantity, its Maximum Daily Quantity, and/or its Annual Average Daily Quantity of its Water Allocation, the Customer shall pay a Conservation Rate as set forth in the Water Rate resolution. During emergency conditions as declared by resolution of the Authority Board, the Authority shall not charge the Conservation Rate for water delivery in excess of the Water Allocation.
- 10.5 Authority Water Transfers. Upon execution of this Contract by all Customers, all prior contracts transferring Authority water between any of the Customers shall terminate. All Authority water transfers shall be provided solely through the Authority. Notwithstanding the termination of the Water Sale and Purchase Agreement between Charlotte and Sarasota pursuant to this paragraph, both Charlotte and Sarasota hereby reserve and do not in any

manner waive any rights or causes of action that one may have against the other with regard to any past due obligations or debts arising out of said Water Sale and Purchase Agreement, to be resolved pursuant to Section 4.1.6. As part of the New Water Supply Demands process set forth below, each Customer shall annually provide to the Authority its projected Authority Water Demands for the next twenty (20) years. The Authority shall then determine the total Customer demands for Authority Water. The Authority shall determine the difference between each Customer's Water Allocation and projected water demands for the next ten (10) years on an annual basis. By February 15 of each year, the Authority shall provide each Customer with a Notice of Available Water indicating the amount of Water Allocation, if any, above the Authority's projected water demands for each of the next ten (10) years. Each Customer shall file a response with the Authority within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Available Water, either accepting the Available Water quantities as determined by the Authority or providing alternative Available Water quantities, if any, for each of the next ten (10) years. Failure of a Customer to respond within thirty (30) days shall result in that Customer's Available Water quantity as determined by the Authority, being transferred into the Redistribution Pool. Nothing herein shall be construed to require any Customer that timely responds to the Notice of Available Water to provide any of its Water Allocation to the Redistribution Pool. The Redistribution Pool shall be maintained by the Authority to provide the amount of Available Water by Contract Year for up to ten (10) years. Each year shall have a separate Redistribution Pool of water quantities designated. A receiving Customer's failure to pay for water transferred from the Redistribution Pool shall be treated as a default of this Contract. The Authority shall not transfer more water than the amount of Available Water placed in the Redistribution Pool. Nothing in this Section shall relieve a Customer from the irrevocable commitment to pay for its Water Allocations in this Contract.

10.5.1 Assignment and Payment. The Authority shall assign the Available Water based upon Customer request and written confirmation by their governing body of the corresponding payment obligations under this Contract. Customers may request Available Water from the Redistribution Pool for the corresponding timeframe of their need for additional water. If there is more

demand for water than there is Available Water in a given year, the Authority shall distribute the water on pro-rata basis based on the proportionate Customer demand in the New Water Supply Demands for the year at issue.

10.5.2 Payment. Payment adjustments to the Customers supplying Available Water shall be on a pro-rata basis, based on the percentage of water supplied to the Redistribution Pools for water sold from each Redistribution Pool.

10.5.3 Assessment of Conservation Rate. Only for purposes of calculating the assessment of the Conservation Rate, the Water Allocation of the Customer(s) receiving the Available Water and the Customer(s) providing the Available Water to the Redistribution Pool will be adjusted by the transferred water quantity.

10.6 Water Supply Emergency. The Authority and its Customers shall seek the interconnection of the Water Supply Facilities with other water supply facilities in the region and the Authority's Water Supply Facilities for the purpose of facilitating the transfer of water among the Authority and the Customers under emergency conditions. The Authority and its Customers shall make available capacity, if any, in their respective Water Supply Facilities to the Customers experiencing a Water Supply Emergency at the established rate of the supplying entity. In a Water Supply Emergency, Conservation Rates, inclining block rates, or excess demand charges of any type shall be waived by all Parties to this Contract for the duration of the declared Water Supply Emergency.

11. **FUTURE WATER SUPPLY PROCEDURE**. It is the intention of the Parties that this Section set forth the manner in which each Customer will request, and the Authority will provide, future water supply from the Authority Water Supply Facilities. The Customers acknowledge that a procedure is necessary to provide the Authority with sufficient lead-time for planning and development of new Water Supply Sources to meet New Water Supply Demands.

11.1 No later than January 15th of each Contract Year, each Customer shall submit to the Authority a report which identifies the following:

- (i) Total projected water demand by Contract Year for the next 20 years (“Total 20 Year Demand”);
- (ii) That portion of the Total 20 Year Demand the Customer requires the Authority to fulfill (“Authority Supplied Water”) in terms of Annual Average Daily Quantity, Peak Month Average Daily Quantity and Maximum Daily Quantity; and
- (iii) The basis for each projection.

The Authority shall review, coordinate, and compile the submitted Total 20 Year Demand and Authority Supplied Water and provide such information to all Customers and the Authority Board. The Authority shall also report to the Customers and Authority Board, its estimation of water demand projections to be supplied by the Authority for its Customers on an annual basis for the applicable twenty-year planning period. The Authority shall use this data, as well as other population and water demand data, as a basis for the planning and development of new Water Supply Sources to meet New Water Supply Demands. Each Customer may modify its Total 20 Year Demand and projections for Authority Supplied Water with each subsequent annual filing, subject to the provisions in this Section.

11.2 By submitting its projections for Authority Supplied Water, each Customer is identifying that quantity of water it shall purchase from the Authority in the designated Contract Year. For the initial time period through Contract Year 2013, the New Water Supply Demands as modified at Exhibit “C” shall be the water each Customer irrevocably commits to purchase from the Authority, and the Authority agrees to supply such water. After Contract Year 2013, by submitting its projection for Authority Supplied Water each Customer agrees to purchase, and the Authority agrees to supply, that quantity of Authority Supplied Water identified in the first seven (7) Contract Years of the Total 20 Year Demand. Each Customer may annually update its Total 20 Year Demand and its projection of Authority Supplied Water. However, unless it otherwise has excess water capacity available, the Authority shall not be obligated to accept any change in demand for Authority Supplied Water within the upcoming seven (7) Contract Year period. Annually, the Authority shall issue an addendum to the Contract to update the New Water Supply Demands table at Exhibit “C” for the applicable years beyond Contract Year 2013 to reflect the first seven (7) Contract Years of projected demand for Authority Supplied Water by the Customers.

11.3 The parties acknowledge that the planning, permitting and construction of new Authority Water Supply Sources cannot exactly match the annual New Water Supply Demands. Therefore, the Authority will, from time to time, develop new Authority Water Supply Sources with water quantities that exceed immediate Customer demands. Upon the Authority determination to develop a specific Water Supply Source, the Authority shall assign a proportionate share of the new Water Supply Source Water Allocation to the Customers, to the extent practicable, by applying the new Water Supply Source project quantity to the most immediate New Water Supply Demands. The Authority shall assign Water Allocations to the Customers pro-rata based on their proportionate New Water Supply Demands at the time when the new Water Supply Source Water Allocation would be fully utilized by the total New Water Source Demand. For example, in year 2006, the Authority designates a new Water Supply Source project for 6 MGD to provide water by 2008. The total of New Water Supply Demands does not exceed 6 MGD until 2010, when it is 6.7 MGD. The Water Allocation assigned by the Authority to Customer A for the 6 MGD project is calculated by taking Customer A's New Water Supply Demand of 2.3 MGD for 2010 divided by the total of all the Customers' New Water Supply Demands of 6.7 for 2010 to determine the Customer Water Allocation Cost Percentage of 34.33%. When the Authority approves a new Water Supply Source project, it shall issue addendum to the following: (1) to increase and update the Water Allocation table at Exhibit "B;" (2) to update the Cost Allocation Percentages table at Exhibit "F" to show the new project's cost allocation percentages; and, (3) to update the table at Exhibit "H" to show the new project water quantity allocation. The Customers may only be assigned a Water Allocation for their New Water Supply Demands. All costs associated with a new Water Supply Source project, including, but not limited to, planning, design, and construction, shall be recovered from the Customer receiving the Water Allocations of the new Water Supply Source project.

12. **DESOTO DESIGNATION OF THE AUTHORITY AS ITS EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER OF WATER.** Notwithstanding the foregoing and pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement, DeSoto elects to be an Exclusive Provider Customer. DeSoto agrees not to develop any additional Water Supply Sources beyond those currently existing identified in Exhibit "I" unless as a joint project with the Authority. If DeSoto meets its payment

obligations to the Authority, the Authority shall have the absolute and unequivocal obligation to develop and provide adequate potable water for DeSoto based upon its permissible future potable water demand as outlined herein. The Authority is free to meet DeSoto's water demands by any means it deems fit, including but not limited to using water from the Redistribution Pool or assignment of Water Allocation to meet DeSoto's demands and assigning the associated cost of constructing that portion of new Water Supply Sources to DeSoto as outlined herein.

12.1 Exclusive Provider Customer Water Allocation. DeSoto and the Authority agree that the current Water Allocation system must be adapted to assure that the Authority maintains its absolute and unequivocal obligation to provide adequate potable water for DeSoto and still assure that DeSoto pays its fair share of new water source development costs. For New Water Supply Demands, DeSoto has provided and agrees to continue to provide the Authority water demand projections in the same manner as other Customers pursuant to Section 11; however, the Authority shall use DeSoto's projections as well as other data collected by the Authority to set DeSoto's New Water Supply Demands for each Contract Year. DeSoto shall provide water demand projections in good faith and the Authority shall use its best efforts to match DeSoto's water demand to its assigned Water Allocation. This Water Allocation shall be used to determine DeSoto's Base Rate Charge and other share of costs in the same manner as all other Customers. Nothing in Section 12 shall allow the Authority to assign all or any portion of another Customer's Water Allocation to DeSoto.

12.2 Exclusive Provider Customer Water Allocation for the Redistribution Pool. The Authority may designate any portion of the DeSoto's Water Allocation as part of the Redistribution Pool.

13. **ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY.** The Authority shall consider alternative delivery, such as design-build, when developing new Water Supply Sources, including the REP.

14. **REFUNDING THE PRO BONDS.** The Authority shall issue Obligations to refund any and all debt outstanding and provide for the rights of bond holders for the PRO. Such refunding obligations shall be issued in an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding debt to be refunded.

15. **SUPERSEDING AND REPLACING ALL PRIOR WATER SUPPLY CONTRACTS.** Upon full execution of this Contract and payment described in Section 14, this Contract shall supersede and replace the Amended Peace River Option Water Supply Contract dated March 8, 1996. Upon full execution of this Contract, this Contract shall supersede and replace all other water supply contracts with the Authority, including but not limited to the Peace River Option Water Supply Contract, dated September 20, 1995; the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority/City of North Port, Florida dated May 30, 1991; Peace River Water Supply Contract dated May 21, 1991; and the Acquisition Agreement dated May 15, 1991.

16. **WATER RATE.** For each Contract Year, each Customer with a Water Allocation from the Regional Water System shall pay the Authority the Water Rate adopted by resolution of the Authority Board.

16.1 **Rate Setting.** In conjunction with the Authority's annual budget development and adoption process, the Authority shall fix a Water Rate consisting of the Base Rate Charge (adjusted as necessary for customer financing), DeSoto Payment, and Water Use Charge to be paid on a monthly basis by the Customers for water furnished by the Authority. The Authority shall charge and collect rates that are reasonable and just for all Customers. The rates are not subject to the supervision or regulation by any other commission, board, bureau, agency or other political subdivision or agency of the county or state. Unless a common rate is established for all Debt Service Cost components of the Authority Water Supply Facilities, in determining a Customer's Water Rate, the Authority shall allocate to each Customer, a Base Rate Charge as follows: (1) the Base Rate Charge for 12 MGD 1991 Facility known as the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility pursuant to the 1991 Facility percentages set forth on Exhibit "F", (2) the 6 MGD PRO shall be allocated pursuant to the PRO percentages

set forth on Exhibit "F", and (3) the Base Rate Charge for the 14.7 MGD REP shall be allocated pursuant to the REP percentages set forth on Exhibit "F". All Debt Service Cost for new Authority Water Supply Sources and other costs associated therewith, such as reserves, coverages, expansion of existing water supply, or the fixed water purchase costs associated with a new Water Supply Source shall be combined with the REP Debt Service Cost for the common Debt Service Cost in the Water Rate. Provided, however, any Customer has the right to carry its own financing or pay in advance for their portion of a new Water Supply Source or expansion of the Authority Water Supply Facility and, in such event, the Debt Service Costs component of the Water Rate shall be adjusted accordingly.

16.2 Customer Financing. Each Customer shall have the option to issue their own debt or pay with its available money with respect to its portion of any new Authority Water Supply Source. The entire payment for a Customer's proportionate share shall be made to the Authority within fourteen (14) days of the Authority bond closing. The Authority shall provide notice to all Customers of the Authority bond closing date thirty (30) days prior to the Authority bond closing. To the extent not inconsistent with the Financing Documents, the Base Rate Charge for a Customer who issues its own debt or pays in advance for any such new Water Supply Source (including the REP) shall be adjusted to remove that Customer's Debt Service Costs attributed to the Customer's Water Allocation corresponding to the payment by the Customer for that new Water Supply Source or expansion.

16.3 Accounting, Audits and Adjustments. The Authority shall maintain accounts and records for all funds received and disbursed by it with respect to the Authority Water Supply Facilities in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices applicable to governmental owned and operated water utilities. On an annual basis, the Authority shall

provide for an audit to be conducted by a recognized certified public accounting firm experienced in water utility audits.

- 16.4 Joint Authority and Customer REP Review and Oversight. Each Party shall designate a staff representative for a joint Authority and Customer committee for the review and oversight of the REP design and construction activities. The Executive Director of the Authority shall be the Authority representative on the committee.
- 16.5 Water Charge to Customers. Each Customer shall pay the Authority its invoiced Water Rate and any applicable Conservation Rate charges on a monthly basis following the calendar month in which the charges were incurred and invoiced. The Customers shall submit payment to the Authority for the monthly charges within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice. Failure to pay monies shall create a debt with respect to the non-paying Customer's utility system. A Customer that fails to pay within ninety (90) days after the Authority has mailed its invoice shall be in default pursuant to this Contract. Upon thirty (30) days written notice, the Authority may discontinue delivery of water to any Customer in default for nonpayment and/or may transfer the defaulting Customer's Water Allocation in whole or in part to another Customer in good standing, for the remaining term of this Contract.
- 16.6 Source of Payments. Each Customer's obligation to pay any monies due under this Contract does not constitute general indebtedness. Neither the Authority nor the holders of any obligations issued by the Authority in order to finance or refinance the expansion, alteration, improvement, replacement or operation of the Authority Water Supply Facilities shall have a right to require or compel any Customer to exercise its ad valorem taxing power to pay its obligations and liabilities under this contract or to compel payment from any source other than as indicated in this Section. Each of the Customers, however, shall and do hereby

covenant to set water rates for its respective customers at a level sufficient to pay all monies due the Authority under this Contract.

16.7 DeSoto Payment. The Authority shall collect from its Customers in accordance with Exhibit "A", the DeSoto Payment and remit it to DeSoto. If the quantities of water allocated to the Authority under SWFWMD Water Use Permit Number 2010420.01 issued in 1996 for 32.7 MGD annual average water use are modified or if additional entities become Customers of the Authority, then the amount of the DeSoto Payment to be paid to DeSoto shall be readdressed by all Parties to this Contract.

17. FUNDING FOR MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING. It is acknowledged that Management and Planning Costs of the Authority may be obtained from the Customers in a manner determined by the Authority Board, and that additional funds available for Management and Planning Costs shall be sought by the Authority from the federal and state government, including but not limited to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Community Affairs, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Basin Boards of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and appropriate utilities and agencies.

18. PAYMENT TO CHARLOTTE FOR OVERSIZED FACILITIES. Pursuant to prior contract provisions, payment is due to Charlotte for certain oversized facilities. Any Customer may prepay its portion of the Charlotte Oversized Facilities Payment directly to Charlotte, but must elect to do so on or before October 15, 2005 with immediate notice to the Authority and payment to Charlotte by November 30, 2005.

18.1 Payment for Oversized Facilities for the PRO. The PRO oversized facility payment was made to Charlotte in the amount of \$3,191,883.00. When the PRO bonds are refunded, Customers other than Charlotte are to pay the Debt Service Cost on the remaining financed portion of the \$3,191,883.00

with Sarasota paying 87.5% and DeSoto paying 12.5%.

- 18.2 Payment for Oversized Facilities for the REP. The Authority shall pay Charlotte all remaining oversized facility charges totaling \$3,287,098.00 upon closing of the bond issuance for the REP. This payment is calculated as the total oversize facility charge of \$4,515,864.00 less Charlotte's portion of 27.21% of the REP allocation percentage from Exhibit "F", or \$1,228,766.00. All obligations to Charlotte for oversized facilities payment set forth in all previous contracts or agreements, including but not limited to, the Peace River Water Supply Contract dated May 21, 1991; the Amended Interlocal Agreement creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority dated May 21, 1991; and the Acquisition Agreement dated May 21, 1991, shall be satisfied upon receipt of the payment by Charlotte of the \$3,287,098.00. The REP oversized facilities payment is to be paid by Customers other than Charlotte, and shall be based on the Debt Service Cost associated with financed portion of the oversized facilities payment to Charlotte of \$3,287,098.00 for the REP and shall be allocated with Sarasota paying 85.62%, North Port paying 13.28% and DeSoto paying 1.1%.

19. **PAYMENT TO CHARLOTTE FOR PEACE RIVER REGIONAL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY ("1991 FACILITY").** Upon payment of the \$3,287,098.00 specified above, the Authority's total debt to Charlotte for the transfer from Charlotte of the 1991 Facility shall be \$18,299,274.17 with the Authority annually paying \$1,971,557.00 in equal installments on a monthly basis, with the last payment being on October 1, 2021. The redemption of this debt shall be governed by Exhibit "J". The Authority's payment to Charlotte for the 1991 Facility shall be allocated among DeSoto, Charlotte and North Port pursuant to the 1991 Facility cost allocation percentages set forth on Exhibit "F". This payment schedule shall supersede and replace any prior agreement, contract or other document for any payment or Obligation to Charlotte for transfer of the

1991 Facility or any other assets, real estate, facilities or any other property or service to the Authority prior to the date of this Contract.

20. **NORTH PORT PAYMENT TO CHARLOTTE.** Pursuant to the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority/City of North Port, Florida Water Supply Contract dated May 30, 1991, Charlotte reserved water capacity for a period of time for North Port. North Port was then obligated to repay the cost of the water reservation to Charlotte. Payment by North Port through the Authority to Charlotte has been made since 1992 at a monthly amount of \$398.42. Since the Master Water Supply Contract supersedes the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority/City of North Port, Florida Water Supply Contract dated May 30, 1991, this North Port obligation is established in this Contract. North Port shall pay the Authority \$398.42 monthly with the last payment on October 1, 2021. The Authority **shall pass through the payment being made** to Charlotte each month.

21. **TRANSFER OF DESOTO FACILITY.** Provided a transfer agreement is executed by DeSoto and the Authority, the Authority shall pay DeSoto \$800,000.00 for DeSoto to transfer to the Authority the real property and water well, appurtenances and any necessary permits for use of the water well and specified facilities in place identified in the transfer agreement. This payment from the Authority shall be funded from REP Debt Service Cost. The payment to DeSoto will be in the form of a credit for DeSoto's payment obligation pursuant to the DeSoto County Regional Pipeline Extension Amended Pipeline Agreement dated June 21, 2004.

22. **DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE WATER SOURCES.** The Authority and its Customers shall develop new Water Supply Facilities as follows:

22.1. General. The Authority shall develop new Authority Water Supply Facilities to meet the water demands of its Customers in Exhibits "B" and "C" which will reflect the projections

provided as specified above or at the determination of the Authority for DeSoto.

22.2 Procedures for New Authority Water Supply Facilities. The Authority shall have written consent of the governing body of a Customer in whose jurisdiction the Authority intends to acquire, develop, construct or operate new Authority Water Supply Facilities. For new Authority Water Supply Facilities located or proposed to be located within the jurisdiction of North Port, North Port shall be the sole entity that grants or denies consent to the Authority.

22.2.1. The Authority shall provide written notification of its intention to apply or seek the transfer of a Permit for new Authority Water Supply Facilities to the Customer in whose jurisdiction the Authority Water Supply Facilities are located or will be located. Such notification shall be given no less than sixty (60) days prior to submitting the Permit application or requesting the Permit transfer. The Customer shall notify the Authority within sixty (60) days of its decision to grant or deny consent to the Authority to acquire, develop, construct or operate the new Authority Water Supply Facilities within its jurisdiction. If a Customer denies consent, the Customer's notification shall provide an explanation of the reasons for denial.

22.2.2. Upon notification of denial by a Customer to the Authority, a meeting between the staff of the Authority and the Customer shall be held within forty-five (45) days of the notification of denial. This meeting shall be organized and scheduled by the Authority. During this meeting, the staff of the Authority and the Customer shall attempt to reach an agreement to grant consent to the Authority to acquire, develop, construct or operate new Authority Water Supply Facilities within the Customer's jurisdiction.

22.2.3. If no agreement is reached within forty-five (45) days of notification of denial, the Authority and the Customer shall participate in mediation, the costs of which shall be equally divided between them. The Authority and the Customer shall endeavor in good faith to select a mutually acceptable mediator. If the Authority and the Customer are unable to mutually agree on a mediator within fourteen (14) days after the staff meeting held pursuant to paragraph 22.2.2., the Authority and the Customer shall agree to accept a mediator selected by the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium. Upon the selection of a mediator, the Authority and the Customer shall schedule mediation to occur within fourteen (14) days. Mediation shall be completed within forty-five (45) days of the first mediation conference unless extended by mutual written agreement of the Authority and the Customer. Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Rule 1.720 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure are applicable to the mediation proceedings. Designees of the Authority and the Customer attending the mediation shall include a governing body member who has the full authority to negotiate on behalf of its entity and to recommend an agreement to its governing body. In the event of any breach or failure to perform mediation under this section, the Authority or Customer may seek appropriate remedies to mandate this mediation process.

22.2.4 If consent to the Authority by a Customer is not agreed to at the mediation, the Authority shall withdraw the Permit application or request for Permit transfer.

22.3 Procedure for the Authority's Customers. Whenever a Customer ("Applicant Customer")

intends to apply or seek the transfer of a Permit for Water Supply Facilities located or that will be located within the jurisdiction of another Customer, the Applicant Customer shall provide written notification of its intention to apply or seek the transfer of a Permit for Water Supply Facilities to the Customer ("Host Customer") in whose jurisdiction the Water Supply Facilities are located or will be located. Such notification shall be given no less than sixty (60) days prior to submitting the Permit application or requesting the Permit transfer. The Host Customer shall notify the Applicant Customer within sixty (60) days of its decision to grant or deny consent to the Applicant Customer to acquire, develop, construct or operate the Water Supply Source within its jurisdiction. If a Host Customer denies consent, the Host Customer's notification shall provide an explanation of the reasons for denial. The Applicant Customer shall immediately withdraw its Permit application or request for transfer of a Permit upon notification of denial by the Host Customer.

23. HYDRAULIC CAPACITY ENTITLEMENT IN REGIONAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM. Each Customer shall be provided its respective Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement of the hydraulic capacity in the transmission facilities that has been constructed at the time of execution of this Contract or will be constructed by the Authority during the term of this Contract for the benefit of such Customer(s) to deliver potable water from the Regional Water System to the respective Customer(s) Delivery Point. Each Customer's Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement percentage or amount in the current Regional Transmission System is set forth on Exhibit "E". A Customer's Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement in segments of the Regional Transmission System constructed after the date of this Contract will be determined on a transmission line segment basis by the Authority. All Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement Cost of the Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement will be the sole responsibility of the Customer(s) benefiting from such facilities. If more than one Customer uses the

same transmission segment as designated by the Authority, then each shall pay their proportionate share of the Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement Cost.

23.1 In the event a Customer requests capacity in a transmission line segment that is an existing component of the Regional Transmission System, and the capacity percentage of which has been fully allocated, the Authority shall not grant capacity to the requesting Customer without first obtaining approval from the Customer(s) to whom the hydraulic capacity in that transmission line has previously been allocated. In the event the Authority modifies the Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement, the application of all future service rates and charges will be adjusted accordingly.

23.2 If requested by North Port, the Authority shall construct, and North Port shall pay for its proportional share of the Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement Cost of a new segment of the Regional Transmission System between Delivery Points identified by North Port and acceptable to the Authority on the basis of system hydraulics. The Authority and North Port may agree to a water delivery alternative utilizing the existing stub-outs along the 42-Inch RTS (2) transmission main identified in Exhibit "D", subject to the change of apportionment of Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement Cost on terms mutually agreeable to North Port, Sarasota and Authority.

24. ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS OF THE AUTHORITY. The Authority hereby represents, warrants and covenants to the Customers as follows:

24.1 System Operation. Operation and maintenance of the Authority Water Supply Facilities shall be the responsibility and the obligation of the Authority. The Authority shall be responsible to adopt an adequate budget to pay all of the Operating and Maintenance Costs of the

Authority, to satisfy all the Authority's Obligations, to provide for the requisite Bond Coverage Costs to meet all required tests set forth in the Financing Documents, to provide for renewal and replacement costs to keep the Authority Water Supply Facilities in good operating order and to provide for any sinking funds and other reserves necessary to provide the water service as set forth in this Master Water Supply Contract. The Authority shall provide sufficient personnel, with appropriate experience to undertake all regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, those imposed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the State of Florida Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. If new regulatory requirements necessitate capital improvements or budget amendments, the Authority shall take all necessary actions to accomplish the same. The Authority shall be responsible for all regulatory violations including compliance costs or penalties assessed for same, which arise out of or are solely created through: (1) material errors or omissions by its personnel and agents in the day-to-day operations of the Authority Water Supply Facilities; or (2) the failure of the Authority to timely proceed administratively to undertake or complete a requirement imposed by any regulatory agency in any consent order or operating permit. The Authority shall maintain adequate catastrophic insurance on the Authority Water Supply Facilities on such terms and amounts as established by the Authority.

- 24.2 Water Quality. The Authority shall use its best efforts to deliver water of good and uniform quality from the Authority Water Supply Facilities to the Delivery Point(s). The water delivered by the Authority to the Delivery Point(s) shall be stabilized and shall meet all federal, state or regional regulations and orders relating to drinking water, which are applicable to water produced, stored and transported at and through the Authority Water

Supply Facilities.

- 24.3 Water Measurement. The Authority shall use its reasonable efforts to measure all water delivered to the Delivery Point(s) of Customers. The Authority shall own and maintain the meters at all Delivery Point(s). The Authority shall maintain complete and accurate records of its water measurements. Water flow measurements recorded by the Authority shall be the exclusive means of determining the quantity of water delivered to the Delivery Point(s) under this Contract. The metering equipment shall be of standard make and type, installed at a readily accessible location, and shall record flow with accuracy sufficient to meet all applicable reporting requirements. The Authority will check the accuracy of the meters annually, provide a report regarding the condition, accuracy and state of the meters and provide for a certified calibration test and any appropriate recalibration. Upon request and at the expense of the Customer, the Authority shall make arrangements for a meter test to be conducted by an independent testing facility who shall conform to the manufacture's standards and where appropriate conduct the test as a field test. The Customers may be present when the meters are checked for accuracy, and the test records shall be made available for inspection by the Customers upon reasonable request. If the accuracy of the meter is determined to be at least four (4) percent beyond the limits prescribed by the manufacturer, the meter will be assumed to have been inaccurate from the mid-point of the time since the last annual inspection, or the last calibration, or the last independently certified test, or the last six (6) months whichever is less. The following month's billing will be adjusted taking into account the nature of the inaccuracy to show a credit or additional charge to the respective Customer for the metered flow for that period.
- 24.4 Permits. The Authority shall use its best efforts to obtain all Permits necessary to provide

the Customers with water in accordance with the Water Allocations, New Water Supply Demands and its duty to its Exclusive Provider Customer(s).

- 24.5 Financing the Authority Water Supply Facilities. The Authority shall use its best efforts to borrow funds and to set adequate reserves and budgeted expenditures necessary to cover costs to be incurred in constructing, acquiring, operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing or upgrading the Authority Water Supply Facilities.
- 24.6 Acquisition of Real Property. The Authority shall use its best efforts to acquire all interest in real and personal property (if any) necessary for the expansion, construction, management and operation of the Authority Water Supply Facilities. The Authority shall retain in its own name any interest in real property acquired in connection with the Authority Water Supply Facilities.
- 24.7 Water Pressures. The Authority shall use its best efforts to supply water under normal operating conditions at the Annual Average Daily Quantity at a pressure not less than 65 psi at the Customer Delivery Point(s) to the Customer unless a different pressure is specified in Exhibit "D". The Authority will not be responsible for interruptions or abnormal operating conditions that cause reduced pressures for interim periods that are beyond the Authority's control.
- 24.8 Priority of Payment. All monies received by the Authority from the Customers pursuant to this Contract shall be applied in the following order of priority:
- FIRST: To the payment of Operating and Maintenance Cost (other than renewal of replacement costs) as provided in the Financing Documents for the Obligations;
- SECOND: To the payment of Debt Service Cost as provided in the Financing Documents for the Obligations;

THIRD: To the payment of the renewal and replacement costs;

FOURTH: To the payment of the DeSoto Payment and Charlotte Obligations;

FIFTH: To the payment of any charges or Obligations due and owing by the Authority.

25. ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS OF THE CUSTOMERS. The Customers hereby represent, warrant and covenant to the Authority as follows:

- 25.1 Irrevocable Commitment to Pay. The Customers recognize that circumstances, such as equipment maintenance or failure, construction delays, failure to obtain Permits, limitations on Permits, transmission line ruptures or defects, acts of God, etc., may prevent the performance by the Authority of its obligations pursuant to this Contract. Under such circumstances, the Customers shall continue to pay their respective Water Rate throughout the term of this Contract. Said payments by the Customers shall be made without notice or demand and without set-off, counterclaim, abatement, suspension or deduction. The Authority is undertaking construction of the REP and additional water supply projects and operation and maintenance of the Authority Water Supply Facilities based in part on the representations, warranties and covenants of the Customers set forth in this Contract.
- 25.2 Acquisition of Real Property. Subject to Section 22 herein, the Customers shall promptly cooperate with the Authority in acquiring all interests in real property necessary to construct, manage and operate the Authority Water Supply Facilities and Water Supply Sources.
- 25.3 Utility System Charges. The Customers shall fix, revise, maintain and collect such fees, rates, tariffs, rentals or other charges for the use of products, services and facilities of their water utility systems as shall be necessary to fund the timely payment of their respective

obligations and liabilities under this Contract as well as all other obligations payable from the revenues of their water systems.

- 25.4 Cooperation on Permits. Subject to Section 22 herein, for the construction and operation of the facilities necessary for the REP and future Authority Water Supply Sources, the Customers shall promptly cooperate with the Authority in obtaining any and all Permits necessary or convenient for construction, expansion, alteration, replacement or operation.
- 25.5 Cooperation on the REP. The Customers shall promptly cooperate with the Authority in operating or expanding for the REP.
- 25.6 Utility System Operation and Maintenance Account. Each Customer shall maintain its water utility system operation and maintenance accounts throughout the term of this Contract for the purpose of paying its obligations and liabilities under this Contract. At all times during the term of this Contract, the Customers' obligations and liabilities under this Contract shall be considered an operating expense of its water utility systems and shall be paid from its water utility systems operation and maintenance accounts or capacity fee account or facility investment fees, if appropriate; provided, however, that such obligations and liabilities of a Customer shall not be considered an operating expense of its water utility system nor need it be paid from the operation and maintenance account to the extent the Customer has budgeted and appropriated legally available moneys for such purpose and is current on all its obligations arising hereunder. For the purpose of paying their obligations and liabilities under this Contract, Customers may utilize, in addition to their water utility operation and maintenance accounts, facility investment fees or other capacity fees as identified in their adopted rate resolutions.
- 25.7 Cooperation on Issuance of Authority Obligations. Each Customer shall cooperate with the

Authority in issuance of the Authority's Obligations. In such connection, each Customer and the Authority shall comply with reasonable requests of each other and will, upon request, do as follows: (i) make available general and financial information about itself; (ii) consent to publication and distribution of its financial information; (iii) certify that its general and financial information is accurate, does not contain any untrue statements of a material fact and does not omit a material fact necessary to make the statements in the information, in light of circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; (iv) make available certified copies of official proceedings; (v) provide reasonable certifications to be used in a transcript of closing documents; and (vi) provide and pay for reasonable requested opinions of counsel as to the validity of its actions taken in respect to and the binding effect of the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement and this Contract, and pending litigation which could materially affect its performance hereunder. Each Customer shall provide the Authority reasonable assurance that no actions taken by it shall adversely affect the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Authority's Obligations for purposes of federal income taxation. Each Customer covenants to assist the Authority in any reasonable manner with respect to the issuance of such Obligations, including but not limited to participation and assistance with any court proceeding seeking to validate the Obligations pursuant to Chapter 75, Florida Statutes.

25.8 Payment for Obligations. If a Customer defaults on the payment of its Water Rate established pursuant to this Contract, each non-defaulting Customer shall have the option to take the defaulting Customer's pro-rata share (based on each Customer's percentage of the total Water Allocation of the Authority) and corresponding payment obligation of the defaulting Customer's Water Allocation within sixty (60) days of notice of the defaulting

Customer's Water Allocation from the Authority. If any of the defaulting Customer's Water Allocation remains after the expiration of sixty (60) days notice period, then each non-defaulting Customer may by mutual agreement with the Authority take any or all of the remaining Water Allocation and corresponding payment obligation created by the default. Any portion of the defaulting Customer's Water Allocation that remains unallocated shall be added to the Redistribution Pool or designated as Authority water capacity; however, these actions shall not relieve the defaulting Customer of its payment obligation to the Authority.

26. **PLEDGE OF CONTRACT REVENUES.** The Authority may pledge any payments, interest or other income or revenues derived under this Contract for the purpose of securing any revenue bonds issued by the Authority to finance the REP and new water supply projects of the Authority Water Supply Facilities.

27. **NORTH PORT'S OPTION TO BECOME A MEMBER.** If the Authority pursuant to the process set forth in the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement, adds a municipality as an Authority Member Government, then North Port at its option may become a member of the Authority upon the same terms and conditions as the new municipality member. North Port must exercise its option within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the amendment to the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement adding the new municipality as a member.

28. **IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT.** An Implementation Agreement dated March 8, 1996 was entered into by the Authority and Charlotte that provides, in part, that no further expansion of the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility beyond the PRO can be implemented without the Southwest Florida Water Management District setting the Minimum Flow and Levels for the Peace River. Charlotte, without waiving the application of the Implementation Agreement to any further expansion of the Authority Water Supply Facilities beyond the REP, agrees

not to apply the provision of the Implementation Agreement to the development, construction or operation of the REP. However, the Implementation Agreement applies to any further expansion of the Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility beyond the REP; and it requires that before any further expansion is implemented, Minimum Flows and Levels must be set for the Peace River or the Authority must complete a Section 403.412, Florida Statutes, action including an appeal of an adverse ruling of the lower tribunal, against the District to require it to set Minimum Flows and Levels for the Peace River.

29. **RE-RATING REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.** To the extent that any component of the Regional Water System is re-rated or treatment capacity is modified with the appropriate regulatory agencies (either an increase or decrease in capacity), then each Customer's corresponding Water Allocation will be adjusted pro-rata on a basis consistent with the Cost Allocation percentage of each Customer. The Authority agrees not to initiate a re-rating process with the intent to reduce System Capacity. For example, a Customer with a Water Allocation of 10% would receive an increase in Water Allocation of 100,000 gallons per day for a 1,000,000 gallon per day re-rating increase. To the extent that the re-rating of the Regional Water System results in the incurrence of additional capital expenditures, the Authority will notify the affected Customers of such expenditures. The expenditures required for and the associated re-rating will be allocated proportionately pursuant to the Water Allocation percentage unless any Customer(s) decide not to participate in the cost and associated benefits of the re-rating. If a Customer does not participate in the re-rating, then the change in Water Allocation and the expenditures will be allocated pro-rata to the participating Customers in accordance with their Water Allocation. All expenditures associated with re-rating will be the responsibility of the participating Customers and are to be paid to the Authority in accordance with the Contract. To the extent any increase in Water Allocation is not

allocated to the Customers, it shall be transferred to the Redistribution Pool.

30. **DEFAULT AND REMEDY.** Recognizing the region's paramount need for a safe and dependable source of water supply, the Parties agree this Contract may not be terminated prior to the normal expiration date specified in Section 2 and the remedy for a breach of the Contract shall be specific performance, injunctive relief and any other equitable relief, as well as monetary damages.

31. **DESIGNATION AS REPRESENTATIVE AND CO-APPLICANT STATUS.** The Authority and the Customers shall be co-applicants for any SWFWMD water use permits needed for the Authority Water Supply Facilities and Authority Water Supply Sources. Subject to Section 22 herein, the Customers shall waive all objections to the Permit applications relating to the acquisition, operation, replacement or expansion of the Authority Water Supply Facilities and Authority Water Supply Sources issued by a federal, state, or regional governmental entity. The Customers hereby designate the Authority as their representative with respect to any such Permit or in any administrative or judicial proceeding relating thereto.

32. **APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE.** The laws of the State of Florida govern the validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Contract and venue for any suit involving this Contract shall be in Hillsborough County, Florida.

33. **NO ASSIGNMENT.** The rights, obligations and interests of the Customers and Authority under this Contract may not be wholly or partially sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or hypothecated unless approved in writing by all Parties.

34. **NOTICE.** All notices, demands, requests and other communications shall be deemed sufficient and properly given, if in writing and delivered in person to the following addresses, sent by certified or registered mail, or by overnight delivery, postage prepaid with return receipt requested, at such addresses; provided, if such notices demands, requests or other

communications are sent by mail or overnight delivery, they shall be deemed as given on the third day following such mailing which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which United States mail is not delivered: The Authority's Executive Director's Office, 1645 Barber Road, Suite A, Sarasota, Florida 34240; the Charlotte County Administrator's Office, Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida 33948-1094; Manatee County Administrator's Office, Manatee County Administration Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 920, Bradenton, Florida 34205; the DeSoto County Administrator's Office, 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266; the Sarasota County Administrator's Office, 1660 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida 34236; and the North Port City Manager's Office, 5650 North Port Boulevard, North Port, Florida 34287. Any Party may, by like notice, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices shall be sent.

35. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** Nothing herein shall be deemed to constitute any Party a partner or joint venturer, or to create any fiduciary relationship among the Parties.

36. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** No right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, or for the benefit of any person not expressly named as a Party in this Contract, except for any holders of Obligations and/or credit enhancers relating to Obligations who shall be third party beneficiaries of this Contract.

37. **WAIVER.** Unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of this Contract, no delay or failure to exercise a right resulting from any breach of this Contract shall impair such right or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but such right may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. Any waiver shall be in writing and signed by the Party granting such waiver. If any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Contract is breached by

any Party and thereafter waived by another Party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular breach so waived and shall not be deemed to waive, either expressly or impliedly, any other breach under this Contract.

38. **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.** For purposes of this Contract, the Parties authorized representatives are as follows: the Authority Executive Director, the Charlotte County Administrator, the DeSoto County Administrator, the Manatee County Administrator, the Sarasota County Administrator, and the City of North Port City Manager. Any Party may change its authorized representative at any time by written notice to all other Parties.

39. **SECTION CAPTIONS AND REFERENCES.** The section headings and captions contained herein are included for convenience only and shall not be considered part of this Contract or affect in any manner its construction or interpretation. Except as otherwise indicated, all references herein to sections are to sections of this Contract.

40. **SEVERABILITY.** In the event any provision of this Contract shall, for any reason, be determined invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith and agree to such amendments, modifications or supplements to this Contract or such other appropriate actions as shall, to the maximum extent practicable in the light of such determination, implement and give effect to the intentions of the Parties as reflected herein, and the other provisions of this Contract, as amended, modified, supplemented or otherwise affected by such action, shall remain in full force and effect.

41. **ATTORNEYS FEES AND COST.** In the event there is litigation arising under or related to this Contract, the losing Party or Parties shall pay to the successful Party or Parties all attorney's fees and costs and expenses incurred in enforcing the Contract, including attorneys' fees incurred on appeal, in adversarial administrative proceedings and in connection with bankruptcy

proceedings, to the extent allowed by law. This provision shall survive the termination of this Contract.

42. **AMENDMENT.** This Contract may only be amended by a writing duly executed by the Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota and North Port and only to the extent permitted by the Financing Documents authorizing the issuance of the Obligations.

43. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Contract shall constitute the entire agreement of the Authority, Charlotte, Manatee, DeSoto, Sarasota, and North Port with respect to the Authority's provision of drinking water supply.

44. **FURTHER ASSURANCES.** The Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota, and North Port each shall use all reasonable efforts to provide such information, execute such further instruments and documents and take actions as may be reasonably requested by another Party and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Contract and not involving the assumption of obligations or liabilities different from, in excess of or in addition to those expressly provided for in this Contract to carry out the intent of this Contract.

45. **CONSENTS.** To the extent that the consent of any Party to this Contract is required as a condition to the action of other Parties, such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

46. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.** This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors, permitted assigns, administrators and trustees of the Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota, and North Port.

47. **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS.** This Contract shall be executed in fifteen (15) duplicate originals, any of which shall be regarded for all purposes as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

48. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.** This Contract shall constitute an interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes. A true and correct copy of this Contract and any subsequent amendments shall be recorded by the Authority with the clerk of the circuit court in Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto and Sarasota.

49. **AMBIGUITY.** The Parties agree that each one has played an equal part in the negotiation and drafting of this Contract, and in the event any ambiguity should be asserted or realized in the interpretation or construction of this Contract, the result of such ambiguity shall be equally assumed and realized by each Party.

50. **SOVERIGN IMMUNITY.** The Customers intend to avail themselves to the benefits of Sections 768.28 and 163.01(9)(c), Florida Statutes, and of other statutes and common law governing sovereign immunity to the fullest extent possible. In accordance with Section 163.01(5)(o), Florida Statutes, therefore the Customers are not jointly liable for the torts of the officers or employees of the Authority, or any other tort attributable to the Authority, and that only the Authority shall be liable for torts attributable to it or for torts of its officers or employees, and then only to the extent of the waiver of sovereign immunity or limitation of liability specified in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. The Customers intend the Authority to have all the privileges and immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinances, rules and common law which apply to the municipalities and counties of the State of Florida. Nothing in this Contract is intended to inure to the benefit of any third-party for the purposes of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

51. **CONFLICT WITH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.** To the extent any provision herein shall conflict with a provision in the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement, the provision in the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement shall be controlling.

52. **GOOD FAITH.** The Parties agree to exercise good faith and fair dealing in respect to all matters relating to this Contract.

53. **WATER PURCHASE.** The Customers shall have a preferential right to purchase water from the Authority. The Authority may purchase water from any source available.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota, and North Port have executed this Contract on the day, month and year first above written.

PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

WITNESS:

Edward Yates
Linda Stewart

By: Patricia M. Glass
Date: October 5, 2005



Approved as to form:
[Signature]
Attorney for Peace River/Manasota
Regional Water Supply Authority

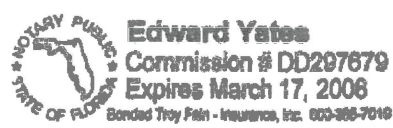


STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Patricia M. Glass, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, and Patricia M. Glass, acknowledged before me that Patricia M. Glass, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 5th day of October, 2005.

Edward Yates
Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:



CHARLOTTE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WITNESS:

[Signature]
[Signature]

By: [Signature]
Sara J. Devos, Chairman
Date: 9/29/05

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Attorney for Charlotte County MB
Janette S. Knowlton
LR #05-43

ATTEST:
Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of Circuit
Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners
By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Sara J. Devos, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Charlotte County, and _____, acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 29th day of September, 2005.

[Signature]
Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires: NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA
Stacey K. Miller
Commission # DD448505
Expires: JULY 07, 2009
Bonded Thru Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.

DESOTO COUNTY

WITNESS:

Graig M. Cotter
Anna J. Holt

By: Ronald P. Neads

Date: September 13, 2005

Approved as to form:

Robert L. Brown
Attorney for DeSoto County

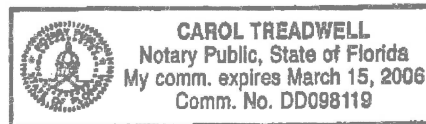
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DESOTO

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, RONALD P. NEADS, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the DeSoto County, and RONALD P. NEADS, acknowledged before me that RONALD P. NEADS, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 14th day of September, 2005.

Carol Treadwell

Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:



Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Master Water Supply Contract

MANATEE COUNTY

WITNESS:

By: *[Signature]*

Date: 9/20/05



Approved as to form:
Not applicable
Attorney for Manatee County

ATTEST: R. B. SHORE
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: *[Signature]*

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MANATEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, _____, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Manatee County, and _____, acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this ____ day of _____, 2005.

Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:

SARASOTA COUNTY

WITNESS:

Kathleen Schneider
Dricia Cray

By: Paul H. Mercier

Date: SEPTEMBER 28, 2005



Approved as to form:

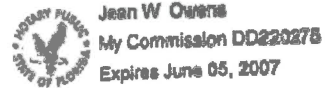
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Attorney for Sarasota County *KH*

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, PAUL H. MERCIER, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Sarasota County, and _____, acknowledged before me that HE, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 28th day of SEPTEMBER, 2005.

Jean W Owens
Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:



WITNESS:

Robert K. Pol
Cynthia Mick

CITY OF NORTH PORT

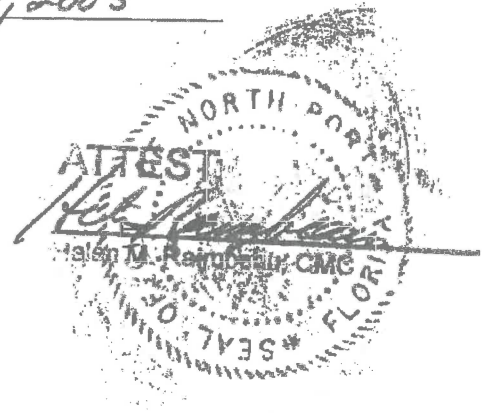
Richard A. Lockhart, Commission Chair

By: [Signature]

Date: October 4, 2005

Approved as to form:

Robert K. Pol
Attorney for City of North Port

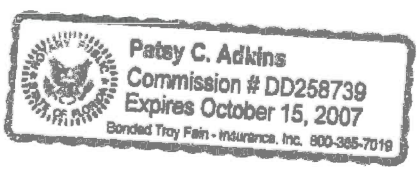


STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Commissioner Richard A. Lockhart, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the City of North Port, and Commissioner Richard A. Lockhart acknowledged before me that Commissioner Richard A. Lockhart executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 4th day of October, 2005.

Patsy C. Adkins
Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires: October 15, 2007



PR Contract Exhibits

FL#2005012976 B 570 P1054
REC NO. 07528506341

- A DESOTO PAYMENT
- B WATER ALLOCATION
- C NEW WATER SUPPLY DEMANDS
- D REGIONAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM DELIVERY POINTS
- E REGIONAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM HYDRAULIC CAPACITY ENTITLEMENT
- F COST ALLOCATION PERCENTAGES
- G REGIONAL EXPANSION PROGRAM
- H WATER ALLOCATION BY PROJECT
- I DESOTO EXISTING WATER SOURCES TO REMAIN AFTER DESIGNATION OF
THE AUTHORITY AS EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER
- J PEACE RIVER REGIONAL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY - ANNUAL
CAPITAL COMPONENT CHARGE REDEMPTION PROVISION

EXHIBIT "A"FL#2005012976 B 570 P1055
REC NO. 07528506341**DeSoto Payment Schedule**

DeSoto Payment (Annual Assessment)					
Contract Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY05	\$368,564	\$15,889	\$101,111	\$34,436	\$520,000
FY06	\$368,564	\$15,889	\$101,111	\$34,436	\$520,000
FY07	\$368,564	\$15,889	\$101,111	\$34,436	\$520,000
FY08	\$368,564	\$15,889	\$101,111	\$34,436	\$520,000
FY09	\$361,403	\$15,424	\$177,073	\$44,346	\$598,247
FY10	\$363,140	\$15,341	\$244,396	\$53,586	\$676,463
FY11	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000
FY12	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000
FY13	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000
FY14	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000
Remaining Years	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000

EXHIBIT "B"

FL#2005012976 B 570 P1056
REC NO. 07528506341

Water Allocation

Annual Average Daily (MGD)					
Contract Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY05	12.525	0.535	3.048	1.192	17.300
FY06	12.758	0.550	3.500	1.192	18.000
FY07	12.758	0.550	3.500	1.192	18.000
FY08	12.758	0.550	3.500	1.192	18.000
FY09	13.895	0.593	6.808	1.705	23.001
FY10	15.031	0.635	10.116	2.218	28.000
FY11	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY12	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY13	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY14	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
Remaining Years	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700

Peak Monthly Average Day (MGD)					
Contract Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY05	15.030	0.642	3.658	3.146	22.476
FY06	15.310	0.660	4.200	3.146	23.316
FY07	15.310	0.660	4.200	3.146	23.316
FY08	15.310	0.660	4.200	3.146	23.316
FY09	16.187	0.690	7.931	3.146	27.954
FY10	17.512	0.740	11.785	3.146	33.183
FY11	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096
FY12	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096
FY13	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096
FY14	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096
Remaining Years	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096

Maximum Day (MGD)					
Contract Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY05	17.535	0.749	4.267	3.780	26.331
FY06	17.861	0.770	4.900	3.780	27.311
FY07	17.861	0.770	4.900	3.780	27.311
FY08	17.861	0.770	4.900	3.780	27.311
FY09	19.453	0.830	9.531	3.780	33.594
FY10	21.043	0.889	14.162	3.780	39.874
FY11	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780
FY12	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780
FY13	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780
FY14	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780
Remaining Years	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780

Annual Average Day, Peak Monthly Average Day, Maximum Day are expressed in million gallons per day (MGD).

EXHIBIT "C"
New Water Supply Demands

Annual Average Day (MGD)					
Fiscal Year	Charlotte Co.	DeSoto Co.	Sarasota Co.	North Port	Total
FY05	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY06	0.000	0.153	0.000	0.808	0.961
FY07	0.000	0.578	0.000	1.558	2.136
FY08	0.000	1.200	0.000	2.308	3.508
FY09	0.000	2.080	0.000	2.065	4.145
FY10	0.000	3.114	0.000	2.082	5.196
FY11	1.658	3.429	0.000	2.200	7.287
FY12	1.658	3.785	0.000	2.700	8.143
FY13	1.658	4.140	3.000	3.200	11.998

Peak Monthly Average Day (MGD)					
Fiscal Year	Charlotte Co.	DeSoto Co.	Sarasota Co.	North Port	Total
FY05	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY06	0.000	0.184	0.000	1.547	1.731
FY07	0.000	0.694	0.000	2.731	3.425
FY08	0.000	1.440	0.000	3.714	5.154
FY09	0.000	2.496	0.000	4.740	7.236
FY10	0.000	3.737	0.000	5.255	8.992
FY11	0.000	4.115	0.000	5.825	9.940
FY12	1.990	4.542	0.000	6.229	12.761
FY13	1.990	4.968	3.600	6.599	17.157

Maximum Day (MGD)					
Fiscal Year	Charlotte Co.	DeSoto Co.	Sarasota Co.	North Port	Total
FY05	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY06	0.000	0.214	0.000	2.460	2.674
FY07	0.000	0.809	0.000	4.010	4.819
FY08	0.000	1.680	0.000	5.285	6.965
FY09	0.000	2.912	0.000	6.606	9.518
FY10	0.000	4.360	0.000	7.245	11.605
FY11	0.000	4.801	0.000	7.950	12.751
FY12	2.321	5.299	0.000	8.430	16.050
FY13	2.321	5.796	4.200	8.860	21.177

Annual Average Day, Peak Month Average Day, Peak Day are expressed in million gallons per day (MGD)

EXHIBIT "D"

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REC NO. 07528506341

**Regional Transmission System
Delivery Points**

	Delivery Points	Pressure (5)
36-Inch/12-Inch RTS (1)	<u>Charlotte County:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbor Boulevard @ Bachman • Kings Highway @ DeSoto/Charlotte County Line <u>DeSoto County:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pem Brook Pines • Kings Highway @ Lake Suzy Utilities City of North Port: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raintree @ Serris Drive 	65 psi
42-Inch RTS (2)	<u>Sarasota County:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Mabry Carlton: Jr. WTP 	20 psi
24-Inch Kings Highway RTS (3)	<u>Charlotte County:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kings Highway @ Kingsway Circle <u>DeSoto County:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kings Highway @ Riverside RV Park • Kings Highway @ Peace River Street* • Kings Highway @ adjacent to Lake Suzy* 	65 psi
20-Inch DeSoto Regional Pipeline (4)	<u>DeSoto County:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 delivery points along the transmission line as identified in the contract* 	65 psi

- (1) The 36-Inch/12-Inch RTS consists of approximately 7 miles of 36-inch pipeline starting at the Peace River Water Treatment Facility and ending south of the Charlotte/Sarasota County border; and 12-inch pipeline extending from the 36-inch pipeline at the DeSoto/Sarasota County border south to Kings Highway and ending at the DeSoto/Charlotte County line.
- (2) The 42-inch RTS consists of approximately 23 miles of 42-inch pipeline starting at the Peace River Water Treatment Facility and ending at the T. Mabry Carlton Jr. Water Treatment Plant in Sarasota County.
- (3) The 24-inch Kings Highway RTS consists of approximately 5 miles of 24-inch pipeline starting at the Peace River Water Treatment Facility and paralleling Kings Highway ending at the DeSoto/Charlotte County line. See contract entitled: Kings Highway

Segment Regional Transmission System Pipeline Agreement between The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority and Charlotte County dated October 27, 1998.

- (4) The 20-Inch DeSoto Regional Pipeline. See contract entitled: DeSoto County Regional Pipeline Extension Amended Pipeline Agreement dated June 21, 2004.
- (5) Water pressure at delivery points at a quantity no greater than the average annual daily rate as designated on Exhibit "B" or as specifically designated by the Authority for a delivery point.
- * Future Delivery Points already in planning, design or construction.

EXHIBIT "E"

**Regional Transmission System
 Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement**

	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	City of North Port
36-Inch/12-Inch RTS (1)	89.65%	0.42%	0.000	9.93%
42-Inch RTS (2)	0.000	0.000	100%	0.000
24-Inch Kings Highway RTS (3)	80%	20%	0.000	0.000
20-Inch DeSoto(4)	0.000	3.1 MGD	0.000	0.000

- (1) The 36-Inch 12-Inch RTS consists of approximately 7 miles of 36-inch pipeline starting at the Peace River Water Treatment Facility and ending south of the Charlotte/Sarasota County border; and 12-inch pipeline extending from the 36-inch pipeline at the DeSoto/Sarasota County border south to Kings Highway and ending at the DeSoto/Charlotte County line.
- (2) The 42-inch RTS consists of approximately 23 miles of 42-inch pipeline starting at the Peace River Water Treatment Facility and ending at the T. Mabry Carlton Jr. Water Treatment Plant in Sarasota County.
- (3) The 24-inch Kings Highway RTS consists of approximately 5 miles of 24-inch pipeline starting at the Peace River Water Treatment Facility and paralleling Kings Highway ending at the DeSoto/Charlotte County line. See contract entitled: Kings Highway Segment Regional Transmission System Pipeline Agreement between The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority and Charlotte County dated October 27, 1998.
- (4) The 20-Inch DeSoto Regional Pipeline. See contract entitled: DeSoto County Regional Pipeline Extension Amended Pipeline Agreement dated June 21, 2004.

Current pipelines are more than adequate to transport Charlotte's 16.1 MGD to its water system.

EXHIBIT "F"

COST ALLOCATION PERCENTAGES

	<u>Charlotte</u>	<u>DeSoto</u>	<u>Sarasota</u>	<u>North Port</u>
Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility (1991 Facility) Cost Allocation	89.65%	0.42%	0.00%	9.93%
PRO Cost Allocation	33.33%	8.33%	58.34%	0.00%
REP Cost Allocation*	27.21%	0.81%	61.72%	10.26%

* The REP cost allocation percentages were applied to the total oversized facilities payment to Charlotte for the REP; however, Charlotte paid in advance for its portion so that payment by the remaining participating Customers is made pursuant to the cost allocation percentages in Section 18.2, as follows: Sarasota paying 85.62%, North Port paying 13.28% and DeSoto paying 1.1%.

EXHIBIT "G"

Regional Expansion Program Proposed Project Plan

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Authority Water Supply Facilities Overview

The Authority Water Supply Facilities, located in DeSoto County, provide public drinking water to residents of Charlotte, DeSoto and Sarasota counties. The facilities allow for the use of surface water to alleviate further stress on groundwater supplies and resultant degradation in the Southern Water Use Caution Area ("SWUCA").

The Regional Expansion Program ("REP") is to build out the Authority Water Supply Facilities to its existing water use permit ("WUP") capacity and intended to meet water demand in the Authority's system service area, as detailed in Figure A, attached. The issuance of the WUP in 1996 provides for expansion of the Authority Water Supply Facilities to meet an anticipated demand of 32.7 million gallons per day ("MGD") by the year 2016. The permit includes future water quantities to meet the needs of Charlotte, DeSoto and Sarasota counties and the City of North Port.

The Authority Water Supply Facilities have a current delivery capacity to supply 18 MGD of water and is located next to the Peace River in southwest DeSoto County. The Authority Water Supply Facilities utilizes the Peace River as a primary source and integrates the use of an off-stream reservoir for raw water storage and aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) wellfield for treated water storage. The reservoir and ASR wellfield are used for source supply when river flow is below minimum limits for withdrawal or when river water quality is poor.

PROJECT Description

The existing water treatment plant capacity is 24 MGD to provide for ASR recharge capacity. The treatment process provides for color removal of surface water including alum coagulation, filtration and disinfection. Build out of the facility to meet projected water demands projected within the WUP of 32.7 MGD by 2016 is proposed by the Authority's Regional Expansion Program. The Southwest Florida Water Management District ("SWFWMD") issued a WUP to the Authority in 1996 that allows for withdrawal from the Peace River to meet a demand of 32.7 MGD. The term of the permit is for 20 years through 2016.

The source of raw water for the Authority Water Supply Facilities is the Peace River. Under the SWFWMD's WUP issued to the AUTHORITY, the AUTHORITY can divert up to 10 percent of the Peace River flow to the Authority Water Supply Facilities when flow exceeds 130 cubic feet per second (cfs). During periods of high flows from the Peace River, raw water is stored in an off-stream reservoir and any water after treatment in excess of customers' demand is stored in the ASR wellfield which consists of 21 ASR wells. When the conditions of the Peace River are such that the ability to withdraw from the river is partially or completely eliminated, the off-stream reservoir and ASR wellfield are utilized to meet the water supply demands of the Authority's customers.

The Authority's Regional Expansion Program will provide expanded facilities to provide the ability to deliver the total allocation of 32.7 MGD to the Authority's customers. The PROJECT includes expanding the raw water reservoir capacity with a second new off-stream reservoir with a capacity of 6 billion gallons, increasing the water treatment plant capacity by 24 MGD and extension of the regional transmission system to serve areas of DeSoto County.

Regional Reservoir Expansion

The existing off-stream reservoir capacity is approximately 0.6 billion gallons for the purpose of storing raw water withdrawn from the Peace River. The reservoir is used for raw water supply to the Authority Water Supply Facilities when river flow is below minimum limits for withdrawal or when river water quality is poor. The proposed Regional Reservoir Expansion is to provide approximately 6 billion gallons of additional storage, resulting in a total reservoir storage capacity of approximately 6.6 billion gallons. This storage volume is required to provide a sustainable supply to meet the Authority's customers' demand during dry periods when withdrawal from the Peace River is limited in order to maintain minimum flow to the downstream estuary and Charlotte Harbor.

The new reservoir will be an above-ground basin formed by an engineered earthen embankment approximately 30 feet above existing ground surface. The embankment will consist of compacted fill with a geosynthetic membrane and an impervious, water retaining zone within the embankment. A soil-bentonite slurry wall will be installed extending from the geosynthetic membrane zone to the underlying clay layer to cut off underseepage beneath the embankment. In addition, an internal chimney drain will be installed to intercept potential seepage through the embankment. A perimeter seepage collection ditch will be constructed at the downstream toe of the embankment to collect and convey seepage. Access to the reservoir will be limited for security reasons.

Mitigation for the reservoir impacts is planned through restoration of the RV Griffin Reserve. This reservoir is the largest surface area that can reasonably be built on the site without the need for off-site mitigation of on-site wetland impacts

New piping to pump up to 90 MGD of raw water from the river to the reservoir and piping to transfer water from the new reservoir to the exiting reservoir is also included in the project. The PROJECT includes design, permitting and construction of the reservoir expansion, including raw water piping improvement to improve the ability to divert raw water from the Peace River to the Reservoir.

The reservoir expansion will be located on AUTHORITY property and the RV Griffin Reserve owned by the SWFWMD. The land use plan presented in "A Plan for the Use and Management of the RV Griffin Reserve" (SWFWMD, November 1996) provides a conceptual siting of a reservoir expansion.

Peace River Water Treatment Plant Treatment Capacity Expansion

The current water treatment plant treatment capacity is 24 MGD. The proposed expansion is anticipated to provide an additional 24 MGD of treatment capacity and result in a total capacity of 48 MGD. The facility expansion is to include raw water pumping (river and reservoir), powder

activated carbon (PAC) contact basins, rapid mix, flocculation and sedimentation basins, filters, chlorine contact basins, chemical feed systems, above ground storage tanks, high service pumping, backwash recovery basins, residual thickening and mechanical dewatering system, instrumentation and controls. The additional treatment components will be incorporated into the existing treatment scheme and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. The expansion also includes the construction of an operations center.

Improvements to the river raw water pump station will include the addition of new river pumps to increase the installed diversion pumping capacity to 90 MGD, consistent with the maximum day withdrawal allowed by the Authority's WUP, and construction of a second 48-inch raw water pipeline from the river pumping station to the reservoir site.

New pumps will be added to the existing reservoir pumping station to increase the reservoir pumping capacity to a firm capacity of 54 MGD of raw water from the reservoir to the treatment plant. A new 30-inch pipeline from the reservoir pump station to the treatment plant is also planned to accommodate the increased capacity of the reservoir pumping station.

DeSoto County Regional Transmission System Extension

The DeSoto County Regional Transmission System (RTS) extension will provide transmission of potable water from the Authority Water Supply Facilities to extended areas of DeSoto County. The RTS extension consists of approximately 5 miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline from the Peace River Facility to an end point at U.S. 17 and Enterprise Drive where it connects to the DeSoto County utility system. The pipeline route is adjacent to County Road 761 and U.S. 17 and is entirely within DeSoto County.

The RTS is sized beyond DeSoto's need to provide the capacity for potential future expansion of the Authority Water Supply Facilities to locations beyond DeSoto County and future interconnection with other neighboring utilities within DeSoto and Charlotte counties. Further interconnection of utility systems would enhance regional supply management and provide the opportunity to rotate and rest sources of supply.

Schedule

The anticipated schedule is provided in Table 1.

**Table 1
 Authority Water Supply Facilities Expansion
 Project Schedule**

	Regional Reservoir Expansion	Water Treatment Plant Expansion	DeSoto County RTS Extension
Consultant Selection	Completed	Completed	Completed
Expansion Analysis	Completed	Completed	Completed
'Water Quality Master Plan Update'	N/A	Completed	N/A
'Basis of Design Report'	September 2005	September 2005	Completed
Permitting	September 2006	September 2006	Completed
Detailed Plans and Specifications	September 2006	September 2006	Completed
Bidding	November 2006	November 2006	Completed
Award Construction Contract	December 2006	December 2006	Completed
Project Substantial Completion*	October 2008	October 2008	September 2005
Final Completion of Construction	March 2009	March 2009	September 2005

*Project Substantial Completion is the beneficial use of the facilities to produce and deliver water.

Costs

The summary of probable costs (2005 dollars) is provided in Table 2.

Table 2
Authority Water Supply Facilities Expansion
Summary of Probable Costs

Activity	Total Project Cost
Regional Reservoir Expansion	\$49,000,000
Water Treatment Plant Expansion	\$70,768,000
DeSoto County RTS Extension	<u>\$3,632,000</u>
TOTAL REP COST	\$123,400,000

The probable costs shown are hard costs for engineering services and construction. The costs do not include Authority administrative costs or cost of bond issuance.

EXHIBIT "H"

Water Allocation by Project

	Charlotte	DeSoto	Sarasota	North Port
Peace River Regional Water Supply Facility (1991 Facility)	10.758	0.050	0.000	1.192
PRO Water Allocation	2.000	0.500	3.500	0.000
REP Water Allocation	3.342	0.125	9.725	1.508

EXHIBIT "I"

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**DeSoto Existing Water Sources to Remain After Designation
of the Authority as Exclusive Provider**

- 1) Sources associated with that certain Interlocal Bulk Water and Wastewater Supply Agreement Between the City of Arcadia and DeSoto County dated January 30, 2001.
- 2) The Reverse Osmosis Facility at DeSoto Correctional Institute.
- 3) The Reverse Osmosis Facility at the G. Perce Wood Memorial Hospital Facility.

**Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility – Annual Capital
Component Charge Redemption Provision**

Annual Capital Component Charge After REP Oversized Capacity Payment made to Charlotte County of \$3,287,098.00	\$1,971,557.00
Monthly Capital Component Charge payable To Charlotte County beginning January 1, 2006 Through and including October 1, 2021	\$ 164,296.42
Level Debt Service Factor based on Allocable Amount of Bond Issue related to Peace River Facility	7.491893%
Redemption value of Capital Component Charge Assuming a Series 2005 bond closing of December 14, 2005 and a Level Debt Service Factor of 7.491893% (Illustrative purposed only)	\$18,299,274.17

Redemption of Annual Capital Component Charge

Upon mutual agreement between the Authority and Charlotte, the remaining Annual Capital Component Charges of \$1,971,557.00 can be redeemed on any date at the following redemption price:

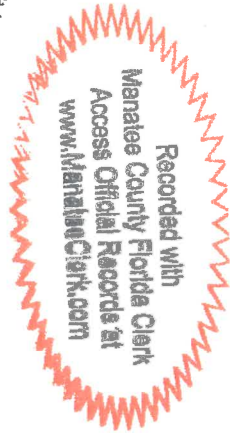
The sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled Annual Capital Component Charges on a monthly basis (\$164,296.42) discounted to the date of redemption on a monthly basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Capital Component Charge for Peace River Regional Water Treatment Facility – level debt service factor based on allocable amount of 7.491893%.

✓ Linda Stewart
9415 Town Center Pkwy
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202



SECOND AMENDMENT TO PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY MASTER WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY MASTER WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT ("Second Amendment") is made and entered into as of the 5th day of AUGUST, 2015, by and between the **PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**, a regional water supply authority created and existing pursuant to Sections 373.713 and 163.01, Florida Statutes, and other applicable law, acting by and through its governing board ("Authority"); **MANATEE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners ("Manatee"); **CHARLOTTE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, ("Charlotte"); **DESOTO COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting through its Board of County Commissioners, ("DeSoto"); **SARASOTA COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, ("Sarasota"); and the **CITY OF NORTH PORT**, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of City Commissioners, ("North Port") (collectively "Customers").



WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Authority and Customers entered into the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Master Water Supply Contract effective October 5, 2005 ("MWSC") and entered into a First Amendment to Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Master Water Supply Contract on June 4th, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and Charlotte County entered into an Interlocal Agreement Resolving 1991 Rebuild Project Dispute ("Settlement") on November 25, 2014. This Settlement, in part, provides for Charlotte County and the Authority to cooperate to modify certain provisions of the MWSC including changing the definition of the term "Renewal and Replacement Costs" and modifying portions of Exhibit B entitled Water Allocation for Sarasota and City of North Port; and,

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the MWSC, each Customer submitted to the Authority a report which identified its projections for Authority Supplied Water and the quantity of water it shall purchase from the Authority in the designated Contract Year. The New Water Supply Demands in Exhibit "C" of the MWSC provides for the quantity of water each Customer is irrevocably committed to purchase from the Authority, and the Authority agrees to supply such water; and

WHEREAS, the Customers have sought to modify the MWSC to remove all request for additional water from Exhibit "C" of the MWSC; and

WHEREAS, the MWSC may only be amended by in writing duly executed by the Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota and North Port and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the MWSC.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, Authority and the Customers agree as follows:

1. **Incorporation of Rights**. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

2. **Amendments**.

2.1 Exhibit "B" of the MWSC, entitled Water Allocation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the Exhibit "B" table attached to this Second Amendment.

2.2 Exhibit "C" of the MWSC, entitled "New Water Supply Demands" and previously modified by the First Amendment to Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Master Water Supply Contract dated June 4th, 2008, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the Exhibit "C" table attached to this Second Amendment.

2.3 The definition of Renewal and Replacement Costs at provision 1.36 of the MWSC is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: "1.36 Renewal and Replacement Costs. The capital expenditures set forth in the annual budget approved by the Authority for the ordinary renewal, replacement, upgrade and betterment of the Authority Water Supply Facilities. Renewal and Replacement Costs do not include capital expenditures associated with the expansion or addition of water treatment, storage, pumping or transmission capacity."

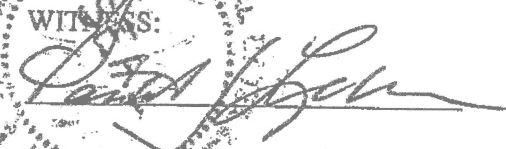
2.4 Paragraph 16.7 Desoto Payment shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: "16.7 DeSoto Payment. The Authority shall collect from its

Customers in accordance with Exhibit "A", the DeSoto Payment and remit it to DeSoto. If the quantities of water allocated to the Authority under SWFWMD Water Use Permit Number 20010420.008 are modified and Authority Customer's Water Allocation in Exhibit "B" is amended for more than 34.7 MGD (Annual Average Daily) or if additional entities become Customers of the Authority, then the amount and methodology of the DeSoto Payment to be paid shall be readdressed by all Parties to the Contract."

2.5. Exhibit "A" of the MWSC, entitled Water Allocation is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the Exhibit "A" table attached to this Second Amendment.

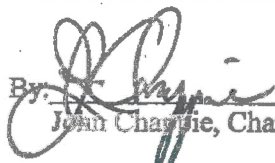
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota, and North Port have caused this Second Amendment to be executed effective as of the date first above written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, have executed this Second Amendment on the day, month and year first above written.

WITNESSES:


PAUL J. LEACH

PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

By: 

Jean Charrie, Chairman

Date: August 5, 2015

Approved as to form:



General Counsel for Peace River Manasota
Regional Water Supply Authority

BOARD APPROVED

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**Peace River Manasota
Regional Water Supply Authority**

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MANATEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, John Chappie, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority and John Chappie, acknowledged before me that John Chappie, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 5th day of August, 2015.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

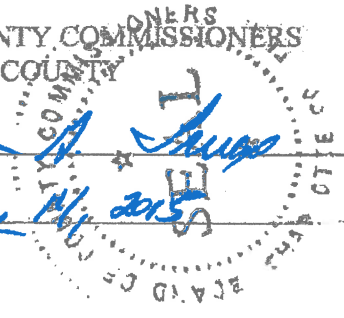


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OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY

By: William A. Truex
Chairman
Date: July 14, 2015



ATTEST:
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Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners

By: Jeanne Sanders
Deputy Clerk

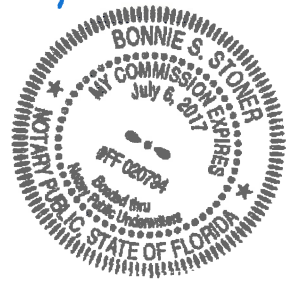
APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Janette S. Knowlton
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, W^m G. Truex, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of Charlotte County, and NA, acknowledged before me that W^m G. Truex, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 14th day of July, 2015.



Bonnie S. Stoner
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 7/6/17

DESOTO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WITNESS:

Mandy J. Hines

MANDY J. HINES

By: [Signature]
Chair

Date: May 26, 2015

Approved as to form:
[Signature]
Attorney for DeSoto County

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DESOTO

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Gabriel Duave, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of DeSoto County, and BCCC, acknowledged before me that Gabriel Duave, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 3rd day of June, 2015.

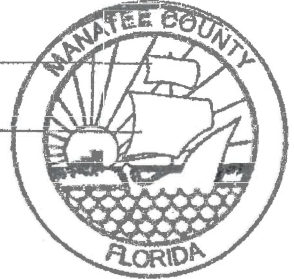
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My Commission Expires:



JILL THOMPSON
Notary Public, State of Florida
My Comm. Expires Jan. 29, 2016
Commission No. EE 184593

MANATEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: *Betsy Benac*
Chair
Date: June 16, 2015



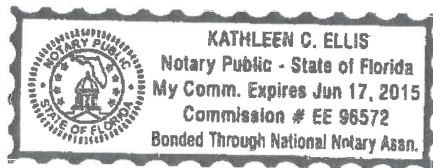
ATTEST: R. B. SHORE
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: *R. B. Shore*
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MANATEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, *Betsy Benac*, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of Manatee County, and _____, acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 16th day of June, 2015.



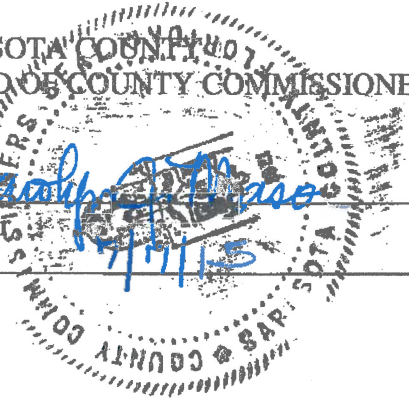
Kathleen C. Ellis
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 6-17-2015

SARASOTA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WITNESS:

Charles Maloney

By: Carolyn J. Mason
Chair, _____
Date: 7/11/15 _____



Approved as to form:

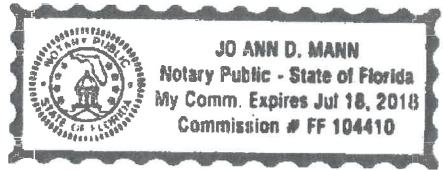
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Attorney for Sarasota County JS

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Carolyn J. Mason, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of Sarasota County, and She, acknowledged before me that She, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 7th day of July, 2015.

Jo Ann D. Mann
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:



CITY OF NORTH PORT

WITNESS:

Beth Scott

By: Rydl Franco
Mayor

[Signature]

Date: 6-8-15

Approved as to form:

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Attorney for City of North Port

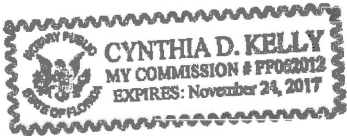
ATTEST:

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Helen M. Raimbeau, MMC
City Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Mayor Rhonda DiFranco, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the City of North Port, and _____, acknowledged before me that Rhonda DiFranco executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 8th day of June, 2015.



Cynthia D Kelly
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 11/24/17

EXHIBIT "A"

**DeSoto Payment Schedule
(approved 2015)**

DeSoto Payment (Annual Assessment)					
Contract Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY05	\$368,564	\$15,889	\$101,111	\$34,436	\$520,000
FY06	\$368,564	\$15,889	\$101,111	\$34,436	\$520,000
FY07	\$368,564	\$15,889	\$101,111	\$34,436	\$520,000
FY08	\$368,564	\$15,889	\$101,111	\$34,436	\$520,000
FY09	\$361,403	\$15,424	\$177,073	\$44,346	\$598,247
FY10	\$363,140	\$15,341	\$244,396	\$53,586	\$676,463
FY11	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000
FY12	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000
FY13	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000
FY14	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000
FY15	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$303,326	\$61,927	\$750,000
FY16	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$345,541	\$65,711	\$796,000
Remaining Years	\$369,266	\$15,482	\$345,541	\$65,711	\$796,000

EXHIBIT "B"**Water Allocation
(approved 2015)**

Annual Average Daily (MGD)					
Contract Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY05	12.525	0.535	3.048	1.192	17.300
FY06	12.758	0.550	3.500	1.192	18.000
FY07	12.758	0.550	3.500	1.192	18.000
FY08	12.758	0.550	3.500	1.192	18.000
FY09	13.895	0.593	6.808	1.705	23.001
FY10	15.031	0.635	10.116	2.218	28.000
FY11	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY12	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY13	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY14	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY15	16.100	0.675	13.225	2.700	32.700
FY16	16.100	0.675	15.060	2.865	34.700
Remaining Years*	16.100	0.675	15.060	2.865	34.700

Peak Monthly Average Day (MGD)					
Contract Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY05	15.030	0.642	3.658	3.146	22.476
FY06	15.310	0.660	4.200	3.146	23.316
FY07	15.310	0.660	4.200	3.146	23.316
FY08	15.310	0.660	4.200	3.146	23.316
FY09	16.187	0.690	7.931	3.146	27.954
FY10	17.512	0.740	11.785	3.146	33.183
FY11	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096
FY12	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096
FY13	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096
FY14	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096
FY15	18.757	0.786	15.407	3.146	38.096
FY16	19.320	0.810	18.084	3.438	41.652
Remaining Years*	19.320	0.810	18.084	3.438	41.652

Maximum Day (MGD)					
Contract Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY05	17.535	0.749	4.267	3.780	26.331
FY06	17.861	0.770	4.900	3.780	27.311
FY07	17.861	0.770	4.900	3.780	27.311
FY08	17.861	0.770	4.900	3.780	27.311
FY09	19.453	0.830	9.531	3.780	33.594
FY10	21.043	0.889	14.162	3.780	39.874
FY11	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780
FY12	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780
FY13	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780
FY14	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780
FY15	22.540	0.945	18.515	3.780	45.780
FY16	22.540	0.945	21.084	4.011	48.580
Remaining Years*	22.540	0.945	21.084	4.011	48.580

Annual Average Day, Peak Monthly Average Day, Maximum Day are expressed in million gallons per day (MGD).

*Remaining Years means the remaining years of the term of this MWSC.

EXHIBIT "C"
New Water Supply Demands
 (approved 2015)

Annual Average Daily Quantity (MGD)						
Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Manatee County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY15	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY16	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY17	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY18	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY20	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY21	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY22	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Peak Month Average Daily Quantity (MGD)						
Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Manatee County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY15	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY16	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY17	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY18	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY20	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY21	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY22	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Maximum Daily Quantity (MGD)						
Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Manatee County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY15	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY16	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY17	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY18	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY20	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY21	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
FY22	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Annual Average Day, Peak Month Average Day and Maximum Day are expressed in million gallons per day (MGD).

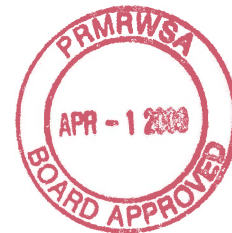


EXHIBIT "C"
New Water Supply Demands
 (approved April 1, 2009)

Annual Average Daily Quantity (MGD)						
Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Manatee County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY09	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.250
FY10	0.000	0.032	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.282
FY11	0.000	0.123	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.373
FY12	0.000	0.279	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.529
FY13	0.000	0.409	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.809
FY14	1.658	0.539	0.000	0.000	0.500	2.697
FY15	1.658	0.763	0.000	0.000	0.500	2.921
FY16	1.658	0.763	0.000	0.000	0.500	2.921

Peak Month Average Daily Quantity (MGD)						
Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Manatee County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY09	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.400
FY10	0.000	0.038	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.438
FY11	0.000	0.148	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.548
FY12	0.000	0.335	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.735
FY13	0.000	0.491	0.000	0.000	0.600	1.091
FY14	1.990	0.647	0.000	0.000	1.000	3.637
FY15	1.990	0.916	0.000	0.000	1.000	3.906
FY16	1.990	0.916	0.000	0.000	1.000	3.906

Maximum Daily Quantity (MGD)						
Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Manatee County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY09	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.500
FY10	0.000	0.045	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.545
FY11	0.000	0.172	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.672
FY12	0.000	0.391	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.891
FY13	0.000	0.573	0.000	0.000	1.000	1.573
FY14	2.321	0.755	0.000	0.000	1.500	4.576
FY15	2.321	1.068	0.000	0.000	1.500	4.889
FY16	2.321	1.068	0.000	0.000	1.500	4.889

Annual Average Day, Peak Month Average Day and Maximum Day are expressed in million gallons per day (MGD).

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY
AUTHORITY MASTER WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY MASTER WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT (this "Amendment") is made and entered into as of the 4th day of JUNE, 2008, by and between the **PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**, a regional water supply authority created and existing pursuant to Sections 373.196, 373.1962 and 163.01, Florida Statutes, and other applicable law, acting by and through its Board of Directors, the governing board thereof ("Authority"); **MANATEE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Manatee"); **CHARLOTTE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Charlotte"); **DeSOTO COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("DeSoto"); **SARASOTA COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("Sarasota"); and the **CITY OF NORTH PORT**, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, acting by and through its Board of City Commissioners, the governing board thereof ("North Port") (collectively "Customers").

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WHEREAS, the Authority and Customers entered into the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Master Water Supply Contract effective October 5, 2005 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement, each Customer submitted to the Authority a report which identified its projections for Authority Supplied Water, each Customer identified that quantity of water it shall purchase from the Authority in the designated Contract Year. For the initial time period through Contract Year 2013, the New Water Supply Demands in Exhibit "C" was the water each Customer irrevocably committed to purchase from the Authority, and the Authority agreed to supply such water; and

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WHEREAS, at the time Customers submitted their New Water Supply Demands to the Authority in 2005, Customers were experiencing rapid population growth and intense development; and

WHEREAS, the Customers have since submitted their New Water Supply Demands to the Authority in 2008, the rapid population growth and intense development previously experienced by the Customers has declined; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement may only be amended by a writing duly executed by the Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota and North Port and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, Authority and the Customers hereby agree as follows:

1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

2. **Amendments.**

2.1 Exhibit "C" of the Agreement, entitled "New Water Supply Demands" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the amended Exhibit "C" attached to this amendment.

3. **Ratification.** The terms and conditions of the Agreement, as amended by this Amendment, are hereby ratified and confirmed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authority, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota, and North Port have caused this Amendment to be executed effective as of the date first above written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, have executed this Contract on the day, month and year first above written.

PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

WITNESS:

Linda Stewart

Edward Yates

Approved as to form:

Donna M.

Attorney for Peace River Manasota Regional
Water Supply Authority

By: Shannon Staub
Shannon Staub, Chairman

Date: 6-4-08



STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MANATEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Shannon Staub, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority and Shannon Staub, acknowledged before me that Shannon Staub, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

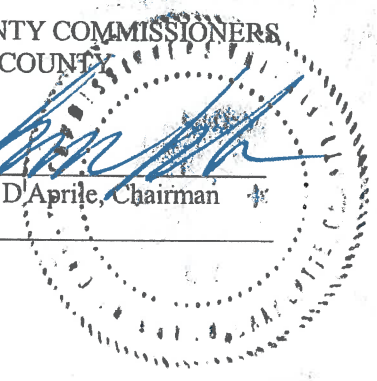
WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 4th
day of June, 2008

Edward Yates
Notary Public, My
Commission

Expires:  EDWARD YATES
Commission DD 780115
Expires March 17, 2012
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY

By *Thomas C. D'Aprile*
Thomas C. D'Aprile, Chairman
Date: _____



ATTEST:
Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of Circuit
Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners

By: *Anne L. Bahler*
5-13-08 Deputy Clerk *Page 2005-048*

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Janette S. Knowlton
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney *MB*
LR #08-43

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before, me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, *Tom D'Aprile*, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of Charlotte County, and _____ acknowledged before me that *TOM D'APRILE*, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this *14th* day of *May*, 2008.

Bonnie S. Stoner

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA
Bonnie S. Stoner
Commission # *DD147969*
Expires: *JULY 06, 2009*
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DESOTO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WITNESS:



Carol Freadwell

Approved as to form:



Attorney for DeSoto County

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF FLORIDA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, T. Felton Garner, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of DeSoto County, and _____ acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 16th day of May, 2008.



Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:

BETTY PHILLIPS
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. expires Dec. 18, 2011
Comm. No. DD741978

MANATEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WITNESS:

_____ By: [Signature]

_____ Date: 4/22/08

Approved as to form:

Attorney for Manatee County

ATTEST: R. B. SHORE
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
[Signature]
CLERK



STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MANATEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared _____, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of Manatee County, and _____ acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this _____ day of _____, 2008

Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:

SARASOTA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WITNESS:

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Paula J. Winston

By: Shannon Staud

Date: 5/28/2008

Approved as to form:

Step Siler
Attorney for Sarasota County *KS*

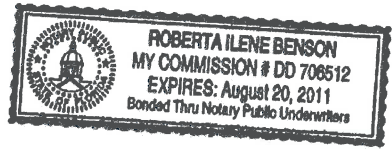
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, Shannon Staud, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of Sarasota County, and _____ acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 28th day of May, 2008

Roberta Ilene Benson

Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:



WITNESS:

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Susan Hale

Approved as to form:

Robert K. Pol

Attorney for City of North Port

CITY OF NORTH PORT

By: [Signature]

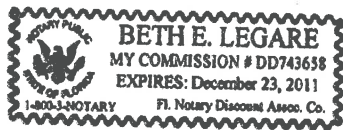
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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared, FRED E. TOWER, III, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the City of North Port, and _____ acknowledged before me that _____, executed same as a free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 5th day of May, 2008



Beth E. Legare
Notary Public, My
Commission
Expires:

EXHIBIT "C"
New Water Supply Demands

Annual Average Daily Quantity (MGD)						
Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Manatee County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY08	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.250
FY09	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.250
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FY09	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.400
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FY11	0.000	0.148	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.548
FY12	0.000	0.335	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.735
FY13	0.000	0.491	0.000	0.000	0.600	1.091
FY14	1.990	0.647	0.000	0.000	1.000	3.637
FY15	1.990	0.916	0.000	0.000	1.000	3.906

Maximum Daily Quantity (MGD)						
Fiscal Year	Charlotte County	DeSoto County	Manatee County	Sarasota County	City of North Port	Total
FY08	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.500
FY09	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.500
FY10	0.000	0.045	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.545
FY11	0.000	0.172	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.672
FY12	0.000	0.391	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.891
FY13	0.000	0.573	0.000	0.000	1.000	1.573
FY14	2.321	0.755	0.000	0.000	1.500	4.576
FY15	2.321	1.068	0.000	0.000	1.500	4.889

Annual Average Day, Peak Month Average Day and Maximum Day are expressed in million gallons per day (MGD).

Tab 3
Statement of Agency Organization and Operation [2010]

PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
Statement of Agency Organization and Operation

This statement is issued and maintained under the authority of Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-101, Florida Administrative Code.

1. Agency Description.

(1) The Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (“Authority”) is an independent special district authorized by section 373.1962, Florida Statutes, as subsequently reenacted in section 373.713, Florida Statutes, and created by an interlocal agreement executed pursuant to section 163.01, Florida Statutes, in 1982. The Authority is currently operating pursuant to the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority dated October 5, 2005 and executed by Charlotte County, DeSoto County, Manatee County and Sarasota County.

(2) The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Authority consists of one representative of Charlotte County, DeSoto County, Manatee County and Sarasota County and each representative is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governing body of the parties. The Board’s officers consist of a chairman and vice chairman, each of whom shall serve for a term of a year, or until their respective successor is elected and qualified. The Board is vested with all the powers of the Authority.

(3) The Executive Director is the chief executive staff officer of the Authority, and serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Executive Director administers the Authority, organizes staff efforts and employs necessary staff with Board approval.

(4) The General Counsel is the chief legal officer of the Authority, and serves at the pleasure of the Board. The General Counsel provides legal advice and support to the Board and the Executive Director.

2. Boundaries

The boundaries of the Authority shall consist of all of DeSoto County, Manatee County, Sarasota County and those parts of Charlotte County which are under the jurisdiction of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, pursuant to section 373.069(1)(d), Florida Statutes.

3. Administrative Office Location, Hours, and Website

(1) The administrative office of the Authority is located at 6311 Atrium Drive, Suite 100, Bradenton, FL 34202.

(2) The Authority's administrative office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each weekday, except holidays.

(3) The Authority's official website address is <http://www.regionalwater.org>. The website contains a variety of information regarding the Authority, its organizational structure, programs, rules, Board meeting agendas, meeting material and minutes, project-specific information, procurement postings, as well as other public information.

3. Statutes and Rules Affecting Agency Operations.

Pursuant to section 373.1962, as subsequently reenacted in section 373.713, and section 163.01, Florida Statutes, the Authority has responsibility for developing, storing and supplying water for public and private local water distribution systems in such a manner as will give priority to reducing adverse environmental effects of excessive or improper withdrawals from concentrated areas. In carrying out this responsibility, the Authority is specially affected by chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes, and chapters 40D and 62, Florida Administrative Code.

In addition, the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority dated October 5, 2005 and executed by Charlotte County, DeSoto County, Manatee County and Sarasota County grants the Authority rulemaking pursuant to section 163.01, Florida Statutes. The Authority has been granted rulemaking power necessary to perform the intended functions of the Authority. The Authority also has the authority to adopt and enforce rules pertaining to the use, acquisition, maintenance, development, operation or disposal of any of the Authority's services, facilities or projects.

The Authority currently has administrative rules that can be found in Chapter 49D, Florida Administrative Code. However, they are obsolete and the Authority will be repealing them.

4. Delegation of Authority by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors, as head of the Authority, has delegated authority as follows:

(1) To the Executive Director to hire or terminate the employment of any employee; to secure services, labor or material pursuant to its Procurement Policy; to prepare proposed budgets; to advise the Board of Directors on budget matters; to keep correct minutes and records of Board of Directors meetings; to prepare agendas; and to represent the Authority at public meetings.

(2) It is recognized that in making the foregoing delegations of authority, that the Board of Directors shall continue to retain and exercise general supervisory authority over the matters stated therein.

5. General Description of Agency Operations

(1) The Authority's staff is composed of employees needed to operate and maintain the facilities of the Authority and an administrative staff needed to support operations, planning, design and construction of water supply facilities. All employees of the Authority report to the Executive Director. The internal structure of the staff is periodically reviewed and updated by the Executive Director and presented graphically on an organization chart.

(2) *The Office of the Executive Director.* This office is headed by the Executive Director, who exercises those powers and duties delegated by the Board of Directors. Additional functions carried out by personnel located in this office include the recordation of Board minutes, preparation of all necessary notices and agendas, scheduling of workshops and meetings, oversight of consultants, certification of the authenticity of documents, and filing of all final agency decisions and notices of appeal. The Office of the Executive Director is also responsible for supervising the planning and construction of new water supply facilities and the modification of existing facilities, and providing supervisory oversight for the operation of those facilities operated by the Authority. Outside professional accountants may assist the Executive Director in keeping the Authority's financial records, preparing its financial statements and reports, and in preparing its proposed budgets and the annual financial audit.

(3) *The Financial/Administrative Division.* This division is headed by the Financial/Administrative Division Director. The Financial/Administrative Division is responsible for providing staff support in the areas of finance, human resources, information services and Board records. The division manages the finance of new and existing water supply facilities, budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, account payable and receivable, payroll, debt management, records retention,

telecommunications as well as all computer software and hardware, networking infrastructure and database applications and employee services.

(4) *The Water Resources Division.* This division is headed by the Water Resources Division Director. The Water Resources Division is responsible for monitoring, analyzing and evaluating hydrologic and environmental conditions in, and around, Authority facilities, obtaining environmental permits and implementing regulatory requirements, monitoring and managing reservoir and ASR conditions, coordinating with facilities operation to minimize environmental impacts, identifying environmental concerns associated with water supply projects and developing mitigation programs to minimize impacts, identifying, planning and developing, including the construction of, new water supplies and interconnections.

(5) *The Facilities Division.* This division is headed by the Facilities Division Director. The Facilities Division is responsible for facilities operation and maintenance including water treatment, transmission, water quality, instrumentation and controls, regulatory compliance, and engineering services including technical support. The division oversees start-up, testing, operation and maintenance of all facilities and equipment used to produce, treat and deliver water to the Authority's customers.

(6) The Authority currently does not grant or issue licenses, permits and other certifications.

6. Designation of Agency Clerk and Official Reporter.

(1) The Executive Secretary to the Executive Director, Linda Stewart, shall serve as the Authority's Agency Clerk. A person may contact the Authority Clerk at 6311 Atrium Drive, Suite 100, Bradenton, FL 34202 or telephonically at 941-316-1776. The Agency Clerk has responsibility for filing and recording the date of all final agency decisions orders pursuant to Section 120.53, Florida Statutes. The Clerk shall indicate the date of filing on the decision. The Clerk also has responsibility for filing all notices of appeal and for preparation of the record in all judicial reviews of agency action pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes. The Clerk shall be the records management liaison officer for the purposes of section 257.36, Florida Statutes. The Clerk shall also oversee the maintenance of official files of record.

(2) The Authority designates the Florida Administrative Law Reports, Inc. (FALR) publishers of the Florida Administrative Law Reports, as its official reporter

for the purpose of publishing and indexing by subject matter all Authority orders rendered after a proceeding which affects substantial interests has been held. The Authority Clerk maintains the official reporter and the subject matter index pursuant to the retention schedule approved by the Department of State, Division of Library and Informational Services. All final orders of the Authority and the subject matter index of these final orders are available for public inspection and copying. The Authority Clerk will assist the general public in using the Authority's subject matter index and locating Authority final orders.

7. E-Mail Filing

(1) The following list of documents may be filed by email with the Authority Clerk at peaceriver@regionalwater.org. If not filed by email, these documents shall be filed by facsimile at 941-316-1772.

- a. Requests for Extension of Time to File Petition for Administrative Hearing and responses thereto
- b. Petitions for Administrative Hearing
- c. Motions to Dismiss or Strike Petition for Administrative Hearing and responses thereto
- d. Exceptions and other documents filed by parties to an administrative proceeding after issuance of a Recommended Order but prior to rendering of the Final Order
- e. Notices of Protest (or Formal Protest) of Procurement Solicitation or Award

(2) The documents identified in section 7(1), which are filed with the Authority Clerk by email, are subject to the following conditions:

- a. A party who filed a document by e-mail is thereby representing that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of the proceeding and any subsequent appeal or other proceeding in that cause, and that the party will produce it upon the request of any other party.
- b. A party who elects to file a document by e-mail is responsible for any delay, disruption or interruption of the electronic signals and readability of the document, and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed with the Authority Clerk as a result. In addition, a party who files a document by e-mail accepts full risk that the Authority's e-mail filters may prevent their e-mail from being received. A party may

contact the Authority Clerk at 941-316-1776 to verify that the Authority has received an email document. Additionally, a party may send a written request to the Authority Clerk at 6311 Atrium Drive, Suite 100, Bradenton, FL 34202, to add their email address to the Authority's list of "safe senders" before emailing a document.

c. The filing date for a document filed by e-mail shall be the date the Authority Clerk receives the complete document. A document filed by e-mail will not be considered complete until it is received by the Authority in a manner capable of being stored and printed by the Authority. E-mailed documents received after regular business hours will be deemed received the next regular business day.

d. E-Mailed documents must be in the form of a PDF file.

e. If a document filed by e-mail is required by rule to be accompanied by one or more copies, copies of the original filing must be filed by hand delivery or US mail within five (5) days after the filing date of the e-mail.

f. E-Mail filing procedures do not vary bond filing requirements. For example, if a bond must be filed along with a Formal Procurement Protest and the procurement protest document is filed electronically, the protest bond must still be physically filed with the Authority Clerk within the time period for filing a formal procurement protest as required by chapters 120 and 287, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28, Florida Administrative Code, and the Authority's policies.

(3) The Authority currently does not have any rules except for obsolete organizational rules. At this time, the Authority does not have any rules requiring variances from or waivers of Authority rules.

8. Public Information and Inspection of Records.

(1) Publications, documents, forms, and all other Authority records that are public records within the meaning of chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and not otherwise exempt from inspection and copying by law, may be inspected or copied at reasonable times and under reasonable conditions. Any member of the public wishing to inspect and copy most Authority public records should contact the Authority Clerk, at 941-316-1776. Generally, inspection and copying of Authority records must be done at the Authority's Administrative Office. However, if the records are available at an Authority facility, the Authority Clerk may make arrangements for the inspection and copying of the records there.

(2) A person who requests public records via email accepts full risk that the Authority's email filters may prevent his or her request from being received by the Authority. A person may contact the Authority Clerk at 941-316-1776 to verify that the Authority has received an e-mailed request. Additionally, a person may send a written request to the Authority Clerk at the Authority's Administrative Office to add his or her email address to the Authority's list of "safe senders" before emailing a public record request.

(3) Charges for copies of public records are made at the rates prescribed in chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as subsequently amended, or as provided in an Authority policy, and must be paid in advance of the Authority making the copies.

(4) At the option of the Authority to utilize outside reproduction services and/or when the nature or volume of records is such as to require extensive clerical or supervisory assistance by Authority personnel, extensive use of information technology resources, or review for documents that are exempt from disclosure, the Authority may, pursuant to chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as may be amended, charge, in addition to the cost of duplication, a special service charge based on the cost incurred by the Authority in providing the service. The special service charge must be paid in advance to the Authority Clerk gathering the requested information and shall be at the rate as allowed by chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as provided in an Authority Policy.

Tab 4

Strategic Plan for Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority [Revised 2017]
Objectives & Initiatives [2017]



Peace River Manasota

Regional Water Supply Authority

Strategic Plan

[Revised 2017]

Strategic Plan for Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority

October 15, 2014
[Revised February 1, 2017]

Overview

The Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority is a regional water supply authority that provides wholesale drinking water to its member counties and the City of North Port supporting the region's economy and quality of life.

The Authority is an independent special district created and existing pursuant to Florida Statutes and interlocal agreement between Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The boundaries of the Authority consist of all of DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties and those parts of Charlotte County which are under the jurisdiction of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The Board of Directors is vested with all the powers of the Authority.

Statutory Requirements

Pursuant to Section 373.713, Florida Statutes, the Authority shall design, construct, operate, and maintain facilities in locations and at the times necessary to ensure that an adequate water supply will be available to all citizens within the Authority. By statute, the Authority is to maximize the economic development of the water resources while supplying water in such a manner as will give priority to reducing adverse environmental effects.

Vision Statement

Through cooperation and collaboration the Authority and its members shall create, maintain and expand a sustainable, interconnected regional water supply system.

Mission

The mission of the Authority is to provide the region with a sufficient, high-quality, safe drinking water supply that is reliable, sustainable and protective of our natural resources now and into the future.

Core Values

I. Cooperation

Maintaining a strong spirit of cooperation and addressing regional water supply needs through the leadership of the Authority and its member governments.

Unlike other areas of the state where conflict over water supplies has been intense and protracted, the four-county region of DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota, and Charlotte Counties has avoided "water wars" by maintaining a strong spirit of cooperation and addressing regional water supply needs through the regional partnership of the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority and its members.

II. Collaboration

The Authority will seek to develop a significant, constructive role for all local governments in regional water supply planning and management.

The Authority has reached out to non-member local governments through the facilitation of the Water Alliance for communicating and collaborating with all water providers in the region. The Authority will continue to develop a

constructive role for non-member local governments in regional water-supply planning and management.

III. Regionalization

The long-term aim of the Authority is to forge a system that is environmentally sensitive and sustainable, highly interconnected, diversified and affordable.

The Authority will continue to expand the regional water-supply system to meet projected demand by undertaking projects that yield mutual benefits for its member counties and customers and maximization of economic development of the water resources within the region. The long-term aim is to forge a system that is environmentally sensitive and sustainable, highly interconnected, diversified, and affordable. In striving to achieve this vision, the Authority will develop benchmarks for monitoring performance and measuring progress.

IV. Diversification

The Authority will work with its members and water providers in the region to further diversify supplies, integrate additional water supplies into the Authority's regional system, and protect and enhance water-dependent natural resources.

The Authority will work with its member counties, customers, and other water providers in the region to further diversify the region's water supplies, increase water conservation and wastewater reuse, interconnect facilities across the four-county region, and integrate additional water supplies into the Authority's regional system to support protection or enhance water dependent natural resources.

V. Financial Stability

The Authority will maintain financial policies to assure its financial stability while providing affordable water rates that are fair and equitable.

The Authority seeks to maintain policies to retain the highest possible credit ratings that can be achieved without compromising the mission of the Authority or its Customers and meeting all contractual obligations. The Authority will keep its rates as reasonable as possible while balancing costs with environmental and source-water protection and infrastructure needs. The Authority will actively seek funding from outside sources for projects to reduce costs to the residents of the region.

VI. Water Advocacy

The Authority will be a leader for water advocacy through participation in legislative water policy and environmental stewardship for water source, water supply and resource protection.

The Authority will actively engage in legislative and regulatory proceedings to promote environmental stewardship through science based regulation and water resource development and coordinate with respective agencies including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Southwest Florida Water Management District and with other water users.

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OBJECTIVES & INITIATIVES

1-Regionalization & Diversification

- Mike Coates, Team Lead

Approved: April 12, 2017

Goal: The long-term aim of the Authority is to forge a system that is environmentally sensitive and sustainable, highly interconnected, diversified & affordable.

Goal: The Authority will work with its members and water providers in the region to further diversify supplies, integrate additional water supplies into the Authority’s Regional System, and protect and enhance water-dependent natural resources.

REGIONALIZATION & DIVERSIFICATION

Objectives

Objective 1-1 Develop a regional operational protocol for interconnected facilities that supports economical and sustainable use of resources, and emergency operation.

Initiative 1. Formalize Emergency Operational protocols in 2017.

Initiative 2. Establish an operational protocol for interoperability of the interconnected regional water facilities to optimize flexibility and rotational supply in 2019.

Objective 1-2 Develop a “regional program plan” for capital funding of future regional pipelines and sources with SWFWMD, including sub-regional interconnections and Regional Participation in sub-regional projects of regional significance.

Initiative 1. Develop a comprehensive 5-Year CIP in 2017.

Initiative 2. Develop a comprehensive 20-year CIP in 2017.

Initiative 3. Coordinate regional program plan with SWFWMD in 2018.

Objective 1-3 Interconnect all major supply facilities to the Regional Transmission System

Initiative 1. Establish processes for when new water supply is developed, how new supply projects are selected, and provide range of options for regional participation in 2017.

Initiative 2. Interconnect all existing major supply facilities to the Regional Transmission System by 2026.

Initiative 3. Interconnect all new major supply facilities to the Regional System as they are developed.

2- Financial Stability

- Ann Lee, Team Lead

Approved: April 12, 2017

Goal: The long-term aim of the Authority is to forge a system that is environmentally sensitive and sustainable, highly interconnected, diversified & affordable.

FINANCIAL STABILITY	
Objectives	
Objective 2-1	Strengthen the Authority's bond credit rating to optimize interest rates on future debt refunding and new issuances.
	Initiative 1. Formulate strategy for future debt service coverage in 2018. Initiative 2. Review & optimize reserve funds targets in 2018.
Objective 2-2	Identify capital improvement funding needs, including, new connections to the regional system and regional pipelines for members and partners.
	Initiative 1. Prepare a 5 year capital improvement plan in 2017 Initiative 2. Prepare a 20 year capital improvement plan in 2017
Objective 2-3	Establish contractual and financial policies that facilitate new connections for both supply from and delivery to the Regional System from Members and partners.
	Initiative 1. Establish standard financial delivery & receiving terms/requirements for water conveyed through the Regional System in 2018. Initiative 2. Establish terms for regional system connection and capacity fees in 2018. Initiative 3. Evaluate 2-year budgeting to support rate stability in 2017.
Objective 2-4	Investigate new funding sources and mechanisms outside of SWFWMD and state grants including the State Revolving Loans, WIFIA et. al. (ongoing)
	Initiative 1. Participate in state and federal legislative opportunities to create and provide a continuous source for funding of water infrastructure (ongoing).
Objective 2-5	Review Authority financial policies to ensure they support agency financial goals and modify as needed.
	Initiative 1. Perform comprehensive review of Master Water Supply Contract to ensure it meets the current & future needs of Authority Customers (2018 through 2019). Initiative 2. Establish a CIP reserve fund for non-R&R, CIP Authority projects in 2018.

3- Cooperation & Collaboration

- Richard Anderson, Team Lead

Approved: April 12, 2017

Goal: Maintaining a strong spirit of cooperation and addressing regional water supply needs through the leadership of the Authority and its member governments.

Goal: The Authority will seek to develop a significant, constructive role for all local governments in regional water supply planning and management.

COOPERATION & COLLABORATION

Objectives

Objective 3-1 Establish a mechanism for both Current Customer and Partner input into the water supply planning process.

Initiative 1. Working with Local Governments, identify projects of a regional nature that can be implemented using existing infrastructure between Authority, Members/Customers and Partners in 2018.

Initiative 2. Develop region-wide 'Program Plan' to optimize water quality consistency of current and future sources of supply through the Regional System in 2017.

Objective 3-2 Update Regional Water Supply Master Plan every 5-years or at greater frequency if conditions warrant (next scheduled update 2020).

Initiative 1. Complete an inventory of all existing reclaimed and storm water systems that have potential as future raw water sources in the region for inclusion in the next Regional Water Supply Plan Update in 2019.

Initiative 2. Develop a 'One Water' initiative in conjunction with Regional Water Supply Plan Update in 2019.

Initiative 3. Coordinate process for developing water demand projections on a regional basis with Customers, Partners and SWFWMD in 2019.

Objective 3-3 Enhance Short term and long-term relationships with all water suppliers in the Authority service area.

Initiative 1. Identify and seek to improve existing infrastructure that could be used cooperatively among Authority Customers and Partners to increase available water for delivery and exchange and maintain connections in readiness to serve status in 2018.

4- Water Advocacy

- Pat Lehman, Team Lead

Approved: April 12, 2017

Goal: The Authority will be a leader for water advocacy through participation in legislative water policy and environmental stewardship for water source, water supply and resource protection.

WATER ADVOCACY	
Objectives	
Objective 4-1	Maintain an ongoing collaborative relationship with Customer government governing bodies and staff.
Initiative 1.	Coordinate a list of water infrastructure needs to support legislative funding in 2017.
Initiative 2.	Develop mechanisms for regional involvement/support on sub-regional projects of regional significance in 2019.
Objective 4-2	Provide a forum for partnership building with local governments, community organizations, business organizations and the public on water issues within the region.
Initiative 1.	Identify key contacts and develop communications strategies in 2017.
Initiative 2.	Promote the value of water to the public and business community to build understanding and support (ongoing).
Initiative 3.	Host outreach initiatives including annual BBQ at Peace River Facility and water forum to engage local and state officials in water issues (ongoing).
Objective 4-3	Conduct routine annual surveys of Customers and Partners leadership to determine effectiveness of the Authority's communications and outreach programs.
Initiative 1.	Develop survey to communicate to Customers and Partners in 2017.

Tab 5

Resolution No. 2005-08 'Resolution Setting Forth Rate Setting Methodology'

PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

Resolution 2005-08

RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH RATE SETTING METHODOLOGY

The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, created pursuant to Chapter 373.1962, Florida Statutes, and interlocal agreement pursuant to Chapter 163.01, Florida Statutes, in lawful session and in regular order of business properly presented, finds that:

WHEREAS, the Authority has entered into a Master Water Supply Contract with DeSoto County, Charlotte County, Sarasota County, and with the City of North Port for the purpose of supplying water produced by the Authority from Authority Water Supply Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Master Water Supply Contract provides the terms and conditions for the sale of water produced by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Master Water Supply Contract provides for the Water Rate to be set annual by Resolution by the Authority Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

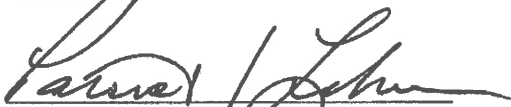
Section 1. The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority does hereby set forth the following schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit A, establishing the rate setting methodology for the Water Rate resolution fixing and classifying rates, fees, and charges for the sale of water from the Authority Water Supply Facilities.

Section 2. North Port payment to Charlotte shall be in accordance with the Master Water Supply Contract Section 20.

Section 3. In the event a customer should receive delivery of water in excess of their respective water allocation provided in the Master Water Supply Contract the Authority Board shall establish within the rate resolution each year a conservation rate.

Done at Bradenton, Florida, this Fifth day of October, 2005.

Attest:


Patrick J. Lehman, P.E.
Executive Director

PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL
WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY


Commissioner Patricia M. Glass
Chairman

Approved as to Form:



Douglas Manson
General Counsel



EXHIBIT A
Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority
Master Water Supply Contract (MWSC)
Rate Setting Methodology

	Rate Component	Master Water Contract Methodology
Base Rate Charge	Capital Component Charge [Regional Water System]	Customer cost proportionate to 1991 Facility water allocation [MWSC Section 16.1, 19 and Exhibit F]
	PRO Bonds [Regional Water System]	Customer cost proportionate to PRO water allocation [MWSC Section 16.2 and Exhibit F]
	PRO Bonds [Payment for Oversized Facilities for PRO]	Customer cost per contract percentages: DeSoto 12.5% Sarasota 87.5% [MWSC Section 18.1]
	REP Bonds [Regional Water System]	Customer cost per contract percentages: Charlotte 27.21% DeSoto 0.81% Sarasota 61.72% North Port 10.26% [MWSC Section 16.1 and Exhibit F]
	REP Bonds [Payment for Oversized Facilities for REP]	Customer cost per contract percentages: DeSoto 1.1% Sarasota 85.62% North Port 13.28% [MWSC Section 18.2]
	Hydraulic Capacity Entitlement Cost	Customer cost of debt service proportionate to contract pipeline percentage or other pipeline contracts [MSWC Section 1.20, 23 and Exhibit E]
	Fixed O&M	Common Rate [Customer cost proportionate to total water allocation MWSC Section 1.6]
	DeSoto Payment [Replaces Facility Use Charge]	Customer cost of DeSoto Payment per contract payment schedule [MWSC Section 1.15 and Exhibit A]
	Contribution to R&R Reserve	Common Rate [Customer cost proportionate to total water allocation]
	Contingencies	Common Rate [Customer cost proportionate to total water allocation]
Water Use Rate Charge	Variable O&M	Common Rate [Customer cost by actual usage of metered water delivered]

Tab 6
Budget Policies

PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

BUDGET POLICIES [2008]

Unrestricted Cash Reserve:

The Authority establishes a goal to maintain an unrestricted cash reserve equivalent to 25% (90-days) of the total rate related expenditures in the Authority's annual budget. **[Superseded February 6, 2013]**

Member Contribution:

Member contribution to the General Fund in the Authority's annual budget shall be calculated as follows:

- (1) 50% of the total contribution shall be equal to each Authority member; and
- (2) 50% of the total contribution shall be proportioned to each Authority member proportionate to their respective county's population to the regions total population.

PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

BUDGET POLICIES [2013]

Purpose and Intent:

1. Establish policies for reserve accounts.
2. Identify the funds to which the policies apply.
3. Provide guidance as to how reserves are to be used and replenished.

General Considerations:

1. To maintain adequate reserves is important for the Authority's financial well-being, and for being prepared for periods of time of revenue shortfalls, natural disasters, unanticipated expenditures, and to ensure stable water rates.
2. Adequate fund balance levels are essential component of the Authority's overall financial management and a key factor in measurement of the Authority's financial strength by bond rating agencies.
3. The Authority seeks to maintain the highest possible credit ratings that can be achieved without compromising the mission of the Authority and meeting all contractual obligations.
4. The Authority will adopt fund classification guidelines reflecting the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54.

PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

BUDGET POLICIES [2013]

1. Unrestricted Cash Reserve Policy [Redefine Existing Policy]:

Utility Reserve Fund:

The Authority establishes a policy to maintain an uncommitted Utility Reserve Fund with a minimum balance equivalent to 180 days of the total operations and maintenance expenditures in the Authority's annual budget. Utility Reserve Fund is the residual classification for the Enterprise Fund and represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the Enterprise Fund.

2. Rate Stabilization:

The Authority establishes a policy to maintain Rate Stabilization account that can be used to mitigate water rate increase in the Authority's annual budget. The Authority Board of Directors may transfer into the Rate Stabilization Reserve such moneys which are on deposit in the Utility Reserve Fund as it deems appropriate. It is the goal of the Authority to maintain a balance at the end of each fiscal year of \$1 million in the Rate Stabilization account.

3. Renewal and Replacement Fund:

The Authority's bond documents [2005 Bonds and 2010 Bonds] establishes a Renewal and Replacement Reserve Fund requirement on the date of calculation, an amount of money equal to (1) five percent of the Gross Revenues for the preceding fiscal year or (2) such greater or lesser amount as may be certified by the consulting engineers in an amount appropriate. The Authority establishes a policy to maintain a minimum balance in the Replacement and Renewal Reserve Fund of two million dollars unless either of the above conditions requires a greater minimum amount be maintained in the fund.

Renewal and Replacement charges are established by the Authority for the exclusive purpose of funding renewals and replacements of water supply facilities. The charges are established to satisfy the requirements of the Authority's obligations and shall be set forth in the annual budget approved by the Authority board of directors. Renewal and Replacement costs are the capital expenditures set forth in the annual budget approved by the Authority board of directors for the ordinary renewal, replacement, upgrade and betterment of water supply facilities. Renewal and Replacement costs do not include capital expenditures associated with the expansion or addition of water treatment, storage, pumping or transmission capacity or the costs associated with reconstruction of any major components of the water supply facilities.

PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

BUDGET POLICIES [2013]

4. Debt Service Coverage:

For each fiscal year, the Authority covenanted in Bond resolutions to fix, establish, maintain and collect such rates, fees and charges, and revise them from time to time, whenever necessary, so as to always provide in each fiscal year net revenues equal to (1) at least 115% of the annual debt service becoming due in such fiscal year; and (2) at least 100% of any (a) amounts required by the terms of the Bond resolutions to be deposited in the Reserve Account or with any issuer of a Reserve Account Letter of Credit or Reserve Account Insurance Policy in such fiscal year, and (b) any payments required to be made to Charlotte County and DeSoto County pursuant to the Master Water Supply Contract due in such fiscal year.

The Authority establishes a policy to budget for debt service coverage of 150% to assure compliance with bond covenants and maintain the highest possible credit ratings that can be achieved without compromising the mission of the Authority and meeting all contractual obligations. Debt service coverage is budgeted based on each customer's respective debt obligation. Funds budgeted for debt service coverage for each customer is to be maintained on behalf of that customer.

5. General Fund [Operation, Maintenance and Administration Fund]:

Moneys in the Revenue Account shall first be used each month to deposit in the General Fund [aka Operation, Maintenance and Administration Fund] such sums as are necessary to pay operations and maintenance costs for the ensuing month; provided the Authority may transfer moneys from the Revenue Account at any time to pay operating and maintenance costs to the extent there is a deficiency in the Operation, Maintenance and Administration Fund for such purpose. Amounts in the Operation, Maintenance and Administration Fund shall be paid out from time to time by the Authority for operating and maintenance costs. The Authority establishes a policy to fund an operating reserve within the Operation, Maintenance and Administration Fund in an amount which shall be equal to the monthly average of operating and maintenance costs for the preceding fiscal year as provided in the Authority's preceding budget. Moneys in the operating reserve shall be used to pay operating and maintenance costs to the extent other moneys in the Operation, Maintenance and Administration Fund are not available for such purposes.

Tab 7

Section 373.713, Florida Statutes 'Regional Water Supply Authorities'

373.713 Regional water supply authorities.—

(1) By interlocal agreement between counties, municipalities, or special districts, as applicable, pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, s. [163.01](#), and upon the approval of the Secretary of Environmental Protection to ensure that such agreement will be in the public interest and complies with the intent and purposes of this act, regional water supply authorities may be created for the purpose of developing, recovering, storing, and supplying water for county or municipal purposes in such a manner as will give priority to reducing adverse environmental effects of excessive or improper withdrawals of water from concentrated areas. In approving said agreement the Secretary of Environmental Protection shall consider, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Whether the geographic territory of the proposed authority is of sufficient size and character to reduce the environmental effects of improper or excessive withdrawals of water from concentrated areas.

(b) The maximization of economic development of the water resources within the territory of the proposed authority.

(c) The availability of a dependable and adequate water supply.

(d) The ability of any proposed authority to design, construct, operate, and maintain water supply facilities in the locations, and at the times necessary, to ensure that an adequate water supply will be available to all citizens within the authority.

(e) The effect or impact of any proposed authority on any municipality, county, or existing authority or authorities.

(f) The existing needs of the water users within the area of the authority.

(2) In addition to other powers and duties agreed upon, and notwithstanding the provisions of s. [163.01](#), such authority may:

(a) Upon approval of the electors residing in each county or municipality within the territory to be included in any authority, levy ad valorem taxes, not to exceed 0.5 mill, pursuant to s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution. No tax authorized by this paragraph shall be levied in any county or municipality without an affirmative vote of the electors residing in such county or municipality.

(b) Acquire water and water rights; develop, store, and transport water; provide, sell, and deliver water for county or municipal uses and purposes; and provide for the furnishing of such water and water service upon terms and conditions and at rates which will apportion to parties and nonparties an equitable share of the capital cost and operating expense of the authority's work to the purchaser.

(c) Collect, treat, and recover wastewater.

(d) Not engage in local distribution.

(e) Exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by law for the condemnation of private property for public use to acquire title to such interest in real property as is necessary to the exercise of the powers herein granted, except water and water rights already devoted to reasonable and beneficial use or any water production or transmission facilities owned by any county or municipality.

(f) Issue revenue bonds in the manner prescribed by the Revenue Bond Act of 1953, as amended, part I, chapter 159, to be payable solely from funds derived from the sale of water by the authority to any county or municipality. Such bonds may be additionally secured by the full

faith and credit of any county or municipality, as provided by s. 159.16 or by a pledge of excise taxes, as provided by s. 159.19. For the purpose of issuing revenue bonds, an authority shall be considered a “unit” as defined in s. 159.02(2) and as that term is used in the Revenue Bond Act of 1953, as amended. Such bonds may be issued to finance the cost of acquiring properties and facilities for the production and transmission of water by the authority to any county or municipality, which cost shall include the acquisition of real property and easements therein for such purposes. Such bonds may be in the form of refunding bonds to take up any outstanding bonds of the authority or of any county or municipality where such outstanding bonds are secured by properties and facilities for production and transmission of water, which properties and facilities are being acquired by the authority. Refunding bonds may be issued to take up and refund all outstanding bonds of said authority that are subject to call and termination, and all bonds of said authority that are not subject to call or redemption, when the surrender of said bonds can be procured from the holder thereof at prices satisfactory to the authority. Such refunding bonds may be issued at any time when, in the judgment of the authority, it will be to the best interest of the authority financially or economically by securing a lower rate of interest on said bonds or by extending the time of maturity of said bonds or, for any other reason, in the judgment of the authority, advantageous to said authority.

(g) Sue and be sued in its own name.

(h) Borrow money and incur indebtedness and issue bonds or other evidence of such indebtedness.

(i) Join with one or more other public corporations for the purpose of carrying out any of its powers and for that purpose to contract with such other public corporation or corporations for the purpose of financing such acquisitions, construction, and operations. Such contracts may provide for contributions to be made by each party thereto, for the division and apportionment of the expenses of such acquisitions and operations, and for the division and apportionment of the benefits, services, and products therefrom. Such contract may contain such other and further covenants and agreements as may be necessary and convenient to accomplish the purposes hereof.

(3) A regional water supply authority is authorized to develop, construct, operate, maintain, or contract for alternative sources of potable water, including desalinated water, and pipelines to interconnect authority sources and facilities, either by itself or jointly with a water management district; however, such alternative potable water sources, facilities, and pipelines may also be privately developed, constructed, owned, operated, and maintained, in which event an authority and a water management district are authorized to pledge and contribute their funds to reduce the wholesale cost of water from such alternative sources of potable water supplied by an authority to its member governments.

(4) When it is found to be in the public interest, for the public convenience and welfare, for a public benefit, and necessary for carrying out the purpose of any regional water supply authority, any state agency, county, water control district existing pursuant to chapter 298, water management district existing pursuant to this chapter, municipality, governmental agency, or public corporation in this state holding title to any interest in land is hereby authorized, in its discretion, to convey the title to or dedicate land, title to which is in such entity, including tax-reverted land, or to grant use-rights therein, to any regional water supply authority created pursuant to this section. Land granted or conveyed to such authority shall be for the public purposes of such authority and may be made subject to the condition that in the event said land is not so used, or if used and subsequently its use for said purpose is abandoned, the interest granted shall cease as to such authority and shall automatically revert to the granting entity.

(5) Each county, special district, or municipality that is a party to an agreement pursuant to subsection (1) shall have a preferential right to purchase water from the regional water supply authority for use by such county, special district, or municipality.

(6) In carrying out the provisions of this section, any county wherein water is withdrawn by the authority shall not be deprived, directly or indirectly, of the prior right to the reasonable and beneficial use of water which is required adequately to supply the reasonable and beneficial needs of the county or any of the inhabitants or property owners therein.

(7) Upon a resolution adopted by the governing body of any county or municipality, the authority may, subject to a majority vote of its voting members, include such county or municipality in its regional water supply authority upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(8) The authority shall design, construct, operate, and maintain facilities in the locations and at the times necessary to ensure that an adequate water supply will be available to all citizens within the authority.

(9) Where a water supply authority exists pursuant to this section or s. 373.715 under a voluntary interlocal agreement that is consistent with requirements in s. 373.715(1)(b) and receives or maintains consumptive use permits under this voluntary agreement consistent with the water supply plan, if any, adopted by the governing board, such authority shall be exempt from consideration by the governing board or department of the factors specified in s. 373.223(3)(a)-(g) and the submissions required by s. 373.229(3). Such exemptions shall apply only to water sources within the jurisdictional areas of such voluntary water supply interlocal agreements.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2010-205.

Tab 8

Section 163.01 Florida Statutes 'Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969'

163.01 Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.—

(1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.”

(2) It is the purpose of this section to permit local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) “Interlocal agreement” means an agreement entered into pursuant to this section.

(b) “Public agency” means a political subdivision, agency, or officer of this state or of any state of the United States, including, but not limited to, state government, county, city, school district, single and multipurpose special district, single and multipurpose public authority, metropolitan or consolidated government, a separate legal entity or administrative entity created under subsection (7), an independently elected county officer, any agency of the United States Government, a federally recognized Native American tribe, and any similar entity of any other state of the United States.

(c) “State” means a state of the United States.

(d) “Electric project” means:

1. Any plant, works, system, facilities, and real property and personal property of any nature whatsoever, together with all parts thereof and appurtenances thereto, which is located within or without the state and which is used or useful in the generation, production, transmission, purchase, sale, exchange, or interchange of electric capacity and energy, including facilities and property for the acquisition, extraction, conversion, transportation, storage, reprocessing, or disposal of fuel and other materials of any kind for any such purposes.

2. Any interest in, or right to, the use, services, output, or capacity of any such plant, works, system, or facilities.

3. Any study to determine the feasibility or costs of any of the foregoing, including, but not limited to, engineering, legal, financial, and other services necessary or appropriate to determine the legality and financial and engineering feasibility of any project referred to in subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2.

(e) “Person” means:

1. Any natural person;

2. The United States; any state; any municipality, political subdivision, or municipal corporation created by or pursuant to the laws of the United States or any state; or any board, corporation, or other entity or body declared by or pursuant to the laws of the United States or any state to be a department, agency, or instrumentality thereof;

3. Any corporation, not-for-profit corporation, firm, partnership, cooperative association, electric cooperative, or business trust of any nature whatsoever which is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state; or

4. Any foreign country; any political subdivision or governmental unit of a foreign country; or any corporation, not-for-profit corporation, firm, partnership, cooperative association, electric

cooperative, or business trust of any nature whatsoever which is organized and existing under the laws of a foreign country or of a political subdivision or governmental unit thereof.

(f) “Electric utility” has the same meaning as in s. 361.11(2). The term also includes those municipalities, authorities, commissions, special districts, or other public bodies that own, maintain, or operate an electrical generation, transmission, or distribution system within the state on June 25, 2008.

(g) “Foreign public utility” means any person whose principal location or principal place of business is not located within this state; who owns, maintains, or operates facilities for the generation, transmission, or distribution of electrical energy; and who supplies electricity to retail or wholesale customers, or both, on a continuous, reliable, and dependable basis. “Foreign public utility” also means any affiliate or subsidiary of such person, the business of which is limited to the generation or transmission, or both, of electrical energy and activities reasonably incidental thereto.

(h) “Local government liability pool” means a reciprocal insurer as defined in s. 629.021 or any self-insurance program created pursuant to s. 768.28(16), formed and controlled by counties or municipalities of this state to provide liability insurance coverage for counties, municipalities, or other public agencies of this state, which pool may contract with other parties for the purpose of providing claims administration, processing, accounting, and other administrative facilities.

(4) A public agency of this state may exercise jointly with any other public agency of the state, of any other state, or of the United States Government any power, privilege, or authority which such agencies share in common and which each might exercise separately.

(5) A joint exercise of power pursuant to this section shall be made by contract in the form of an interlocal agreement, which may provide for:

(a) The purpose of such interlocal agreement or the power to be exercised and the method by which the purpose will be accomplished or the manner in which the power will be exercised.

(b) The duration of the interlocal agreement and the method by which it may be rescinded or terminated by any participating public agency prior to the stated date of termination.

(c) The precise organization, composition, and nature of any separate legal or administrative entity created thereby with the powers designated thereto, if such entity may be legally created.

(d) The manner in which the parties to an interlocal agreement will provide from their treasuries the financial support for the purpose set forth in the interlocal agreement; payments of public funds that may be made to defray the cost of such purpose; advances of public funds that may be made for the purposes set forth in the interlocal agreements and repayment thereof; and the personnel, equipment, or property of one or more of the parties to the agreement that may be used in lieu of other contributions or advances.

(e) The manner in which funds may be paid to and disbursed by any separate legal or administrative entity created pursuant to the interlocal agreement.

(f) A method or formula for equitably providing for and allocating and financing the capital and operating costs, including payments to reserve funds authorized by law and payments of principal and interest on obligations. The method or formula shall be established by the participating parties to the interlocal agreement on a ratio of full valuation of real property, on the basis of the amount of services rendered or to be rendered or benefits received or conferred or to be received or conferred, or on any other equitable basis, including the levying of taxes or assessments to pay such costs on the entire area serviced by the parties to the interlocal agreement, subject to such limitations as may be contained in the constitution and statutes of this state.

(g) The manner of employing, engaging, compensating, transferring, or discharging necessary personnel, subject to the provisions of applicable civil service and merit systems.

(h) The fixing and collecting of charges, rates, rents, or fees, where appropriate, and the making and promulgation of necessary rules and regulations and their enforcement by or with the

assistance of the participating parties to the interlocal agreement.

- (i) The manner in which purchases shall be made and contracts entered into.
- (j) The acquisition, ownership, custody, operation, maintenance, lease, or sale of real or personal property.
- (k) The disposition, diversion, or distribution of any property acquired through the execution of such interlocal agreement.
- (l) The manner in which, after the completion of the purpose of the interlocal agreement, any surplus money shall be returned in proportion to the contributions made by the participating parties.
- (m) The acceptance of gifts, grants, assistance funds, or bequests.
- (n) The making of claims for federal or state aid payable to the individual or several participants on account of the execution of the interlocal agreement.
- (o) The manner of responding for any liabilities that might be incurred through performance of the interlocal agreement and insuring against any such liability.
- (p) The adjudication of disputes or disagreements, the effects of failure of participating parties to pay their shares of the costs and expenses, and the rights of the other participants in such cases.
- (q) The manner in which strict accountability of all funds shall be provided for and the manner in which reports, including an annual independent audit, of all receipts and disbursements shall be prepared and presented to each participating party to the interlocal agreement.

(r) Any other necessary and proper matters agreed upon by the participating public agencies.

(6) An interlocal agreement may provide for one or more parties to the agreement to administer or execute the agreement. One or more parties to the agreement may agree to provide all or a part of the services set forth in the agreement in the manner provided in the agreement. The parties may provide for the mutual exchange of services without payment of any contribution other than such services. The parties may provide for the use or maintenance of facilities or equipment of another party on a cost-reimbursement basis.

(7)(a) An interlocal agreement may provide for a separate legal or administrative entity to administer or execute the agreement, which may be a commission, board, or council constituted pursuant to the agreement.

(b) A separate legal or administrative entity created by an interlocal agreement shall possess the common power specified in the agreement and may exercise it in the manner or according to the method provided in the agreement. The entity may, in addition to its other powers, be authorized in its own name to make and enter into contracts; to employ agencies or employees; to acquire, construct, manage, maintain, or operate buildings, works, or improvements; to acquire, hold, or dispose of property; and to incur debts, liabilities, or obligations which do not constitute the debts, liabilities, or obligations of any of the parties to the agreement.

(c) No separate legal or administrative entity created by an interlocal agreement shall possess the power or authority to levy any type of tax within the boundaries of any governmental unit participating in the interlocal agreement, to issue any type of bond in its own name, or in any way to obligate financially a governmental unit participating in the interlocal agreement. However, any separate legal entity, the membership of which consists only of electric utilities as defined in s.361.11(2) and which is created for the purpose of exercising the powers granted by part II of chapter 361, the Joint Power Act, may, for the purpose of financing or refinancing the costs of an electric project, exercise all powers in connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of bonds as are conferred by parts I, II, and III of chapter 159 or part II of chapter 166, or both. Any such entity may also issue bond anticipation notes, as provided by s. 215.431, in connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of such bonds. All of the privileges, benefits, powers, and terms of parts I, II, and III of chapter 159 and part II of chapter 166, notwithstanding any

limitations provided above, shall be fully applicable to such entity. In addition, the governing body of such legal entity may also authorize bonds to be issued and sold from time to time and delegate, to such officer, official, or agent of such legal entity as the governing body of such legal entity shall select, the power to determine the time; manner of sale, public or private; maturities; rate or rates of interest, which may be fixed or may vary at such time or times and in accordance with a specified formula or method of determination; and other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the officer, official, or agent so designated by the governing body of such legal entity. However, the amounts and maturities of such bonds and the interest rate or rates on such bonds shall be within the limits prescribed by the governing body of such legal entity in its resolution delegating to such officer, official, or agent the power to authorize the issuance and sale of such bonds. Bonds issued pursuant to this section may be validated as provided in chapter 75 and paragraph (15)(f). However, the complaint in any action to validate such bonds shall be filed only in the Circuit Court for Leon County. The notice required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published only in Leon County, and the complaint and order of the circuit court shall be served only on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit and on the state attorney of each circuit in which a public agency participating in the electric project lies. Notice of such proceedings shall be published in the manner and at the time required by s. 75.06 in Leon County and in each county in which any portion of any public agency participating in the electric project lies.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c), any separate legal entity created pursuant to this section and controlled by the municipalities or counties of this state or by one or more municipality and one or more county of this state, the membership of which consists or is to consist of municipalities only, counties only, or one or more municipality and one or more county, may, for the purpose of financing or refinancing any capital projects, exercise all powers in connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of bonds. Notwithstanding any limitations provided in this section, all of the privileges, benefits, powers, and terms of part I of chapter 125, part II of chapter 166, and part I of chapter 159 shall be fully applicable to such entity. Bonds issued by such entity shall be deemed issued on behalf of the counties or municipalities which enter into loan agreements with such entity as provided in this paragraph. Any loan agreement executed pursuant to a program of such entity shall be governed by the provisions of part I of chapter 159 or, in the case of counties, part I of chapter 125, or in the case of municipalities and charter counties, part II of chapter 166. Proceeds of bonds issued by such entity may be loaned to counties or municipalities of this state or a combination of municipalities and counties, whether or not such counties or municipalities are also members of the entity issuing the bonds. The issuance of bonds by such entity to fund a loan program to make loans to municipalities or counties or a combination of municipalities and counties with one another for capital projects to be identified subsequent to the issuance of the bonds to fund such loan programs is deemed to be a paramount public purpose. Any entity so created may also issue bond anticipation notes, as provided by s. 215.431, in connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of such bonds. In addition, the governing body of such legal entity may also authorize bonds to be issued and sold from time to time and may delegate, to such officer, official, or agent of such legal entity as the governing body of such legal entity may select, the power to determine the time; manner of sale, public or private; maturities; rate or rates of interest, which may be fixed or may vary at such time or times and in accordance with a specified formula or method of determination; and other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the officer, official, or agent so designated by the governing body of such legal entity. However, the amounts and maturities of such bonds and the interest rate or rates of such bonds shall be within the limits prescribed by the governing body of such legal entity and its resolution delegating to such officer, official, or agent the power to authorize the issuance and sale of such bonds. A local government self-insurance fund established under this section may financially guarantee bonds or bond anticipation notes issued or loans made under this subsection.

Bonds issued pursuant to this paragraph may be validated as provided in chapter 75. The complaint in any action to validate such bonds shall be filed only in the Circuit Court for Leon County. The notice required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published only in Leon County, and the complaint and order of the circuit court shall be served only on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit and on the state attorney of each circuit in each county where the public agencies which were initially a party to the agreement are located. Notice of such proceedings shall be published in the manner and the time required by s. 75.06 in Leon County and in each county where the public agencies which were initially a party to the agreement are located. Obligations of any county or municipality pursuant to a loan agreement as described in this paragraph may be validated as provided in chapter 75.

(e)1. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c), any separate legal entity, created pursuant to the provisions of this section and controlled by counties or municipalities of this state, the membership of which consists or is to consist only of public agencies of this state, may, for the purpose of financing the provision or acquisition of liability or property coverage contracts for or from one or more local government liability or property pools to provide liability or property coverage for counties, municipalities, or other public agencies of this state, exercise all powers in connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of bonds. All of the privileges, benefits, powers, and terms of s. 125.01 relating to counties and s. 166.021 relating to municipalities shall be fully applicable to such entity and such entity shall be considered a unit of local government for all of the privileges, benefits, powers, and terms of part I of chapter 159. Bonds issued by such entity shall be deemed issued on behalf of counties, municipalities, or public agencies which enter into loan agreements with such entity as provided in this paragraph. Proceeds of bonds issued by such entity may be loaned to counties, municipalities, or other public agencies of this state, whether or not such counties, municipalities, or other public agencies are also members of the entity issuing the bonds, and such counties, municipalities, or other public agencies may in turn deposit such loan proceeds with a separate local government liability or property pool for purposes of providing or acquiring liability or property coverage contracts.

2. Counties or municipalities of this state are authorized pursuant to this section, in addition to the authority provided by s. 125.01, part II of chapter 166, and other applicable law, to issue bonds for the purpose of acquiring liability coverage contracts from a local government liability pool. Any individual county or municipality may, by entering into interlocal agreements with other counties, municipalities, or public agencies of this state, issue bonds on behalf of itself and other counties, municipalities, or other public agencies, for purposes of acquiring a liability coverage contract or contracts from a local government liability pool. Counties, municipalities, or other public agencies are also authorized to enter into loan agreements with any entity created pursuant to subparagraph 1., or with any county or municipality issuing bonds pursuant to this subparagraph, for the purpose of obtaining bond proceeds with which to acquire liability coverage contracts from a local government liability pool. No county, municipality, or other public agency shall at any time have more than one loan agreement outstanding for the purpose of obtaining bond proceeds with which to acquire liability coverage contracts from a local government liability pool. Obligations of any county, municipality, or other public agency of this state pursuant to a loan agreement as described above may be validated as provided in chapter 75. Prior to the issuance of any bonds pursuant to subparagraph 1. or this subparagraph for the purpose of acquiring liability coverage contracts from a local government liability pool, the reciprocal insurer or the manager of any self-insurance program shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission that excess liability coverage for counties, municipalities, or other public agencies is reasonably unobtainable in the amounts provided by such pool or that the liability coverage obtained through acquiring contracts from a local government liability pool, after taking into account costs of issuance of bonds and any other administrative fees, is less expensive

to counties, municipalities, or special districts than similar commercial coverage then reasonably available.

3. Any entity created pursuant to this section or any county or municipality may also issue bond anticipation notes, as provided by s. 215.431, in connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of such bonds. In addition, the governing body of such legal entity or the governing body of such county or municipality may also authorize bonds to be issued and sold from time to time and may delegate, to such officer, official, or agent of such legal entity as the governing body of such legal entity may select, the power to determine the time; manner of sale, public or private; maturities; rate or rates of interest, which may be fixed or may vary at such time or times and in accordance with a specified formula or method of determination; and other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the officer, official, or agent so designated by the governing body of such legal entity. However, the amounts and maturities of such bonds and the interest rate or rates of such bonds shall be within the limits prescribed by the governing body of such legal entity and its resolution delegating to such officer, official, or agent the power to authorize the issuance and sale of such bonds. Any series of bonds issued pursuant to this paragraph for liability coverage shall mature no later than 7 years following the date of issuance. A series of bonds issued pursuant to this paragraph for property coverage shall mature no later than 30 years following the date of issuance.

4. Bonds issued pursuant to subparagraph 1. may be validated as provided in chapter 75. The complaint in any action to validate such bonds shall be filed only in the Circuit Court for Leon County. The notice required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published in Leon County and in each county which is an owner of the entity issuing the bonds, or in which a member of the entity is located, and the complaint and order of the circuit court shall be served only on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit and on the state attorney of each circuit in each county or municipality which is an owner of the entity issuing the bonds or in which a member of the entity is located.

5. Bonds issued pursuant to subparagraph 2. may be validated as provided in chapter 75. The complaint in any action to validate such bonds shall be filed in the circuit court of the county or municipality which will issue the bonds. The notice required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published only in the county where the complaint is filed, and the complaint and order of the circuit court shall be served only on the state attorney of the circuit in the county or municipality which will issue the bonds.

6. The participation by any county, municipality, or other public agency of this state in a local government liability pool shall not be deemed a waiver of immunity to the extent of liability coverage, nor shall any contract entered regarding such a local government liability pool be required to contain any provision for waiver.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any separate legal entity, created pursuant to the provisions of this section, wholly owned by the municipalities or counties of this state, the membership of which consists or is to consist only of municipalities or counties of this state, may exercise the right and power of eminent domain, including the procedural powers under chapters 73 and 74, if such right and power is granted to such entity by the interlocal agreement creating the entity.

(g)1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, any separate legal entity created under this section, the membership of which is limited to municipalities and counties of the state, and which may include a special district in addition to a municipality or county or both, may acquire, own, construct, improve, operate, and manage public facilities, or finance facilities on behalf of any person, relating to a governmental function or purpose, including, but not limited to, wastewater facilities, water or alternative water supply facilities, and water reuse facilities, which may serve populations within or outside of the members of the entity. Notwithstanding

s. 367.171(7), any separate legal entity created under this paragraph is not subject to Public Service Commission jurisdiction. The separate legal entity may not provide utility services within the service area of an existing utility system unless it has received the consent of the utility.

2. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

a. "Host government" means the governing body of the county, if the largest number of equivalent residential connections currently served by a system of the utility is located in the unincorporated area, or the governing body of a municipality, if the largest number of equivalent residential connections currently served by a system of the utility is located within that municipality's boundaries.

b. "Separate legal entity" means any entity created by interlocal agreement the membership of which is limited to two or more special districts, municipalities, or counties of the state, but which entity is legally separate and apart from any of its member governments.

c. "System" means a water or wastewater facility or group of such facilities owned by one entity or affiliate entities.

d. "Utility" means a water or wastewater utility and includes every person, separate legal entity, lessee, trustee, or receiver owning, operating, managing, or controlling a system, or proposing construction of a system, who is providing, or proposes to provide, water or wastewater service to the public for compensation.

3. A separate legal entity that seeks to acquire any utility shall notify the host government in writing by certified mail about the contemplated acquisition not less than 30 days before any proposed transfer of ownership, use, or possession of any utility assets by such separate legal entity. The potential acquisition notice shall be provided to the legislative head of the governing body of the host government and to its chief administrative officer and shall provide the name and address of a contact person for the separate legal entity and information identified in s. 367.071(4) (a) concerning the contemplated acquisition.

4.a. Within 30 days following receipt of the notice, the host government may adopt a resolution to become a member of the separate legal entity, adopt a resolution to approve the utility acquisition, or adopt a resolution to prohibit the utility acquisition by the separate legal entity if the host government determines that the proposed acquisition is not in the public interest. A resolution adopted by the host government which prohibits the acquisition may include conditions that would make the proposal acceptable to the host government.

b. If a host government adopts a membership resolution, the separate legal entity shall accept the host government as a member on the same basis as its existing members before any transfer of ownership, use, or possession of the utility or the utility facilities. If a host government adopts a resolution to approve the utility acquisition, the separate legal entity may complete the acquisition. If a host government adopts a prohibition resolution, the separate legal entity may not acquire the utility within that host government's territory without the specific consent of the host government by future resolution. If a host government does not adopt a prohibition resolution or an approval resolution, the separate legal entity may proceed to acquire the utility after the 30-day notice period without further notice.

5. After the acquisition or construction of any utility systems by a separate legal entity created under this paragraph, revenues or any other income may not be transferred or paid to a member of a separate legal entity, or to any other special district, county, or municipality, from user fees or other charges or revenues generated from customers that are not physically located within the jurisdictional or service delivery boundaries of the member, special district, county, or municipality receiving the transfer or payment. Any transfer or payment to a member, special district, or other local government must be solely from user fees or other charges or revenues generated from customers that are physically located within the jurisdictional or service delivery boundaries of the member, special district, or local government receiving the transfer of payment.

6. This section is an alternative provision otherwise provided by law as authorized in s. 4, Art. VIII of the State Constitution for any transfer of power as a result of an acquisition of a utility by a separate legal entity from a municipality, county, or special district.

7. The entity may finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, expansion, and improvement of such facilities relating to a governmental function or purpose through the issuance of its bonds, notes, or other obligations under this section or as otherwise authorized by law. The entity has all the powers provided by the interlocal agreement under which it is created or which are necessary to finance, own, operate, or manage the public facility, including, without limitation, the power to establish rates, charges, and fees for products or services provided by it, the power to levy special assessments, the power to sell or finance all or a portion of such facility, and the power to contract with a public or private entity to manage and operate such facilities or to provide or receive facilities, services, or products. Except as may be limited by the interlocal agreement under which the entity is created, all of the privileges, benefits, powers, and terms of s. 125.01, relating to counties, and s. 166.021, relating to municipalities, are fully applicable to the entity. However, neither the entity nor any of its members on behalf of the entity may exercise the power of eminent domain over the facilities or property of any existing water or wastewater plant utility system, nor may the entity acquire title to any water or wastewater plant utility facilities, other facilities, or property which was acquired by the use of eminent domain after the effective date of this act. Bonds, notes, and other obligations issued by the entity are issued on behalf of the public agencies that are members of the entity.

8. Any entity created under this section may also issue bond anticipation notes in connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of bonds. The bonds may be issued as serial bonds or as term bonds or both. Any entity may issue capital appreciation bonds or variable rate bonds. Any bonds, notes, or other obligations must be authorized by resolution of the governing body of the entity and bear the date or dates; mature at the time or times, not exceeding 40 years from their respective dates; bear interest at the rate or rates; be payable at the time or times; be in the denomination; be in the form; carry the registration privileges; be executed in the manner; be payable from the sources and in the medium or payment and at the place; and be subject to the terms of redemption, including redemption prior to maturity, as the resolution may provide. If any officer whose signature, or a facsimile of whose signature, appears on any bonds, notes, or other obligations ceases to be an officer before the delivery of the bonds, notes, or other obligations, the signature or facsimile is valid and sufficient for all purposes as if he or she had remained in office until the delivery. The bonds, notes, or other obligations may be sold at public or private sale for such price as the governing body of the entity shall determine. Pending preparation of the definitive bonds, the entity may issue interim certificates, which shall be exchanged for the definitive bonds. The bonds may be secured by a form of credit enhancement, if any, as the entity deems appropriate. The bonds may be secured by an indenture of trust or trust agreement. In addition, the governing body of the legal entity may delegate, to an officer, official, or agent of the legal entity as the governing body of the legal entity may select, the power to determine the time; manner of sale, public or private; maturities; rate of interest, which may be fixed or may vary at the time and in accordance with a specified formula or method of determination; and other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the officer, official, or agent so designated by the governing body of the legal entity. However, the amount and maturity of the bonds, notes, or other obligations and the interest rate of the bonds, notes, or other obligations must be within the limits prescribed by the governing body of the legal entity and its resolution delegating to an officer, official, or agent the power to authorize the issuance and sale of the bonds, notes, or other obligations.

9. Bonds, notes, or other obligations issued under this paragraph may be validated as provided in chapter 75. The complaint in any action to validate the bonds, notes, or other obligations must

be filed only in the Circuit Court for Leon County. The notice required to be published by s. 75.06 must be published in Leon County and in each county that is a member of the entity issuing the bonds, notes, or other obligations, or in which a member of the entity is located, and the complaint and order of the circuit court must be served only on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit and on the state attorney of each circuit in each county that is a member of the entity issuing the bonds, notes, or other obligations or in which a member of the entity is located. Section 75.04(2) does not apply to a complaint for validation brought by the legal entity.

10. The accomplishment of the authorized purposes of a legal entity created under this paragraph is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state, for the increase of their commerce and prosperity, and for the improvement of their health and living conditions. Since the legal entity will perform essential governmental functions in accomplishing its purposes, the legal entity is not required to pay any taxes or assessments of any kind whatsoever upon any property acquired or used by it for such purposes or upon any revenues at any time received by it. The bonds, notes, and other obligations of an entity, their transfer, and the income therefrom, including any profits made on the sale thereof, are at all times free from taxation of any kind by the state or by any political subdivision or other agency or instrumentality thereof. The exemption granted in this subparagraph is not applicable to any tax imposed by chapter 220 on interest, income, or profits on debt obligations owned by corporations.

(h)1. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c), any separate legal entity consisting of an alliance, as defined in s. 395.106(2)(a), created pursuant to this paragraph and controlled by and whose members consist of eligible entities comprised of special districts created pursuant to a special act and having the authority to own or operate one or more hospitals licensed in this state or hospitals licensed in this state that are owned, operated, or funded by a county or municipality, for the purpose of providing property insurance coverage as defined in s. 395.106(2)(b), for such eligible entities, may exercise all powers under this subsection in connection with borrowing funds for such purposes, including, without limitation, the authorization, issuance, and sale of bonds, notes, or other obligations of indebtedness. Borrowed funds, including, but not limited to, bonds issued by such alliance shall be deemed issued on behalf of such eligible entities that enter into loan agreements with such separate legal entity as provided in this paragraph.

2. Any such separate legal entity shall have all the powers that are provided by the interlocal agreement under which the entity is created or that are necessary to finance, operate, or manage the alliance's property insurance coverage program. Proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by such an entity may be loaned to any one or more eligible entities. Such eligible entities are authorized to enter into loan agreements with any separate legal entity created pursuant to this paragraph for the purpose of obtaining moneys with which to finance property insurance coverage or claims. Obligations of any eligible entity pursuant to a loan agreement as described in this paragraph may be validated as provided in chapter 75.

3. Any bonds, notes, or other obligations to be issued or incurred by a separate legal entity created pursuant to this paragraph shall be authorized by resolution of the governing body of such entity and bear the date or dates; mature at the time or times, not exceeding 30 years from their respective dates; bear interest at the rate or rates, which may be fixed or vary at such time or times and in accordance with a specified formula or method of determination; be payable at the time or times; be in the denomination; be in the form; carry the registration privileges; be executed in the manner; be payable from the sources and in the medium of payment and at the place; and be subject to redemption, including redemption prior to maturity, as the resolution may provide. The bonds, notes, or other obligations may be sold at public or private sale for such price as the governing body of the separate legal entity shall determine. The bonds may be secured by such credit enhancement, if any, as the governing body of the separate legal entity deems appropriate. The bonds may be secured by an indenture of trust or trust agreement. In addition,

the governing body of the separate legal entity may delegate, to such officer or official of such entity as the governing body may select, the power to determine the time; manner of sale, public or private; maturities; rate or rates of interest, which may be fixed or may vary at such time or times and in accordance with a specified formula or method of determination; and other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the officer or official so designated by the governing body of such separate legal entity. However, the amounts and maturities of such bonds, the interest rate or rates, and the purchase price of such bonds shall be within the limits prescribed by the governing body of such separate legal entity in its resolution delegating to such officer or official the power to authorize the issuance and sale of such bonds.

4. Bonds issued pursuant to this paragraph may be validated as provided in chapter 75. The complaint in any action to validate such bonds shall be filed only in the Circuit Court for Leon County. The notice required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published in Leon County and in each county in which an eligible entity that is a member of an alliance is located. The complaint and order of the circuit court shall be served only on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit and on the state attorney of each circuit in each county in which an eligible entity receiving bond proceeds is located.

5. The accomplishment of the authorized purposes of a separate legal entity created under this paragraph is deemed in all respects for the benefit, increase of the commerce and prosperity, and improvement of the health and living conditions of the people of this state. Inasmuch as the separate legal entity performs essential public functions in accomplishing its purposes, the separate legal entity is not required to pay any taxes or assessments of any kind upon any property acquired or used by the entity for such purposes or upon any revenues at any time received by the entity. The bonds, notes, and other obligations of such separate legal entity, the transfer of and income from such bonds, notes, and other obligations, including any profits made on the sale of such bonds, notes, and other obligations, are at all times free from taxation of any kind of the state or by any political subdivision or other agency or instrumentality of the state. The exemption granted in this paragraph does not apply to any tax imposed by chapter 220 on interest, income, or profits on debt obligations owned by corporations.

6. The participation by any eligible entity in an alliance or a separate legal entity created pursuant to this paragraph may not be deemed a waiver of immunity to the extent of liability or any other coverage, and a contract entered regarding such alliance is not required to contain any provision for waiver.

(8) If the purpose set forth in an interlocal agreement is the acquisition, construction, or operation of a revenue-producing facility, the agreement may provide for the repayment or return to the parties of all or any part of the contributions, payments, or advances made by the parties pursuant to subsection (5) and for payment to the parties of any sum derived from the revenues of such facility. Payments, repayments, or returns shall be made at any time and in the manner specified in the agreement and may be made at any time on or prior to the rescission or termination of the agreement or completion of the purposes of the agreement.

(9)(a) All of the privileges and immunities from liability; exemptions from laws, ordinances, and rules; and pensions and relief, disability, workers' compensation, and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents, or employees of any public agency or employees of any public agency when performing their respective functions within the territorial limits for their respective agencies shall apply to the same degree and extent to the performance of such functions and duties of such officers, agents, or employees extraterritorially under the provisions of any such interlocal agreement.

(b) An interlocal agreement does not relieve a public agency of any obligation or responsibility imposed upon it by law except to the extent of actual and timely performance thereof by one or more of the parties to the agreement or any legal or administrative entity created by the

agreement, in which case the performance may be offered in satisfaction of the obligation or responsibility.

(c) All of the privileges and immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinances, and rules which apply to the municipalities and counties of this state apply to the same degree and extent to any separate legal entity, created pursuant to the provisions of this section, wholly owned by the municipalities or counties of this state, the membership of which consists or is to consist only of municipalities or counties of this state, unless the interlocal agreement creating such entity provides to the contrary. All of the privileges and immunities from liability; exemptions from laws, ordinances, and rules; and pension and relief, disability, and worker's compensation, and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents, employees, or employees of agents of counties and municipalities of this state which are parties to an interlocal agreement creating a separate legal entity pursuant to the provisions of this section shall apply to the same degree and extent to the officers, agents, or employees of such entity unless the interlocal agreement creating such entity provides to the contrary.

(10)(a) A public agency entering into an interlocal agreement may appropriate funds and sell, give, or otherwise supply any party designated to operate the joint or cooperative undertaking such personnel, services, facilities, property, franchises, or funds thereof as may be within its legal power to furnish.

(b) A public agency entering into an interlocal agreement may receive grants-in-aid or other assistance funds from the United States Government or this state for use in carrying out the purposes of the interlocal agreement.

(11) Prior to its effectiveness, an interlocal agreement and subsequent amendments thereto shall be filed with the clerk of the circuit court of each county where a party to the agreement is located. However, if the parties to the agreement are located in multiple counties and the agreement under subsection (7) provides for a separate legal entity or administrative entity to administer the agreement, the interlocal agreement and any amendments thereto may be filed with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the legal or administrative entity maintains its principal place of business.

(12) Any public agency entering into an agreement pursuant to this section may appropriate funds and may sell, lease, give, or otherwise supply the administrative joint board or other legal or administrative entity created to operate the joint or cooperative undertaking by providing such personnel or services therefor as may be within its legal power to furnish.

(13) The powers and authority granted by this section shall be in addition and supplemental to those granted by any other general, local, or special law. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to interfere with the application of any other law.

(14) This section is intended to authorize the entry into contracts for the performance of service functions of public agencies, but shall not be deemed to authorize the delegation of the constitutional or statutory duties of state, county, or city officers.

(15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or of any other law except s. 361.14, any public agency of this state which is an electric utility, or any separate legal entity created pursuant to the provisions of this section, the membership of which consists only of electric utilities, and which exercises or proposes to exercise the powers granted by part II of chapter 361, the Joint Power Act, may exercise any or all of the following powers:

(a) Any such public agency or legal entity, or both, may plan, finance, acquire, construct, reconstruct, own, lease, operate, maintain, repair, improve, extend, or otherwise participate jointly in one or more electric projects, which are proposed, existing, or under construction and which are located or to be located within or without this state, with any one or more of the following:

1. Any such legal entity;

2. One or more electric utilities;
3. One or more foreign public utilities; or
4. Any other person,

if the right to full possession and to all of the use, services, output, and capacity of any such electric project during the original estimated useful life thereof is vested, subject to creditors' rights, in any one or more of such legal entities, electric utilities, or foreign public utilities, or in any combination thereof. Any such public agency or legal entity, or both, may act as agent or designate one or more persons, whether or not participating in an electric project, to act as its agent in connection with the planning, design, engineering, licensing, acquisition, construction, completion, management, control, operation, maintenance, repair, renewal, addition, replacement, improvement, modification, insuring, decommissioning, cleanup, retirement, or disposal, or all of the foregoing, of such electric project or electric projects.

(b)1. In any case in which any such public agency or legal entity, or both, participate in an electric project with any one or more of the following:

- a. Any such legal entity;
- b. One or more electric utilities;
- c. One or more foreign public utilities; or
- d. Any other person,

and if the right to full possession and to all of the use, services, output, and capacity of any such electric project during the original estimated useful life thereof is vested, subject to creditors' rights, in any one or more of such legal entities, electric utilities, or foreign public utilities, or in any combination thereof, such public agency or legal entity, or both, may enter into an agreement or agreements with respect to such electric project with the other person or persons participating therein, and such legal entity may enter into an agreement or agreements with one or more public agencies who are parties to the interlocal agreement creating such legal entity. Any such agreement may be for such period, including, but not limited to, an unspecified period, and may contain such other terms, conditions, and provisions, consistent with the provisions of this section, as the parties thereto shall determine. In connection with entry into and performance pursuant to any such agreement, with the selection of any person or persons with which any such public agency or legal entity, or both, may enter into any such agreement, and with the selection of any electric project to which such agreement may relate, no such public agency or legal entity shall be required to comply with any general, local, or special statute, including, but not limited to, the provisions of s. 287.055, or with any charter provision of any public agency, which would otherwise require public bidding, competitive negotiation, or both.

2. Any such agreement may include, but need not be limited to, any or all of the following:

- a. Provisions defining what constitutes a default thereunder and providing for the rights and remedies of the parties thereto upon the occurrence of such a default, including, without limitation, the right to discontinue the delivery of products or services to a defaulting party and requirements that the remaining parties not in default who are entitled to receive products or services from the same electric project may be required to pay for and use or otherwise dispose of, on a proportionate or other basis, all or some portion of the products and services which were to be purchased by the defaulting party.

- b. Provisions granting one or more of the parties the option to purchase the interest or interests of one or more other parties in the electric project upon such occurrences, and at such times and pursuant to such terms and conditions, as the parties may agree, notwithstanding the limitations on options in the provisions of any law to the contrary.

c. Provisions setting forth restraints on alienation of the interests of the parties in the electric project.

d. Provisions for the planning, design, engineering, licensing, acquisition, construction, completion, management, control, operation, maintenance, repair, renewal, addition, replacement, improvement, modification, insuring, decommissioning, cleanup, retirement, or disposal, or all of the foregoing of such electric project by any one or more of the parties to such agreement, which party or parties may be designated in or pursuant to such agreement as agent or agents on behalf of itself and one or more of the other parties thereto or by such other means as may be determined by the parties thereto.

e. Provisions for a method or methods of determining and allocating among or between the parties the costs of planning, design, engineering, licensing, acquisition, construction, completion, management, control, operation, maintenance, repair, renewal, addition, replacement, improvement, modification, insuring, decommissioning, cleanup, retirement, or disposal, or all of the foregoing with respect to such electric project.

f. Provisions that any such public agency or legal entity, or both, will not rescind, terminate, or amend any contract or agreement relating to such electric project without the consent of one or more persons with which such public agency or legal entity, or both, have entered into an agreement pursuant to this section or without the consent of one or more persons with whom any such public agency or legal entity, or both, have made a covenant or who are third-party beneficiaries of any such covenant.

g. Provisions whereby any such public agency or legal entity, or both, are obligated to pay for the products and services of such electric project and the support of such electric project, including, without limitation, those activities set forth in sub-subparagraph d., without setoff or counterclaim and irrespective of whether such products or services are furnished, made available, or delivered to such public agency or legal entity, or both, or whether any electric project contemplated by such contract or agreement is completed, operable, or operating, and notwithstanding suspension, interruption, interference, reduction, or curtailment of the products and services of such electric project and notwithstanding the quality, or failure, of performance of any one or more of the activities set forth in sub-subparagraph d. with respect to such electric project.

h. Provisions that in the event of the failure or refusal of any such public agency or legal entity, or both, to perform punctually any specified covenant or obligation contained in or undertaken pursuant to any such agreement, any one or more parties to such agreement or any one or more persons who have been designated in such agreement as third-party beneficiaries of such covenant or obligation may enforce the performance of such public agency or legal entity by an action at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, specific performance or mandamus.

i. Provisions obligating any such public agency or legal entity, or both, to indemnify, including, without limitation, indemnification against the imposition or collection of local, state, or federal taxes and interest or penalties related thereto, or payments made in lieu thereof, to hold harmless, or to waive claims or rights for recovery, including claims or rights for recovery based on sole negligence, gross negligence, any other type of negligence, or any other act or omission, intentional or otherwise, against one or more of the other parties to such agreement. Such provisions may define the class or classes of persons for whose acts, intentional or otherwise, a party shall not be responsible; and all of such provisions may be upon such terms and conditions as the parties thereto shall determine.

j. Provisions obligating any such public agency or legal entity, or both, not to dissolve until all principal and interest payments for all bonds and other evidences of indebtedness issued by such public agency or legal entity, or both, have been paid or otherwise provided for and until all

contractual obligations and duties of such public agency or legal entity have been fully performed or discharged, or both.

k. Provisions obligating any such public agency or legal entity, or both, to establish, levy, and collect rents, rates, and other charges for the products and services provided by such legal entity or provided by the electric or other integrated utility system of such public agency, which rents, rates, and other charges shall be at least sufficient to meet the operation and maintenance expenses of such electric or integrated utility system; to comply with all covenants pertaining thereto contained in, and all other provisions of, any resolution, trust indenture, or other security agreement relating to any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued or to be issued by any such public agency or legal entity; to generate funds sufficient to fulfill the terms of all other contracts and agreements made by such public agency or legal entity, or both; and to pay all other amounts payable from or constituting a lien or charge on the revenues derived from the products and services of such legal entity or constituting a lien or charge on the revenues of the electric or other integrated utility system of such public agency.

l. Provisions obligating such legal entity to enforce the covenants and obligations of each such public agency with which such legal entity has entered into a contract or agreement with respect to such electric project.

m. Provisions obligating such legal entity not to permit any such public agency to withdraw from such legal entity until all contractual obligations and duties of such legal entity and of each such public agency with which it has entered into a contract or agreement with respect to such electric project have been fully performed, discharged, or both.

n. Provisions obligating each such public agency which has entered into a contract or agreement with such legal entity with respect to an electric project not to withdraw from, or cause or participate in the dissolution of, such legal entity until all duties and obligations of such legal entity and of each such public agency arising from all contracts and agreements entered into by such public agency or legal entity, or both, have been fully performed, discharged, or both.

o. Provisions obligating each such public agency which has entered into a contract or agreement with such legal entity or which has entered into a contract or agreement with any other person or persons with respect to such electric project to maintain its electric or other integrated utility system in good repair and operating condition until all duties and obligations of each such public agency and of each such legal entity arising out of all contracts and agreements with respect to such electric project entered into by each such public agency or legal entity, or both, have been fully performed, discharged, or both.

3. All actions taken by an agent designated in accordance with the provisions of any such agreement may, if so provided in the agreement, be made binding upon such public agency or legal entity, or both, without further action or approval by such public agency or legal entity, or both. Any agent or agents designated in any such agreement shall be governed by the laws and rules applicable to such agent as a separate entity and not by any laws or rules which may be applicable to any of the other participating parties and not otherwise applicable to the agent.

(c) Any such legal entity may acquire services, output, capacity, energy, or any combination thereof only from:

1. An electric project in which it has an ownership interest; or
2. Any other source:
 - a. To the extent of replacing the services, output, capacity, energy, or combination thereof of its share of an electric project when the output or capacity of such electric project is reduced or unavailable; or
 - b. At any time and in any amount for resale to any of its members as necessary to meet their retail load requirements.

However, under sub-subparagraph 2.b., such legal entity may not purchase wholesale power for resale to any of its members from any electric utility as a result of any legal proceeding commenced by the legal entity or any of its members after January 1, 1982, before any state or federal court or administrative body, to the extent that such purchase or proceeding would involuntarily expand the responsibility of the electric utility to provide such wholesale power.

(d) Any such legal entity may sell services, output, capacity, energy, or any combination thereof only to:

1. Its members to meet their retail load requirements;
2. Other electric utilities or foreign public utilities which have ownership interests in, or contractual arrangements which impose on such electric utilities or foreign public utilities obligations which are the economic equivalents of ownership interests in, the electric project from which such services, output, capacity, energy, or combination thereof is to be acquired;
3. Any other electric utility or foreign public utility to dispose of services, output, capacity, energy, or any combination thereof that is surplus to the requirements of such legal entity:
 - a. If such surplus results from default by one or more of the members of such legal entity under a contract or contracts for the purchase of such services, output, capacity, energy, or combination thereof; and
 - b. If the revenues from such contract or contracts are pledged as security for payment of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by such legal entity or if such revenues are required by such legal entity to meet its obligations under any contract or agreement entered into by such legal entity pursuant to paragraph (b);
4. Any other electric utility or foreign public utility for a period not to exceed 5 years from the later to occur of the date of commercial operation of, or the date of acquisition by such legal entity of any ownership interest in or right to acquire services, output, capacity, energy, or any combination thereof from, the electric project from which such services, output, capacity, energy, or combination thereof is to be acquired, if:
 - a. One or more members of such legal entity have contracted to purchase such services, output, capacity, energy, or combination thereof from such legal entity commencing upon the expiration of such period; and
 - b. Such services, output, capacity, energy, or combination thereof, if acquired commencing at an earlier time, could have been reasonably predicted to create a surplus or surpluses in the electric system or systems of such member or members during such period, when added to services, output, capacity, energy, or any combination thereof available to such member or members during such period from facilities owned by such member or members or pursuant to one or more then-existing firm contractual obligations which are not terminable prior to the end of such period without payment of a penalty, or both; or
5. Any combination of the above.

Nothing contained in this paragraph shall prevent such legal entity from selling the output of its ownership interest in any such electric project to any electric utility or foreign public utility as emergency, scheduled maintenance, or economy interchange service.

(e) All obligations and covenants of any such public agency or legal entity, or both, contained in any contract or agreement, which contract or agreement and obligations and covenants are authorized, permitted, or contemplated by this section, shall be the legal, valid, and binding obligations and covenants of the public agency or legal entity undertaking such obligations or making such covenants; and each such obligation or covenant shall be enforceable in accordance with its terms.

(f) When contract payments by any such public agency contracting with any such legal entity or revenues of any such public agency contracting with any other person or persons with respect to an

electric project are to be pledged as security for the payment of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness sought to be validated, the complaint for validation may make parties defendant to such action, in addition to the state and the taxpayers, property owners, and citizens of the county in which the complaint for validation is filed, including nonresidents owning property or subject to taxation therein:

1. Every public agency the contract payments of which are to be so pledged.
2. Any other person contracting with such public agency or legal entity, or both, in any manner relating to such electric project, and particularly with relation to any ownership or operation of any electric project; the supplying of electrical energy to such public agency or legal entity, or both; or the taking or purchase of electrical energy from the electric project.
3. The taxpayers, property owners, and citizens of each county or municipality in which each such public agency is located, including nonresidents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and the holders of any outstanding debt obligations of any such public agency or legal entity.

All such parties who are made defendants and over whom the court acquires jurisdiction in such validation proceedings shall be required to show cause, if any exists, why such contract or agreement and the terms and conditions thereof should not be inquired into by the court, the validity of the terms thereof determined, and the matters and conditions which are imposed on the parties to such contract or agreement and all such undertakings thereof adjudicated to be valid and binding on the parties thereto. Notice of such proceedings shall be included in the notice of validation hearing required to be issued and published pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (7) (c); and a copy of the complaint in such proceedings, together with a copy of such notice, shall be served on each party defendant referred to in subparagraphs 1. and 2. who is made a defendant and over whom the court acquires jurisdiction in such validation proceedings. Any person resident of this state or any person not a resident of, or located within, this state, whether or not authorized to transact business in this state, who contracts with any such public agency or legal entity, or both, in any manner relating to such electric project, may intervene in the validation proceedings at or before the time set for the validation hearing and assert any ground or objection to the validity and binding effect of such contract or agreement on his or her own behalf and on behalf of any such public agency and of all citizens, residents, and property owners of the state. No appeal may be taken by any person who was not a party of record in such proceedings at the time the judgment appealed from was rendered. An adjudication as to the validity of any such contract or agreement from which no appeal has been taken within the time permitted by law from the date of entry of the judgment of validation or, if an appeal is filed, which is confirmed on appeal shall be forever conclusive and binding upon such legal entity and all such parties who are made defendants and over whom the court acquires jurisdiction in such validation proceedings.

(g) Each such public agency or legal entity, or both, which contracts with any other person or persons with respect to the ownership or operation of any electric project, and each such public agency which contracts with any legal entity for the support of, or supply of, power from an electric project, is authorized to pledge to such other person or persons or such legal entity, or both, for the benefit of such electric project all or any portion of the revenues derived or to be derived:

1. In the case of any such public agency, from the ownership and operation of its electric or other integrated utility system; and
2. In the case of a legal entity, from the provision of products and services by it;

and to pledge to such other person or persons or such legal entity, or both, for the benefit of such electric project any securities, contract rights, and other property. Each such legal entity is also

authorized to pledge to, or for the benefit of, the holders of any bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued by such legal entity, as security for the payment thereof, any revenues, securities, contract rights, or other property. Any such pledge shall specify the priority and ranking of such pledge in respect of other pledges, if any, of the same revenues, securities, contract rights, or other property by such public agency or legal entity. Any pledge of revenues, securities, contract rights, or other property made by any such public agency or legal entity, or both, pursuant to this section shall be valid and binding from the date the pledge is made. The revenues, securities, contract rights, or other property so pledged and then held or thereafter received by such public agency or legal entity, or any fiduciary, or such other person or persons shall immediately be subject to the lien of the pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act; and the lien of the pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, in contract, or otherwise against the public agency or legal entity making such pledge, without regard to whether such parties have notice thereof. The resolution, trust indenture, security agreement, or other instrument by which a pledge is created need not be filed or recorded in any manner.

(h) Any such legal entity is authorized and empowered to sue and be sued in its own name. In the event that any such public agency or legal entity enters into a contract or an agreement with respect to an electric project located in another state, or owns an interest in an electric project located in another state, an action against such public agency or legal entity may be brought in the federal or state courts located in such state.

(i) The provisions of this subsection shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. The powers conferred by the provisions of this subsection shall be in addition and supplementary to the powers conferred by the other provisions of this section, by any other general, local, or special law, or by any charter of any public agency. When the exercise of any power conferred on any public agency or any legal entity by the provisions of this subsection would conflict with any limitation or requirement upon such public agency or such legal entity contained in the other provisions of this section, in any other general, local, or special law, except s. 361.14, or in the charter of such public agency, such limitation or requirement shall be superseded by the provisions of this subsection for the purposes of the exercise of such power pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

(j) While any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any such public agency or any such legal entity pursuant to the authority granted by paragraph (7)(c) or other applicable law remain outstanding, or while any such public agency or any such legal entity has any undischarged duties or obligations under any contract or agreement, including, but not limited to, obligations to any operator or joint owner of any electric project, the powers, duties, or existence of such public agency or such legal entity or of its officers, employees, or agents shall not be diminished, impaired, or affected in any manner which will affect materially and adversely the interests and rights of the owners of such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness or the persons to whom such duties or obligations are owed under such contract or agreement. The provisions of this subsection shall be for the benefit of the state, each such public agency, each such legal entity, every owner of the bonds of each such legal entity or public agency, and every other person to whom such public agency or such legal entity owes a duty or is obligated by contract or agreement; and, upon and after the earlier of the execution and delivery by any public agency or legal entity, pursuant to this section, of any contract or agreement to any person with respect to an electric project, or the issuance of such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, the provisions of this subsection shall constitute an irrevocable contract by the state with the owners of the bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by such public agency or legal entity and with the other person or persons to whom any such public agency or legal entity owes a duty or is obligated by any such contract or agreement.

(k) The limitations on waiver in the provisions of s. 768.28 or any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Legislature, in accordance with s. 13, Art. X of the State Constitution, hereby declares that any such legal entity or any public agency of this state that participates in any electric project waives its sovereign immunity to:

1. All other persons participating therein; and
2. Any person in any manner contracting with a legal entity of which any such public agency is a member, with relation to:
 - a. Ownership, operation, or any other activity set forth in sub-subparagraph (b)2.d. with relation to any electric project; or
 - b. The supplying or purchasing of services, output, capacity, energy, or any combination thereof.

(l) Notwithstanding the definition of “electric project” contained in paragraph (3)(d), or any other provision of this subsection or of part II of chapter 361 limiting the parties which may participate jointly in electric projects, any public agency of this state which is an electric utility, or any separate legal entity created pursuant to the provisions of this section, the membership of which consists only of electric utilities, and which exercises or proposes to exercise the powers granted by part II of chapter 361, may exercise any or all of the powers provided in this subsection jointly with any other person with respect to the acquisition, extraction, conversion, use, transportation, storage, reprocessing, disposal, or any combination thereof of any primary fuel or source thereof, as well as any other materials resulting therefrom, only when such primary fuel or source thereof is to be used for the generation of electrical energy in one or more electric projects by such legal entity, any member thereof, or any combination thereof; and, in connection therewith, any such public agency or legal entity shall be deemed to have all the additional powers, privileges, and rights provided in this subsection.

(m) In the event that any public agency or any such legal entity, or both, should receive, in connection with its joint ownership or right to the services, output, capacity, or energy of an electric project, as defined in paragraph (3)(d), any material which is designated by the person supplying such material as proprietary confidential business information or which a court of competent jurisdiction has designated as confidential or secret shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1). As used in this paragraph, “proprietary confidential business information” includes, but is not limited to, trade secrets; internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors; security measures, systems, or procedures; information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the utility to contract for services on favorable terms; employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities; and formulas, patterns, devices, combinations of devices, contract costs, or other information the disclosure of which would injure the affected entity in the marketplace.

(16)(a) All of the additional powers and authority granted by chapter 82-53, Laws of Florida, to a public agency as defined in paragraph (3)(b), a legal entity created pursuant to the provisions of this section, or both, respecting agreements for participation in electric projects shall apply to any agreement in existence as of March 25, 1982, as well as to any such agreement entered into thereafter; but no additional limitation provided in chapter 82-53 upon any power or authority of any such public agency or legal entity, or both, respecting agreements for participation in electric projects shall apply to any such agreement entered into prior to March 25, 1982.

(b) Chapter 82-53, Laws of Florida, shall be deemed to be enacted for the purpose of further implementing the provisions of s. 10(d), Art. VII of the State Constitution, as amended.

(17) In any agreement entered into pursuant to this section, any public agency or separate legal entity created by interlocal agreement may, in its discretion, grant, sell, donate, dedicate, lease or otherwise convey, title, easements or use rights in real property, including tax-reverted

real property, title to which is in such public agency or separate legal entity, to any other public agency or separate legal entity created by interlocal agreement. Any public agency or separate legal entity created by interlocal agreement is authorized to grant such interests in real property or use rights without consideration when in its discretion it is determined to be in the public interest. Real property and interests in real property granted or conveyed to such public agency or separate legal entity shall be for the public purposes contemplated in the interlocal agreement and may be made subject to the condition that in the event that said real property or interest in real property is not so used, or if used and subsequently its use for such purpose is abandoned, the interest granted shall cease as to such public agency or separate legal entity and shall automatically revert to the granting public agency or separate legal entity.

(18) Any separate legal entity created under subsection (7) which has member public agencies located in at least five counties, of which at least three are not contiguous, may conduct public meetings and workshops by means of communications media technology. The notice for any such public meeting or workshop shall state that the meeting or workshop will be conducted through the use of communications media technology; specify how persons interested in attending may do so; and provide a location where communications media technology facilities are available. The participation by an officer, board member, or other representative of a member public agency in a meeting or workshop conducted through communications media technology constitutes that individual's presence at such meeting or workshop. As used in this subsection, the term "communications media technology" means conference telephone, video conference, or other communications technology by which all persons attending a public meeting or workshop may audibly communicate.

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