

PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 31, 2021

REGULAR AGENDA
ITEM 3

Legislative Update

Presenter -

Patrick Lehman, Executive Director
Doug Manson, General Counsel

Recommended Action -

Status Report. This item is presented for the Board's information and no action is required.

The 2021 legislative session began on March 2, 2021. Staff will provide an update to the ongoing legislative session.

Attachments:

Legislative Priorities 2021

Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Legislative Priorities 2021

Issue	Legislative/ Regulatory	Activity
STATE		
State Water Infrastructure Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support State funding for Authority water projects that strengthen resiliency of the regional system. • Support State funding for alternative water supply with priority given to regional projects. • Support funding of State trust funds established in existing statutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water Protection and Sustainability Program; and ○ West-Central Florida Water Restoration Action Plan. 	Legislative	Submit project application for State funding. Monitor and participate in legislative process
Monitor legislation that may be proposed resulting from the framework developed by the Florida Potable Reuse Commission.	Legislative	Monitor legislative process
Monitor legislation that may revise aquifer storage and recovery requirements and support any legislation that would benefit the Authority's ASR program.	Legislative	Monitor legislative process
Monitor legislation that sets or requires DEP to adopt rules setting maximum PFAS standards and remediation/liability requirements.	Legislative	Monitor legislative process
Monitor legislative ratification of Central Florida Water Initiative rules.	Legislative	Monitor legislative process
Support confirmation of Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board Member appointments.	Legislative	Support Senate confirmations
Monitor State Local Efficiency Task Force Committee.	Legislative Committee	Monitor process
Support acquisition by the State and SWFWMD of lands to enhance water management and supply.	Multiple Agencies	Participate in process
Monitor Florida's request to assume Administration of a Clean Water Act Section 404 Program.	Multiple Agencies	Monitor process

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled
 3 Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority
 4 Project Prairie Regional Pumping and Storage
 5 Facilities; providing an appropriation; providing an
 6 effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply
 11 Authority Project Prairie Regional Pumping and Storage
 12 Facilities is an Appropriations Project as defined in The Rules
 13 of The Florida House of Representatives and is described in
 14 Appropriations Project Request 984, herein incorporated by
 15 reference.

16 Section 2. For fiscal year 2021-2022 the nonrecurring sum
 17 of \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the
 18 Department of Environmental Protection to fund the Peace River
 19 Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Project Prairie
 20 Regional Pumping and Storage Facilities as described in
 21 Appropriations Project Request 984.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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Project Prairie Storage and Pumping Station Acquisition and Upgrade

Fact Sheet



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

The Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority is a regional water supplier that provides wholesale drinking water supporting the region’s economic growth and quality of life. The Authority provides the platform for its four member counties (Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota) to collaboratively plan the region’s water supply benefitting from an economy of scale, shared expertise, and environmental stewardship.

Project Description:

The Peace River Facility, located in southwest DeSoto County, is a 51 million gallon per day Alternative Water Supply facility providing drinking water to Charlotte, DeSoto and Sarasota Counties’ utilities. The Authority’s regional transmission system, consisting of over 75 miles of large diameter pipe, interconnects the region providing a resilient and secure water supply for residents and businesses.

The Authority’s regional transmission system was extended in 2020 and now includes a plant-to-plant connection between the Regional Peace River Facility with the City of Punta Gorda’s Shell Creek Water Treatment Plant. The Project Prairie storage and pumping facility owned by DeSoto County is located adjacent to the new regional transmission system extension, midway between the Peace River and Shell Creek facilities. Authority acquisition and conversion of the County’s Project Prairie facilities will improve the transfer of water between the regional system and Punta Gorda, while continuing to support the supply needs of DeSoto County, for regional and local benefits.

Project Need/Benefit:

The Authority has constructed an extensive regional water supply system over the past two decades, utilizing alternative water supply that includes off-stream reservoirs and Aquifer Storage and Recovery wells. The acquisition and conversion of the Project Prairie Facility to regional operation provides resiliency of supply to Punta Gorda, DeSoto County and the region with the following benefits:

- interconnects alternative water supplies supporting the recovery goals of the Southern Water Use Caution Area Recovery Plan;
- interconnected regional system increases resiliency to drought, hurricanes, floods and climate change;
- regional operation provides cost benefit to DeSoto County, a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) as designated by the state, supporting economic growth within the County’s service area.

Project Cost:

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| • FY 2022 State Appropriation Request | \$0.200 M |
| • FY 2022 Funds provided by Authority and/or other funding sources | <u>\$1.075 M</u> |
| • Estimated Total Cost | \$1.275 M |

Project Schedule:

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| • Acquisition of Project Prairie facilities | October 2021 |
| • Upgrade of Project Prairie Storage and Pumping | April 2022 |
| • Project Completion | December 2022 |

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