



**REGIONAL COMMUNITY INSTITUTE OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC.**

**Water Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 2pm**

**Northeast Florida Regional Council**

Board Room

100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202

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**Meeting Summary**

Chair White introduced himself and staff and asked participants to introduce themselves and their areas of interest. He noted that public input is always welcome. He discussed the goals of the committee, and asked the group to identify the issues they would want the committee to cover, in the following areas: Quantity, Quality, Political and Economic Issues, and Other.

The group then gave their input, which is transcribed on the lists below. Participants then indicated their preferences for issues for the committee to cover. The number of participants that preferred each issue is noted on the list.

**Quantity**

- Is it enough for public use? (1)
- Impacts of storm surge / flooding
- Areas impacted (landfills)
- Low Impact – Land use management and impacts (9)
- Paving recharge issue
- Value of fresh water run-off into estuaries (2)
- How much? Where is it? (5)
- Regional water supply authority – cost of water (1)
- Conservation of water (9)
- Influence of quantity on quality and quality on quantity (SLR does not add to quantity)(3)
- What quantity is needed by people and systems? Are they using good quality water when reuse would do? (5)
- Altered hydrology (2)

**Quality**

- Water quality measurements (7)
- Chlorides, Salinity, salt water intrusion (3)
- Sea Level rise impact on H<sub>2</sub>O (3)
- Can quantity needs still produce good quality
- Altered hydrology
- Public use (4)
- Groundwater protection policies (1)
- Potable water and ecosystem needs shifts in demand (10)
- Impact of development – Low impact



### **Political / Economic Issues**

- New energy added to work that has been abandoned
- Encourage Interstate Cooperation (1)
- Determination of ecological significance of ecological lands
- Streamline permitting process (3)
- Should DAM stay or go
- Attainable, can get it done/enforcement (8)
- Impacts of Quality/Quantity on business/economy (2)
- Regional gaps in policy
- Coordination of monitoring
- Simple vs. complex solutions (2)
- Short / Medium / Long term fixes (1)
- Funding – maybe new sources
- Coastal flood plain managers get together – common ordinance
- GA Water Coalition of organizations annual report card

### **Other**

- Ground vs surface water
- Sustainable capacity of water in Region (9)
- Lack of data, need more monitoring (1)
- What data – Georgia –Florida (4)
- Is it comparable? Find a way to work together
- Clearinghouse on reporting
- How to best communicate (3)
- Water re-use (5)
- Technology

The group agreed to discuss the workplan based on these issue areas at their next meeting on February 8. It was agreed that the area we are covering in Georgia includes the St. Mary's River Watershed/Basin. The Florida area is the 7 counties of Northeast Florida. Participants were asked to contact Ms. Moehring with data that needs to be shared and contacts that need to be invited to participate. Chair White asked for public comment but there was none. The meeting ended at 4pm.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9 and 9/13