



Legislation Text

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TITLE

Funding Agreement With Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply for Regional Water Supply Authority
Regional Irrigation Evaluation Project Program (Q306)

BRIEF OVERVIEW

Hernando County Utilities Department (HCUD) has partnered with the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to aid high water use customers through the Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program. The Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program will provide HCUD participants either a core evaluation, including an irrigation system evaluation, site specific recommendations, rain sensor installation if an operable sensor is not present and water wise landscaping education materials, or an enhanced evaluation, which builds upon the core evaluation components and can also include timer change-outs and enhancement, repair of irrigation systems and other enhancements to implement recommendations. The recently completed Phase 5 Regional Irrigation Program was very successful throughout the region and Hernando County saw a nearly 20% decline in per capita water use for the participants of this important program. Attached is the final report of Phase 5 WRWSA Regional Irrigation Evaluation Project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

WRWSA and Hernando County will enter into a funding agreement where HCUD would fund \$6,187.50 from Account No. 4111-07151-5393401, Water Conservation Contracted Services, and the WRWSA would fund \$18,562.50 for a total project cost of \$24,750, with WRWSA to be reimbursed by SWFWMD of fifty percent of the total project costs (\$12,375), to conduct an estimated 24 core and 20 enhanced irrigation system water audits on single-family residential properties, with approximately 6 follow-ups evaluations.

LEGAL NOTE

The Board is authorized to act on this matter pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statutes.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the attached funding agreement with the WRWSA for the Regional Irrigation Evaluation Project (Q306).