

# Central Florida Coordination Area Update

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## Presentation Will Cover:

- **Background**
- **Rule Development Update**
- **MOU**
- **Consumptive Use Permits**
  - **Orange County Utilities**
  - **Toho Water Authority**
  - **St. Cloud**
  - **Reedy Creek Improvement District**
  - **Polk County Utilities**

## Background

- February 2006 – SJRWMD released staff report recommending issuance of 20-year CUP to Orange County Utilities
- Several petitions were filed (including SFWMD)
- Issues discussed at March 2006 joint WMD Governing Board meeting
- Direction given to coordinate central Florida water supply issues across 3 WMDs

# Background

## ■ Issues

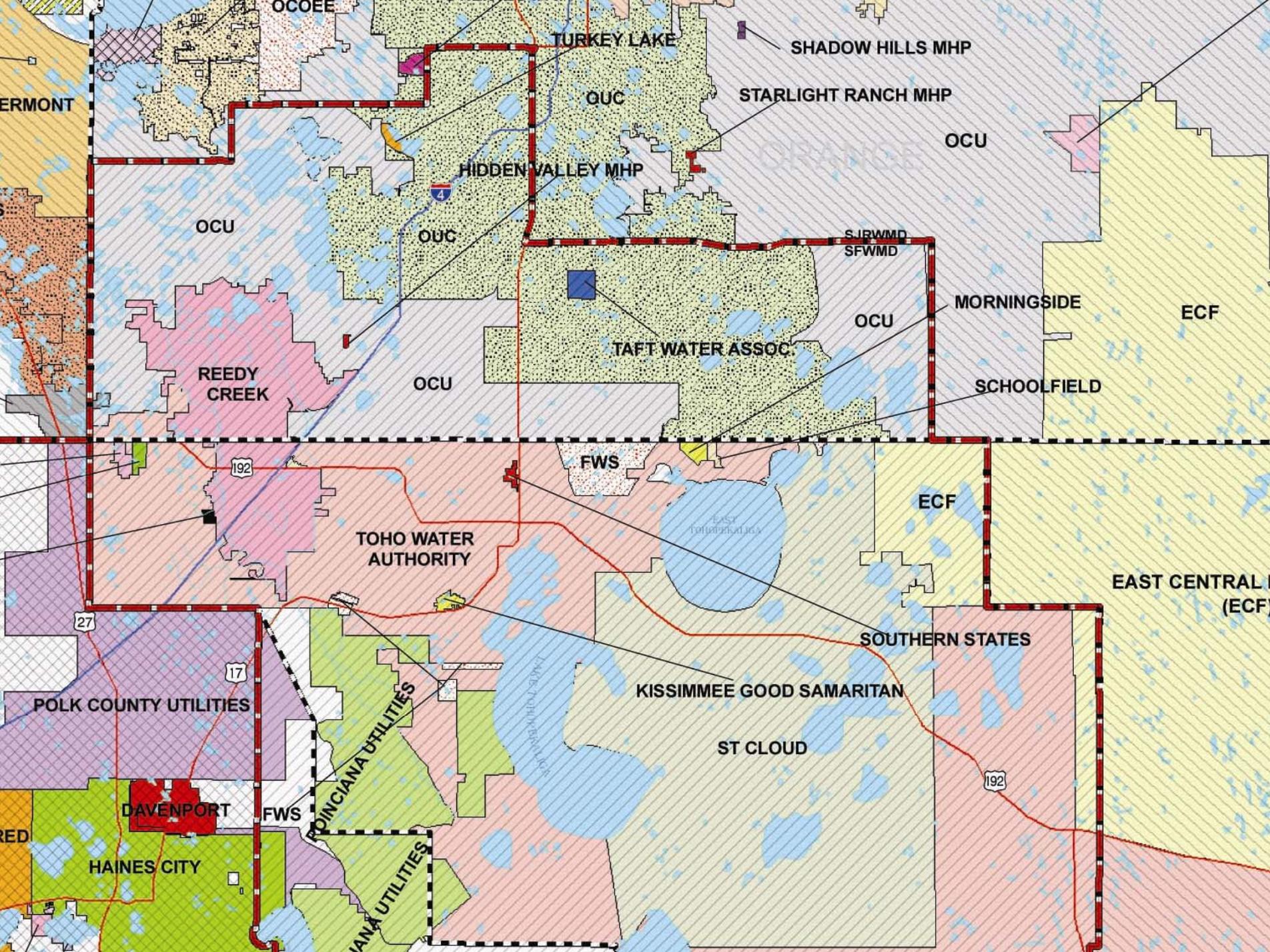
- **Traditional ground water sources not adequate to meet growing PWS demands**
- **Alternative sources must be developed to meet growing demands**
- **Utilities need to be treated consistently by three WMDs**

## Background

- **WMD Executive Directors and staff developed “Guiding Principles”**
  - **Increasing PWS demands**
  - **Insufficient groundwater to satisfy demands without causing harm**
  - **Need to improve tools**
  - **Need to transition to AWS to meet growth**
  - **Need to equitably distribute remaining groundwater**

# Background

- **Developed Central Florida Coordination Area (CFCA) Action Plan based on Guiding Principles**
- **Three Components**
  - **Regulatory**
  - **Planning**
  - **Modeling and Predictive Tools**
- **Scope limited to PWS (growth sector)**



## **CFCA Regulatory Component**

- **Modify 3 WMDs' CUP rules to:**
  - **Limit groundwater allocations to the amount needed to meet 2013 demands**
  - **Utilities proposing specific AWS projects qualify for 20-year duration for 2013 allocation**
  - **Temporary increase in groundwater allocations possible if AWS not on line by 2013 but permittee showing due diligence**

# CFCA Regulatory Component

- All other criteria for issuance must be met
- Impacts must be avoided, minimized, or mitigated
- Five-year compliance reports required
- Allocations/limiting conditions subject to revision as new information is developed (monitoring/modeling/impact assessments)

## CFCA Rulemaking Update

- **Three WMDs coordinating revisions to CUP rules to maximize consistency**
- **SFWMD's revisions:**
  - **Special Duration Factors**
    - **CFCA groundwater added as Source of Limited Availability**
    - **Criteria for up to 20-year permit duration**
    - **Limiting duration to 2013 if no AWS proposed**

# CFCA Rulemaking Update

- **SFWMD's Rule Revisions (continued)**
  - **Restricted Allocation Areas Section**
    - **Language added addressing 2013 allocation, AWS requirements, and interim allocations**
  - **Definitions Section**
    - **Add CFCA and map**
  - **Special Conditions Section**
    - **List conditions (requirements for monitoring, mitigation, AWS schedules, 5-year compliance reporting, adjustment of allocation and conditions)**

# CFCA Rulemaking Update

- **Two joint workshops held**
  - **November 29<sup>th</sup> in Orlando**
  - **December 19<sup>th</sup> in Haines City**
- **Additional workshop may be scheduled**
- **Draft language available on WMD websites**
- **Comments due January 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **Notice of proposed rulemaking February/March 2007**
- **Adopt rule April/May 2007**

## CFCA MOU Update

- **Three WMDs passed resolutions directing staff to implement CFCA Action Plan**
- **MOU developed to formalize CFCA and cooperation on AWS development**
- **Scheduled for consideration by WMD Governing Boards in January/February 2007**

## Pending CUP Applications

- SJRWMD issued CUP to Orange County Utilities in December 2006 consistent with CFCA Action Plan
- SFWMD has five pending PWS CUP applications in CFCA area:
  - Orange County Utilities
  - Toho Water Authority
  - St. Cloud
  - Polk County
  - Reedy Creek Improvement District

## Pending CUP Applications

- Plan is to issue all five CUPs at the same time (January/February 2007)
- Permits will be consistent with CFCA Action Plan and pending rule revisions
- Five utilities have signed an agreement to cooperate to supply information needed to evaluate applications, monitor for potential impacts, etc.

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- Questions?

## **CFCA Planning Component**

- **Identify future demands and AWS projects to meet demands beyond 2013**
- **Evaluate combinations of AWS projects**
- **Develop implementation/funding strategies**
- **Coordinate with stakeholders**

## **CFCA Modeling/Tools Component**

- **Develop best set of tools available to support regulatory and planning activities**
- **Increase accuracy and precision for assessment of impacts**
- **Organize and coordinate data sharing to improve consistency**