

South Florida Water Management District - Ernie Barnett, Legislative Affairs Director (561) 284-6178

2010 Session Water Management District Bills of Interest

Bill	Title	Sponsor(s)	Summary
SB142 HB659	Relating to Water Management Districts	Sen. Baker Rep. Van Zant	Water Management Districts: Deletes the requirement that the district governing board delegate its authority to take final actions. Deletes the restriction against reviewing delegations by the board under the Administrative Procedure Act. Requires the board to provide a process for referring certain delegated actions to the governing board for final action.
HB435 SB518	Relating to Marketable Record Title	Rep. Abruzzo Sen. Baker	Marketable Record Title: Revises exceptions to marketability by including any right, title, or interest held by Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund, any water management district, or United States; conforms provisions to changes made by act.
HB493 SB1180	Relating to Election of Members of Governing Boards Possessing Authority to Adopt Millage Rates	Rep. Domino Sen. Negron	Election of Members of Governing Boards Possessing Authority to Adopt Millage Rates: Proposes creation of s. 28, Art. X of State Constitution to require election of members of governing boards that have authority to adopt millage rates; provides for implementing legislation that may include phase-in schedule; provides that transition to elected governing boards must be completed by January 1, 2013.
HB1109	Relating to Water Supply	Rep. Williams Sen. Haridopolos	Water Supply: Creates part VII of ch. 373, F.S., relating to water supply policy, planning, production, & funding; repeals & conforms other provisions of law.
HB1067 SB1984	Relating to Rural Infrastructure Fund	Rep. Bernard Senator Aronberg	Rural Infrastructure Fund: Revises provisions relating to rural infrastructure projects; revises percentage of total infrastructure project costs for which OTTED may award grants; authorizes OTTED to award grants for certain percentage of total infrastructure project costs for certain rural areas of critical economic concern; requires that funds from purchase of certain lands by state or state
SB1748	Relating to Stormwater Management Systems	Sen. Bennett	Stormwater Management Systems: Requires the DEP, in coordination with the water management districts, to develop a statewide stormwater quality treatment rule by a certain date. Provides legislative intent and definitions. Provides rule requirements. Exempts agency action taken pursuant to the rule from the dispute-resolution procedures of ch. 70, F.S. Specifies the relationship of the rule to rules already adopted.
SB538	Relating to Everglades Restoration	Sen. Constantine	Everglades Restoration: Deletes an obsolete provision relating to a report by the South Florida Water Management District and the Department of Environmental Protection on the research and monitoring program within the Everglades Protection Area.

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SB540	Relating to Water Resources	Sen. Constantine	Water Resources: Deletes an obsolete date relating to a water supply assessment conducted by the water management districts.
HB789 SB2306	Relating to Rulemaking	Rep. Adkins Sen. Altman	Rulemaking: Requires state agencies to provide written notification to small-business owners of any proposed agency action or implementation of any agency action affecting small businesses; provides for small-business owners to petition state agency for hearing under certain conditions; requires administrative hearing officers to consider certain information when making determinations; provides dispute remedies & relief.
SB562	Relating to Drainage Control	Sen. Constantine	Drainage Control: Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to drainage control.
SB568	Relating to Florida Springs Protection Act	Sen. Constantine	Florida Springs Protection Act: Provides legislative findings and intent with respect to the need to protect and restore springs and ground water.
SB572	Relating to Wildlife	Sen. Constantine	Wildlife: Revises provisions relating to the sale or release of wild animals. Revises violations for the sale and exhibition of wildlife in the state unless authorized by the FWC. Revises nonnative and captive wildlife penalties. Provides provisions for bonding requirements for the possession of wildlife. Directs the FWC to evaluate the need to further restrict or ban the possession of certain species, etc.
HB709 SB318	Relating to Reptiles	Rep. Williams Sen. Sobel	Reptiles: Prohibits any person from possessing, importing, selling, trading, or breeding certain specified reptile species, including reptile designated as reptile of concern by FWCC; provides certain exceptions applicable to reptiles for which owner holds permit issued before specified date.
SB576	Relating to Environmental Control	Sen. Constantine	Environmental Control: Deletes an obsolete deadline for the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules regarding water quality credit trading among the pollutant sources to a water body or water body segment.
SB584	Relating to Lease of Submerged Lands	Sen. Fasano	Lease of Submerged Lands: Deletes the per-acre surcharge imposed on each lease. Prohibits the imposition of rental fees or other charges for the lease of submerged lands used for residential docks, piers, and wet slips.
SB604 HB307	Relating to Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund	Sen. Dean Rep. Boyd	Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund: Authorizes the Northwest Florida and Suwannee River Water Management Districts to use any funds deposited by the state into their Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Funds to be used for regional water supply planning, water resource development, and water resource projects.

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HB605	Relating to Water Resources	Rep. Schultz	Water Resources: Requires water management districts to assist independent special districts in determining certain adverse effects on Outstanding Florida Waters under specified conditions; authorizes independent special districts to use funds for mitigation of such adverse effects.
HB617 SB1338	Relating to Limestone Mining	Rep. Bemby Sen. Dean	Limestone Mining: Provides that financial responsibility for mitigation for wetlands & other surface waters required by permit for activities associated with extraction of limestone are subject to approval by DEP; authorizes limestone mine operators to apply for life-of-the-mine permits; clarifies authority of local governments to approve, approve with conditions, deny, or impose certain permit durations.
SB770	Relating to Permits/Consumptive Use of Water/Commercial Profit	Sen. Lynn	Permits/Consumptive Use of Water/Commercial Profit: Prohibits until July 1, 2020, the governing board of a water management district or the Department of Environmental Protection from approving an application for a required permit if the applicant intends to resell the water for a commercial profit.
HB773 SB1126	Relating to Expedited Permitting	Rep. Kreegel Sen. Altman	Expedited Permitting: Transfers authority over expedited permitting & comprehensive plan amendment process from OTTED to Secretary of Environmental Protection; revises job-creation criteria for businesses to qualify to submit such permit applications & local comprehensive plan amendments; provides for expedited review of specified renewable energy projects; provides for establishment of regional permit action teams through execution of memoranda of agreement developed by permit applicants & secretary; provides for appeal & challenge of expedited permit or comprehensive plan amendment; revises provisions for review of sites proposed for location of facilities eligible for Innovation Incentive Program; specifies expedited review for certain electrical power projects.
SB1008	Relating to Water and Wastewater	Sen. Diaz de la Portilla	Water and Wastewater: Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to water and wastewater.
SB1030	Relating to Water Facilities	Sen. Diaz de la Portilla	Water Facilities: Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to water facilities.
SB1640	Relating to Florida Forever Trust Fund/DCA	Sen. Fasano	Florida Forever Trust Fund/DCA: Re-creates said trust fund within the DCA. Reenacts and amends a specified provision relating to said trust fund. Provides for sources of funds and purposes. Provides for the annual carryforward of funds. Provides for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund.

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SB2056	Relating to Water Quality/Nutrients/Surface Water	Sen. Oelrich	Water Quality/Nutrients/Surface Water: Directs the DEP to contract with the National Academy of Science for an evaluation of issues related to the establishment of numeric nutrient criteria. Requires the DEP and the DOACS to evaluate the sources and quantities of nutrients in surface waters. Requires a report to the Governor and Legislature by a certain date. Provides for future expiration.
SB2074	Relating to Agriculture	Sen. Peaden	Agriculture: Prohibits a county from enforcing certain limits on the activity of a bona fide farm operation on agricultural land under certain circumstances. Creates the "Agricultural Land Acknowledgement Act". Requires an applicant for certain development permits to sign and submit an acknowledgement of certain contiguous agricultural lands as a condition of the political subdivision issuing the permits, etc.
SB2080	Relating to Water Conservation	Sen. Aronberg	Water Conservation: Revises the components for a comprehensive statewide water conservation program. Specifies that the program includes the creation of a Conserve Florida Clearinghouse and a Conserve Florida Clearinghouse Guide by the DEP. Requires a public water supply utility that develops a goal-based water conservation plan to submit the plan to the appropriate WMD for approval. Provides standards for approval, etc.
SB2182	Relating to Agriculture	Sen. Alexander	Agriculture: Clarifies that land that is classified as agricultural retains that classification when offered for sale. Provides for retroactivity. Provides that the Citrus Research and Development Foundation shall provide advice to the DOACS with respect to citrus research marketing orders. Provides for the deposit of certain agricultural assessments. Revises the assessment rate on citrus fruit, etc.
SB2238 HB1175	Relating to Mitigation Banks and Management and Storage of Surface Waters	Sen. Richter Rep. Williams	Mitigation Banks: Requires that rules of the DEP and the water management districts relating to mitigation banks be consistent with federal regulations. Requires the DEP to adopt a uniform process for obtaining a formal assessment determination for potential mitigation bank establishment. Provides that a formal assessment determination is binding for a specified period and constitutes final agency action, etc.
HB7013	Relating to Interagency Agreements for the Management of State Water Resources	Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy Committee	Interagency Agreements for the Management of State Water Resources: Removes obsolete language requiring Secretary of Environmental Protection to submit report relating to certain interagency agreements & environmental protection measures to Legislature by specified date.

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HB7015	Relating to Water Protection and Sustainability Program	Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy Committee	Water Protection and Sustainability Program: Removes obsolete language requiring Legislature to review distribution of funds under Water Protection & Sustainability Program; deletes provisions for interim project relating to program & its funding formula.
SB7024	Relating to Assessment of Lands Used for Conservation Purposes	Finance and Tax Committee	Assessment of Lands Used for Conservation Purposes: Provides for certain lands that are covenanted for use for conservation purposes to be assessed for ad valorem taxation in the same manner as lands used for outdoor recreational or park purposes. Redefines the term "covenant." Defines the term "conservation"
ANR6	Relating to Interagency Agreement	Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy Committee	Interagency Agreements: Relating to interagency agreements for the management of state water resources
SB274	Relating to Growth Management	Sen. Bennett	Growth Management: Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to growth management.
SB276	Relating to Growth Management	Sen. Bennett	Growth Management: Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to growth management.
HB389	Relating to State Trust Funds	Rep. Fetterman	State Trust Funds: Proposes amendment to s. 19, Art. III of State Constitution, relating to state trust funds, to require two-thirds vote of membership of each house of Legislature in separate bill for that purpose only to expend balance of state trust fund, or any portion of state trust fund, for any purpose other than purpose authorized by act that created trust fund.
SB406	Relating to Barriers/Highways/Canals or Bodies of Water	Sen. Bullard	Barriers/Highways/Canals or Bodies of Water: Requires limited access facilities that are adjacent to a canal or other water body to have a system of guardrails, retention cables, or other barriers between the highway and the canal or water body. Requires the DOT to establish certain standards governing the installation and maintenance of the barriers. Requires that barriers be installed for existing highways by a specified date.
SB2348	Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Sen. Baker	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Creates the "Florida Food Freedom Act." Revises a reference to the Model Ordinance for Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes