

2018 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update



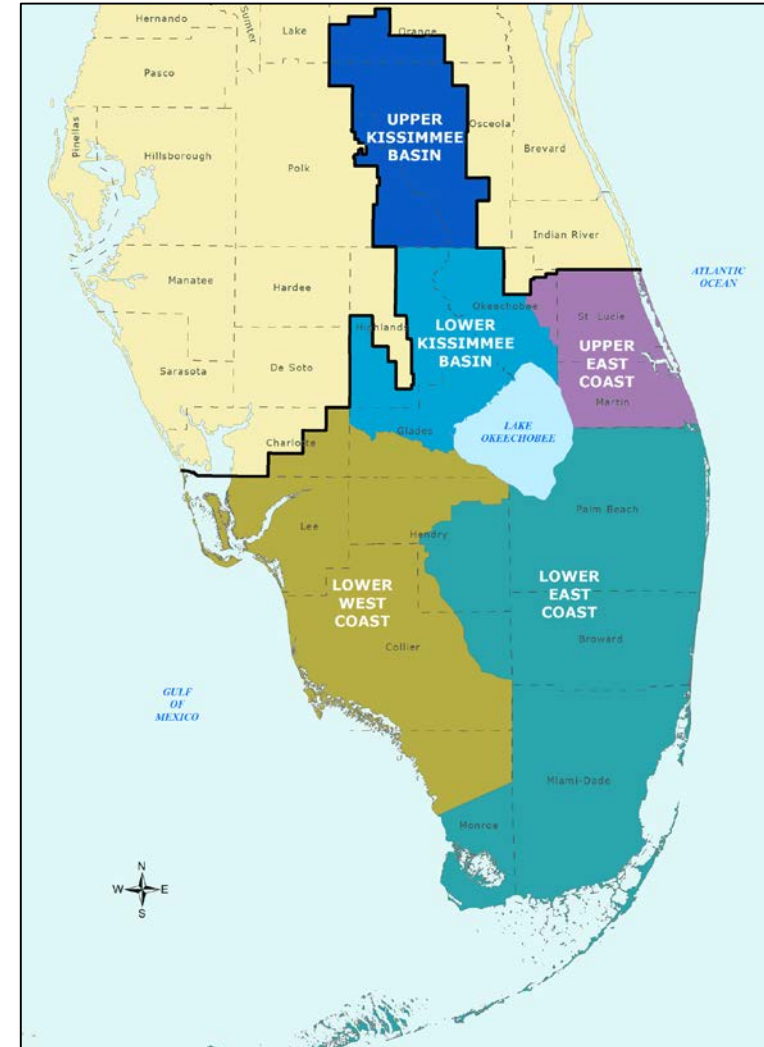
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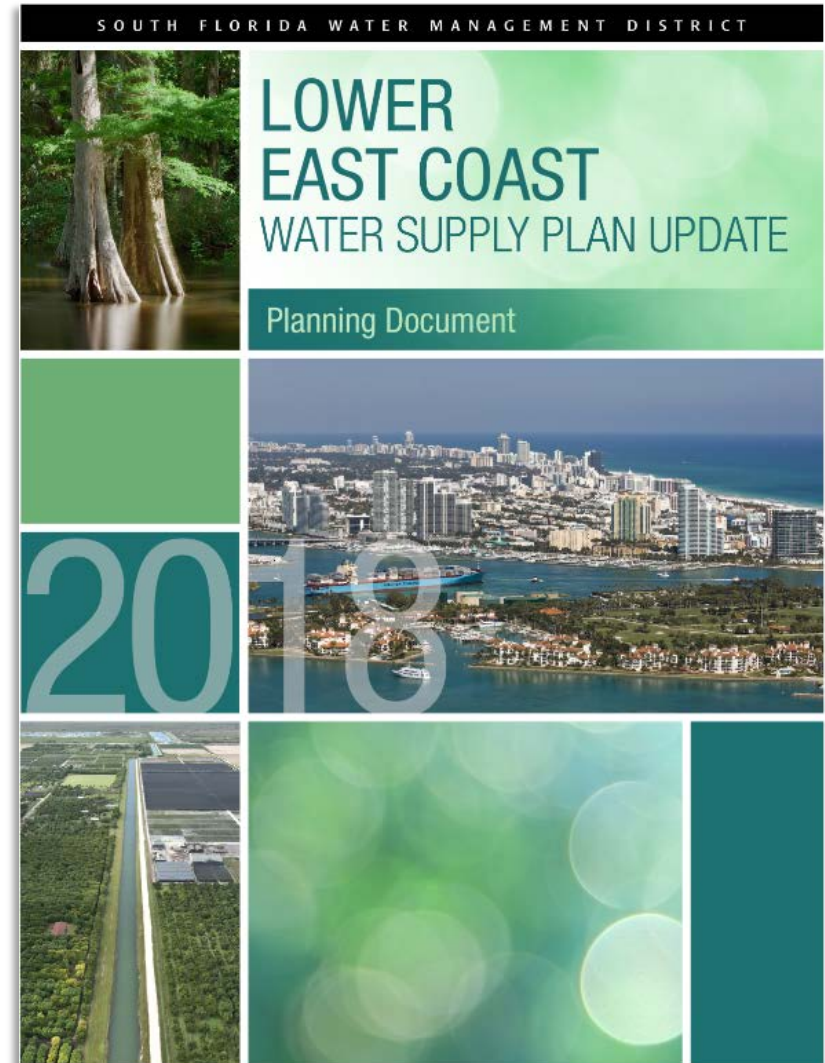
Water Supply Plan Requirements

- 20-year planning period
- Demand estimates and projections
- Resource analyses
- Issues identification
- Evaluation of water source options
- Water resource development
 - Responsibility of water management
- Water supply development
 - Responsibility of water users
- Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels
 - Recovery and prevention strategies



Public Participation

- Stakeholder workshops (3)
- Technical Workshops (1)
- One-on-one discussions with stakeholders
- SFWMD Water Resources Analysis Coalition (WRAC)
- Governing Board presentations
- Draft documents posted on website for review and comment



Objectives of this Plan Update

- Identify water supplies
- Increase water conservation & alternative water source development
- Protect & enhance natural systems
- Ensure compatibility and linkage with other efforts
- Provide linkage with local governments



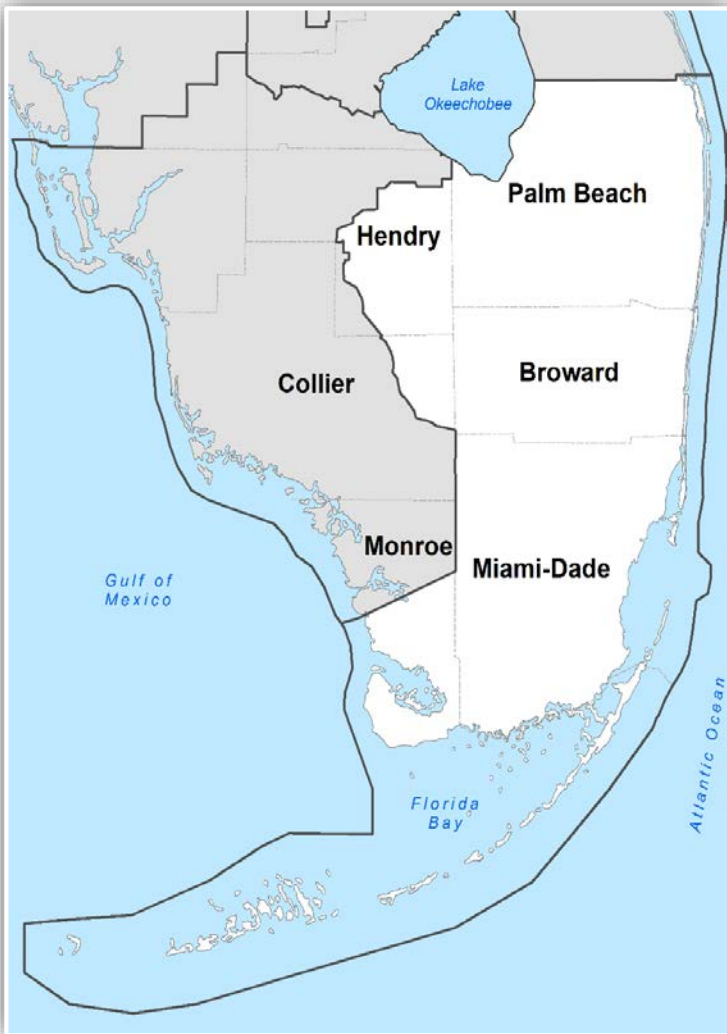
Regional & Local Planning Linkage

Final plan for Governing Board approval November 8, 2018:

- Local governments have 18 months to amend their Comp Plan to incorporate a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (*by May 2020*)
- Utilities identify the projects to be developed
- Utility annual progress reports
 - Due in November
 - District on-line WaSUP database



Lower East Coast Planning Area



Planning Horizon 2016-2040

➤ Population:

- 2016 6,027,190
- 2040 7,570,351



26% increase

➤ Irrigated agricultural acreage:

- 2016 581,470
- 2040 550,080



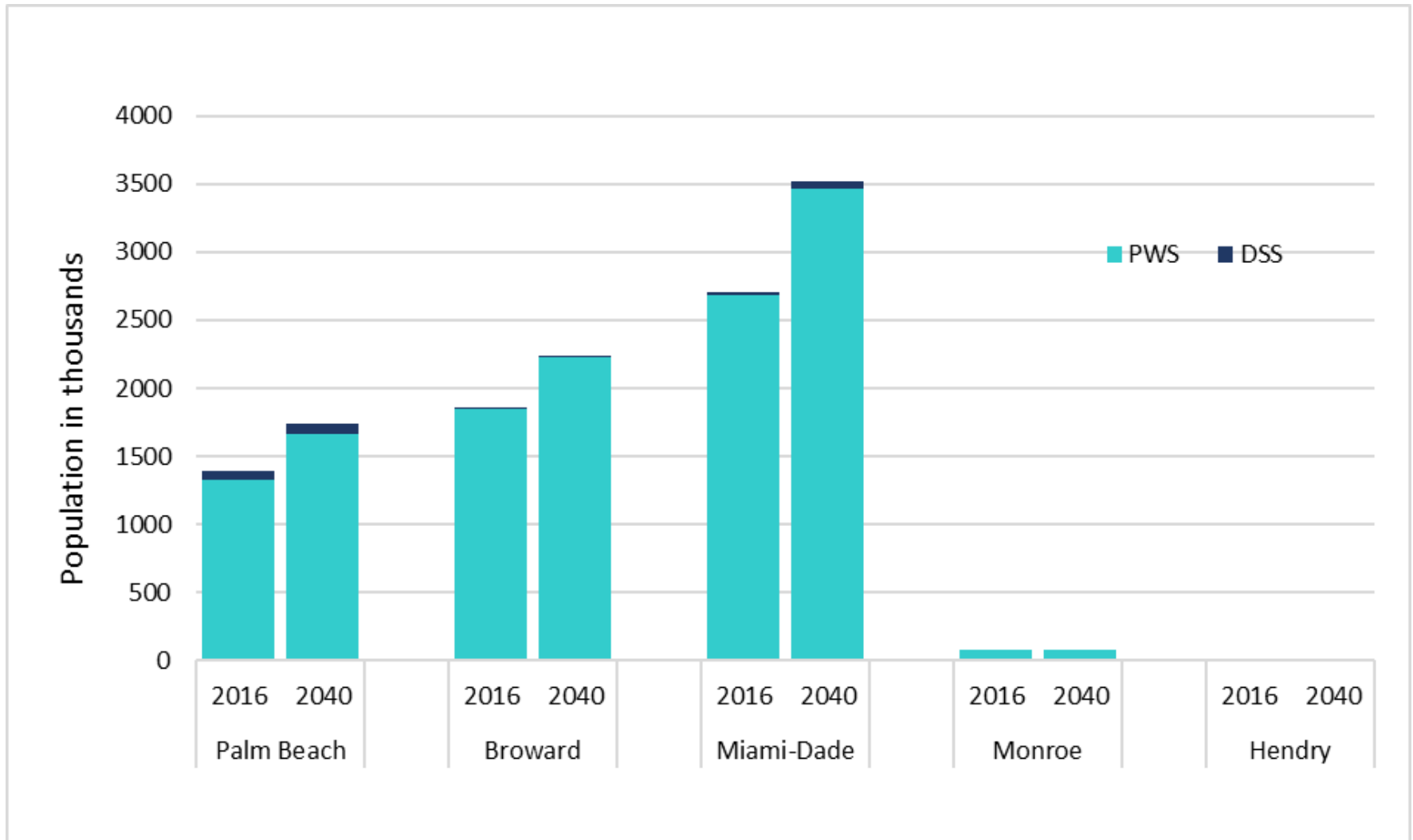
5% decrease

➤ Gross water demands:

- 2016 1,757 mgd
- 2040 2,005 mgd

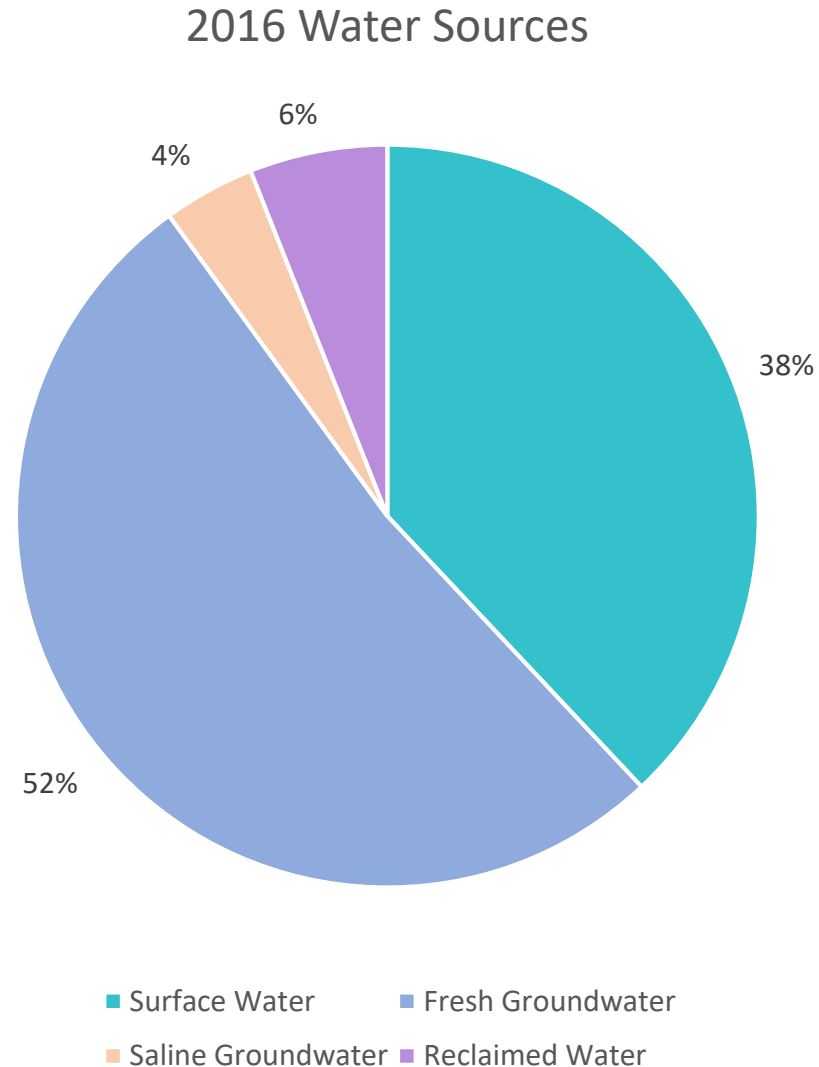
14% increase

Population Projections



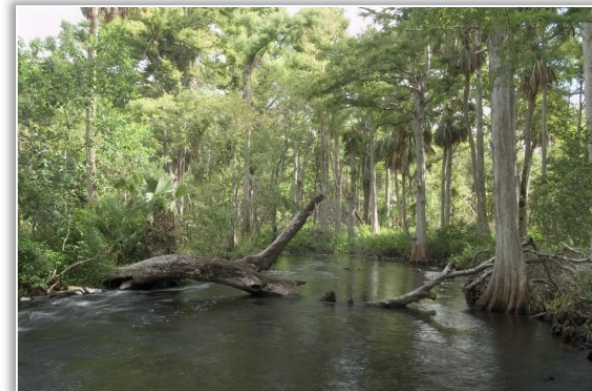
Total Demand Projections

Water Use Category	2016 (mgd)	2040 (mgd)	Change (mgd)
Public Water Supply	864	1,088	+224
Domestic & Small Supply	12	16	+4
Agricultural Irrigation	653	625	-28
Recreational/ Landscape Irrigation	136	156	+20
Industrial/ Commercial/ Institutional	52	67	+15
Power Generation	40	53	+13
LEC Total	1,757	2,005	+248

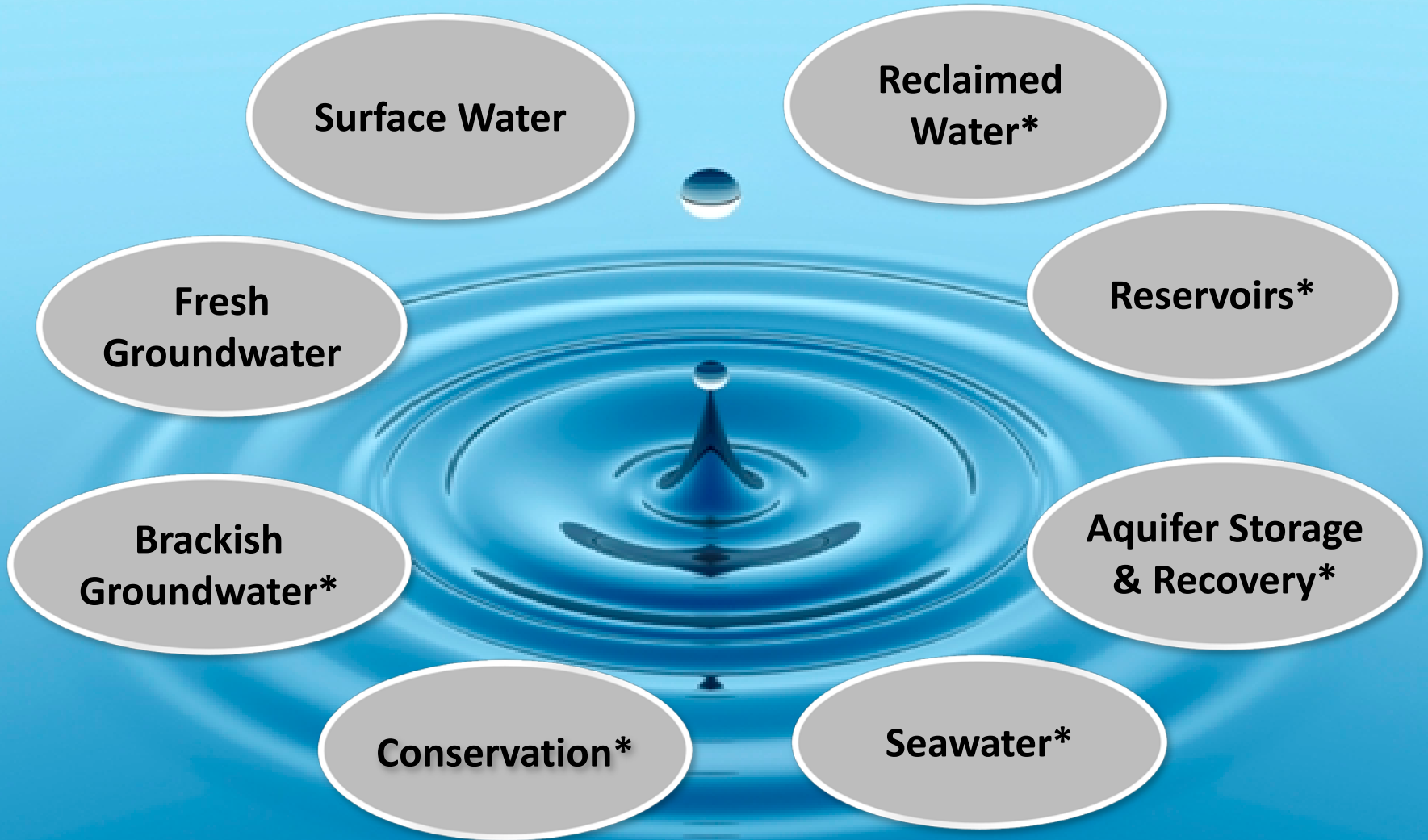


Water Supply Issues

- Increased use of surface water and surficial aquifer has regulatory limits
- Effects of climate change and sea level rise
- Environmental water needs
- Freshwater sources alone are inadequate to meet water needs through 2040
- Long-term sustainability of saline sources



Water Source Options



* Alternative water source

Demand Management: Water Conservation

Among the lowest cost solutions

➤ Agriculture

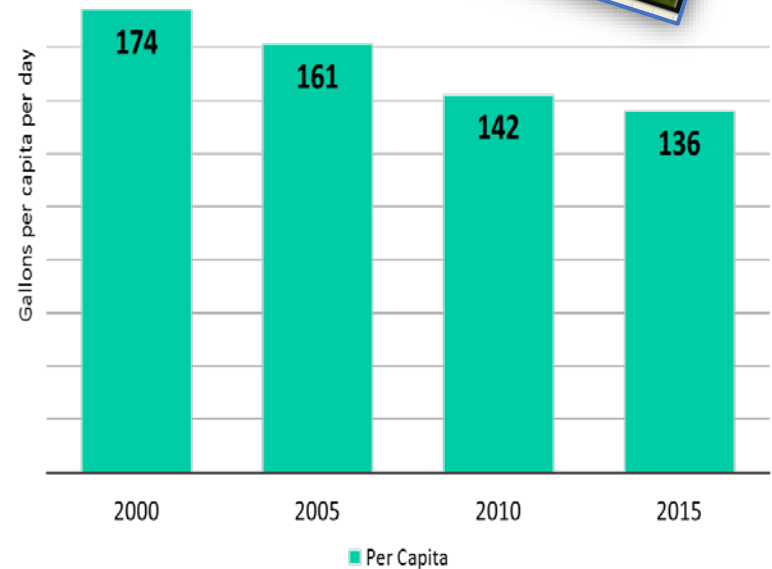
- FDACS Best Management Practices
- More efficient irrigation systems

➤ Public Water Supply

- Indoor and outdoor programs
- Conservation rate structures

➤ 103 mgd potential savings through conservation

- Urban – 79 mgd
- Agriculture – 24 mgd



The cheapest gallon of water is the gallon we don't use

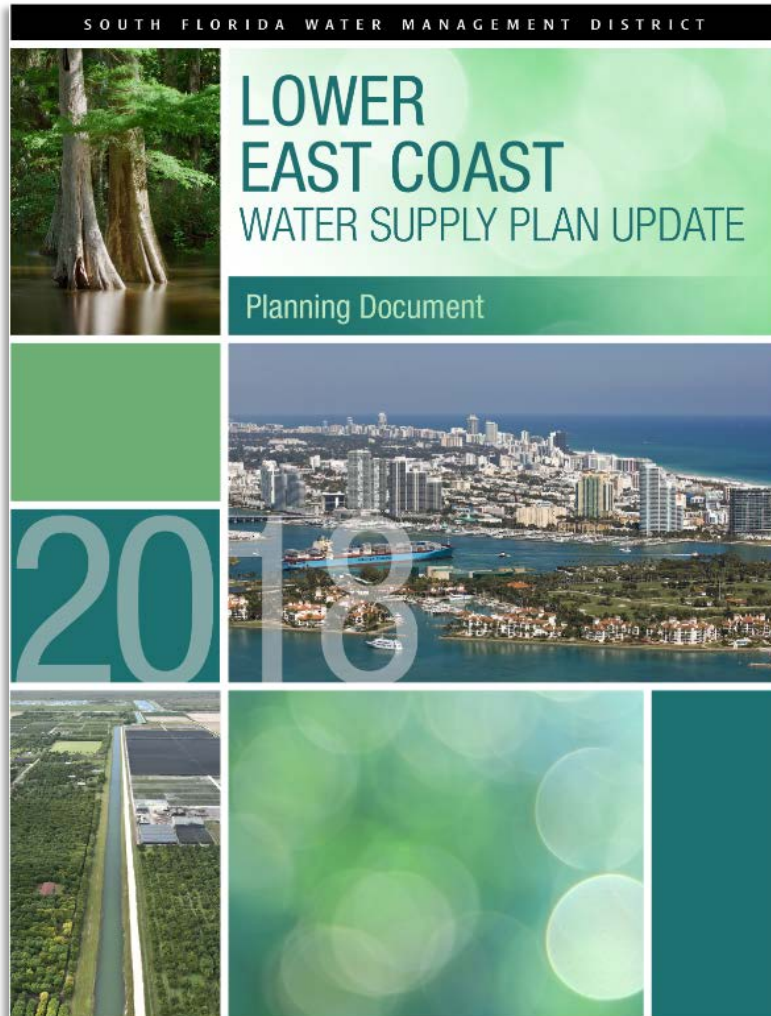
Environmental Water Needs



- Implementation of CERP and other projects
- Regulatory protection of water resources
 - Water use permitting program
 - Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels*
 - Water Reservations
 - Restricted Allocation Area rules
 - Water shortage criteria

**MFL Recovery and prevention strategies rely on CERP implementation.*

Draft Plan Conclusion



The future water demands of the region during 1-in-10 year drought conditions can be met through the 2040 planning horizon with appropriate management, conservation, and implementation of projects in this 2018 LEC Plan Update.

Depends on completion of:

- Identified CERP components and other projects to meet environmental needs
- Water supply development projects by utilities
- Completion of repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike and implementation of a new Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule

Thank You

The screenshot displays the website's navigation menu with categories like 'WHO WE ARE', 'OUR WORK', 'DOING BUSINESS WITH US', 'COMMUNITY & RESIDENTS', 'SCIENCE & DATA', and 'NEWS & MEETINGS'. The main content area features a city skyline image and the title 'Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan'. Below the title, there is a map of the Lower East Coast region and a detailed text description of the plan's scope and objectives. A sidebar on the left lists various program areas such as 'Flood Control', 'Water Supply Planning', and 'Ecosystem Restoration - By Region'.

Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan

The Lower East Coast Water Supply Planning Area includes Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and parts of Monroe, Collier and Hendry counties. The South Florida Water Management District is developing the 2018 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update (LEC Update) to assess projected water demands and potential sources of water for the period from 2016 to 2040. This plan update is used by local governments, water users and utilities to update and modify local comprehensive plans, facility work plans and ordinances.

The Lower East Coast Planning Area has a growing population and limited freshwater resources. Because freshwater resources are limited, the 2013 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update focuses on other water supply sources, such as reverse osmosis to treat brackish groundwater, reclaimed water, storage options, seasonal surface water and water conservation to address future demands.

2013 LOWER EAST COAST WATER SUPPLY PLAN UPDATE

- [Planning Document \(PDF\)](#)
- [Appendices \(PDF\)](#)
- [2011-2014 Water Supply Plan Support Document \(PDF\)](#)
- [Past LEC Water Supply Plans](#)

- Plan information can be found at: www.sfwmd.gov/lecplan
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