



Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

February 17, 2015
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Reed Hall

Action Packet

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

Start Date and Time: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 09:00 am
End Date and Time: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 11:00 am
Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)
Duration: 2.00 hrs

Staff Presentation on The Water and Land Conservation Amendment to the State Constitution

NOTICE FINALIZED on 02/10/2015 16:26 by LAL

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
2/17/2015 9:00:00AM

Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

Summary: No Bills Considered

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COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
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Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Ben Albritton (Chair)	X		
Doug Broxson	X		
Neil Combee	X		
W. Travis Cummings	X		
Julio Gonzalez	X		
Kristin Jacobs	X		
Debbie Mayfield	X		
Ray Pilon	X		
Bobby Powell	X		
Jake Raburn	X		
José Rodríguez	X		
Jay Trumbull	X		
Clovis Watson, Jr.			X
Totals:	12	0	1

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Presentation/Workshop/Other Business Appearances:

Amendment 1

Draper, Eric (Lobbyist) - Information Only
Audubon of Florida
Executive Director
308 N. Monroe St.
Miami FL
Phone: (850) 224-2472

Amendment 1

Doolin, Christian (Lobbyist) - Information Only
Small County Coalition
Consultant
1118-B Thomasville Rd
Tallahassee FL 32303
Phone: (850) 508-5492

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Bowman, Janet (Lobbyist) - Information Only
The Nature Conservancy
Director of Legislative Policy & Strategies
236 East 5th Ave.
Tallahassee FL 32301
Phone: (850) 207-9406

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**Recommendation by the Sponsors of the
Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment
for FY 16 Appropriations of Doc Stamps from Amendment 1**

	\$ From Amendment 1	Statutory References
TOTAL *	\$757.3	
Debt Service **	\$173.3	201.15, 215.618, 215.619
Everglades, Estuaries, and Northern Everglades	\$170.0	373.470, 373.4595
Florida Forever	\$170.0	259.105
DEP/WMD/FCT	\$125.0	
Springs	\$30.0	
Trails***	\$15.0	
Springs	\$60.0	373.451
Land Management	\$115.0	373.59
Rural Family Lands	\$39.0	570.71
Beach Management	\$30.0	201.15(1)(c)(3)

* Based on December 2014 revenue estimates; all figures in millions of dollars

** Florida Forever and Everglades

*** \$10 Million to Department of Transportation for trails

The programs identified above require more funding than the amount Amendment 1 directs towards financing and refinancing "the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests" for various categories of conservation lands. Article X, Section 28(b)(1), Florida Constitution.

Therefore, other non-Amendment 1 sources should also be considered.

In the case of upgrading and expanding wastewater infrastructure necessary to protect and restore springs, the Amendment 1 Sponsor Committee recommends:

1. Using state appropriations to insure and partially match up to \$200 million in local wastewater and stormwater bonds in order to incentivize local governments to address springs restoration.
2. Prioritizing \$50 million from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to expand and improve wastewater infrastructure in springsheds.
3. Allocating \$50 million from the Department of Economic Opportunity to expand wastewater infrastructure in springsheds.