

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
3 COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
4 RECOMMENDING THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE  
5 GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS BY THE BROWARD  
6 WATER RESOURCES TASK FORCE IN SUPPORT OF  
7 SUB-REGIONAL AND REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE  
8 PROJECTS WITH CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE WATER  
9 SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SERVICE NEEDS AND THE  
10 ANTICIPATED IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA  
11 LEVEL RISE ON WATER RESOURCES AND  
12 INFRASTRUCTURE.

13 WHEREAS, the Broward Water Resources Task Force (Task Force) was created in  
14 June 2008 via enabling resolutions adopted by the Broward County Board of County  
15 Commissioners, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board, and  
16 the Broward League of Cities; and

17 WHEREAS, the Task Force was charged with identifying and evaluating  
18 opportunities and impediments to providing future water supply, water conservation,  
19 wastewater treatment, and water reclamation strategies of greatest efficiency and cost  
20 effectiveness; and

21 WHEREAS, the Task Force convened over a period of nearly two years during  
22 which time future water demands, potential sub-regional and regional water supply  
23 projects and water conservation strategies were considered; and

24 WHEREAS, the Task Force completed a Final Report in August 2010 that included a  
total of 40 recommendations in the areas of water conservation, regional water supply  
projects, reuse planning and development, research and investigation, and the future  
role of the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force report was approved in January 2011 by each of the  
governmental entities partner to the creation of the Task Force; and

1 WHEREAS, the Task Force continues to convene on a quarterly basis for the  
2 purpose of providing oversight in the implementation of the Task Force  
3 recommendations and to consider trends and evolving issues as part of regional water  
4 supply planning; and

5 WHEREAS, the Task Force report included several sub-regional and one regional  
6 alternative water supply project for further evaluation and implementation by likely  
7 project partners, including the creation of surface water reservoirs, Floridan Aquifer  
8 water supply projects, and reuse opportunities; and

9 WHEREAS, the issue of governance was identified as a potential challenge to  
10 advancing these alternative water supply projects given the diversity of the water  
11 management community and multiple jurisdictions represented by Broward  
12 municipalities, water and wastewater service providers, and drainage/water control  
13 districts; and

14 WHEREAS, the need for, and benefit of, regional water management strategies is  
15 expected to increase with time in response to growing water demands, constraints on  
16 water supplies, and rising costs; and

17 WHEREAS, a changing climate is expected to compound these issues as a result of  
18 variable rainfall and increases in sea level rise which are projected to increase the  
19 frequency and severity of drought, exacerbate intrusion of saltwater into coastal  
20 wellfields; contribute to drainage and flood control problems; and impact treatment and  
21 conveyance infrastructure; and

22 WHEREAS, some communities may be more severely impacted than others and in  
23 a shorter timeframe, necessitating planning in the near-term; and

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1 WHEREAS, the South Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan released in  
2 December 2011, and drafted by partners in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate  
3 Change Compact, recognizes these limitations and recommends the development of  
4 Integrated Water Management Plans as a primary strategy for meeting future water,  
5 wastewater, and drainage/flood control through collaborations across agencies and  
6 jurisdictions; and

7 WHEREAS, the Task Force believes the ability to advance beneficial regional and  
8 sub-regional water resource planning efforts in Broward County may be hindered by the  
9 current governance structure; and

10 WHEREAS, the Task Force members recommend that formal consideration be  
11 given to alternative governance structures that might aid the future planning,  
12 management, and delivery of reliable, high quality, and affordable water resource  
13 projects and services in Broward County, either on a sub-regional or regional basis; and

14 WHEREAS, the Task Force requests the concurrence and support of the  
15 governmental entities who partnered in the creation of the Task Force with this  
16 recommended direction prior to undertaking this assignment; NOW, THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
18 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

19 Section 1. The (Insert Name of Body) encourages the Broward Water  
20 Resources Task Force to evaluate alternative governance strategies in support of sub-  
21 regional and regional water resource projects, with consideration of future water supply  
22 and wastewater service needs and the anticipated impacts of climate change on water  
23 resources and infrastructure, and to prepare a report detailing Task Force findings and  
24 recommendations.

