

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-B-34

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE
4 OF CITIES, INC. RECOMMENDING THE EVALUATION OF
5 ALTERNATIVE WATER AND WASTEWATER
6 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES FOR MULTI-
7 JURISDICTIONAL PROJECTS WITHIN BROWARD
8 COUNTY BY THE BROWARD WATER RESOURCES
9 TASK FORCE IN SUPPORT OF SUB-REGIONAL AND
10 REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS WITH
11 CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE WATER SUPPLY AND
12 WASTEWATER SERVICE NEEDS AND THE
13 ANTICIPATED IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA
14 LEVEL RISE ON WATER RESOURCES AND
15 INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO PREPARE A REPORT
16 DETAILING TASK FORCE FINDINGS AND
17 RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

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

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

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

1 projects, reuse planning and development, research and investigation, and the future
2 role of the Task Force; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, the Task Force believes the ability to advance beneficial regional and
12 sub-regional water resource planning efforts in Broward County may be hindered by the
13 absence of a governance structure that encourages regional coordination in water
14 supply and wastewater planning decisions; and

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

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

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES,

23 INC:
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1 Section 1. The Broward County League of Cities, Inc. encourages the
2 Broward Water Resources Task Force to evaluate alternative water and wastewater
3 governance structures for multi-jurisdictional projects within Broward County in support
4 of sub-regional and regional water resource projects, with consideration of future water
5 supply and wastewater service needs and the anticipated impacts of climate change on
6 water resources and infrastructure, and to prepare a report detailing Task Force findings
7 and recommendations.

8 Section 2. The governmental entities adopting this resolution recognize and
9 agree that their participation as members of the Task Force is a voluntary effort. The
10 participating governments further recognize that any final report issued by the Task
11 Force shall not be construed as imposing any mandates upon the participants or other
12 governmental entities within Broward County. It is understood and desired, rather, that
13 the collaborative work of the Task Force shall continue to serve as recommendations for
14 Broward's local governments, businesses, and residents as the Broward community
15 moves forward with decision-making regarding future water resources planning,
16 development, and management.

17 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

18 This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

19 ADOPTED this 2nd Day of February, 2012.

20 BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.

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23 By _____

24 Mayor Debby Eisinger, President