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**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Additional items for consideration prior to acting on Utility water and wastewater rate study

FROM: Peter O'Bryan 
Commissioner, District 4

Commissioners: Having given additional thought to the presentation on the rate study, several items have come to mind that the Board may want to consider prior to voting on the rate study.

- 1) Surface water supply. Over one year ago the Board considered possible locations for a surface water supply project but ultimately rejected the option, primarily because of the cost. However that doesn't mean the water supply problem has gone away, we have just kicked that can down the road. So should our utility rates include some amount to start collecting now that will be dedicated to a surface water supply project sometime in the future?
- 2) Pressurized reuse system. At some time we will reach the point where the supply of reuse water exceeds what the golf courses can accept and we will need to find new outlets for reuse water. As new subdivision are developed should they be required to plumb for reuse? Pressurizing the reuse system is also expensive so again, should our rates reflect some amount being set aside for future projects to pressurize reuse?
- 3) At the October 2nd meeting Bob Adair made a request to look at alternate uses for reuse water. One such option would be to look at using reuse to water citrus. If this proves to be possible then reuse water could supplant groundwater for irrigation leaving more groundwater supply for potable use. Should the Board consider exploring any grant opportunities to provide reuse water for experimental purposes on citrus?

Thanks.