

June 22, 2021
ITEM 14.E.1

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 16, 2021

SUBJECT: The Water of Indian River County

FROM: Laura Moss
Commissioner, District 5

Discussion Item:

To my esteemed colleagues,

At the Indian River Soil & Water Conservation District (IRSWCD) meeting of June 14th, it was suggested that the BCC might wish to designate a representative to advise and consult with them. The representative should have a high-level of knowledge in this area, and therefore, likely should be the Utilities Director or his equivalent. Please see Florida Statute 582.19 (5) for the specific language. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter. I would invite Commissioner Earman to lead-off as we both attended the meeting but, of course, were unable to communicate our thoughts to each other at that time.

Also, Dr. Dorothy Sifuentes of United States Geological Survey (USGS) made a presentation to IRSWCD regarding updating the 1988 USGS Study. Video is available should you wish to view it. While I understand from the BCC meetings of April 20th and June 8th that your decision is to hear the St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) update prior to a USGS update, I would appreciate a discussion of budgeting for it in the next fiscal year. With regard to cost-sharing, USGS may participate up to 50%, and IRSWCD will be contacting SJRWMD to determine what participation, if any, they might offer.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laura Moss