Interoffice Memorandum



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To: Mayor Jerry L. Demings

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County Commissioners

From: Andres Salcedo, P. E., Deputy Director

Utilities Department

Subject: BCC AGENDA ITEM – Work Session

March 9, 2021 BCC Meeting

Wekiwa Springs Septic to Sewer Retrofit Program Contact: Andres Salcedo, P. E., Deputy Director

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This work session is a follow-up to the October 13, 2020 Board presentation on the Wekiwa Springs Septic to Sewer Program (the "Program") which consists of multiple construction phases to build centralized sanitary sewer collection and transmission systems within multiple subdivisions of the Wekiwa Springs Watershed Basin in northwest Orange County. The Program aims to ultimately connect 2,057 homes currently on septic tanks to central sewer service over the next 12 years. Phase 1 includes 213 homes and construction will begin this summer. Phase 2 includes 154 homes, and its final design will start this spring.

The Program seeks to implement initiatives of the Wekiwa Springs and Rock Springs Basin Management Action Plan, which has a goal of reducing nitrogen levels at the spring vents. Orange County is a primary stakeholder in this Program and has obtained funding assistance for Phase 1 of the Program from the St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and from state budget appropriations. Orange County is seeking additional funding for Phase 2 of the Program.

Staff will provide background information on the Program, the design progress, the status of the funding, and the results of the residential ballot necessary for a proposed Municipal Service Benefit Unit to complete the funding of Phase 1 of the Program.

This item is for informational purposes only. Board action is not required at this time.

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