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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/27/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation  
 2 (Dockery) recommended the following **amendment to amendment**  
 3 **(390028)** :

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 97 and 98

insert:

8 Section 6. The Legislature finds that encouragement and  
 9 promotion of reuse of reclaimed water, as defined by the  
 10 Department of Environmental Protection, are state objectives and  
 11 serve the public interest. The Legislature finds that the  
 12 implementation of this policy has been hampered by a lack of  
 13 clear understanding as to the role of local governments producing  
 14 and distributing reclaimed water and water management districts  
 15 as to the regulation of the use of reclaimed water. The  
 16 Legislature further finds that the Department of Environmental  
 17 Protection and water management districts do not have a common



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18 policy regarding reclaimed water as applied to processes related  
19 to water-use permitting and water shortage. The Legislature also  
20 finds that a clear and consistent policy regarding the use of  
21 reclaimed water is required to achieve the most efficient and  
22 beneficial use of this resource.

23 (1) The Reclaimed Water Coordination Task Force is created  
24 for the purposes of recommending clear direction as to the  
25 relative roles of local governments and water management  
26 districts with regard to the regulation of the use of reclaimed  
27 water and proposing a statewide uniform approach to consideration  
28 of use of reclaimed water as applied to processes related to  
29 water-use permitting and water shortages. When preparing its  
30 recommendations, the task force shall review the rules, programs,  
31 and policies of the five water management districts in this state  
32 as such rules, programs, and policies relate to considerations  
33 involving the use of reclaimed water with respect to water-use  
34 permitting, water shortages, and related actions, activities, or  
35 programs.

36 (2) The task force shall consist of the following members:

37 (a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
38 House of Representatives shall each appoint one member from their  
39 respective chambers, who shall co-chair the task force.

40 (b) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or designee.

41 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or his or her  
42 designee.

43 (d) The executive director of the South Florida Water  
44 Management District, or his or her designee.

45 (e) The executive director of the Southwest Florida Water  
46 Management District, or his or her designee.



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47       (f) The executive director of the St. Johns River Water  
48 Management District, or his or her designee.

49       (g) The executive director of the Suwannee River Water  
50 Management District, or his or her designee.

51       (h) The executive director of the Northwest Florida Water  
52 Management District, or his or her designee.

53       (i) The executive director of the Florida Nursery Growers  
54 and Landscape Association, or his or her designee.

55       (j) The executive director of the Florida Sugar Cane  
56 League, or his or her designee.

57       (k) In addition to the appointments in paragraph (a), the  
58 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
59 Representatives shall each appoint:

60           1. Three members who are employees of a local government  
61 producing reclaimed water for reuse by the public.

62           2. A representative of a not-for-profit environmental  
63 advocacy organization.

64           3. A representative from a company that is a self-supplier  
65 of water.

66       (3) Members of the task force shall be appointed on or  
67 before August 1, 2008.

68       (4) The clerical and professional staff of the Department  
69 of Environmental Protection shall provide administrative support  
70 to the task force. The task force may request support from the  
71 clerical and professional staff of the standing committees of the  
72 Senate and the House of Representatives.

73       (5) The task force shall:

74           (a) Determine the role of the use of reclaimed water as  
75 applied to processes related to water-use permitting and water  
76 shortage.



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77 (b) Assess the appropriate roles of local governments and  
78 water management districts in regulating the use of reclaimed  
79 water.

80 (c) Consider how the use of reclaimed water could be  
81 promoted in areas in which new or increased water withdrawals  
82 have been limited by law through the use of offsets or other  
83 similar incentives.

84 (d) Evaluate the most effective means of supplementing  
85 reclaimed water supplies during peak demands in order to improve  
86 reliability and promote widespread adoption of reclaimed water.

87 (e) Consider the most effective means of incorporating any  
88 recommended statewide policy changes.

89 (6) The Department of Environmental Protection and each  
90 water management district shall encourage the use of pilot  
91 projects for the purpose of obtaining data and operating  
92 experience regarding various types of reuse and irrigation  
93 systems.

94 (7) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor,  
95 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
96 Representatives summarizing its findings and recommendations on  
97 or before January 31, 2009.

98 (8) The Department of Environmental Protection and the  
99 water management districts are directed, and all other agencies  
100 and local governments are requested, to render assistance to and  
101 cooperate with the task force.

102 (9) The task force shall dissolve on January 31, 2009.

103 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

104 And the title is amended as follows:

105 On line 117, after the semicolon,  
106 insert:



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107 | creating the Reclaimed Water Coordination Task Force;  
108 | providing legislative findings; providing purposes;  
109 | requiring that the task force review certain rules,  
110 | programs, and policies when preparing its recommendations;  
111 | providing for membership of the task force; requiring that  
112 | members be appointed on or before a specified date;  
113 | providing for administrative support for the task force;  
114 | providing duties of the task force; requiring that the  
115 | Department of Environmental Protection and each water  
116 | management district encourage the use of pilot projects  
117 | for certain purposes; requiring that the task force submit  
118 | a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
119 | the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before a  
120 | specified date; requiring that the report contain certain  
121 | information; requiring that the department and each water  
122 | management district cooperate with the task force;  
123 | requesting that all other agencies cooperate with the task  
124 | force; providing for dissolution of the task force;