

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JAN 06 2004 *gg/jw*

RESOLUTION
of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WATER SHORTAGE ORDER

RESOLUTION NO. 2004 -M-01

WHEREAS, clean, safe and sustainable water resources and supplies are vital to Orange County's economy, environment and its people and are needed by all living things; and

WHEREAS, Orange County continues to be a thriving and growing community thus increasing the demands on the natural water resources of the Floridan Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Chairman and Board of County Commissioners have taken a proactive role in establishing regional partnerships to develop new sustainable water supplies that maximize benefits and minimize harm to the natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Water Management District has projected that the demands for water in East Central Florida will double by the year 2020, thus limiting the amount of water that can be withdrawn from the Floridan Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, Orange County Utilities has taken the initiative to reduce withdrawals from the Floridan Aquifer by implementing aggressive conservation programs resulting in an approximate 12% reduction of water use in spite of a 6% increase in population growth; and

WHEREAS, forty to sixty percent of water use by Orange County residents is used to maintain landscaping and lawns; and

WHEREAS, Orange County Utilities, since January 2001, has invested time, money and labor into educating its residents to irrigating two days per week and enforcing the St. Johns River Water Management District's two-day-a-week mandatory water restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, Orange County, Florida, that the St. Johns River Water Management District is urged to change the current Water Shortage Order to a Water Shortage Rule limiting lawn irrigation to two days per week to encourage conservation of water resources.

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF January 2004.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Richard T. Crotty*
Richard T. Crotty
County Chairman

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy Clerk

