







## **State Oversight for Protecting Water Resources**

Both the Legislature and the Governor give policy and budget direction to the districts. The job of overseeing the protection and use of Florida's water resources is and should continue to be shared by the Legislature, the Department of Environmental Protection and in the context of public ownership of land and water and for the purpose of appealing water management district rules and decisions, by the Cabinet. Florida water policy creates a balance between use and resource protection.

## **A Stronger Role for the Cabinet in Reviewing Water Resource Decisions**

Florida's water resources require vigilant stewardship at the highest levels of

## **II. Water Management District Governing Boards are Good Citizen**



A sustainable approach would be to allocate water for consumptive use only after water resources are protected and there is

## **Smart Water Plans Avoid Grow**





## **Water Resources are Critic**







## **Environmental Resource Permits Should Control More Pollution and Runoff**

Florida's combined permitting system for storm runoff and wetlands is not up to the job of preventing further degradation of water resources. Few water bodies are getting cleaner and most are experiencing ever higher levels of pollution. State and federal law prohibits this ongoing degradation of our surface waters, yet both levels of bureaucracy lack the political will to enforce our laws. In fact, Florida is playing a leading role nationally through its

## **Stormwater Rules Control Sediment, Not Nutrients and Chemical Pollution**

Stormwater usually contains nutrient, chemical and heavy metal pollution. The current required technology for stormwater is not designed to treat pollutants. While Florida is one of a handful of states that makes *any* attempt to control storm

