



## Press Release

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### **Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Approves Reservoir No. 3 Construction Contracts**

Arcadia, FL. – The Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Board unanimously approved construction contracts for a new water supply reservoir (Reservoir No. 3) and expansion of the existing water treatment facility at their December 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting. These projects represent the largest components of the Peace River Surface Water System Expansion Project (SWSEP). The SWSEP is a landmark water infrastructure initiative that will strengthen the region’s overall drinking water system and help secure a dependable supply for years to come.

Representing nearly \$800M in construction value, the project which received over \$157 million in cooperative funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and State Legislative appropriations, is a proactive investment to meet the region’s growing water needs. This includes a \$416 million, 9-billion-gallon off-stream raw water storage reservoir and a \$181 million, 24 million-gallons-per-day water treatment facility expansion, adding critical storage and treatment capacity. By capturing excess water from the Peace River and storing it for future use, the reservoir will help Southwest Florida manage droughts, seasonal demand, and future growth in a way that protects natural resources and ecosystems.

“These construction contracts are more than an infrastructure project. They represent a significant investment in the health, growth, and future of our region,” said Executive Director Richard Anderson. “The Board is taking a proactive step toward a more sustainable and reliable water supply, providing our communities and future generations with what they need to grow for decades to come.”

This expansion of water storage and treatment will serve member governments including Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, and Manatee counties, and the City of North Port, strengthening long-term water availability for communities across the region.

The projects combined are a critical component of the Authority’s long-range water supply strategy, addressing increasing demand while maintaining system reliability and environmental responsibility. The expanded capacity will help ensure stable water service during periods of drought, system maintenance, and future growth.

The construction of the reservoir and the treatment facility is expected to begin in January 2026 and continue for approximately 3 years.

For more information regarding the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority call 941-316-1776 or visit [www.Regionalwater.org](http://www.Regionalwater.org).

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