

DATE: December 2, 2019
TO: Matt Jordan, General Manager
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SUBJECT: 2020 Legislative Program – *Status Update*

SUMMARY

The annual session of the Florida Legislature will begin on January 14, 2020. The agency's legislative counsel and grant and legislative assistance consultant continue to follow bills of interest to the agency and will provide a report to the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive status report.

COST/FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

DISCUSSION

The Board's strategic plan goals to maintain the financial stability and sustainability of the agency and to maintain open, collaborative relationships with stakeholders are met, in part, through the agency's legislative and grant planning efforts at the state, regional and federal levels. The Tampa Bay Water Board annually approves legislative program priorities prior to the beginning of Florida's Legislative Session. The Tampa Bay Water Board approved the 2020 Legislative Goals and Priorities at its October 21, 2019 Board meeting. The 2020 Legislative Session will begin on January 14, 2020 with committee weeks currently taking place. Tampa Bay Water's legislative counsel and grant and legislative assistance consultant have been following bills as they are filed leading up to the session and report regularly to Tampa Bay Water staff. A copy of the most recent report is attached. Counsel and the legislative consultant will present on the latest bills of interest to the agency.

Attachment

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