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Dates of Interest:

Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board Meeting, Mar. 25, 9 a.m. Brooksville Office (see the SWFWMD calendar for details)

TOO FAR Board Meets in March before the general meeting at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

TOO FAR General Meeting, Mar 27, 7 p.m. E Citrus Community Center.

Citrus County Commissioners meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Lecanto

Too Far March 27th speakers are Dave Crane & Mike Bartlett, SWFWMD.

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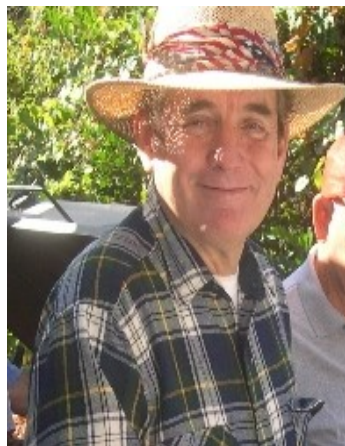
Newsletter

March 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Larry Hartman

If you remember a few months ago I mentioned that several years ago we had a cycle of weather in the winter where we had a regular weekly cold front would slide in from the north and then the cold air would hit our warmer air. It would rain for about a day and turn cold. Then the cycle would repeat itself. Well, if you remember, we hoped that cycle would return. It seems that it has happened again, to our great pleasure. This cyclical weather has kept our lakes and rivers up this winter and we will have a great start for the spring. If the summer brings normal rains we should see good normal water level this summer.

Now what we need is to remove the tussocks and muck from the bottom to allow better fish bedding, navigation and



water recharge. This in turn will help increase the costal springs flow. In addition this will increase the fish population and improve fishing. Even though Citrus County has funds in their budget to clean out the lakes and bays all harvesting has stopped. I will be meeting with

Mark Edwards the head of the Citrus County Aquatics department, and see why? I have already spoken to Commissioner Adams and he is investigating the problem. In addition we will be having a meeting with Senator Dean soon.

On another topic, Charlie Strange has offered his fish ponds for a Fishing for Success event this spring. This is an event where kids will come with parents to fish and prizes will be awarded. Plus we will have a fish fry that afternoon. This will get more young families interested in TOOFAR. The event is projected for May. If you can help let us know.

The officers and Board members for TOOFAR and Point of Woods directors will be meeting April 5th to discuss the transfer of the Country Club facilities to TOOFAR. We will have a boat tour for the group that afternoon on lake Hernando.

Happy fishing and Never Give Up!
Larry



This 'n That News & Tips from the Southwest Florida Water Management District WaterMatters.Org



“Check Your Irrigation Timer When Spring Forward to Daylight Savings Time—Water Matters.org Blog. This is a reminder to check the timers on your irrigation system controllers along with resetting clocks.”



“The District's Governing Board recently voted to begin the process of adding three first-magnitude spring systems -- Weeki Wachee River, Chassahowitzka River and Homosassa River -- to the Surface Water Improvement Management (SWIM) Program priority list. Find out what this mean for these water bodies.” WaterMatters.org

RECRUITING DINNER UP-DATE

As you know, Too Far is going to have a recruiting dinner this year.

We don't want anyone to do anything except bring in a name & address of someone you think would be a possible member. Remember, we don't want you to even talk to them. Just **provide us with a name and address**. We'll do the rest.

Be sure to bring it you with to the meeting on March 27, 2014.

Thanks, Bud

Chassahowitzka Springs Artifacts



“During the Chassahowitzka Springs Restoration Project, underwater archaeologists discovered thousands of artifacts that span 10,000 years of Florida's history. From the Paleo-Indian to the Seminoles, and from the Spanish to the Floridians today, the Springs served as a vital natural resource. Now, with the restoration work complete, Floridians of tomorrow will continue to discover the splendor of Chassahowitzka Springs.”

From [The Chassahowitzka Springs Artifacts](http://TheChassahowitzkaSpringsArtifacts) website.



Aquifer, Lake Levels & Rainfall March 14, 2014

Science Fair Awards

Too Far awarded \$100 to Madison Blankenship, a student at Citrus Springs Middle School for her Science Fair project titled, “Waves Gone Wild.” We expect to see the project and meet the winner at our meeting in the near future.

From the Southwest Florida Water Management District website: Mar 14, 2014

Aquifer Levels (in Feet)*

Region: North	2.19
Previous Week	1.79
Normal Range	0 to +3

* North (Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion & Sumter)

Lake Levels Mar 17, 2014

Floral City	40.18
Gates Closed	

Inverness	39.48
Brogden Bridge closed, other gates closed	
Hernando	38.41
Gates closed	
Leslie Heifner	39.85 up
Lk Panasoffkee	39.45
Wysong-Coogler	39.32 up
	37.06 down
Inglis	27.63 up
By-pass open	

Main gates closed

Rainfall Data:

Month Through Mar 12, 2014
North .99

2014 Actual for Year

North	8.68
Historic Average	9.82

Contact: **Mike Bartlett**,
Structure Controls Analyst at
mike.bartlett@swfwmd.state.fl.us
for graphs of lake levels and information.

National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 20, 2014

National Volunteer Week takes place every April. This year this recognition begins on April 20th. It is a chance to thank our volunteers for all the time and hard work you put in the rest of the year. Too Far makes many calls for volunteers nearly year round and, in Too Far, our dedicated volunteers serve year after year with little recognition. When called upon they bake a cake, serve food, make coffee, clean lakes, serve on committees and boards, collect items for sales, set up and take down for events, and much more. They come to meetings and bring guests. Our volunteers attend public meetings, even the boring ones, and bring back information.



We don't say thank you enough, but each and every Too Far member is greatly appreciated. Our volunteers come from all areas of the country with a large variety of backgrounds and talents. Some are even "Snowbirds." Each is unique and each is concerned enough about Florida's water to get involved with Too Far. We are grateful for your support and glad to know and work with each of you year after year!



FACES OF TOO FAR VOLUNTEERS



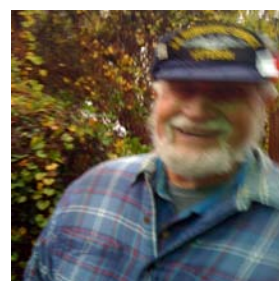
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Volunteers are needed to chair standing committees: Membership, Fund Raising, and Refreshments are all needed



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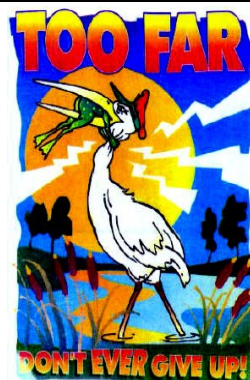
SPEAKERS:

David Crane, Structure Operations Manager, SWFWMD and Mike Bartlett, Chief Structure Controls Analyst, Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Dave and Mike always bring an interesting presentation and are open to all the questions we always have about our lakes.

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FLORIDA'S AQUIFER ADVENTURE

— Florida Geological Survey Video 2 (20:42) Wonderful video!

Water's Journey: The River

Returns — The St. Johns River (29:54) You'll love this!

Never Pour Water Down the Drain! 50 ways to conserve water! Click the link.

[District Springs Activity Power Point Presentation—Very interesting](#), colorful presentation

[What Cause Algal Proliferation in Florida Springs?](#) - Some surprising information in this presentation.

[Springs in West Central Florida](#)— From SWFWMD, [Water-matters.org](#)

[Citrus County Commissioners Calendar](#)

[Facebook](#): Clean Water Declaration

[Southwest Florida Water Management District Scientific Study on Conditions for Lake Restoration](#)

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
<http://www.wrwsa.org/index.html>

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Everyone in our Too Far database is getting a form in the newsletter requesting dues payment if due, plus a form to update your information and a request for donations to create a reserve fund for operation of our new building. Please mail back the information. Our database will be purged soon and only dues paid members, life members, comp issues & advertisers will continue to receive our newsletter.



NOTE: Your last renewal year is on the March newsletter mailing label. Only 2014 or 2015 are current.

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March, 2014

Dear Too Far Supporter,

Your membership & support in the Too Far organization is very important to us! Please return this membership form with this year's membership dues so we can update our database and continue to keep you informed about issues, meetings and other events.

Please include any email address you may have so you can receive the Too Far Newsletter by email. You will enjoy receiving the newsletter in color with interactive internet links. Eventually we will be able to cut several hundred dollars per month from our budget by almost entirely eliminating print media for our newsletter at some point. You will receive the newsletter at least a week earlier than you do now as well. Don't worry if you don't have a computer. We'll still send you the newsletter by mail and it is always available to pick up at our general meeting.

You can find the date of your last dues year on the label of each month's newsletter or email Pat at psbrady@tampabay.rr.com. Donations are very welcome!

Exciting things are happening at Too Far! Be sure to continue receiving our newsletter and return your information and dues today.

Regards,

Pat Brady

Secretary/Treasurer, Too Far, Inc.

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