



The Declaration Process

- Defined in statute (373.246, F.S.)
- Requires at least one public hearing
 - The public and water use permit holders shall be afforded an opportunity to participate during water shortage public hearing(s) and present testimony on water shortage effects and the impacts of the proposed reduction methods and means. Substantive evidence submitted by the public at or prior to the hearing shall be made a part of the record at the hearing.
- Requires notification of
 - Local elected officials
 - Local law enforcement officials
 - Each affected permittee of any change in permit conditions, any permit suspension or any other restriction on water use
- Requires noticing each day for the first week of the shortage and once a week thereafter
- Becomes effective on the day after notice is published and remains in effect until modified or rescinded by the Governing Board.