

## Comments from a Live Oak meeting

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[Suwannee County residents unhappy with a \\$1 billion dollar water supply plan.](#)

- Area resident Ed Lee expressed his dissatisfaction with the plan approved by the Suwannee River Water Management District in November 2025 to address potable water issues. “Nobody has talked anything about money,” said Ed Lee. “Today you’re talking \$1 billion. What the hell do you think it’s gonna cost with the time it gets there? It’ll be \$15 billion.”
- Suwannee Riverkeeper John S. Quarterman, “The entire area JEA serves uses 120 million gallons. Remember that Texas plant, one plant does 100 million gallons. There’s no reason it has to be all in one place,” said Quarterman. “It doesn’t have to take more than a dozen years to come online.”