

Name	Where	mgd	Cost <sup>1</sup>	mgd/\$1B	% <sup>2</sup>	Years
NAQA'A	U.A.E.	150	\$0.82	183	20%	5
Alkimos	Western Australia	72.4	\$1.95	37	98%	5
Birkat Miriam	Israel	72.4	\$0.44	165	22%	5
Sorek	Israel	169	\$0.489	345.6	11%	4
Sorek B	Israel	177	\$0.6	295	12%	4
WFNF	FL U.S.	40	\$1.1	36.4	100%	13

<sup>1</sup> Cost in \$billion USD    <sup>2</sup> % of WFNF cost/mgd

Several of the plants in the table produce more drinking water than the 120 million gallons a day (mgd) that JEA distributes. [https://www.jea.com/about/water\\_supply/](https://www.jea.com/about/water_supply/) Please publish the results of a brackish and seawater desalination study that includes all of these and other comparables.

I am told by SJRWMD that each mgd reduction in Jacksonville’s water withdrawals would have only a fractional effect on levels and flows in rivers, springs, and groundwater in the Suwannee River Basin. **But what would be the effect of reduced Jacksonville withdrawals combined with planted pine wetland wells?**

**SB 64 is Jacksonville and JEA’s problem, not SRWMD’s.** But JEA could use the same loophole in SB 64 that fits WFNF, <https://wwals.net/?p=69428>, to rehydrate wetlands within the St. Johns District, without any 60+ mile pipeline. <https://wwals.net/?p=69949>

**There are bigger costs than money** from JEA or the Districts. As Suwannee County wrote, <https://wwals.net/?p=69669>

*When your representative was asked questions about the safety of the “treated” water, he kept saying he was not a scientist so he could not answer any questions, but we should simply trust that the water will be safe. That is not a risk North Florida can afford to take.*

*Once the spigot is turned on, it is impossible to predict the consequences which will impact literally every person in the area. Our citizens should not suffer the consequences of such hubris.*

**I ask you to think again.** I ask you to correct **“the utter disrespect that has been shown to the Board and citizens of Hamilton County.”** <https://wwals.net/?p=69937>

The SRWMD Governing Board has the power to halt WFNF until all of the above considerations are investigated. Or at the least to fund such investigations, with independent third party scientists and engineers involved for peer review. Not like [in 2024](#):

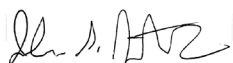
Decision-makers from the Partnership used a series of facilitated workshops to discuss the technical outcomes at each step of the process (**Table 2.1**). Through progressive, data-driven screening, workshop dialogue, and consideration of both individual and collective value of alternatives, the Partnership was able to move from over 800 initial alternatives to the four alternatives identified for additional study.

**Table 2.1 Workshops with Sponsor Organizations**

Workshop	Date	Theme
1	Jan 2024	Intro and Development of Scorecard Criteria
2	Mar 2024	Sample of Initial Project Concepts
3	Apr 2024	Tier 1 Screening: Fatal Flaws and Clear Low Value
4	Jun 2024	Tier 2 Methods: Conceptual Costs and Benefits
5	Jul 2024	Tier 2 Results – High Performing Projects
6	Sep 2024	Scorecard Evaluation: Recommended Projects for Feasibility Assessment

This time with public notices and public hearings.

Thanks for your consideration.



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