

**Orange County/City of Orlando
CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES
STUDY COMMISSION**

**WATER UTILITIES COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee recommends:

V.4.7.1 That Orange County and the City of Orlando and OUC immediately establish a joint committee or committees, consisting of high-level technical staff and policy makers, to evaluate issues involved in consolidating OUC water production with the City of Orlando and Orange County Departments involved in water production, distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, reclaimed water distribution and storm water treatment with the goal of consolidating their respective water systems.

V.4.7.1 continued

These consolidation issues include:

- 1) Efficiencies and cost savings to be gained for the residents of Orange County and the City of Orlando
- 2) Financial impacts to OUC, City of Orlando, and Orange County
- 3) Operational impacts to the respective entities
- 4) Impacts to the respective workforces
- 5) Methodology for dealing with existing permits, contracts and agreements

During the pendency of the technical consolidation study, the Committee recommends that the following issue be addressed:

V.4.7.2 That Orange County implement a rate for the previously approved Storm Water Utility Fee, and, in doing so, review the equities of its impact on agricultural operations in Orange County.

During the pendency of the technical consolidation study, the Committee recommends that the following issue be addressed:

V.4.7.3 That Orange County determine if the Storm Water Utility Fee could be adopted countywide under the Orange County provisions regarding environmental protection.

During the pendency of the technical consolidation study, the Committee recommends that the following issue be addressed:

V.4.7.4 That the leadership of the various water utility divisions should establish a more formal mechanism to regularly meet to discuss water resource issues and opportunities for collaboration, and that Orange County and the City of Orlando establish a Coordinating Committee to periodically look towards compatibility of equipment and material. Orange County and the City of Orlando may be able to purchase water services equipment so that equipment interchange would be possible. The compatibility would provide backup and redundancy in the event of a natural disaster.

During the pendency of the technical consolidation study, the Committee recommends that the following issue be addressed:

V.4.7.5 That Orange County and the City of Orlando jointly explore the development of a bio-solids processing facility.

During the pendency of the technical consolidation study, the Committee recommends that the following issue be addressed:

V.4.7.6 That Orange County and the City of Orlando review the opportunities for sharing a Chemical and Microbiological Laboratory.