

Tri-Council Meeting

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Tri-Council Environmental Consultant's Council's Report

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Please do not let this pandemic let your guard down on protecting our natural resources. Our water is being shamefully polluted and huge pumping permits being given to large agricultural concerns, bottled water companies and other industries. By 2050 Florida may have no natural freshwater resources if this continues. Remember, whatever is usurping and destroying the water is also affecting the health of our land and air and vice versa. Everything is connected. Be an Environmental Warrior for your garden club, your family and future generations.

Here are a few things you can share with them that would make a great difference in protecting our water:

- **Stop pollution at where it is coming from and fine abusers.**
- **Enforce stricter pollution standards.**
- **Give local communities back the power to protect their local waterways.**
- **Stop the Water Management Districts from allowing huge water consumption permits that are draining our aquifers.**
- **Require developments to adopt smart growth practices to conserve water.**
- **Invest in scientific studies that concentrate on saving and protecting our water resources.**
- **Require appointed offices in environmental-related positions to be filled with people who are actually concerned with protecting our natural resources and conservation. People who have a vested interest in polluting and usurping water and the environment should not be on governmental boards that are supposed to be regulating these problems as it is a conflict of interest.**

Respectfully submitted: Jackie Host