

Summary of Milestones Associated with the Development of the City of Tarpon Springs Alternative Water Supply Project (AWSP)

Date	Activity
Jun-02	The City Manager announces to the Board of Commissioners and the public that the City will undertake studies to determine alternate water sources.
Sep-03	A Hydrogeological Compilation is completed for the City by Boyle Engineering indicating that Upper Floridan Aquifer is a feasible brackish water supply and that north of the Anclote River is indicated as favorable for wellfield development.
Feb-04	The Alternative Water Supply Plan document is presented to the Board of Commissioners and the public. The plan outlines a proposed future water supply development plan including a brackish R.O. treatment plant (Phases II and III).
Nov-05	A final testing program is submitted to the SWFWMD for the development of test wells north of the Anclote River.
Jan-06	A Citizen Advisory Group is appointed by the BOC to assist in the development of public information for the AWSP and referendum
Feb-06	Press Release: Public Presentation on Tarpon Springs Referendum Election Issues
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Feb/Mar-06	City Staff prepare a Public Announcement Re: Alternative Water Supply Project and Referendum Election Issues. This PSA is played on the local cable channel until the referendum.
Feb/Mar-06	City Staff and Elected Officials provide public presentations to various civic groups and neighborhood associations throughout the City to increase awareness of the AWSP and the referendum
Mar-06	City requests the SWFWMD Governing Board to change funding policies to allow for funding of brackish groundwater projects such as the City's. The request is not approved.
Mar-06	Referendum Election: Over 70% voter approval for financing, entering contracts, and purchasing land for the Alternative Water Supply Project.
Jul-06	City completes a test well project that is cooperatively funded by the SWFWMD. SWFWMD Funding is in the amount of \$200,000.
Apr-07	City appeals to the SWFWMD Basin Board to request the Governing Board to revisit funding policies to allow for funding of brackish groundwater projects such as the City's.
May-07	SWFWMD Governing Board agrees to re-visit the funding policy for Alternative Water Supply Projects.
Jun-07	Tampa Bay Water Governing Board directs its executive director to issue a written statement that the City's project is not inconsistent with its long-range plans for supplying water to the region. This concurrence was a key step to securing grant funding from the SWFWMD.
Jun-07	City purchases approximately 10 acres north of the Anclote River for the AWSP facility site.
Jul-07	Hydrogeologist evaluation confirms that north of the Anclote River is the optimal location for groundwater supply. Upper Zone "A" is identified as the most feasible brackish groundwater source.
Feb-08	City receives grant funding authorization for the AWSP from the SWFWMD in the amount of \$20.1 Million
Jun-08	City completes more than 4,200 hours of RO treatment pilot testing with test wells which confirms feasibility of treatment of brackish groundwater
Oct-08	City completes qualifications process for design-build entities in preparation for selection for contract
Jul-09	Preliminary Design of the AWSP RO facility is complete.
Sep-09	City's NPDES discharge permit application is deemed complete, completes public meeting, and FDEP begins writing the draft permit for brine discharge to Progress Energy Cooling Water Canal