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## I. Water Withdrawal Update

### ***1. PBS St. Johns River Forum – Tomorrow Night***

Tomorrow night (**Thursday, April 10**) at **8 p.m.**, WJCT's **First Coast Forum: Tapping the St. Johns** will examine the water withdrawal proposals in Central Florida and how they could effect the local economy and the health of the St. Johns River.

Your St. Johns Riverkeeper, Neil Armingeon, will be one of the panelists on the program, along with Hal Wilkening from the St. Johns River Water Management District, Clay County Commissioner Harold Rutledge, and Dr. Courtney Hackney, the Director of the UNF Coastal Biology Program.

You can participate in the show by calling in your questions and comments to 904-358-6247 or by sending an e-mail to [firstcoastfourm@wjct.org](mailto:firstcoastfourm@wjct.org).

We hope you will all tune in to WJCT Channel 7 tomorrow night!

### ***2. St. Johns River Legal Defense Fund***

As we mentioned in a previous e-mail, we have established the ***St. Johns River Legal Defense Fund*** to help raise money for our upcoming legal efforts to stop the proposed Yankee Lake water withdrawal project in Seminole County and the many other withdrawal projects that will soon follow.

Recently, we added a feature on our website that will allow you to make a donation online. Simply, visit our website and click the **"Make a Donation"** button on the homepage or click on the link below to go directly to the donation page.

<http://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/makeadonation.asp>

We will need your generous support, if we are going to successfully defend the health of the St. Johns River. Please, donate today!

### ***3. Riverkeeper Blog***

In the meantime, continue to visit our **ST. JOHNS RIVERKEEPER BLOG** for updates about this issue and others. We have posted links to many of the news articles that have been published concerning the water withdrawal proposals. We also just added a post about the recent appointees to the Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District - <http://stjohnsriverkeeper.blogspot.com/>

Also, visit the Riverkeeper website for more information and to access the water withdrawal fact sheet. If you have not yet contacted the Governor and Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District, you can do so with the simple click of your mouse on our website, as well.

<http://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/thirstthreatens.asp>

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## **II. *In Marjorie's Wake* Documentary**

The author of “River of Lakes”, Bill Belleville, and Equinox Documentaries have recently released the documentary, ***“In Marjorie’s Wake: Rediscovering Rawlings, a River, and Time”***.

By recreating the historic river trip that Pulitzer-prize winning author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings once made on the St. Johns in 1933 and contrasting that to a contemporary journey of today, “In Marjorie’s Wake” examines the many ways in which the St. Johns River has shaped culture—literature, art and music—over time. Jacksonville educator and musician Jennifer Chase and Winter Park educator and writer Leslie Poole re-traced Rawlings’ “Hyacinth Drift” journey during the film, which Rawlings originally chronicled in “Cross Creek.”

This high definition one-hour documentary that retraces a historic & literary trip that Pulitzer winning author once made on the St. Johns River is being broadcast this month on PBS affiliates around Florida, including Jacksonville.

For more information, visit <http://www.equinoxdocumentaries.org/>.

The film will air on **WJCT on Sunday, April 13 at 6:00pm (analog) and Monday, April 14 at 9:00pm (digital).**

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