# ICA Forum: Finding a Balanced Approach to Florida's Water Loss Crisis

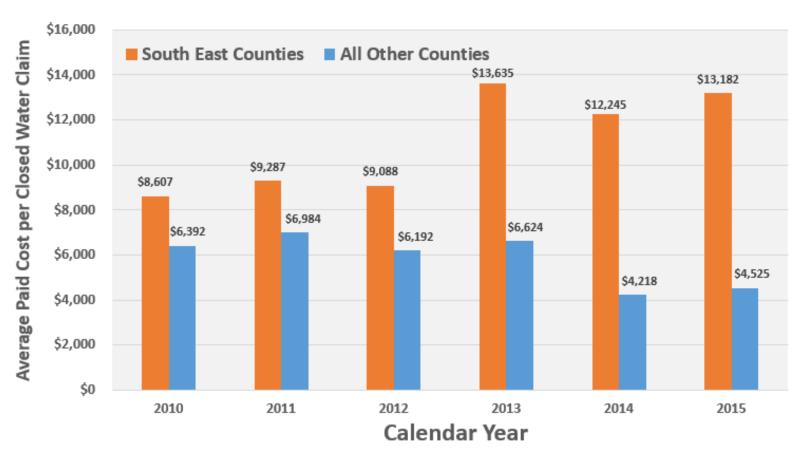
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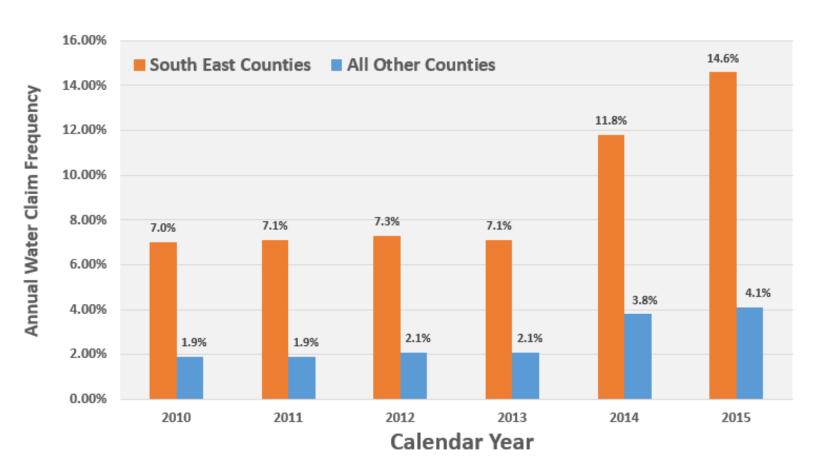
### The Average Cost of Water Claims Is Increasing in the South East Region



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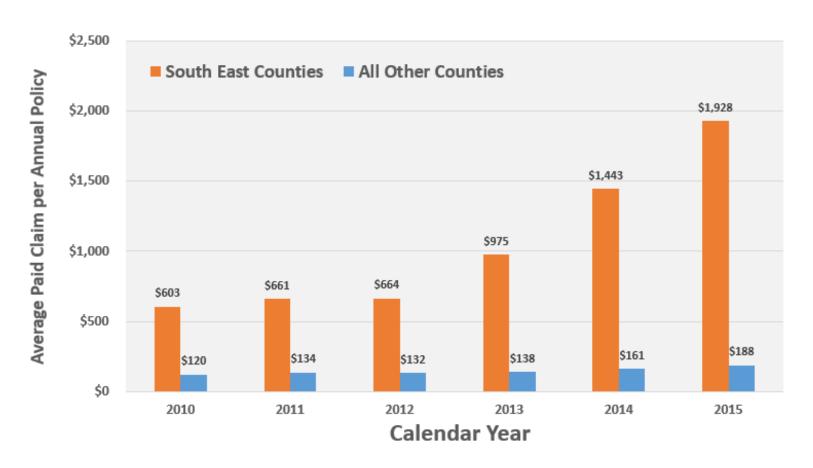
### Water Claim Frequency Has Increased in Recent Years



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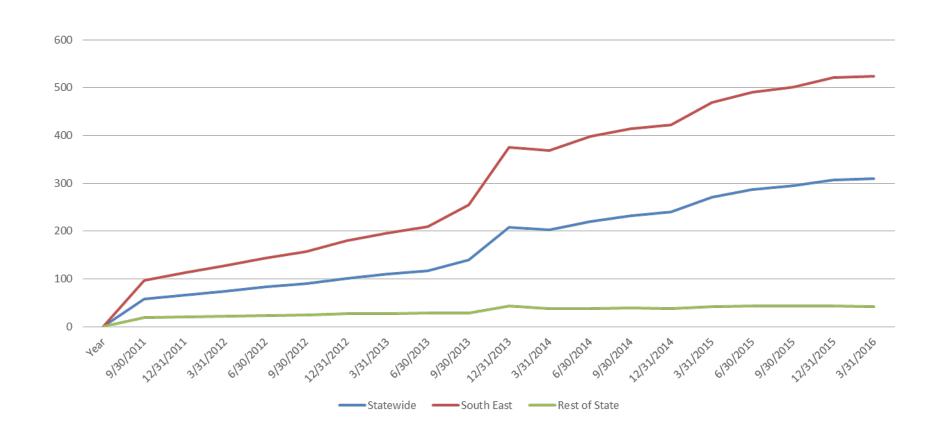
# Water Losses: A Significant Cost Driver



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# Average Water Loss Adjusting Expenses are Increasing



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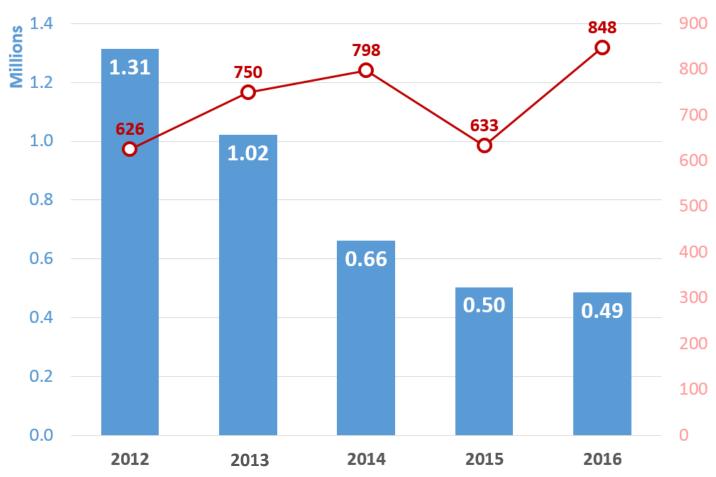


Calendar Year End	Statewide LAE Cost	South East LAE Cost	Rest of State LAE Cost	
2011	\$66	\$112	\$20	
2012	\$101	\$179	\$26	
2013	\$207	\$375	\$43	
2014	\$240	\$422	\$38	
2015	\$307	\$521	\$43	
Mar 2016	\$309	\$523	\$41	

#### Lawsuits



#### **■Policies in Force OLawsuits**



In March Citizens received over 1,000 lawsuits – the highest in our history.



# Water Lawsuits by Opposing Counsel

WATER LAWSUITS									
	2014	2015	2016	Grand Total	% of Grand Total				
Strems Law Firm, P.A.	768	528	261	1,557	10%				
Morgan Law Group, P.A.	382	307	140	829	5%				
Militzok & Levy, P.A.	305	254	144	703	5%				
Marin, Eljaiek & Lopez, PL	317	229	95	641	4%				
Trujillo Vargas Ortiz & Gonzalez, LLP	278	259	87	624	4%				
Kenneth R. Duboff, P.A. (Duboff Law Firm)	273	170	127	570	4%				
The Cardenas Law Group, P.A.	271	167	72	510	3%				
Cohen Battisti & Grossman, P.A.	201	201	57	459	3%				
Mineo Salcedo Law Firm, P.A.	172	120	104	396	3%				
Law Offices of Leo A. Manzanilla, P.A.	258	123	4	385	3%				
Tabares Law, P.A.	101	147	65	313	2%				
Law Offices of Michael Biberman, P.A.	178	127		305	2%				
Law Offices of Marcote & Marcote De Moya, PLLC	60	140	38	238	2%				
The Diener Firm, P.A.	48	89	83	220	1%				
Ligman Martin, P.L.	1	143	71	215	1%				
Greenberg, Stone & Urbano, P.A.	105	77	20	202	1%				
Rogatinsky & Matthews, P.A.	92	68	22	182	1%				
Joseph W. Ligman, P.A.	163	18		181	1%				
Benjamin Legal Group, P.A.	60	91	29	180	1%				
Cernitz & Shanbron, P.A.	89	62	25	176	1%				
Grand Total	6,540	5,713	3,123	15,376	100%				



# **AOB Lawsuits by Opposing Counsel**

AOB LAWSUITS								
	2014	2015	2016	Grand Total	% of Grand Total			
Cohen Battisti & Grossman, P.A.	252	240	63	555	16%			
Trujillo Vargas Ortiz & Gonzalez, LLP	105	89	42	236	7%			
Mineo Salcedo Law Firm, P.A.	57	84	83	224	6%			
MAS Collections, LLC	27	106	47	180	5%			
Marin, Eljaiek & Lopez, PL	118	26	30	174	5%			
Militzok & Levy, P.A.	22	60	52	134	4%			
The Diener Firm, P.A.	17	46	71	134	4%			
Consumer Law Office, P.A.	54	15	64	133	4%			
Law Offices of Michael Biberman, P.A.	55	64	1	120	3%			
The Cardenas Law Group, P.A.	87	15	6	108	3%			
The Gilchrist Law Firm P.A.		50	41	91	3%			
Regueyra & Llerandi P.L	1	21	32	54	2%			
Malik Law, P.A.	28	14	12	54	2%			
David Low, P.A.	7	14	31	52	1%			
Morgan Law Group, P.A.		21	31	52	1%			
Mario Serralta & Associates		17	28	45	1%			
Florida Professional Law Group, PLLC	10	27	7	44	1%			
Perkins Law Offices, P.A.	17	15	9	41	1%			
Insurance Litigation Group, PA		6	32	38	1%			
The Hernandez Legal Group	4	13	18	35	1%			
Grand Total	1,066	1,264	1,238	3,568	100%			

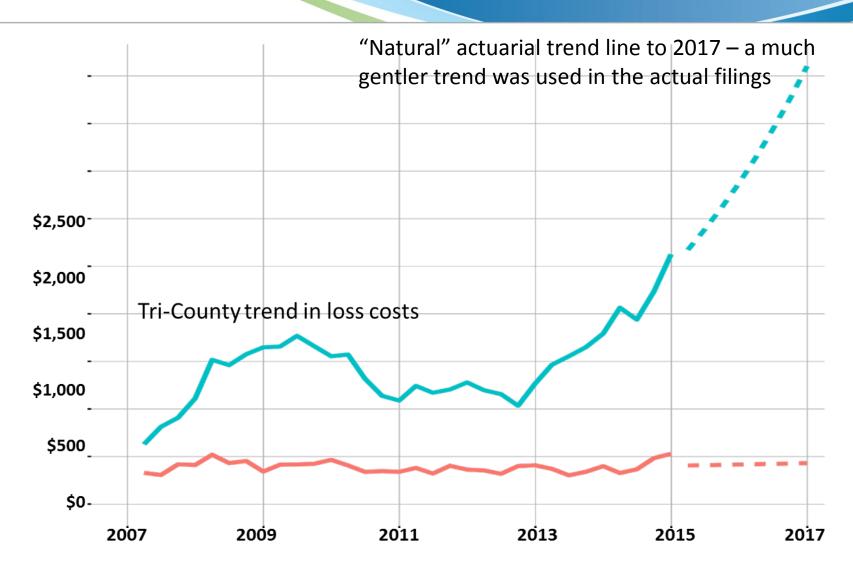
### Assignment Of Benefits (AOB) Facts



- Percentage of litigated claims with AOB 46.9% (in 2015) up from 9.6% in 2012
- AOB doubles the severity of non-litigated claims
- Litigation then doubles the severity of already inflated non-litigated claims
- Litigation triples the severity of non-AOB claims
- Tri-County non-litigated claims with AOB cost 74% more than with no AOB;
   116% more in the rest of the state
- Percentage of claims reported with representation at First Notice of Loss (FNOL) Tri-County 90%; rest of the state 27.3%
- Percentage of claims in litigation with representation at FNOL Tri-County 90%;
   rest of the state 27.3%
- Average water claim reported 33 days after event
- A recent ARTSSI report showed that AOB utilization was more prevalent on claims from newer homes than from older homes.



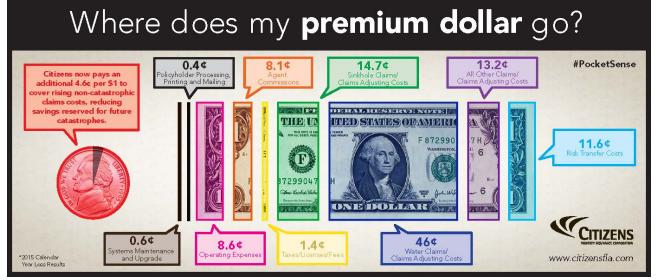
# AOB Frequency and Severity Impact on Loss Costs





### Threats to Financial Strength – Statewide

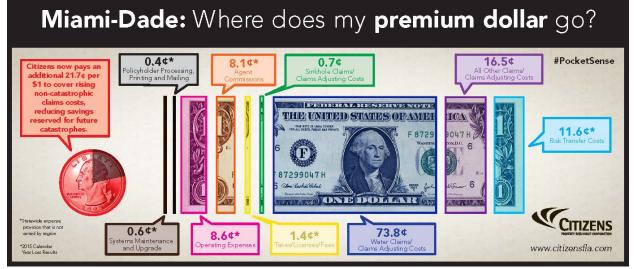






### Threats to Financial Strength – Miami-Dade





#### **Actions Being Taken**



- Educate Consumers and Stakeholders
  - Call Citizens First Campaign
  - Messaging at committee and board meetings, business events, agent associations, legislative meetings, direct mail campaign, FPREN co-sponsor for 2016 hurricane season
- Claims Center of Excellence
  - Dedicated to AOB and water damage
  - Three in-house teams assigned to South Florida
- Optimize the Product
  - Policy language to encourage appraisal
  - Policy form changes which address prompt reporting of loss/reasonable emergency measures and requirements for permanent repair
- Contractor Repair Program
- SIU strengthened to 33 staff
- Water mitigation bill review for conformity with IICRC standards

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#### **Questions and Answers**