

Suwannee River Water Management District

Governing Board Materials

Land Acquisition and Management

The following materials have been reviewed and approved for distribution to the Governing Board and the public.

Director of Land Acquisition and Management



Assistant Executive Director



Executive Director



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Richard M. Rocco, Real Estate Coordinator

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management

DATE: July 19, 2010

SUBJECT: Santa Fe Springs, LLC/Sawdust Spring Parcel

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff requests Governing Board authorization to commence detailed assessment and negotiations for the fee purchase of the 234-acre ± Santa Fe Springs, LLC/Sawdust Spring Parcel on the Santa Fe River in Columbia County.**

### BACKGROUND

In June 2010 Santa Fe Springs, LLC, offered the District a 563-acre ± tract. This parent tract included considerable upland planted pine and pasture acreage outside of the 100-year floodplain.

District staff met with Steve Cheeseman to discuss a revised project boundary that would target water resource values and floodplain lands. The resulting 234-acre ± offering more closely matches the District's water resource protection values. This project boundary is in an identified project area of the 2010 Florida Forever workplan.

Pending Governing Board approval, staff will research the title and procure appraisals to determine the property's fair market value. Pending independent appraisal review, market value recommendations will be provided to Board members prior to entering into an agreement for purchase.

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cc: Charlie Houser  
attachments

## PARCEL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

TRACT: Sawdust Spring a/k/a Santa Fe Springs

SELLERS: Santa Fe Springs, LLC  
Registered Agent; Stephen Cheeseman

COUNTY: Columbia

S-T-R: S 34, T 7S, R 16 E

ACREAGE: 234 acres ±

RIVER FRONTAGE: 4,500 feet (0.85 miles)

### WATER RESOURCE VALUES:

100-Year Floodplain: 69% (161.4 acres)  
Surfacewater Protection: 36% (83.1 acres)  
Aquifer Recharge: .02% (4.6 acres)  
Springs Protection: 96 % (224.8 acres)

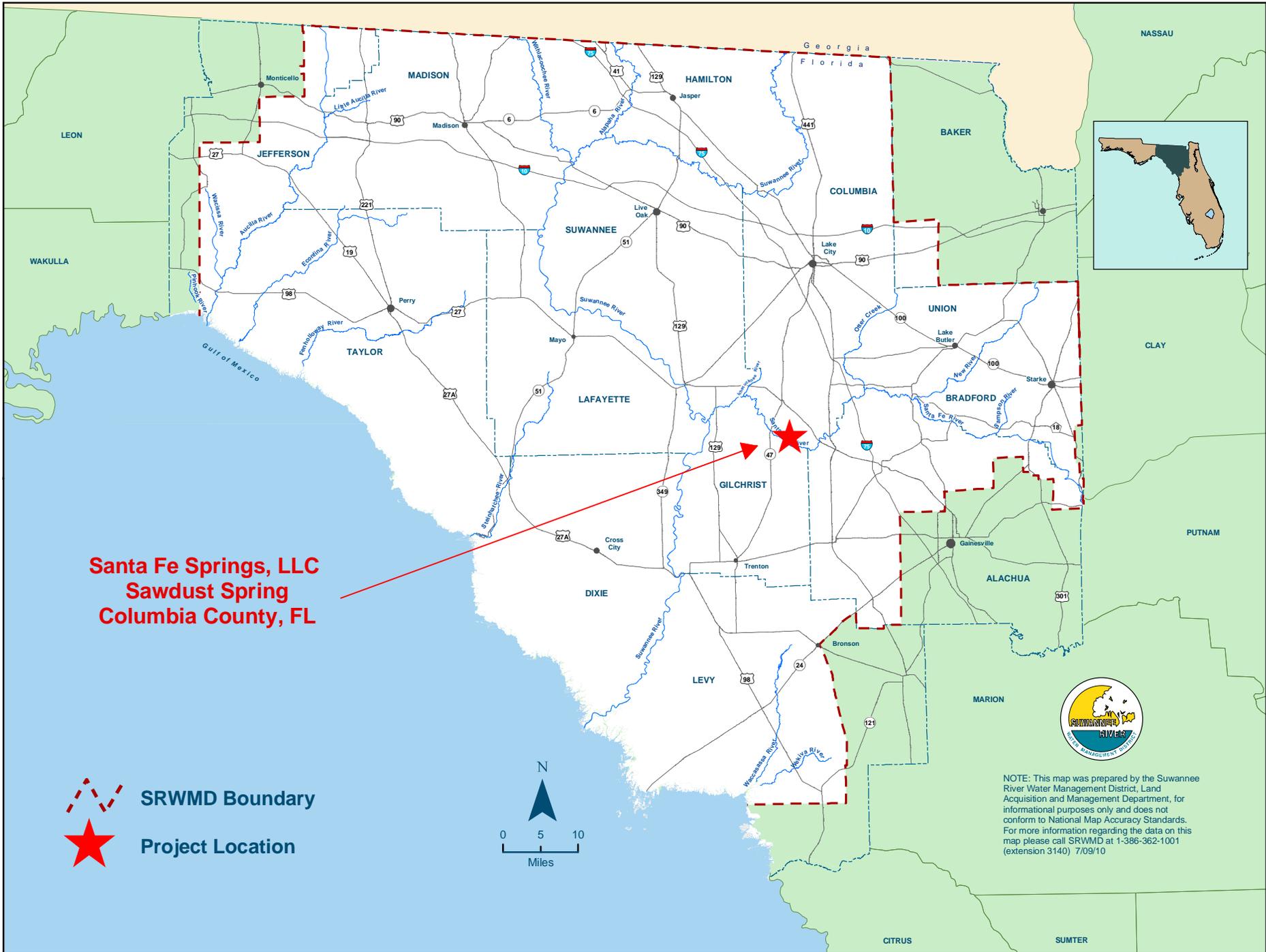
TRACT DESCRIPTION: The tract is located on the Columbia County side of the Santa Fe River on the opposite bank of the complex of springs at Ginnie Springs in Alachua County. It is densely forested with a mature natural floodplain hardwood hammock, which buffers the river corridor back for over one-half mile along its entire Santa Fe frontage. Areas outside of the 100-year floodplain are forested with a mixed pine hardwood upland community. Sawdust Springs is a second magnitude spring with a flow of 3.5 to 4 million gallons per day and has a circular pool measuring 58 ft. in diameter. The spring run averages 20 feet wide by 3 feet deep along its 30-yard course to the river. Santa Fe Springs LLC has been issued a consumptive water use permit by Suwannee River Water Management District for the average daily withdrawal and use of 150,000 gpd. This permit was modified on September 24, 2009, and expires in 2020. A monitor and production well is presently in place but not in use.

ACCESS: The property will be accessed by a private fee strip useable to the public from county graded SW Horseshoe Loop which is accessible directly from paved CR 138 in Columbia County.

OUTSTANDING INTERESTS: No outstanding interests are reported at this time. The consumptive use permit would be assigned to the District pending purchase.

MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES: The property would be managed as a low intensity general recreation use tract to allow passive uses (hiking and nature study) while preserving floodplain forests and wetland resources in their natural state.

CURRENT ASKING PRICE: Owner is seeking appraised value.

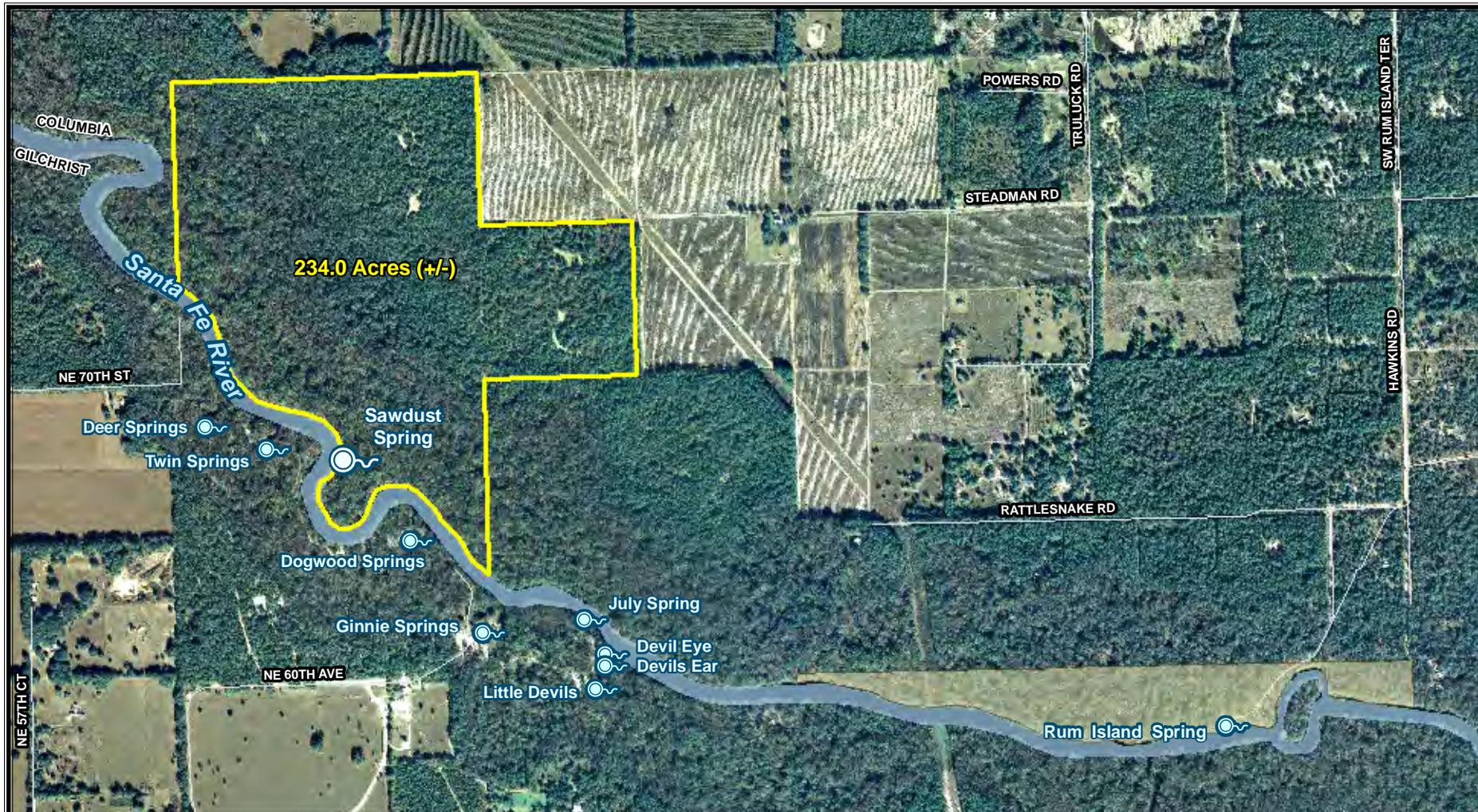


**Santa Fe Springs, LLC  
Sawdust Spring  
Columbia County, FL**

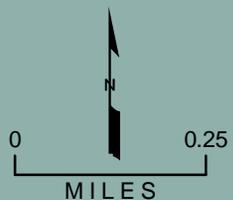
 **SRWMD Boundary**  
 **Project Location**



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-  Property Offer
-  Rum Island County Park
-  Springs

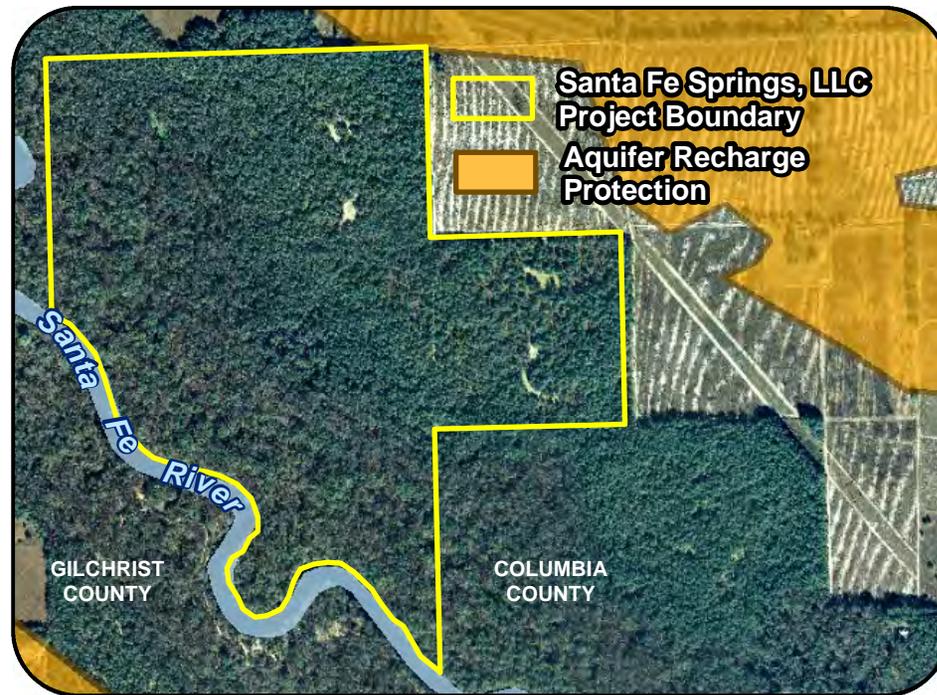
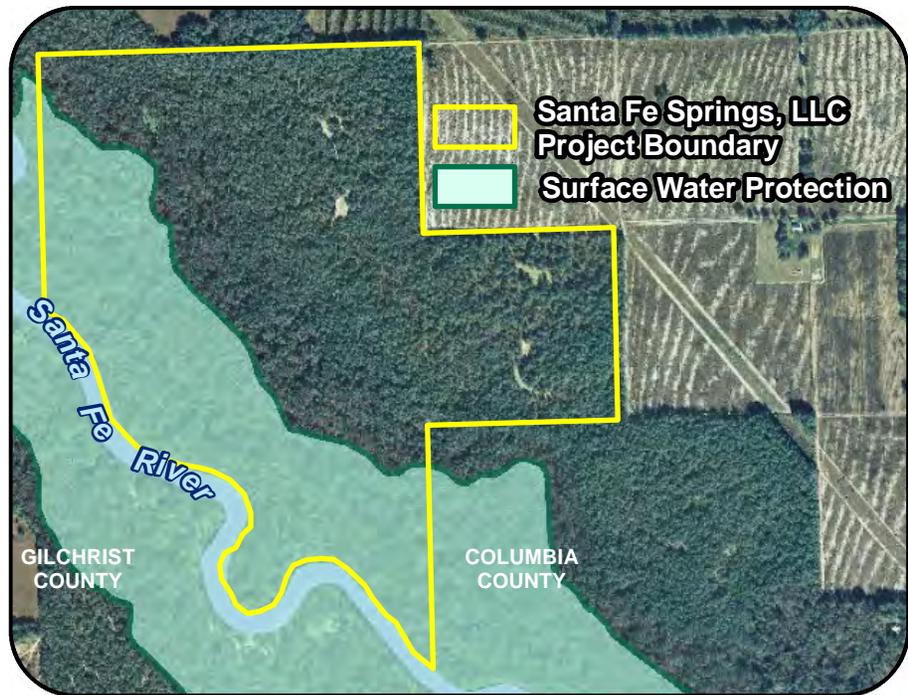
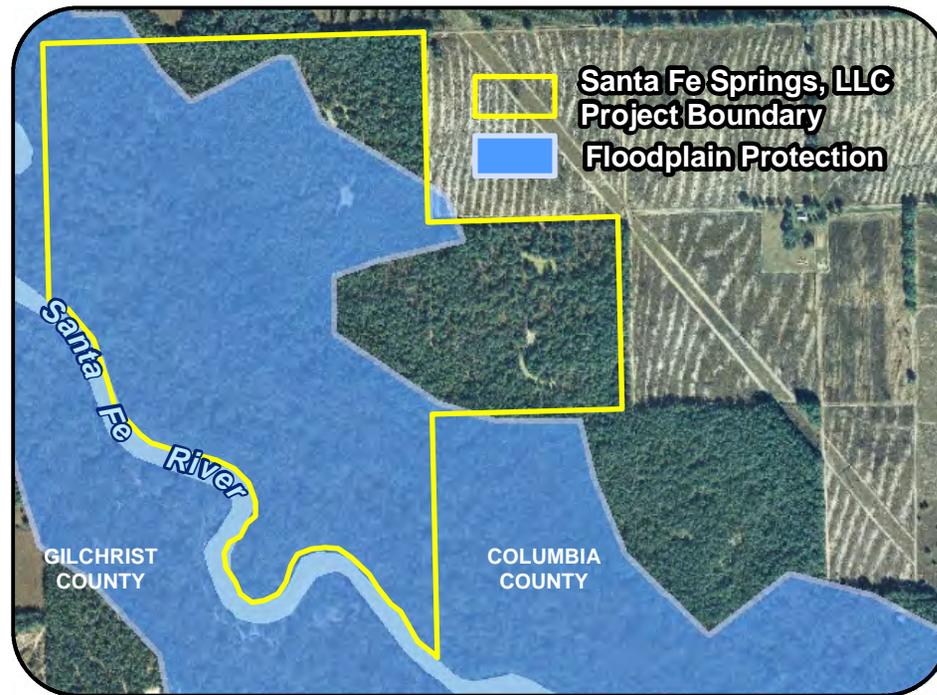
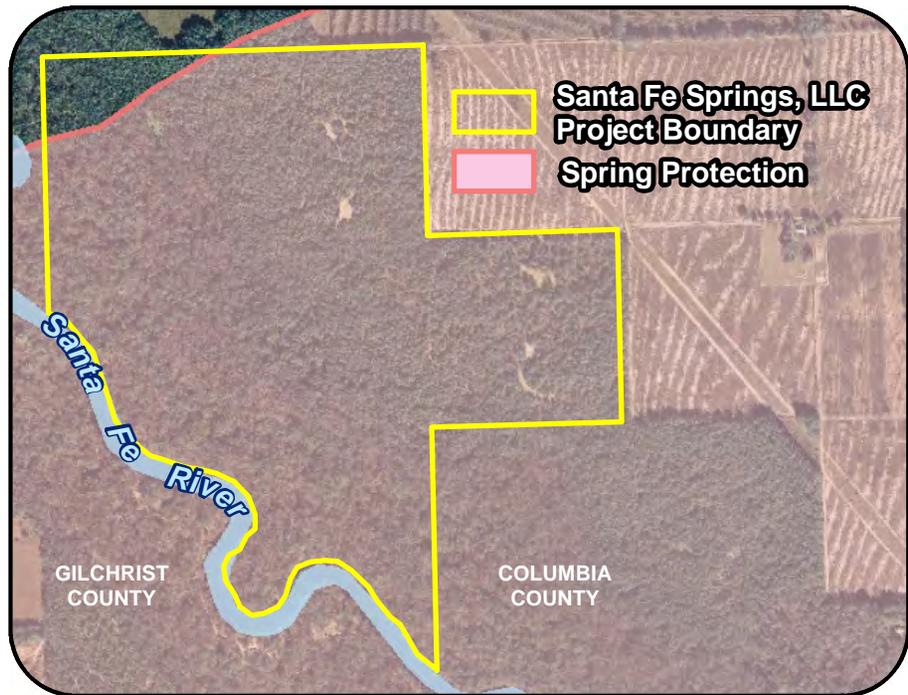


## Santa Fe Springs LLC Sawdust Spring Columbia County, FL



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management  
THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
DATE: July 14, 2010  
SUBJECT: Removal of the Manatee Springs South Parcel from the District List of Surplus Tracts

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board remove the 330-acre Manatee Springs South parcel located in Levy County from the District list of surplus lands.**

### BACKGROUND

After its initial review of District land holdings, the Surplus Lands Committee identified four candidate parcels to forward to the Governing Board for consideration. On May 13 the Governing Board declared these four parcels as surplus as they were deemed to be no longer needed for conservation purposes. The criteria used in making the determination of no longer needed for conservation purposes included: river frontage, floodplain acreage, wetlands acreage, aquifer recharge, public access and use, and management considerations.

On May 27, in the course of the Surplus Lands Committee Meeting, members of the public provided the Committee and staff with input regarding both the water resource attributes and the public access and use attributes associated with the Manatee Springs South tract. In response to this input, the Committee reevaluated its initial determination and agreed the Manatee Springs South tract should be recommended for retention by the District.

Please feel free to contact Joe Flanagan if you have any questions or comments prior to the August 10 Governing Board meeting.

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Enclosures  
cc: Charlie Houder  
008-00477

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management

DATE: July 15, 2010

RE: Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Properties Acquired

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2010-16 for Payment in Lieu of Taxes in the amount of \$326,314.72 for qualifying counties for lands acquired through 2009.**

### BACKGROUND

In order to offset the effect on the tax rolls of the small counties from public acquisition of land, the Legislature enacted the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program (PILT) in 1992. Up to 25% of the land management funds are available for the PILT program. Each year the District works with the county commissions and staff to prepare their applications for properties purchased the previous calendar year. To determine the amount of taxes to reimburse a county for a particular parcel, the tax records for the three years prior to the year of acquisition are obtained and the average amount for the three years is used as the reimbursement amount. The reimbursement amount is only calculated one time, and that payment is now paid for as long as the District owns the property. This year, for the first time, PILT applies to all fee simple properties owned by the District. Taxes continue to be the responsibility of the landowners for lands on which the District holds conservation easements.

Once the tax information is obtained from the counties, new applications are sent to the Department of Revenue for certification and then to DEP for funding approval. This year ten counties have applied for a total of \$326,314.72. The reimbursement amounts for each county are shown in Attachment A. Columbia County is entitled to additional PILT funds but District and Property Appraiser

Payment in Lieu of Taxes  
July 15, 2010  
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staff continue to work on the 123 older parcels that were never included on the PILT list. If the additional information is obtained from Columbia County before August 10, 2010, this memorandum and resolution will be modified to include that amount. An agreement with Gilchrist County states that the District will distribute PILT for Otter Springs at one half the amount due. The District will use the other half for partial reimbursement of payment for road repaving.

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Enclosure  
PILT 2010 008-00478

## ATTACHMENT A

	Balance Brought Forward	Properties Never on PILT or Lapsed after 10 Years	Property Bought in 2009	<b>Total</b>
BRADFORD	\$ 6,088.18	\$ 9,005.27		\$ 15,093.45
COLUMBIA	\$ 23,183.09			\$ 23,183.09
DIXIE	\$ 7,229.69	\$ 16,966.52		\$ 24,196.21
GILCHRIST	\$ 35,762.01	\$ 8,228.31		\$ 43,990.32
HAMILTON	\$ 13,965.98	\$ 23,816.39	\$ 568.91	\$ 38,351.28
JEFFERSON	\$ 30.49	\$ 6,349.70	\$ 2,843.22	\$ 9,223.41
LAFAYETTE	\$ 50,268.71	\$ 27,037.50		\$ 77,306.21
LEVY	\$ 16,523.45	\$ 8,585.43		\$ 25,108.88
MADISON	\$ 6,149.99	\$ 14,314.86		\$ 20,464.85
SUWANNEE	\$ 15,208.20	\$ 15,221.39		\$ 30,429.59
TAYLOR	\$ 2,602.23	\$ 16,365.20		\$ 18,967.43
				\$ 326,314.72

Gilchrist County payment reflects a reduction of \$17,944.05; one half of the amount due for the Otter Springs acquisition.

# SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION NO. 2010-16

### REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

**WHEREAS**, the 1992 Legislature enacted amendments to Section 373.59 (Florida Statutes) allowing the Suwannee River Water Management District to make payments in lieu of taxes to qualifying counties for actual ad valorem tax losses incurred as a result of lands being purchased by the District under the Save Our Rivers, Preservation 2000 and/or Florida Forever land acquisition programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District has reserved sufficient funds within its annual operating budget for payments in lieu of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the counties of Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor have submitted applications requesting payments in lieu of taxes for lands acquired by the Suwannee River Water Management District under the Save Our Rivers, Preservation 2000, and/or Florida Forever programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District has verified that the actual taxes lost to the County Commission, as indicated in the applications, are appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District has determined that these eleven counties are qualified to receive payments in lieu of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Tax Collector for each qualifying county has certified that the payment amount each has applied for is the average amount of actual taxes paid on the property for the three years immediately preceding acquisition by the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District has provided payments, grants, or in-kind services to Gilchrist County that would warrant a reduction in the amount of the payment in lieu of taxes to that county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Revenue has certified as correct the current county ad valorem millage rate and, as reasonably appropriate, the actual taxes paid to the taxing authority during the three years immediately preceding acquisition by the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Suwannee River Water Management District does hereby request that the amount shown on the 2009 Schedule of Payments In Lieu of Taxes, Attachment A hereto, be disbursed from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund Management Allocation to the District for purposes of making payments in lieu of taxes to the County Commissions of Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor Counties, as per the applications submitted by those counties.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2010 A.D.**

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

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**ATTEST:**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bob Heeke, Sr. Land Resources Manager

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management

DATE: July 15, 2010

RE: License to Cut Timber with Van Aernam Timber Management, Inc., for the Steinhatchee #6 Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Van Aernam Timber Management, Inc., for the Steinhatchee #6 Timber Sale. Van Aernam bid \$9.50/ton for pine pulpwood and topwood and \$17.50/ton for pine chip-n-saw.

BACKGROUND

A request for bids for the Steinhatchee #6 Timber Sale was advertised on June 22, 2010. Located in Lafayette County, this is a thinning operation on approximately 169 acres of 20 year old slash pine plantation. It is a pay-as-cut sale. Four responses were received by July 12, 2010, as listed below. Estimated revenues are shown.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue</u>
Van Aernam Timber Management, Inc.	149,694.50
Greenville Timber Corporation	146,420.00
Nature Coast Timber, LLC	142,375.47
J D Sunny Isle	50,406.75

Total revenue from this sale should be between \$128,000 and \$172,000. Using the volume estimates by timber product, the anticipated revenue is \$150,000. Principals for Van Aernam Timber Management, Inc., are Franklin G. Van Aernam, John D. Van Aernam, and Bobby K. Van Aernam.

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**Steinhatchee Springs  
Timber Sale #6  
167.74 Acres  
Lafayette County, FL**

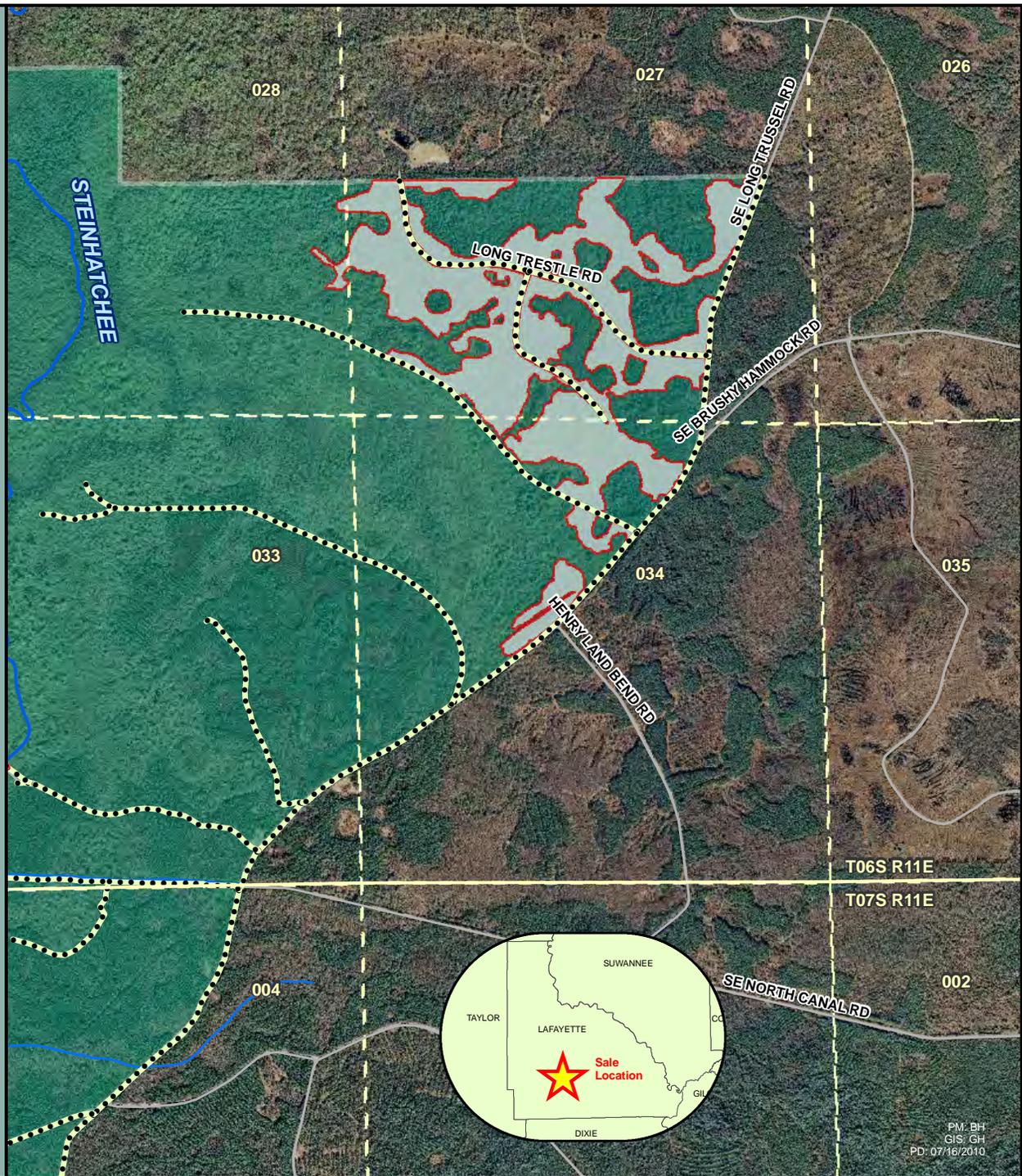
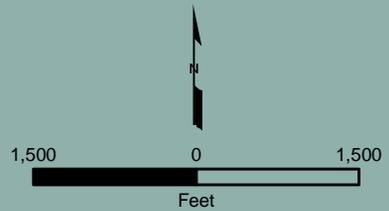
-  Timber Sale Area
-  SRWMD Lands

**SRWMD Management Roads**

-  Administrative
-  Rivers & Streams
-  General Roads



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director Land Acquisition and Management

DATE: July 15, 2010

RE: Renewal of Cooperative Management Agreement 93/94-061 with the Florida Division of Forestry for Cooperative Management of District Lands for Fiscal Year 2010

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff requests authorization to renew Cooperative Management Agreement 93/94-061 with the Florida Division of Forestry for Fiscal Year 2010 for an amount not to exceed \$65,000.**

### BACKGROUND

The District contracts with the Florida Division of Forestry (FDOF) to complete designated projects on District lands. These services include prescribed burning, mowing/mulching, fire line establishment/maintenance, and stand-by during prescribed burns.

In FY 2010, a new initiative was implemented in this ongoing agreement. FDOF was able to burn approximately 2,400 acres on lands managed by the District and extra acres on District-owned lands on Twin Rivers State Forest. These extra burn acres doubled the acres planned for burning by FDOF.

Approval of this recommendation will authorize the use of reserved funds from past District timber sales to pay for this service. No funds were originally budgeted in the FY 2010 budget.

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SRWMD #93/94-061

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management  
Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager

DATE: July 14, 2010

RE: Renewal of Contract 08/09-016 with B & B Porta-Toilets, Inc., d/b/a  
B & B Sanitation for Portable Sanitation Services

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff requests authorization to execute a contract renewal with B & B Porta-Toilets, Inc., d/b/a B & B Sanitation for portable sanitation services beginning October 1, 2010, for an amount not to exceed \$23,000.**

### BACKGROUND

B & B Sanitation provides portable sanitation services in the north and southwest regions of the District. Services are provided at the Econfina Boat Ramp at US 98, Goose Pasture, Steinhatchee Falls, Tennille Trailhead and R. O. Ranch. The contractor has performed work that meets or exceeds District standards.

District contractual procedures allow the option to renew contracts for two additional years if there are no changes in the rate schedule. This is the second additional year, and the contractor has agreed to work at the same rates as last year.

Principal for B & B Sanitation is Bettye L. Craft. Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2011 budget. This recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2011 budget.

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Contract 08/09-016

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management  
Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager

DATE: July 14, 2010

RE: Renewal of Contract 08/09-017 with Glover Landscape & Irrigation "LLC"  
for Land Management Services

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff requests authorization to execute a contract renewal with Glover Landscape & Irrigation "LLC" for an amount not to exceed \$118,742 for land management services for work beginning October 1, 2010.**

### BACKGROUND

Glover Landscape & Irrigation "LLC" provides land management services for the District in the northwest region, Devil's Hammock and Otter Springs; recreation site upgrades; and site cleanups. Glover has consistently performed work that meets or exceeds District standards.

District contractual procedures allow the option to renew contracts for two additional years if there are no changes in the rate schedule. This is the second additional year, and the contractor has agreed to work at the same rates.

Principal for Glover Landscape & Irrigation "LLC" is Rhonda D. Glover. Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2011 budget; this recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2011 budget.

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Contract 08/09-017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management  
Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager

DATE: July 14, 2010

RE: Renewal of Contract 08/09-018 with M & L Contracting for Land Management Services

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff requests authorization to execute a contract renewal for land management services with M & L Contracting for work beginning October 1, 2010, for an amount not to exceed \$95,200.**

BACKGROUND

Marvin Edmunds d/b/a M & L Contracting provides land management services for the District in the southwest region, US 98 Boat Ramp and Goose Pasture. He also provides mowing services on District lands. Mr. Edmunds has performed work that meets or exceeds District standards.

District contractual procedures allow the option to renew contracts annually for two additional years if there are no changes in the rate schedule. This would be the second additional year for this contract for services, and the contractor has agreed to work at the same rates as initially proposed.

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2011 budget. This recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2011 budget.

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Contract 08/09-018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management  
Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager

DATE: July 14, 2010

RE: Renewal of Contract 08/09-019 with Suwannee Lawn & Garden, Inc.,  
for Land Management Services

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff requests authorization to execute a contract renewal for land management services with Suwannee Lawn & Garden, Inc., for work beginning October 1, 2010, for an amount not to exceed \$144,424.**

BACKGROUND

Suwannee Lawn & Garden provides land management services for the District in the northeast region, southeast region, Blue Sink, Suwannee Springs, Falmouth Springs, and Anderson Springs as well as road mowing for the northeast and southeast regions. The contractor has performed work that meets or exceeds District standards.

Principals for Suwannee Lawn & Garden are Alvin R. Cloud, Samuel R. Cloud, Daniel A. Cloud and Laura J. Turner. District contractual procedures allow the option to renew contracts annually for two additional years if there are no changes in the rate schedule. This is the second additional year, and the contractor has agreed to work at the same rates as last year.

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2011 budget; this recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2011 budget.

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Contract 08/09-019

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Gwen Lord, Business Resource Specialist

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management

DATE: July 14, 2010

RE: Consideration of Resolution 2010-15 Requesting Reimbursement of  
Preacquisition Costs and Land Management Expenses for the Quarter  
Ending June 30, 2010

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval and execution of Resolution 2010-15, requesting the Department of Environmental Protection reimburse the District from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund (WMLTF) for preacquisition costs in the amount of \$137,057.17 and quarterly land management expenses in the amount of \$478,677.04 expended during the quarter ending June 30, 2010.

### BACKGROUND

Section 373.59, F.S., allows the payment of preacquisition and land management costs from the WMLTF. Staff prepares quarterly reimbursement requests for costs associated with the District's activities.

Preacquisition costs cover most expenditures involving program administration and parcel-specific costs incurred prior to execution of a purchase agreement. Direct acquisition costs, including land costs, surveys, appraisals, and legal fees are either requested at the time of contract execution or are reconciled with preacquisition funding after the closing of each particular transaction. Preacquisition costs for the last quarter totaled \$137,057.17.

Land management costs for the same period totaled \$478,677.04. The largest share of this amount was for contractual services, which included site preparation, recreation facilities' construction, and forest management agreements.

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-15**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING RELEASE OF FUNDS  
FROM THE WATER MANAGEMENT LANDS TRUST FUND  
FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PREACQUISITION COSTS AND  
FOR MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS EXPENSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District has expended funds for certain costs in the acquisition of fee or other legal interest in lands necessary to carry out the five-year plan of acquisition filed with the Legislature and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and consistent with Section 373.59, Florida Statutes (F.S.); and

**WHEREAS**, prior to acquisition, said lands will be appraised by at least one independent real estate appraiser, and were approved for acquisition after duly noticed public hearing thereon; and

**WHEREAS**, said lands shall not be acquired as right-of-way for canals or pipelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of said lands has required the evaluations, negotiations, or closings for lands, including those specific projects listed on the Acquisition Summary attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, upon acquisition, said lands are made available for general recreational uses not inconsistent with the water management purposes for which they are being acquired; and

**WHEREAS**, upon acquisition, said lands are maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner, and to the extent practical, in such a way as to restore and protect their natural state and condition; and

**WHEREAS**, should this District subsequently dispose of said lands, all revenues derived therefrom will be used to acquire other lands for water management, water supply, and the conservation and protection of water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District has expended funds and committed funds for management, maintenance, and capital improvements to land acquired with moneys from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, said committed funds were used, consistent with Chapter 373.59, F.S., to develop management plans which include an evaluation of the resource value, environmental sensitivity, and recreational suitability of these lands; and,

**WHEREAS**, moneys expended for field equipment are for equipment whose sole use shall be on District's Save Our Rivers Lands; and,

**WHEREAS**, the requested funds are within the 2010 Fiscal Year Budget for preacquisition costs and management costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, any revenues generated from the management of these lands shall be used for management, maintenance, and capital improvements of said lands; and,

**WHEREAS**, District desires to be reimbursed for District's moneys so expended or committed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the specific acquisition costs are set forth in attachments to this resolution showing expenditures and commitments from April 1, 2010, through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$137,057.17, and

**WHEREAS**, the specific commitments and expenditures for said management, maintenance, and capital improvements are set forth in attachments to this resolution showing expenditures and commitments from April 1, 2010, through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$478,677.04.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District:

(1) The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct.

(2) District hereby requests the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to release from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund to District the sum of \$137,057.17 for District's acquisition costs necessary to carry out the five-year plan of acquisition.

(3) District hereby requests the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to release from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund the sum of \$478,677.04 for District's expenditures for management, maintenance, and capital improvements of lands previously acquired under Water Management Lands Trust Fund as specifically set forth in the attachments to this resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2010, A.D.**

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

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**ATTEST:**

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## PRE-ACQUISITION COSTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Staff Salaries - Land Acquisition	\$61,497.55
Insurance	\$7,689.15
Retirement	\$6,336.04
FICA	\$4,568.53
<b>TOTAL SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$80,091.27</b>
Other Personal Services	\$0.00
Legal services	\$7,095.00
Contractual Services	\$49,572.19
<b>TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$56,667.19</b>
Printing & Binding	\$0.00
Publication of Notices	\$28.71
Postage	\$0.00
Meetings	\$0.00
Registrations & Training	\$175.00
Travel	\$95.00
Utilities	\$0.00
Communications	\$0.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$0.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$0.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$0.00
Field Supplies	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$0.00
Computer Supplies	\$0.00
Fuel & Lubricants	\$0.00
Maps & Aerials	\$0.00
Books & Documents	\$0.00
Non-Capital Land Improvements	\$0.00
Photographic Supplies	\$0.00
Graphic Arts Supplies	\$0.00
Office Support Equipment	\$0.00
Other Commodities	\$0.00
Computer Software	\$0.00
Equipment Rental	\$0.00
Fees & Permits	\$0.00
Other Current Charges	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$298.71</b>
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Mobile Equipment	\$0.00
Field Equipment	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Land Improvements	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Interagency Expenditures	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PRE-ACQUISITION COSTS</b>	<b>\$137,057.17</b>

## MANAGEMENT COSTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Staff Salaries - Land Acquisition	\$135,380.85
Insurance	\$18,533.31
Retirement	\$13,660.24
FICA	\$9,845.67
<b>TOTAL SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$177,420.07</b>
Other Personal Services	\$0.00
Legal Services	\$6,045.00
Audit Services	\$0.00
Contractual Services	\$230,881.46
<b>TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$236,926.46</b>
Payments In Lieu Of Taxes	\$0.00
Printing & Binding	\$2,868.93
Publication of Notices	\$364.79
Postage	\$0.00
Meetings	\$300.10
Registrations & Training	\$820.00
Travel	\$606.90
Utilities	\$737.68
Communications	\$318.91
Vehicle Maintenance	\$0.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$484.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$108.38
Field Supplies	\$17,309.96
Office Supplies	\$0.00
Computer Supplies	\$0.00
Fuel & Lubricants	\$0.00
Maps & Aerials	\$0.00
Books & Documents	\$0.00
Non-Capital Land Improvements	\$0.00
Photographic Supplies	\$0.00
Property & Casualty Ins	\$3,800.63
Fees & Permits	\$560.00
Other Current Charges	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,280.28</b>
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Computer Equipment	\$0.00
Mobile Equipment	\$0.00
Field Equipment	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Construction	\$0.00
Land Improvements	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Interagency Expenditures	\$36,050.23
<b>TOTAL INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$36,050.23</b>
<b>TOTAL MANAGEMENT COSTS</b>	<b>\$478,677.04</b>

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry Demott, Sr. Land Resource Coordinator

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management

DATE: July 15, 2010

SUBJECT: Activity Report, Land Acquisition

The attached report summarizes the status of current projects and describes significant activities of staff for the preceding month. Staff will be prepared to address any tracts of particular interest the Board may wish to discuss at the August 10, 2010, Governing Board meeting.

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<b>PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Jackson, Kevin & Patrice/ Jackson CE Lafayette County 150 acres +/-	Closing on this conservation easement took place June 30, 2010.
N.G. Wade Investment Co./ Gilchrist Regional Wellfield Gilchrist County 105 acres +/-	This property was approved for acquisition on April 13, 2010. Survey, title review and environmental audit are in progress. Closing is to take place by July 31, 2010.
Osceola Land & Timber/ Santa Fe CE Alachua County 463 acres +/-	A survey, environmental audit and title commitment are complete. District staff and legal counsel are working with Alachua County to finalize the funding and joint purchase which is planned for July 30, 2010.
<b>APPROVED PROJECTS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Guerry, Brian Surplus Property Exchange Columbia County	Staff is preparing a formal offer to the landowner for an equivalent exchange for 40 acres of the Levings surplus parcel.
Cooley Family/Cooley Conservation Easement Jefferson County 130 acres ±	Detailed assessment for this property was approved on July 13, 2010. Preliminary title search has been requested.
Floyd Family/Floyd Conservation Easement Jefferson County 570 acres ±	Detailed assessment for this property was approved on July 13, 2010. Preliminary title search has been requested.
Layman Law Firm/Walker Spring Conservation Easement Jefferson County 172 acres ±	Detailed assessment for this property was approved on July 13, 2010. Preliminary title search is being requested.

Sante Fe River Hammock LLC/ Santa Fe River Hammock CE Bradford County 167 acres +/-	Landowner has accepted the District's offer for a conservation easement. Legal Counsel is preparing an option to purchase an formalizing the conservation easement.
<b>SURPLUS LANDS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Surplus Lands	Final appraisals and timber valuations of Group I Land Sales were completed on July 2, 2010. Listing prices have been forwarded to Poole Realty who is listing the Group I parcels for sale. Timber valuations are complete for Land Sales Group II parcels, and real estate appraisals of this group will be finalized by July 30, 2010. A request for bid for appraisal services has resulted in the selection of two appraisers for valuations of Group III Land Sales, and staff is scheduling field inspections.

**SURPLUS LANDS**

Group #	Tract Name	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Listing Date	Listing Price	Sale Date	Sale Price
1	Bay Creek South	46	Columbia	04/1990	WMLTF	6/14/10	7/12/2010	Fee \$123,750		
1	Owens Spring	77	Lafayette	03/1999	P2000	6/14/10	7/12/2010	Fee w/all timber \$330,000 w/20% timber \$277,200		
1	Westwood West	320	Madison	12/1988	WMLTF	6/14/10	7/12/2010	Fee entire tract \$751,300 80-acre parcels \$194,425		
1	Blue Sink	79	Suwannee	12/1988	WMLTF	6/14/10	7/12/2010	Fee entire parcel \$281,600 40-acre parcels \$154,000		
2	Jennings Bluff	70	Hamilton	02/1989	WMLTF	7/30/10	8/6/2010			
2	Adams South	60	Lafayette	05/1990	WMLTF	7/30/10	8/6/2010			
2	Manatee South	330	Levy	04/1997	WMLTF	TBD				
2	47 Runs	20	Levy	12/2000	WMLTF	7/30/10	8/6/2010			
3	Hunter Creek	120	Hamilton	09/2002	P2000	8/27/2010	9/3/2010			

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Group #	Tract Name	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Listing Date	Listing Price	Sale Date	Sale Price
3	Santa Fe Oasis	110	Gilchrist	06/1995	P2000	8/27/2010	9/3/2010			
3	Steinhatchee Rise	42	Dixie	02/1996	P2000	8/27/2010	9/3/2010			
3	Timber River	1	Madison	03/1998	WMLTF	8/27/2010	9/3/2010			
3	Falmouth North (8 tracts)	6	Suwannee	04/1998	WMLTF	8/27/2010	9/3/2010			

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management

DATE: July 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Land Management Activity Report

### REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Four conservation easements held by the District were inspected in the last month: Plum Creek/Manatee Springs Addition in Levy County, Plum Creek/Gainesville Well Field in Alachua County, and the Foster/Redhills Land Company and Davidson easements in Jefferson County. All of the conservation easements were found to be in compliance with their original terms.

Staff is continuing to work with Dixie County Schools to secure a suitable site for a new high school. Authorization was given to conduct some preliminary engineering tests on a portion of District property near Cross City. The eastern part of this property is now being used as a wastewater spray field for the city.

### FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Road work was completed on the Mt. Gilead Tract for repairs due to use during the wet winter season. Road work continues across the Aucilla River in Jefferson County on the Lamont Tract.

Contractors have completed the first round of mowing public use roads on District lands.

### FOREST MANAGEMENT

Logging on the Alapahoochee #1 timber sale has been completed.

The Steinhatchee #4 timber sale was halted due to wet conditions on the Steinhatchee Springs Tract. All other timber sales in Steinhatchee Springs are also inactive due to saturated soil conditions. Two of these sales have had time extensions granted because of the ongoing conditions.

District staff continues treating invasive weeds on District lands including Cogongrass, Mimosa, Chinese Tallow, Tropical Soda Apple, Japanese Climbing Fern, Chinaberry and Tung Oil Trees. Contractors are also working on this project at the Lake Rowell Tract and on District tracts within the Alapaha Basin.

Rare species monitoring continues on District lands. Staff is currently surveying for the presence of Bachman's Sparrow, Southern Tubercled Orchids and gopher tortoises.

Five wading bird rookeries were visited to confirm activity, monitor the surrounding area for deleterious activities, and estimate the approximate number and species of birds present.

### VISITOR MANAGEMENT

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Dean Muggeo re-marked bike trails at Gar Pond. The marking was done with metal blazes on wood fence post.

Due to District rule changes last year and wildlife management area rules for Mallory Swamp, special use authorizations are now available for night-time use.

The following table shows Special Use Authorizations issued during the last month:

Recreation	Temporary Ingress & Egress	Mallory Swamp ATV Trail	RO Ranch	Goose Pasture Camping	Total
7	3	2		15	27

The District, Suwannee River Wilderness Trail and Current Problems are cosponsoring The Great Suwannee River Cleanup which will be held this fall. A kick-off celebration will be held on September 25, 2010, at Ivey Memorial Park in Branford. Groups are beginning to sign up; they will be asked to schedule cleaning section of the river during September, October and November. More information can be found at Current Problems web site [www.currentproblems.org](http://www.currentproblems.org).

PRESCRIBED FIRE MANAGEMENT

**Summary Table FY 2010**

	<b>2010 Target Acres</b>	<b>Acres Complete</b>
SRWMD	8,500	11,351
DOF TRSF	2,000	3,874
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>15,225</b>

Contractors conducting prescribed burns on District lands this year include: B&B Dugger (B&BD), Natural Resources Planning Service (NRPS), The Forestry Company (TFC) and Wildland Fire Services (WFS). Included are the acres the Florida Division of Forestry burns on Twin Rivers State Forest (DOF TRSF). The Florida Division of Forestry (DOF COOP) will provide additional crews to burn on District tracts and Twin Rivers State Forest. District staff conducts burns when possible.

**Activity Table (June 2010)**

<b>TRACT</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	WFS	NRPS	TFC	B&BD	SRWMD STAFF	DOF COOP	DOF TRSF	<b>Total Acres</b>
Little River	Suwannee		56						56
<i>Sub-total for Period</i>		0	56	0	0	0	0	0	56
<i>Previous Acres Burned</i>		4,738	2,775	1,222	2,004	0	1,715	2,715	15,169
<b>FY 2010 Total Acres</b>		<b>4,738</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>15,225</b>

Very little burning was completed in June due to increased precipitation throughout the area. In Mallory Swamp conditions continue to be wet, which has inhibited burn efforts there. In the month of June, the Midway Tower gauge on the northern edge of the swamp recorded a total of 8.7 inches and the Cooks Hammock gauge on the western side of the swamp recorded 8.5 inches. Contractors plan on starting operations as soon as conditions dry out.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Brian Kauffman, Facilities Director

THRU: David Still, Executive Director  
Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management

DATE: July 14, 2010

RE: R. O. Ranch Equestrian Park Monthly Activity Report

The R. O. Ranch Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled monthly board meeting on July 1 at the District's office in Live Oak. Three members of the public attended. Earlier that same afternoon, the Directors participated in a three-hour workshop with Tom Harper to develop a business plan. This conceptual plan was reviewed with the Governing Board at their July 13 meeting.

Power transmission lines have been installed to the campground by Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative. An electrical distribution system is also needed for the campground, and staff advertised a request for bids for that service. Thirteen bids were received by the June 30 deadline. SVEC Services, Incorporated, (SVEC) a wholly owned subsidiary of Suwannee Valley Electrical Cooperative, Incorporated, submitted the lowest bid. Under this contract, SVEC Services will install 4 distribution boxes, 32 power pedestals and over 3,880 feet of underground secondary wire. Staff will be asking for authorization to execute a contract with SVEC during the July 26 Governing Board teleconference.

McInnis Construction is making progress on the visitor education center. Subcontractors completed the trim work on the fireplace and inside walls, and the exterior is being trimmed out and painted. Completion of the visitor center is anticipated in August.

Staff has received the septic tank permit and building permit for the bathhouse. Fill is in place for the foundation. Construction of this facility should begin by the end of July.

The District's inmate crew worked several days this month at the District headquarters in Live Oak. The crew maintained the grounds around the office and remodeled the upstairs storage room. At the park, the inmate crew completed a four-stall barn at the Panther Jim rental lodge for guests to use when they rent the house.

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