

Suwannee River Water Management District

Governing Board Materials

Executive Office

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

Director of Governmental Affairs

Assistant Executive Director

Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Charlie Houder, Assistant Executive Director

DATE: December 17, 2010

RE: Agreement for the Management and Operations of the R. O. Ranch
Equestrian Park

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation at this time. However, by January 10, 2011, staff anticipates being able to recommend that the Governing Board approve and execute the Agreement for Management and Operations of the R. O. Ranch Equestrian Park with R. O. Ranch, Inc.

BACKGROUND

At the advice of Board Counsel, the R. O. Ranch, Inc. Board of Directors and the District Governing Board each agreed to terminate the Agreement for Management and Operations. The issues necessitating that action now seem near resolution. Staff anticipates being able to forward a draft agreement and a firm recommendation to the Governing Board prior to its January 10, 2011 meeting.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Charlie Houder, Assistant Executive Director

DATE: December 22, 2010

RE: Resolution 2011-03 Commending Current Problems, Inc. for the Great Suwannee River Cleanup

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve Resolution 2011-03 Commending Current Problems, Inc. for the Great Suwannee River Cleanup

BACKGROUND

Current Problems, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that has run an adopt-a-river program on the Santa Fe River since 1993. They have used a practical, hands-on approach to combat the degradation of the river and to educate the public on the protection of our natural systems.

This year, Current Problems, Inc. embarked on its largest project to date, a cleanup of the entire Suwannee River within Florida. Through a number of events held from October through December, area volunteers were able to remove over 29,000 pounds of debris. The District provided some limited in-kind support, but the project was driven by the work of people who contributed their time out of love and respect for our rivers.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-03

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING CURRENT PROBLEMS, INC.
FOR THE FIRST GREAT SUWANNEE RIVER CLEANUP**

WHEREAS, Current Problems, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation founded in 1993 to clean up trash and other contaminants on the Santa Fe River; and

WHEREAS, Current Problems, Inc. has enlisted countless volunteers and secured numerous grants to carry out its mission through the Adopt a River and Restore a Shore programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Current Problems, Inc. embarked on the largest project in its history, the Great Suwannee River Cleanup; and

WHEREAS, between October 2010 and January 2011, the Great Suwannee River Cleanup engaged more than 30 groups covering over 200 miles of the Suwannee River and collecting over 29,000 pounds of trash and debris; and

WHEREAS, this effort has added substantially to the protection and maintenance of one of Florida's most important natural resources.

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

Current Problems, Inc. and all the volunteers and contributors involved with the Great Suwannee River Cleanup are hereby commended for their action to protect and maintain the Suwannee River for the benefit of all current and future citizens of the region.

**RESOLUTION 2011-03 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS
11th DAY OF JANUARY 2011, A.D.**

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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ATTEST:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: David Still, Executive Director
DATE: December 22, 2010
RE: Governing Board Counsel

RECOMMENDATION

There is no staff recommendation.

BACKGROUND

A committee of the Board consisting of Don Quincey, Al Alexander, Jay Fraleigh, and Ray Curtis was constituted at the December 14th Governing Board meeting to begin a review of the position of Board Counsel. The Committee is scheduled to hold its first meeting on January 5, 2011. In the meantime, staff is preparing a request for qualifications to solicit information from interested firms. Staff is prepared to assist the Board in implementing whatever process it may wish to use in the solicitation, evaluation and engagement of legal counsel.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: David Still, Executive Director
Charlie Houder, Assistant Executive Director
Steve Minnis, Governmental Affairs Director

DATE: December 16, 2010

RE: Activity Report, Executive Office

The following is a brief summary of Executive Office activities during the past month for David Still, Charlie Houder, and Steve Minnis.

David:

- Participated in the monthly teleconference call with Secretary Mimi Drew with the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Along with Don Quincey and Steve Minnis, met with various Legislators in Tallahassee concerning the District's budget and the funding of MFLs.
- Attended the "Florida and Georgia Coordination on Water Resource Assessments" meeting in Valdosta.

Charlie:

- Met with Carl Meece, Steve Minnis, and Representative Elizabeth Porter in Live Oak.
- Participated in a series of EPA webinars on the implementation of the numeric nutrient criteria.
- Gave a lecture on conservation easements to a natural resource economics class at the University of Florida.
- Participated in a conference call with Bill Cleckley concerning the potential for holding a one-day Public Land Acquisition and Management Conference.
- Participated in the monthly teleconference call with Secretary Mimi Drew with the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Attended the Acquisition and Restoration Council meeting in Tallahassee.
- Continues to meet weekly with staff on R. O. Ranch, Surplus Lands, and Land Acquisition and Management issues.

Steve:

- Participated on the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) conference call.
- Attended the Jefferson Legislative Delegation Meeting.
- Attended the Legislative Policy Committee Week in Tallahassee.