

Suwannee River Water Management District

Governing Board Materials

Water Supply and Resource Management

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

Director of Water Supply and
Resource Management

Assistant Executive Director

Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Carlos D. Herd, P.G., Program Leader

DATE: June 23, 2011

RE: Approval of Water Use Permit Application Number
2-11-00016, Coggins Acres, LLC., Madison County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Water Use Permit Application Number 2-11-00016, with seventeen standard conditions and six special limiting conditions for Coggins Acres, LLC., in Madison County.

BACKGROUND

Staff has determined that the application is complete and satisfies the conditions for issuance in Chapter 40B-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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June 23, 2011

Coggins Acres, LLC.
c/o Kevin Coggins
2086 Culpepper Road
Lake Park, GA 31636

Subject: Water Use Permit Application Number 2-11-00016,
Coggins Acres, LLC., Madison County

Dear Mr. Coggins:

Suwannee River Water Management District (District) staff proposes to recommend that the Governing Board approve the above-mentioned permit.

This proposed action is subject to final decision of the Governing Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2011, which is open to the public.

Persons considered to be affected by this proposed agency action may request an administrative hearing. The request must be written and must adhere to the requirements of Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. Please see the enclosed Notice of Rights. All requests for administrative hearings shall be sent to the District at 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Please call permitting staff at 386.362.1001 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jon Dinges, P. E.
Director, Water Supply & Resource Management

JD/tm

Enclosure

Certified Mail Receipt Number: 7010 1060 0001 1350 1659

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c/o Kevin Coggins
2086 Culpepper Road
Lake Park, GA 31636

At 4:00 p.m. this _____ day of _____, _____

Jon Dinges
Deputy Clerk
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 C.R. 49
Live Oak, Florida 32060
386.362.1001 or 800.226.1066 (Florida only)

STAFF REPORT

WATER USE PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: June 23, 2011

PROJECT: Coggins Acres, LLC.

APPLICANT:
Coggins Acres, LLC.
2086 Culpepper Road
Lake Park, GA 31636

PERMIT APPLICATION NO.: 2-11-00016
DATE OF APPLICATION: May 12, 2011
APPLICATION COMPLETE: June 3, 2011

MANAGER/MEMBER DETAIL:

Kevin Coggins 2086 Culpepper Road Lake Park, GA 31636	MGR
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	Previous Quantities:		Proposed Quantities:	
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	-	mgd	2.4749	mgd
Maximum Daily Rate (MDR)	-	mgd	18.7920	mgd

Recommended Agency Action

Staff recommends approval of a new permit for a new agricultural water use located within Madison County. The permit will include seventeen standard conditions and six special limiting conditions. The permit will expire on July 12, 2031.

Project Review Staff

Kevin Wright, P.E.; John Kruse; and Carlos D. Herd, P.G., have reviewed the application.

Project Location

The withdrawal facilities are located in Township 01 South, Range 11 East, Sections 31, 32 and 33 in Madison County. The project is located within the middle Suwannee River basin.

Project Description

The project area consists of approximately 1,782 acres with approximately 1,560 acres being irrigated using groundwater. The applicant has provided a warranty deed showing ownership of the 1,782 acres included in this application.

The water use calculations were based upon the irrigated acreage, crop rotation and crop types provided by Coggins Acres, LLC. Crops include carrots, corn, cotton, oats, peanuts, rye and snap beans. The applicant will use 10 center pivot irrigation systems. The Average Daily Rate (ADR) will be 2.4749 MGD.

The applicant proposes 10 irrigation wells. At the time of the application, the diameter of the production wells had not been determined, therefore, District staff used IFAS Circular 1454 to assist in estimating well diameters based on proposed production rates. The wells will be used for irrigation purposes and the applicant self-meters their wells.

The proposed well inventory is anticipated to include the following: two 10-inch wells, seven 12-inch wells and one 16-inch well. The combined capacities for the wells are 18.7920 mgd. A list of wells can be found in the table on Attachment A.

Demonstration of Need

The applicant has provided information that supports the requested allocation, based upon crop types, crop rotation and irrigated acres.

Water Conservation

The applicant has completed the Water Conservation worksheets for Center Pivot Irrigation. The applicant also self-meters their large production wells.

Minimum Flows and Levels Compliance

Staff determined through the SRWMD North Florida Model, version 1.0, that the proposed water use would not violate minimum flows and levels (MFLs) at any downstream MFL points established along the Suwannee River or its tributaries. However, a special limiting condition has been included in the permit for the District to seek a modification to the permit to assist in the recovery and/or prevention strategy associated with an adopted MFL.

Standard Conditions

1. Nothing in this permit should be construed to limit the authority of the Suwannee River Water Management District to declare a water shortage and issue orders pursuant to Section 373.175, Florida Statutes (FS), or to formulate a rule for implementation during times of water shortage pursuant to Section 373.246, Florida Statutes. In the event of water shortage as declared by the Board, the permittee shall adhere to any limitations on withdrawal or use ordered by the District.
2. This permit is classified as unconfined Floridan aquifer for overhead irrigation uses.
3. Permittee shall allow District personnel at reasonable times and at District expense or with District equipment to monitor withdrawal rates and volumes authorized by this permit.
4. Capping of Withdrawals Not In Use: Any wells not in use, and in which pumping equipment is not installed shall be capped or valved in a water tight manner in accordance with Chapter 62-532.500(3)(a)(4), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)
5. The permittee may apply for a permit modification at any time in accordance with section 40B-2.331, (F.A.C.)
6. In the event of a District-declared water shortage, the permittee must immediately comply with any restrictions or requirements ordered in accordance with the District's Water Shortage Plan, chapter 40B-21, (F.A.C.)
7. Permittee must mitigate interference with existing legal uses caused in whole or in part by the permittee's withdrawals, consistent with a District-approved mitigation plan. As necessary to offset such interference, mitigation may include, but is not limited to, reducing pumpage, replacing the existing legal user's

withdrawal equipment, relocating wells, changing withdrawal source, supplying water to existing legal user, or other means needed to mitigate the impacts.

8. Permittee must mitigate harm to existing off-site land uses caused by the permittee's withdrawals. When harm occurs, or is imminent, the permittee must modify withdrawal rates or mitigate the harm.

9. Permittee must mitigate harm to the natural resources caused by the permittee's withdrawals. When harm occurs or is imminent, the permittee must modify withdrawal rates or mitigate the harm.

10. If any condition of the permit is violated, the permittee shall be subject to enforcement action pursuant to chapter 373, (F.S.)

11. Authorized representatives of the District, upon reasonable notice to the permittee, shall be permitted to enter and inspect the permitted water use to determine compliance with the permit conditions.

12. This permit does not relieve the permittee from complying with any applicable local government, state, or federal law, rule, or ordinance.

13. This permit does not convey to the permittee any property rights or privileges other than those specified herein.

14. Permittee shall notify the District in writing within 90 days of any sale, conveyance, or other transfer of ownership or control of the real property on which the permitted water use activities are located. All water use permit transfers are subject to the requirements of section 40B-2.301, (F.A.C.)

15. Permittee must notify the District in writing prior to implementing any changes in the water use that may alter the permit allocations. Such changes include, but are not limited to, change in irrigated acreage, crop type, irrigation system, water treatment method, or entry into one or more large water use agreements. In the event a proposed change will alter the allocation, permittee must first obtain a permit modification.

16. When the District provides a permanent identification tag, the tag shall be prominently displayed at the withdrawal site by permanently affixing such tag to the pump, headgate, valve, or other withdrawal facility. If the permit covers several facilities such as a well field, a tag shall be affixed to each facility. Failure to display a tag as prescribed herein shall constitute a violation of the permit. The permittee shall be allowed ten (10) days after the notice of violation of this section to obtain a replacement tag.

17. The District reserves the right to open this permit, following notice to the permittee, to include a permit condition prohibiting withdrawals for resource protection.

Special Limiting Conditions

18. All correspondence sent to the District regarding this permit must include the permit number 2-11-00016.

19. The Permittee shall implement and/or maintain the conservation practices selected on the Water Conservation Worksheet(s) which are associated with this permit. Any new practices selected shall be implemented in one year from the date of permit issuance. Practices that involve scheduling methods or maintenance shall be documented. Documentation for implementation and/or maintenance shall be maintained on all practices and available upon request.

20. The permitted water withdrawal facilities consist of the table on Attachment A.

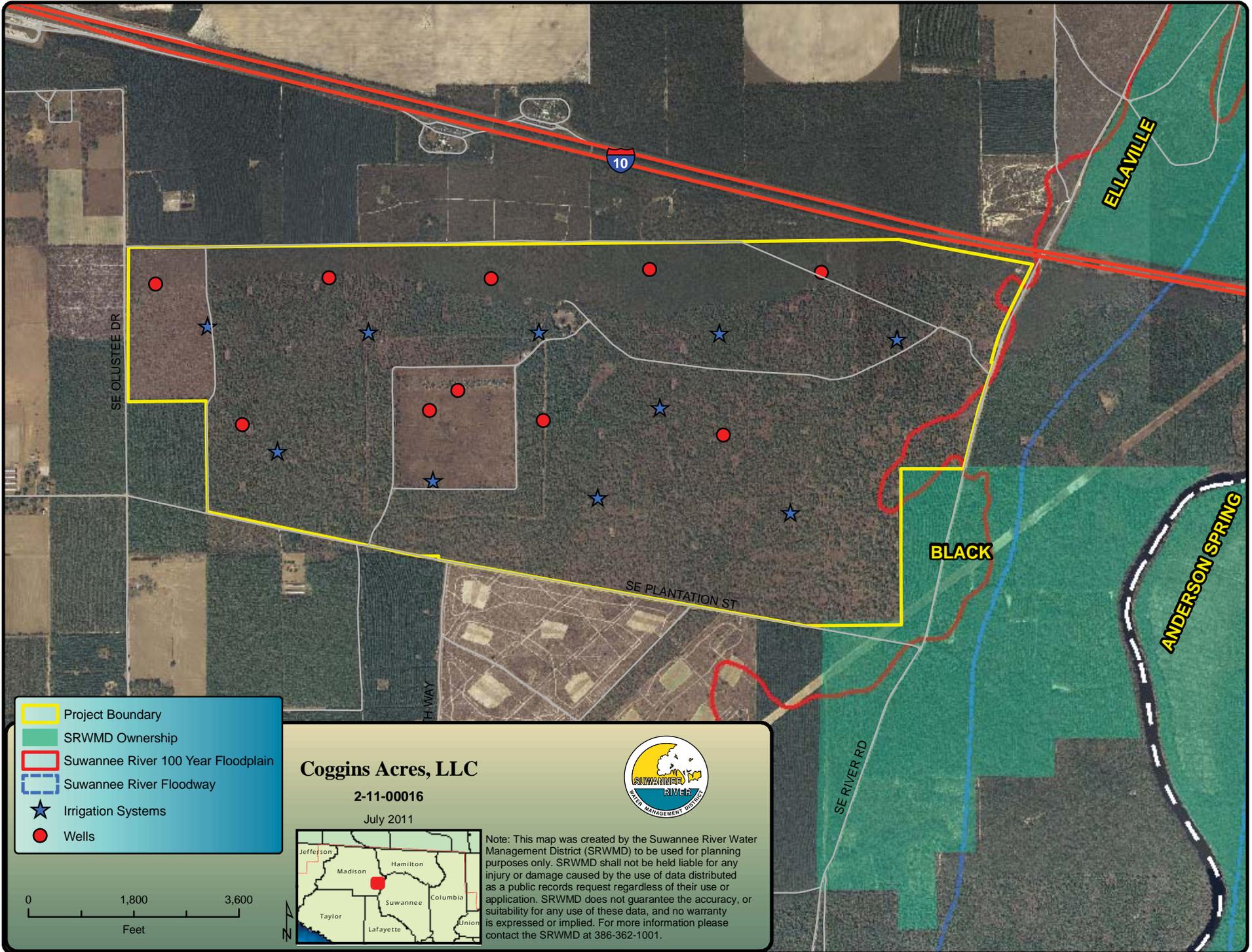
21. The permittee shall ensure that the irrigation systems will water target areas only under field operations. Irrigation of non-target areas (roads, woods, structures, etc.) is prohibited.

22. This permit and operation will be reviewed by the District staff and the permittee every five years starting in the year 2016. Results of the review will be presented to the Governing Board with staff recommendations for consideration of any further action, if needed. The review will consist of comparing current use to the previously permitted use based upon use type, addition or deletion of withdrawal points or irrigation points, changes in ownership, improved conservation practices/best management practices, change in project area, and/or other factors identified during the review that are warranted for discussion.

23. This permit shall expire on July 12, 2031. The permittee must submit the appropriate application form incorporated by reference in subsection 40B-2.041(2), (F.A.C) and the required fee to the District pursuant to section 40B-2.361, (F.A.C.), prior to this expiration date in order to continue the use of water.

Attachment A
2-11-00016
Coggins Acres, LLC

Name	Status	Diameter	Capacity (gpm)	Water Use
#1	Proposed	12	1100	Irrigation
#2	Proposed	12	1250	Irrigation
#3	Proposed	12	1400	Irrigation
#4	Proposed	12	1400	Irrigation
#5	Proposed	12	1500	Irrigation
#6	Proposed	10	900	Irrigation
#7	Proposed	10	1000	Irrigation
#8	Proposed	12	1400	Irrigation
#9	Proposed	16	1900	Irrigation
#10	Proposed	12	1200	Irrigation



- Project Boundary
- SRWMD Ownership
- Suwannee River 100 Year Floodplain
- Suwannee River Floodway
- Irrigation Systems
- Wells

Coggins Acres, LLC
 2-11-00016
 July 2011



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer

DATE: June 23, 2011

RE: Denial of Environmental Resource Permit Application Number 07-0288M, Josephine Recreational Project, Columbia County and Authorization to Initiate Legal Action to Reach Resolution Regarding Lake City Management, LLC, CE10-0026

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize denial, without prejudice, of General Environmental Resource Permit application number 07-0288M to Lake City Development, LLC, for Josephine Recreational Project, Columbia County and authorize initiation of legal action to reach resolution.

BACKGROUND

A Stop Work Order was hand delivered to Mr. Sam Oosterhoudt, Manager of Lake City Management, LLC, on April 20, 2010 for construction without a permit and a Notice of Violation was sent April 26, 2010.

An Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application was received on July 26, 2010, and a Request for Additional Information (RAI) was sent on August 11, 2010.

Staff met with Mr. Oosterhoudt on February 4, 2011, and a Compliance Agreement (CA) was signed by Mr. Oosterhoudt on March 4, 2011. The CA specified a monthly payment schedule for the assessed penalty and

administrative costs as well as other remedial actions. He has paid two of the three monthly installments as outlined in the CA.

The application is incomplete because the applicant has failed to provide the application fee and a bond.

TS/rl

June 23, 2011

Lake City Development, LLC
c/o Sam Oosterhoudt
186 SE Newell Dr.
Lake City, FL 32025

Subject: Denial of ERP07-0288M, Josephine Recreational Project,
Columbia County

Dear Mr. Oosterhoudt:

Suwannee River Water Management District (District) staff proposes to recommend to the Governing Board that your project be denied without prejudice. Staff intends to recommend denial of this permit application because of failure to supply information necessary to complete the application.

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Sincerely,

Tim Sagul, P. E., CFM
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Enclosure

cc: Columbia County Board of Commissioners
GTC Design Group

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186 SE Newell Dr.
Lake City, FL 32025**

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STAFF REPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: June 23, 2011

PROJECT: Josephine Recreational Project

APPLICANT:

Lake City Management, LLC
C/o Sam Oosterhoudt
186 SE Newell Drive
Lake City, FL 32025

PERMIT APPLICATION NO.:ERP07-0288M
DATE OF APPLICATION: 7/22/10
APPLICATION COMPLETE: N/A
DEFAULT DATE: N/A

REGISTERED AGENT:

Terri Andrews
186 SE Newell Dr
Lake City, FL 32025

MANAGER/MEMBER DETAIL

Manager Francis Sam Oosterhoudt
186 SE Newell Dr.
Lake City, FL 32025

Recommended Agency Action

Staff recommends denial, without prejudice, of the environmental resource permit application because the applicant did not supply the information necessary to complete the application.

Project Review Staff

Leroy Marshall II, P.E., Water Resource Engineer, reviewed the project.

Project Location

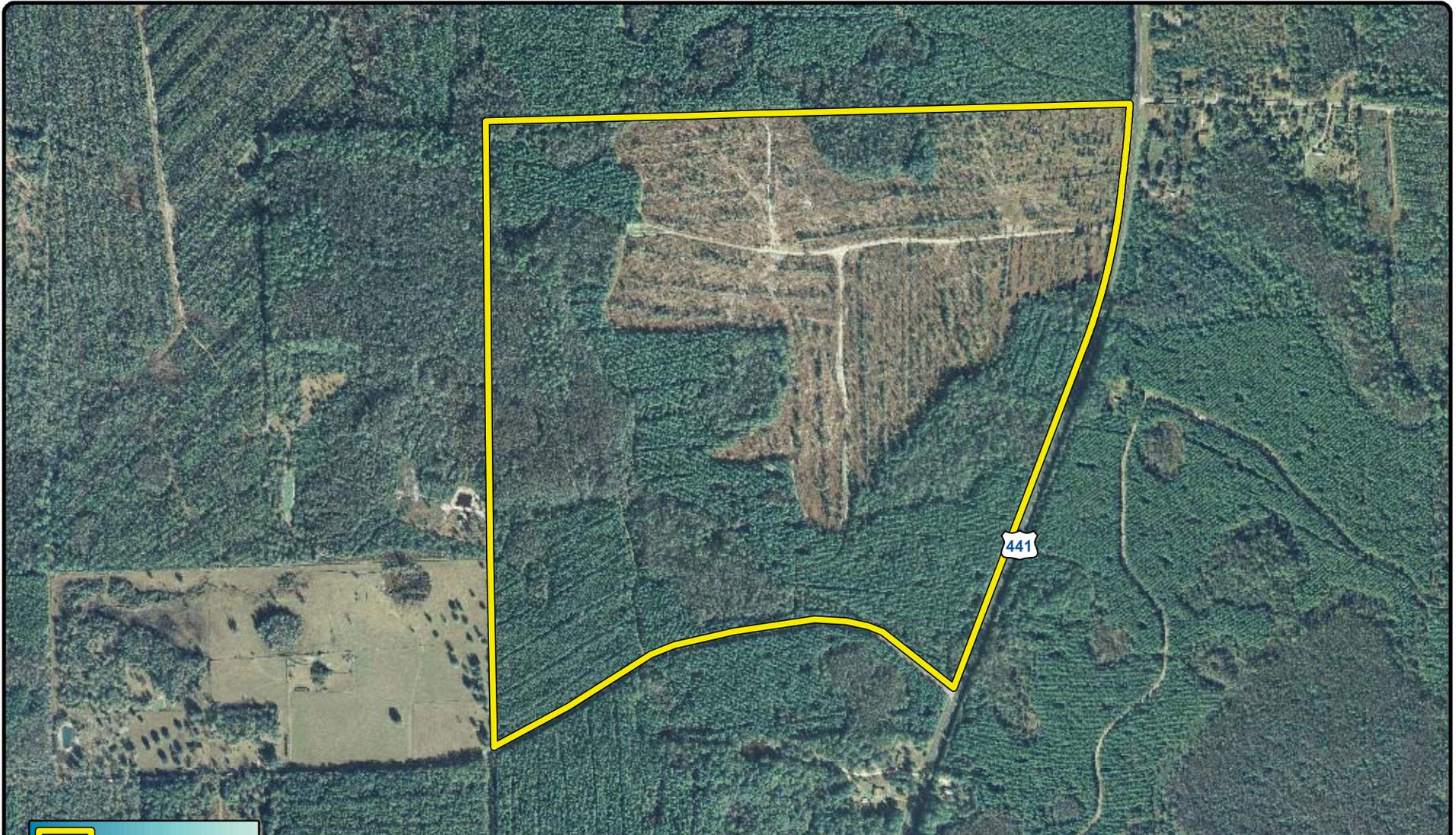
The proposed project is within Township 2 South, Range 17 East, Section 32, in Columbia County. The project site is located just west of Highway 441 and north of Falling Creek Road.

Project Description

The proposed project consisted of the construction of a motocross track, go cart track, other racing features, parking and drives. The stormwater system was designed to be four wet stormwater ponds. All runoff would be directed to the retention ponds which would achieve water quality and quantity treatment. Staff mailed a Request for Additional Information (RAI) extension on January 11, 2011. The applicant has not provided the requested information, which consists of the permit application fee and the bond.

Site inspection to ensure project was not constructed

Staff inspected the project site on December 21, 2010. Construction of the project is complete.



 Project Boundary

Josephine Recreational Project

ERP07-0288M

July 2011



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer

DATE: June 23, 2011

RE: Denial of Environmental Resource Permit Application Number
10-0056, Font Commercial Site, Columbia County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize denial, without prejudice, of General Environmental Resource Permit application number 10-0056, for Font Commercial Site, Columbia County

BACKGROUND

Staff has reviewed the permit application. The application is incomplete because the applicant did not supply information needed to complete the review.

TS/rl

June 23, 2011

Sherry Font
182 SW Grouse Place
Lake City, FL 32025

Subject: Denial of ERP10-0056, Font Commercial Site, Columbia
County

Dear Ms. Font:

Suwannee River Water Management District (District) staff proposes to recommend to the Governing Board that your project be denied without prejudice. Staff intends to recommend denial of this permit application because of failure to supply information necessary to complete the application.

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182 SW Grouse Place
Lake City, FL 32025

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STAFF REPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: June 23, 2011

PROJECT: Font Commercial Site

APPLICANT:
Sherry Font
182 SW Grouse Place
Lake City, FL 32025

PERMIT APPLICATION NO.: ERP10-0056
DATE OF APPLICATION: 3/18/10
APPLICATION COMPLETE: N/A
DEFAULT DATE: N/A

Recommended Agency Action

Staff recommends denial, without prejudice; of the environmental resource permit application because the applicant did not supply the information necessary to complete the application.

Project Review Staff

Leroy Marshall II, P.E., Water Resource Engineer, and Bill Spencer, PWS, environmental specialist, reviewed the project.

Project Location

The proposed project is within Township 4 South, Range 17 East, Section 6, in the city of Lake City, Columbia County. The project site is located at the southeast corner of SW Sister's Welcome Road and SW Grandview Street.

Project Description

The proposed project consisted of filling wetlands. Impervious surfaces were not proposed neither was a stormwater system. Compensating storage would have been provided for the loss of flood storage in the wetlands. The first Request for Additional Information (RAI) was sent April 7, 2010. Second RAI was sent July 2, 2010. An extension was granted on September 2, 2010, for 90 days. Second extension was requested November 30, 2010, with a due date of March 6, 2011. No information has been received.

Site inspection to ensure project was not constructed

Staff inspected the project site on June 1, 2011. There has been no construction on the project.



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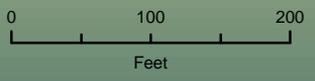
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer

DATE: June 23, 2011

RE: Approval of Resolution No. 2011-15 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012,
Legislative Appropriations for Environmental Resource Permitting and
Wetland Protection Programs

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 2011-15, requesting the release of \$700,000 in Legislative Appropriations from the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection.

BACKGROUND

In recognition of the limited tax base of the Suwannee River Water Management District, the Florida Legislature has included funding for the District in the 2011-2012 Appropriations Bill as follows:

- Line Item 1675E \$453,000 for Environmental Resource Permitting from Water Management Lands Trust Fund
- Line Item 1675H \$247,000 for Wetlands Protection from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund

The Legislature directed that these funds be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection and be made available for use by the District. Approval of the recommendation will enable staff to receive funds in fiscal year 2011-2012. The funds will be requested at the end of each quarter.

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-15**

**REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR
THE RELEASE OF OPERATION BUDGET FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**

WHEREAS, the District applied for funds to implement the Environmental Resources Permitting and Wetlands Protection Programs within the District; and

WHEREAS, through the Conference Report on Senate Bill 2000, Appropriations FY2011-2012, line items 1675E and 1675H, the Florida Legislature appropriated four hundred fifty-three thousand dollars (\$453,000) from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund and another two hundred forty-seven thousand dollars (\$247,000) from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund to Suwannee River Water Management District to implement Environmental Resource Permitting and Wetlands Protection as identified in the General Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 373.501(1), Florida Statutes, includes a process for disbursing the funds to the water management districts upon receipt of a resolution adopted by the Governing Board.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby requests the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to release, in equal quarterly increments beginning July 1, 2011, those funds designated by the Legislature to implement the District's Environmental Resources Permitting and Wetland Protection Programs listed below:

Line Item 1675E \$453,000 for Environmental Resource Permitting from
Water Management Lands Trust Fund

Line Item 1675H \$247,000 for Wetlands Protection from the Water
Management Lands Trust Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these funds shall be subject to the requirements of Section 215.97, the Florida Single Audit Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds shall be subject to the requirements of Section 216.347, F.S. (Grant and Aids Lobbying Restriction); and

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-15**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Governing Board is authorized to affix his signature to this resolution on behalf of the Board and attested by its Secretary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th Day of July 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: Jon Dinges, Department Director

DATE: June 23, 2011

RE: Interlocal Agreement with the Big Bend Water Authority, Steinhatchee and Jena, Florida

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Big Bend Water Authority for funding assistance for sewer connections for a cost not to exceed \$250,000.

BACKGROUND

Assisting coastal communities with wastewater management has been a long-term District priority to protect water quality. In years past, the District has assisted the Town of Suwannee, Town of Cedar Key, and the Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer District. All three communities now have functioning wastewater systems.

Growth around the mouth of the Steinhatchee River has made a wastewater system project a priority for the Big Bend Water Authority. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Program has approved a grant and loan funding package for phases one, two, and three of the wastewater system. However, the project has a funding gap. Connection of existing homes and businesses to the new system is not a USDA-approved portion of the project. With funding assistance from the District, the Authority has agreed to implement a mandatory, no-cost connection plan for existing homes and businesses. Financial assistance from the District will ensure connection of all existing customers to maximize water quality benefits.

I have attached the Authority's request letter and a project phasing map for your information.

JD/dd

BIG BEND WATER AUTHORITY

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FAX (352)498-3624

bbwa@bellsouth.net

June 1, 2011

Mr. David Still, Executive Director
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, FL 32060

Re: Big Bend Water Association
Proposed Sewer Hookups

Dear Mr. Still,

I am pleased to let you know that at the May 26th, 2011 meeting of the Big Bend Water Authority, the Board voted unanimously to move forward with the sewer project, contingent upon receiving funding assistance from the Suwannee River Water Management District with respect to the cost of the hook-ups. This project is expected to add 250 customers to our system, providing critically needed revenue. The total project cost is estimated at of \$ 3,327,000. Our engineers estimate that the cost of the hookups will not exceed \$ 250,000. The cost of the hook-ups will be clearly identified in the bids. Therefore, we would respectively like to request funding assistance from the District for this purpose. This funding would "close the gap" with respect to the cost of the project and what is eligible under the USDA Rural Development program.

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We thank you in advance for considering our request. We will have representatives at the SRWMD Board meeting to answer any questions. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

BIG BEND WATER AUTHORITY

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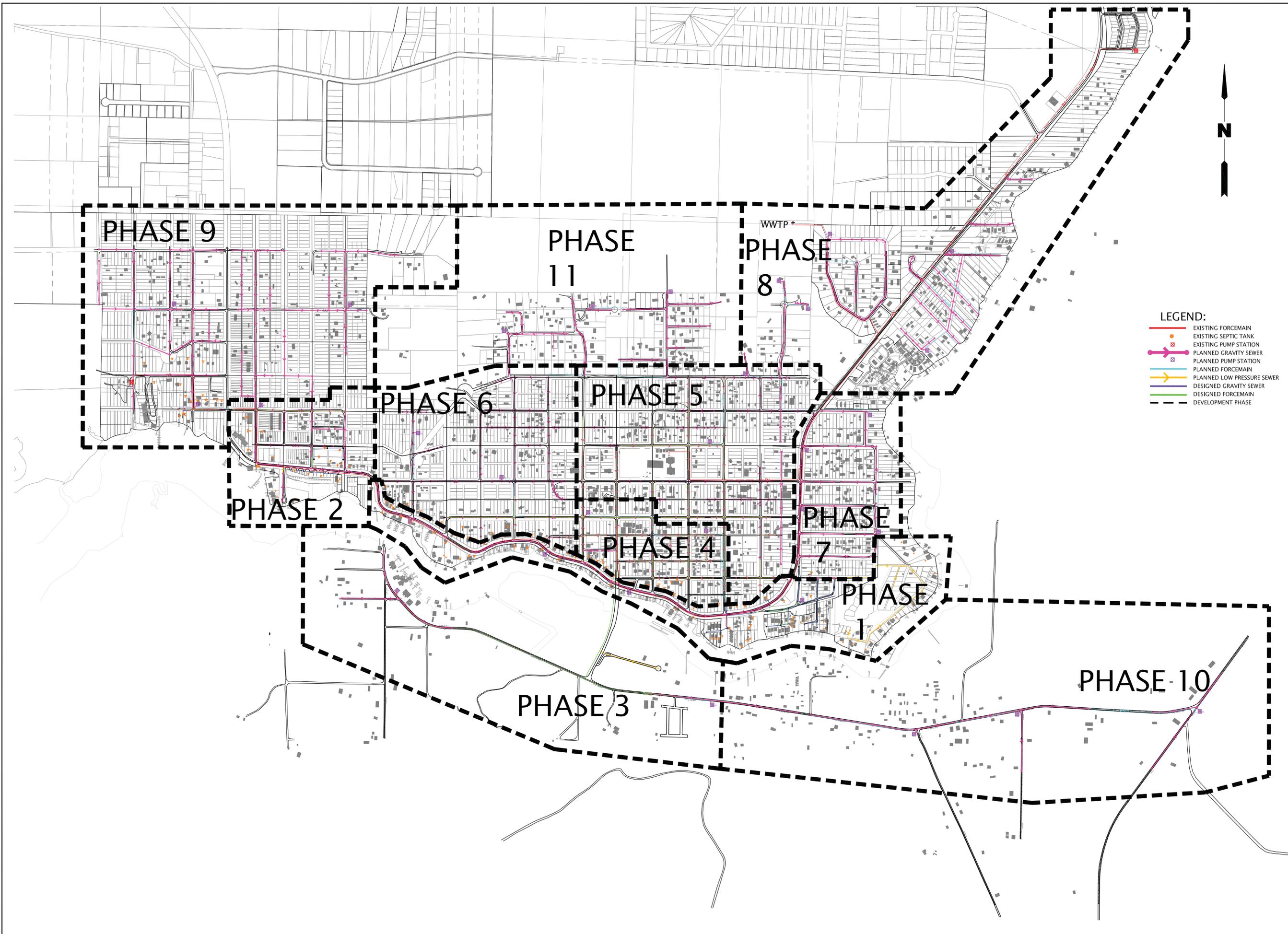
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General Manager, BBWA

Cc: Mike Murphy, P.E.

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 - DESIGNED FORCEMAIN
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**BIG BEND WATER AUTHORITY
 SEWER MASTER PLAN**

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OVERALL SEWER PLAN

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Carlos Herd, Senior Hydrogeologist
DATE: June 23, 2011
RE: Water Supply Program Activity Report

Water supply planning:

- District Staff has reviewed the first draft of the Regional Water Supply Plan for the Upper Santa Fe River basin and has submitted it back to the Contractor for revision.
- St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) continues to maintain an indefinite postponement of their Water Supply Assessment and Water Supply Plan.
- Staff continues to meet regularly with SJRWMD via conference calls to coordinate activities in the water supply planning and permitting processes.
- Staff attended a joint groundwater modeling meeting with staff from SJRWMD, Florida Farm Bureau, and consultants for the Northeast Florida Utility Coordination Group on June 16, 2011.
- Staff continues to work with counsel, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and SJRWMD to draft the interagency agreement with SJRWMD and FDEP regarding water supply planning and water use permitting.
- Staff attended a recovery and prevention strategy development public meeting held by SJRWMD at the Keystone Heights City Hall on June 23, 2011.

Interstate coordination:

District staff hosted a Florida-Georgia Coordination Meeting on June 9, 2011. This was a very successful meeting with staff from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, FDEP, SJRWMD and SRWMD. Discussions focused on many coordination efforts including comparisons of Georgia's in-stream flow methodology compared to Florida minimum flows and levels (MFLs) methodology.

The next Florida-Georgia coordination meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 6, 2011, at a location to be determined.

Minimum flows and levels (MFLs):

- Consulting teams from Janicki Environmental continue in the field with staff to collect the floodplain habitat transect identification and data. In-stream habitat collection is being scheduled.
- A work order was released in March to INTERA, Inc., to develop a project database of flow records and “unimpaired” flows in the lower Santa Fe River. The draft database has been delivered to the District for review.
- The work order released to AMEC-BCI Engineers & Scientists for a fluvial geomorphic investigation of the Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers is underway. Fluvial geomorphology is the study of processes that shape rivers and streams, such as erosion or sedimentation, and, for MFL purposes, the flows and levels needed to maintain them in their natural state. The field team has conducted an initial site reconnaissance and is planning a return trip in June.
- Revisions to the North Florida Groundwater Model (NFM) continue. Staff continues working on a new well file for 1995 to be supplied to the contractor. Updated geological data under final production by the USGS is being reviewed for potential use in the model.
- MFL modeling staff continues to meet with SJRWMD staff and representatives of the North Florida Utility Coordination Group to initiate a joint groundwater modeling project covering the SRWMD and the northern part of the SJRWMD.
- Work Orders for HEC-RAS river modeling of both the Santa Fe – Ichetucknee rivers and the upper Suwannee near White Springs.

Monticello Reuse Project:

- The Monticello Reuse project is complete and operational.

Water use regulation:

- District staff continued to coordinate with FDEP and water management districts on reclaimed water policy.
- District staff met with Piedmont Farms regarding their upcoming Water Use Permit renewal.
- Staff met with members of North Florida Community College to discuss rainfall harvesting and low volume irrigation.
- Staff is planning a Water Use Permitting booth for the upcoming CARES dinner.

- Staff attended the Florida Section of American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers conference where main topics were agricultural irrigation.
- Staff attended the Spring Gathering held by DACS to discuss agricultural issues facing the state.
- Staff attended the Jasper Visioning Day.
- The following table summarizes water use permitting activities during the month of March.

March 2011	Received		Issued
Water Use Permits	7		6
Water Well Permits	111		111
Water well permits issued and received according to well use:			
Abandoned/destroyed	0	Livestock	1
Agricultural Irrigation	5	Monitor	11
Aquaculture	0	Nursery	2
Climate Control	0	Other	1
Fire Protection	0	Public Supply	0
Garden (Non Commercial)	0	Self-supplied Residential	87
Landscape Irrigation	4	Drainage or injection	0

Water conservation:

Staff will implement the conservation program presented to the Governing Board at the May 2011 workshop.

Thank you for your attention to this summary of current activities. Please feel free to contact staff prior to the July Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

CH/dd

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Megan Wetherington, Senior Professional Engineer
DATE: June 23, 2011
RE: Water Resource Monitoring Program Activity Report

Staff collected water chemistry samples at 11 groundwater sites; recorded levels and maintained stations at 181 wells, 21 lakes, and 19 stream stations; and reported rainfall from 39 sites to the National Weather Service.

Four rain gage stations and two remote long-term wells were upgraded to cellular to replace unreliable phone service.

Staff gave a presentation on hydrologic conditions to the Florida Native Plant Association.

Staff monitored 178 telemetered water use monitoring devices on 47 agricultural operations.

Thank you for your attention to this summary of current activities. Please feel free to contact staff prior to the July Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

MW/dd

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer

DATE: June 23, 2011

RE: Environmental Resource Permitting Program Activity Report

Permitting activities:

The following table summarizes permitting activities during the month of May.

May 2011	Received			Issued		
Environmental Resource Permits	Noticed General	General	Individual	Noticed General	General	Individual
	18	14	2	10	6	1

The following Individual Environmental Resource Permits were issued by staff, pursuant to 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes.

ERP Number	Project Name	County	Issue Date
ERP08-0156M	Fanning Springs Sediment Removal and Dock	Levy	6/6/11
ERP09-0032M	Ginnie Springs Devil's Eye Shoreline Protection	Gilchrist	6/6/11

Attached are copies of the staff reports and maps for these projects.

Compliance and enforcement report:

Staff will provide updated compliance and enforcement reports prior to the Board meeting.

Rule development and adoption:

The rulemaking schedule follows this report. Staff is preparing the 2011-2012 Annual Regulatory Plan as required by Executive Order 11-72. Staff will submit the Annual Regulatory Plan to the Governor's Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform no later than July 1, 2011.

Inspections and as-built certification:

In May 2011, staff inspected five projects under construction and 16 projects for as-built compliance. The total number of projects constructed from January 2005

to May 2011 is 799. The number in compliance with certification requirements is 772, with 27 permits not in compliance.

The total number of Works of the District permits issued from January 2009 through May 2010 is 62 with 30 completed and 32 in the construction process.

Edwards Road Bottomlands Wetlands Restoration Project, Bradford County:

Staff has received positive feedback from the City of Starke on the conceptual plans. District staff had positive meetings with two adjacent property owners on the conceptual plans on May 6, 2011. With this positive feedback, District staff has given the consultant, BCI, the authorization to move forward with preliminary plans. District staff met with representatives from United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) on June 8, 2011, and received positive feedback from them on the project. The District, along with the USACOE, is considering the potential to generate advance wetland mitigation credits for use by the Florida Department of Transportation for the future Starke U.S. Highway 301 By-Pass project.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Modernization:

Levy County: The official 90-day appeal period began on February 24, 2011, and ended on May 25, 2011. Staff continues to coordinate with the county and municipalities.

Bradford County: Appeal and protest resolutions are being reviewed by FEMA staff and the expected date for the Letter of Final Determination is July 6th.

Fiscal Year 2009 projects: Detailed studies in Live Oak, Lafayette County, Dixie County, and Gilchrist County have begun though some portions will be delayed for the acquisition of light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data that will enhance the studies.

Fiscal Year 2010 projects: The Coordinated Needs Management Strategy (CNMS) has been contracted with Taylor engineering and the deliverables are scheduled for June 27, 2011. CNMS will assist in preparations to conduct a Discovery meeting for the Lower Suwannee River Basin. The collection of the LiDAR data is complete and the overall LiDAR project is 50% complete.

Lake Sampson Water Control Structure:

The Board approved revocation of Environmental Resource Permit number 99-0187. Staff will work with counsel to prepare an administrative complaint and will initiate design and permitting of a fixed water control structure. Staff will be scheduling a public workshop in the near future to inform citizens of the plans.

Staff intends to commence operation and maintenance of the water control structure following entry of a final order of the Governing Board that revokes the permit.

Algal Turf Scrubber Pilot System at Boston Farm:

The District contracted with Hydromentia and the University of Florida (IFAS) to install a mobile pilot unit Algal Turf Scrubber on District property. The unit was installed in 2009 and was operational in 2010. On January 20, 2011, Hydromentia provided their third quarter nutrient removal progress report. Due to initial set up problems, low water flow conditions in the Santa Fe River and power outages, the contract was extended to June 1, 2011. Hydromentia completed Task HMI-6 / ATS Pilot Operation for Weeks 40 through 52. The final report is being prepared at this time. Staff has extended the contract until July 31, 2011.

Thank you for your attention to this summary of current activities. Please feel free to contact staff prior to the Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

TS/rl
Attachments

STAFF REPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: June 7, 2011

PROJECT: Fanning Springs Sediment Removal and Dock Modifications

APPLICANT

**Williams Cutts
FDEP-Division of Recreation
and Parks**

**4801 Camp Ranch Road
Gainesville, Florida 32641**

PERMIT APPLICATION NO.: ERP08-0156M

DATE OF APPLICATION: 3/10/11

APPLICATION COMPLETE: 5/24/11

DEFAULT DATE: 8/23/11

Agency Action

Staff issued an individual permit for the project with thirty-one standard conditions.

SRWMD Project Review Staff

Patrick Webster, P.E., CFM, Senior Professional Engineer, and Louis Mantini, PWS, Environmental Specialist, reviewed the project application.

Project Location

The project is located in Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Section 29, in Levy County at the Fanning Springs State Park.

Project Description

The applicant proposes maintenance dredging of 512 cubic yards of eroded sediment within the Fanning Springs run along with the removal of a 9 foot section of existing concrete dock and replacement with an aluminum walkway. These improvements will restore manatee accessibility between the Suwannee River and the spring boil. All sediment will be placed in a onsite upland disposal area. Additionally, the installation of a public use boat dock (45' x 10') and a 30' x 5' gangway attached to an access boardwalk are proposed for installation to allow access to the park from the Suwannee River in order to discourage boat traffic from within the spring run.

Interagency Coordination

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Department of State-Historical Resources, and FDEP- Division of State Lands are aware of the proposed project.

Who is the authorized Operation and Maintenance Entity?

FDEP – Division of Parks and Recreation is the authorized operation and maintenance entity.



 Project Boundary

Fanning Springs Sediment Removal & Dock

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STAFF REPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: June 7, 2011

PROJECT: Ginnie Springs Devil's Eye Shoreline Protection

APPLICANT

Barbara W. Suggs
Ginnie Springs Outdoors, LLC
7300 Ginnie Springs Road
High Springs, FL 32643

PERMIT APPLICATION NO.: ERP09-0032M
DATE OF APPLICATION: 4/05/11
APPLICATION COMPLETE: 5/12/11
DEFAULT DATE: 8/11/11

Agency Action

Staff issued an individual permit for the project with thirty-one standard conditions and two special limiting conditions.

SRWMD Project Review Staff

Patrick Webster, P.E., CFM, Senior Professional Engineer, and Louis Mantini, PWS, Environmental Specialist, reviewed the project application.

Project Location

The project is located in Township 7 South, Range 16 East, Section 34, along the Santa Fe River in Gilchrist County at Ginnie Springs.

Project Description

This permit authorizes the installation of rubble riprap and vegetative plantings to protect 190 feet of river bank along the Santa Fe River adjacent to the Devil's Eye spring system within Ginnie Springs Park. In addition, it authorizes similar river bank protection measures along the Santa Fe River adjacent to the park, to protect noncontiguous river bank erosion locations of 20 feet or less in length. All proposed riprap bank protection will be placed within 10 feet of the safe upland line.

Interagency Coordination

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Department of State-Historical Resources, and FDEP- Division of State Lands are aware of the proposed project.

Who is the authorized Operation and Maintenance Entity?

Ginnie Springs Outdoors, LLC, is the authorized operation and maintenance entity.



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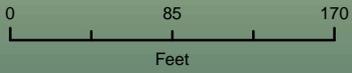
Ginnie Springs \ Devil's Eye Shoreline Stabilization

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Darrell Smith, Suwannee River Partnership Coordinator
DATE: June 23, 2011
RE: Suwannee River Partnership Program Activity Report

Staff organized a farm visit with Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, David Still and others to demonstrate nutrient and irrigation management Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Staff has continued to meet with nurserymen to get input and discuss nutrient and irrigation management tools for nurseries.

As part of the Partnership Agriculture Water Conservation working group, staff met with the University of Florida Public Issues Education (PIE) Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources to begin developing strategies and recommendations related to water supply issues.

Staff is working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to help draft the agriculture component of the TMDL - Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) that includes using the Partnership approach.

Staff is working with the University of Florida - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS) Extension staff to plan a regional water summit meeting with staff and others.

Staff assisted with resolving irrigation and other agriculture related complaints.

Staff is working with UF-IFAS to develop a Section 319 Grant Project Proposal that would help demonstrate "sod-based" crop rotation BMPs that help protect and conserve water.

Staff continued to work with USDA-NRCS on a Conservation Innovation Grant to help develop an advanced irrigation scheduling package for farmers.

Staff continued planning for this year's CARES dinner that will be held on June 30th at the UF-IFAS Research Center near Live Oak.

Staff continued to work with the Suwannee and Levy Soil and Water Conservation Districts to assist farmers with the BMP crop tool cost share program.

Staff visited farmers to assist with BMP implementation assurance, BMP follow-up, sampling assistance, record keeping assistance, and other education.

Staff continued to work on the BMP implementation assurance program for dairy and poultry operations.

Staff assisted farmers with water use permit renewals.

Thank you for your attention to this summary of current activities. Please feel free to contact staff prior to the July Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

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