

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: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator
DATE: July 18, 2011
RE: Lease to the Town of Greenville for the Greenville Well Field Property

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director to execute a lease agreement with the Town of Greenville for management and construction of public supply wells and related infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

The 46-acre Roland Tract was purchased the District in June 2006 for the purpose of providing a protected area around a future public water supply source for the Town of Greenville. Greenville contributed \$40,000 towards the purchase of the property, but until recently has not had the resources to use the property in any manner. The Town is currently applying for grant funds to construct wells and related infrastructure and must show ownership or control of the property.

If it is the desire of the Governing Board to convey the property to Greenville at a later date, the Town has expressed interest in accepting the deed. However, in order to expedite their grant application the Town would prefer to proceed with the lease agreement at this time.

Under the lease agreement the Town has agreed to submit a plan for the tract for District approval before any construction or development occurs. In addition, the Town will assume all management responsibilities associated with their wells, infrastructure and the leased property. The lease document has been prepared by District Counsel, reviewed by the Town Attorney and is ready for execution.

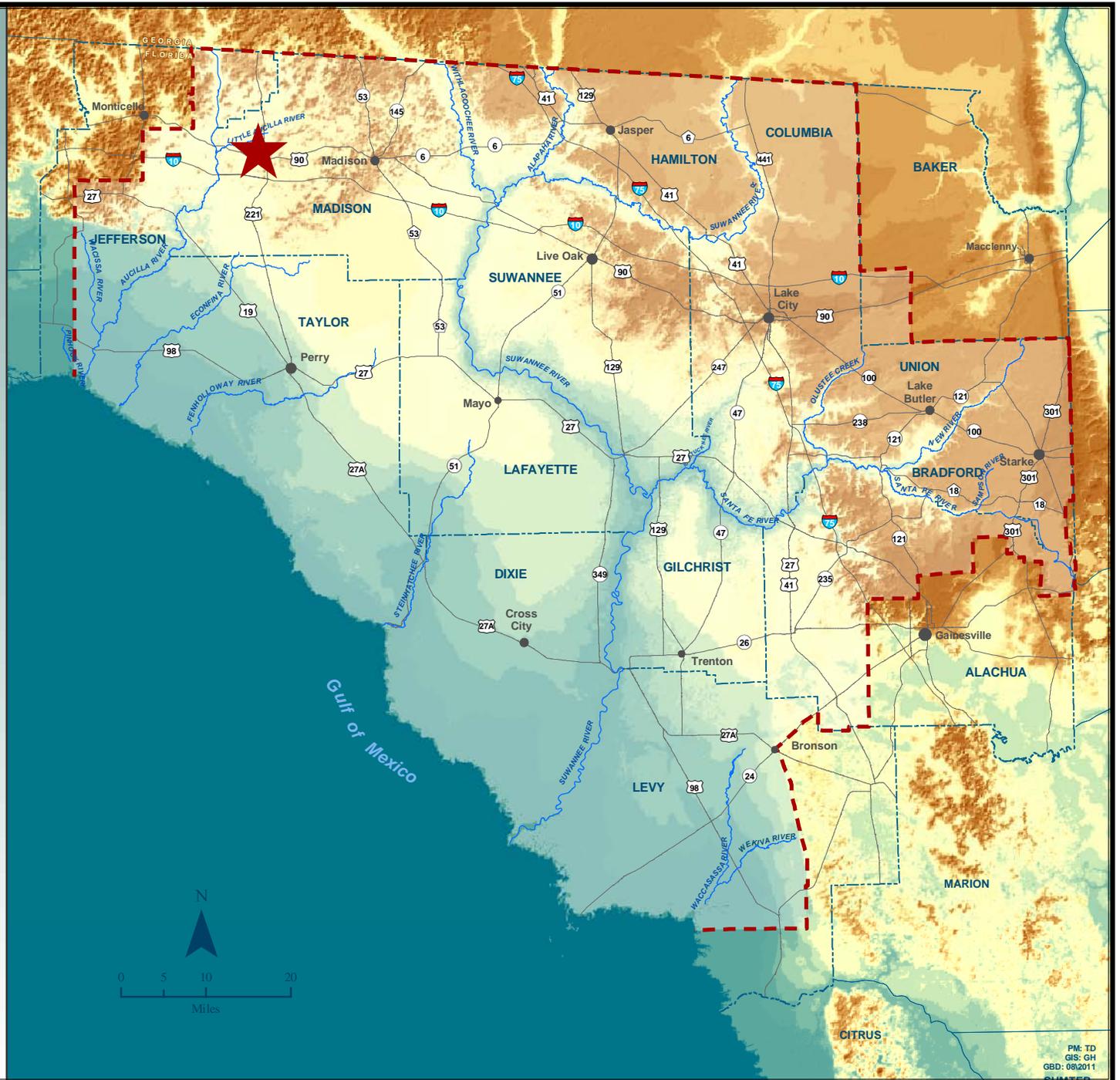
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Lease Agreement with the Town of Greenville Madison County, Florida

 SRWMD Boundary
 Project Location



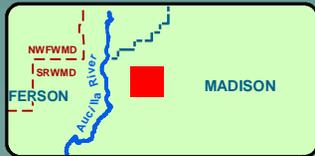
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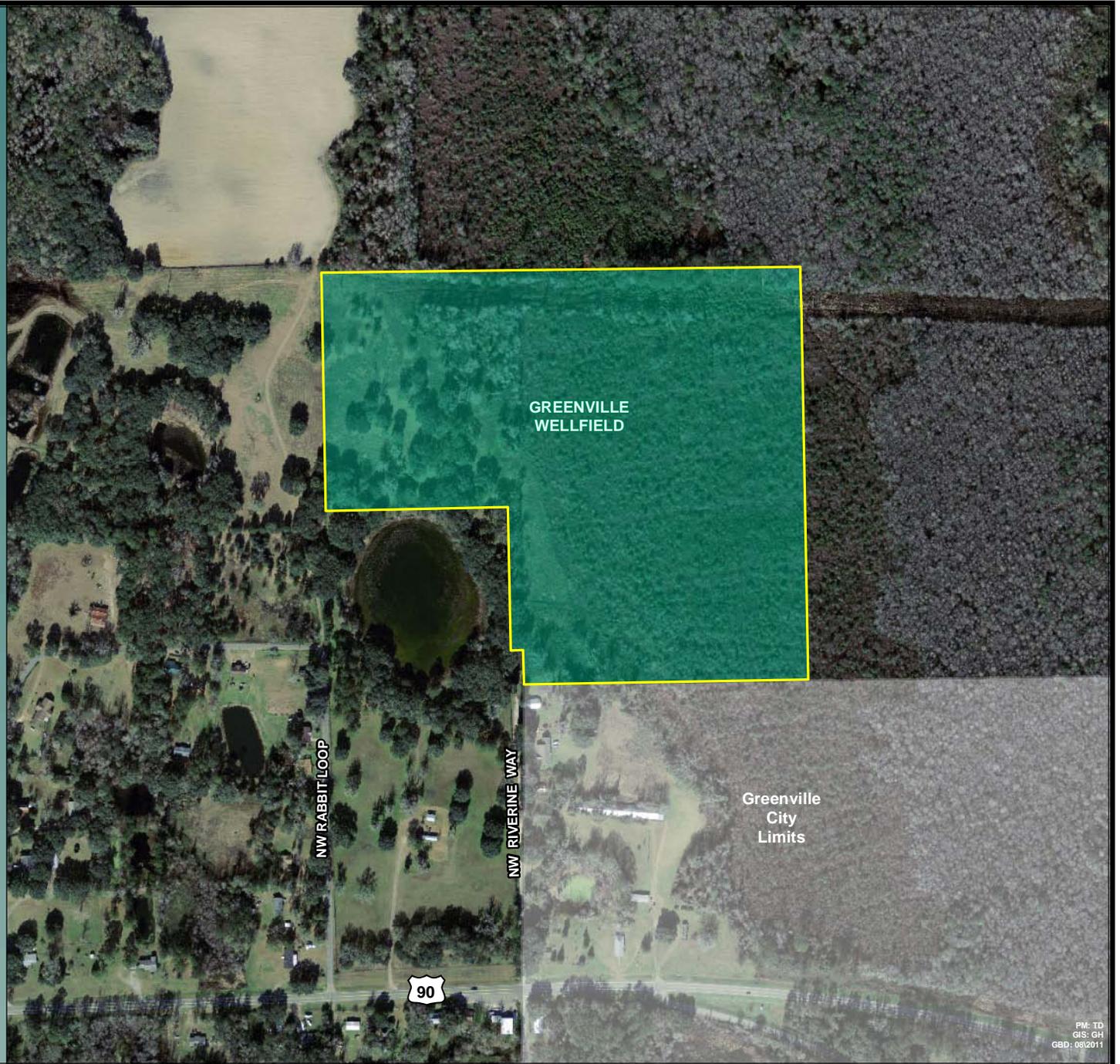
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**Lease Agreement
with the
Town of Greenville
Madison County
Florida**

 Well Field Area



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator

DATE: July 18, 2011

RE: Extension of Land Use Agreement with Suwannee County for the Falmouth Solid Waste Collection Center Property

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director to execute a second extension to the term of the agreement for an additional five years.

BACKGROUND

The use of a five-acre area for a solid waste collection center was given to Suwannee County through a July 1996 Land Use Agreement. The original agreement was for a ten-year term; the agreement entitles the County to renew and extend the terms for three additional five-year periods. This agreement has been renewed once, and the County has requested a second extension for an additional five-year period.

Use of the District's property has been conducted in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with the original agreement.

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**Extension of Land Use Agreement with Suwannee County
Suwannee County
Florida**

-  Falmouth Solid Waste Collection Center Area
-  SRWMD Lands



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Scott Gregor, Project Manager
DATE: July 18, 2011
RE: Contract with B & B Dugger Inc. for Prescribed Fire Management Services for Fiscal Year 2012

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director to execute a contract with B & B Dugger Inc. for Prescribed Fire Management Services in Fiscal Year 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$170,000.

BACKGROUND

Prescribed burning is a critical tool needed to achieve goals identified in the District Land Management Plan. It is instrumental in meeting long term vegetation management and restoration goals as well as protecting against the damaging effects of wildfire.

Five firms submitted responses to Request for Proposals 10/11-028 for prescribed burning services on District lands for Fiscal Year 2012. The Selection Committee composed of Charlie Houder, Jon Dinges and Joe Flanagan met on June 8, 2011 and ranked the following firms: 1) Wildlands Fire Service Inc., 2) B & B Dugger Inc., and 3) The Forestry Company Inc. The ranking results were based on the firm's per acre rates, qualifications, and ability to provide turn-key services. This ranking was approved by the Board at its July 12, 2011 meeting. The following table contains prescribed fire rates on a per-acre basis submitted by the responding firms.

Prescribed Fire RFP Rate Summary on a Per-acre Basis					
FIRM	Site-Prep	General Ground Ignition Burning	General Aerial Ignition (DAID and/or Heli-torch)	Mallory Swamp Ground Ignition Burning	Mallory Swamp Aerial Ignition (DAID and/or Heli-torch)
Wildland Fire Service, Inc.	\$35.00	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$42.00	\$42.00
B&B Dugger, Inc.	\$42.99	\$42.99	\$42.99	\$42.99	\$42.99
North Florida Forestry Services, LLC.	\$30.00	\$48.00	\$48.00	NA	NA
The Forestry Company	\$36.50	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc.	\$20 grass or roller-chopped acres. \$40 clearcut or herbicide acres.	\$54.00	NA	NA	NA
Note: DAID is Delayed Aerial Ignition Device.					

Staff negotiated with B & B Dugger Inc. as one of the primary contractors to conduct prescribed burning services on District land. This firm will provide one crew to conduct work at a rate of 42.99/acre for both aerial and ground burning. B & B Dugger has safely and successfully burned 4,157 acres for the District over the last three years.

Principals for B & B Dugger are Bobbie Dugger and Kelly P. Dugger. Funding for this contract is included in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget and is contingent upon final adoption by the Governing Board.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Scott Gregor, Project Manager
DATE: July 18, 2011
RE: Contract with Wildlands Fire Service Inc. for Prescribed Fire Management Services for Fiscal Year 2012

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Wildlands Fire Service Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$390,000 for Prescribed Fire Management Services in Fiscal Year 2012.

BACKGROUND

Prescribed burning is a critical tool needed to achieve goals identified in the District Land Management Plan. It is instrumental in meeting long term vegetation management and restoration goals as well as protecting against the damaging effects of wildfire.

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Wildlands Fire Service Inc. was selected as one of the primary contractors to conduct prescribed burning services on District land. This firm will provide up to three crews to conduct work at a rate of \$39.00/acre for ground burning. Wildlands Fire Service has safely and successfully burned 18,348 acres for the District over the last six years.

Principals for Wildlands Fire Service are Nancy Williams and Doug Williams. Funding for this contract is included in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget and is contingent upon final adoption by the Governing Board.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist

DATE: July 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Agreement with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for Hunting on Lands in Gilchrist, Dixie and Alachua Counties

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to execute an Agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to add tracts to the Log Landing Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Steinhatchee Springs WMA, and Santa Fe Swamp Wildlife and Environmental Area (WEA).

BACKGROUND

District staff has been working with FWC staff and Dixie and Gilchrist Counties to increase hunting opportunities on District lands in the Log Landing and Steinhatchee Springs WMAs. Meetings were held with the county commissioners to enlist their support on these additions. This proposal would add primitive weapons hunting opportunities on some smaller acreage parcels that previously were not available.

The Lake Alto Tract and the recent Shaw acquisition were identified by District and FWC staff for consideration as an addition to the Santa Fe Swamp WEA. These tracts provide additional access for hunting opportunities to the west side of Santa Fe Swamp and the Lake Alto Tract in Alachua County.

The additional proposed acres available for public hunting are as follows:

Log Landing WMA

Tract	Acres	County
Booker Spring	375	Dixie
Guaranto	318	Dixie
Purvis Landing	335	Dixie
Sunnyvale	519	Dixie
Lindsey	846	Gilchrist
Nature Coast	418	Gilchrist
Sapp Landing	433	Gilchrist
Suwannee Street	624	Gilchrist
Total New Tracts	3,901	

Steinhatchee Springs WMA

Tract	Acres	County
Steinhatchee Rise	3,559	Dixie

Santa Fe Swamp WEA

Tract	Acres	County
Lake Alto; Shaw Acquisition	1,743	Alachua

Under the terms of the agreement, FWC would coordinate and manage public hunting, while the District would carry out all other land management activities including public recreation. These properties would be available for hunting in the 2012-13 hunting season.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Gwen Lord, Business Resource Specialist
DATE: July 18, 2011
RE: Consideration of Resolution 2011-19 Requesting Reimbursement of Preacquisition Costs and Land Management Expenses for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval and execution of Resolution 2011-19, requesting the Department of Environmental Protection reimburse the District from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund (WMLTF) for preacquisition costs in the amount of \$145,941.70 and quarterly land management expenses in the amount of \$602,050.74 expended during the quarter ending June 30, 2011.

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 \$145,941.70.

Land management costs for the same period totaled \$602,050.74. The largest share of this amount was for contractual services, which included site preparation, and forest management agreements.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-19

**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 373.199, 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 Lands; and,

WHEREAS, the requested funds are within the 2011 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, 2011, through June 30, 2011, in the amount of \$145,941.70, 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, 2011, through June 30, 2011, in the amount of \$602,050.74.

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 \$145,941.70 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 \$602,050.74 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 9th DAY OF AUGUST 2011, A.D.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

**DON QUINCEY, CHAIRMAN
ALPHONAS ALEXANDER, VICE CHAIRMAN
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JAMES L. FRALEIGH
CARL E. MEECE
GUY N. WILLIAMS**

ATTEST:

PRE-ACQUISITION COSTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Staff Salaries - Land Acquisition	\$76,557.23
Insurance	\$10,669.19
Retirement	\$8,921.45
FICA	\$5,773.06
TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$101,920.93
Other Personal Services	\$0.00
Legal services	\$13,485.22
Contractual Services	\$29,350.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	\$42,835.22
Printing & Binding	\$0.00
Publication of Notices	\$58.28
Postage	\$0.00
Meetings	\$0.00
Registrations & Training	\$300.00
Travel	\$827.27
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
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,185.55
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Mobile Equipment	\$0.00
Field Equipment	\$0.00
TOTAL OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$0.00
Land Improvements	\$0.00
TOTAL OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$0.00
Interagency Expenditures	\$0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	\$0.00
TOTAL PRE-ACQUISITION COSTS	\$145,941.70

MANAGEMENT COSTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Staff Salaries - Land Acquisition	\$140,648.52
Insurance	\$19,750.51
Retirement	\$16,285.39
FICA	\$10,535.46
TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$187,219.88
Other Personal Services	\$0.00
Legal Services	\$2,138.50
Audit Services	\$0.00
Contractual Services	\$330,206.29
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	\$332,344.79
Payments In Lieu Of Taxes	\$20,030.60
Printing & Binding	\$1,551.45
Publication of Notices	\$115.32
Postage	\$0.00
Meetings	\$0.00
Registrations & Training	(\$2,850.00)
Travel	\$318.30
Utilities	\$187.20
Communications	\$352.18
Vehicle Maintenance	\$0.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$1,934.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$770.63
Field Supplies	\$37,145.26
Office Supplies	\$663.27
Computer Supplies	\$0.00
Fuel & Lubricants	\$0.00
Maps & Aerials	\$0.00
Books & Documents	\$0.00
Office Support Equipment	\$247.01
Non-Capital Land Improvements	\$0.00
Photographic Supplies	\$0.00
Other Commodities	\$0.00
Computer Software	\$0.00
Equipment Rental	\$0.00
Property & Casualty Ins	\$0.00
Fees & Permits	\$1,125.00
Other Current Charges	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$61,590.22
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Computer Equipment	\$0.00
Mobile Equipment	\$0.00
Field Equipment	\$0.00
TOTAL OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$0.00
Construction	\$0.00
Land Improvements	\$0.00
TOTAL OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$0.00
Interagency Expenditures	\$20,895.85
TOTAL INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	\$20,895.85
TOTAL MANAGEMENT COSTS	\$602,050.74

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Terry Demott, Sr. Land Resource Coordinator
DATE: July 18, 2011
SUBJECT: Activity Report, Land Acquisition

All land acquisition activities have been directed towards three projects on which the District had contracts.

- Closing on the Dennis, Kelby and Miles Andrews tract in Levy County has been delayed to allow the owners time to secure agreements from creditors for pay-off amounts.
- The Layman Law Firm/Walker Springs conservation easement in Jefferson County is scheduled to close by August 30, 2011.
- The Slezak Trust/Holton Creek Addition in Hamilton County was sold to another party after the District informed the seller and broker that the closing could not take place.

The attached report summarizes the status of current surplus activities for the preceding month. Staff will be prepared to address any tracts of particular interest the Board may wish to discuss at the August 9, 2011 Governing Board meeting.

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SURPLUS LANDS

Tract Name	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Listing Date	Listing Price
Bay Creek South	46	Columbia	02/1988	WMLTF	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Fee \$123,750
Bay Creek North	24	Columbia	02/1988	WMLTF	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Fee \$60,720
Owens Spring	77	Lafayette	03/1999	P2000	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Fee \$277,200
Westwood West	320	Madison	12/1988	WMLTF	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Sale of the 320-acre Westwoods West surplus tract to Herring Farms Inc. occurred April 7, 2011.
Blue Sink	79	Suwannee	12/1988	WMLTF	6/14/2010	7/12/2010	Fee entire parcel \$281,600 40-acre parcels \$154,000
Levings 69		Columbia	02/1998	WMLTF	6/14/2010	5/11/2011	Fee \$135,860
Jennings Bluff	70	Hamilton	02/1989	WMLTF	7/30/2010	8/16/2010	Fee entire tract \$215,600
Adams South	60	Lafayette	05/1990	WMLTF	7/30/2010	8/16/2010	Fee entire tract \$191,400
Hunter Creek	120	Hamilton	09/2002	P2000		11/18/2010	Fee (3 parcels) \$343,200 Conservation Easement (3 parcels) \$243,100
Santa Fe Oasis	110	Gilchrist	06/1995	P2000	8/27/2010		Leased to FWC
Steinhatchee Rise	42	Dixie	02/1996	P2000	8/27/2010	11/18/2010	Fee entire tract \$126,940 Conservation easement \$97,020
Timber River	1	Madison	03/1998	WMLTF	8/27/2010	11/18/2010	Fee entire tract \$10,780
Falmouth North (8 lots)	6	Suwannee	04/1998	WMLTF	8/27/2010	11/18/2010	Fee entire tract (8 lots) \$52,030

Tract Name	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Listing Date	Listing Price
Wolf Creek	30	Jefferson	05/2009	FF	in progress		
Withlacoochee Quail Farm	65	Madison	09/2006	FF	in progress		
Woods Ferry	29	Suwannee	12/1988	WMLTF	in progress		
Cuba Bay	22	Jefferson	02/1996	P2000	in progress		
Perry Spray Field	248	Taylor	9/2001	WMLTF	approved in July		
Chitty Bend East	20	Hamilton	12/1988	WMLTF	approved in July		
Chitty Bend West	121	Madison	12/1988	WMLTF	approved in July		
Poe Springs	39	Alachua	6/1/1988	WMLTF	approved in July		
Chiefland Well Head Protection	8	Levy	3/17/1999	P2000	approved in July		
Cross City Well Field	67	Dixie	11/10/2000	P2000	approved in July		
Gainesville Recreation Site/Buck Bay	60	Alachua	12/15/1999	P2000	approved in July		
Alligator Lake	43	Columbia	8/10/2001	P2000	approved in July		
Suwannee Spray Field	294	Dixie	12/24/1997	WMLTF	approved in July		

WMLTF=Water Management Lands Trust Fund; P2000=Preservation 2000; FF= Florida Forever Trust Fund

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager
DATE: July 18, 2011
SUBJECT: Land Management Activity Report

REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

Three conservation easements were inspected within the last month; Jackson in Lafayette County, Davidson in Jefferson County and Anderson Columbia (Strickland Field) in Dixie County. All three were in compliance with the original easement documents.

Branford High School Future Farmers of America is interested in starting a forestry management curriculum. Staff met with the FFA Teacher Staci Young and Assistant Superintendent Walter Boatwright to tour the Branford Bend Tract as a potential site.

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Public Use roads in Devil’s Hammock have been repaired.

PUBLIC RECREATION SERVICES

The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) along the Suwannee River was named one of the 51 scenic hikes by *USA TODAY*. A trail from each state and the District of Columbia were selected as great places to hike. 44 miles of the FNST are on District lands along the Suwannee River.

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

Recreation	Temporary Ingress & Egress	Mallory Swamp ATV Trail	RO Ranch	Goose Pasture Camping ¹	Other	Total
34	0	6		11		51

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Suwannee River Water Management District closed its property within the Santa Fe Swamp WEA in Alachua and Bradford Counties due to a series of fires that ignited there. This closure was effective June 13, and the area will remain closed to the public until the fires are completely extinguished, assessments by District staff are made, and any potentially unsafe conditions are corrected.

Contractors began applying chemical herbicides to volunteer hardwoods on select tracts to prepare the sites for reforestation during the upcoming planting season (November 2011 – January 2012). In order to maintain plant diversity within the natural community, the contractor has been instructed to spray only specific species of young hardwoods and to leave desirable species.

Rare Species monitoring on District properties was conducted as shown below:

- 5 tracts were surveyed to estimate abundance of Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*; Threatened)
- 1 tract surveyed for the presence of Southern Tubercled Orchid (*Platanthera flava*, Threatened)
- 1 tract was monitored for the presence of Coontie (*Zamia pumila*)
- 1 tract was monitored for presence of Beach Sunflower (*Helianthus debilis*)
- 2 historic wading bird rookeries were monitored for activity

Invasive Weed monitoring and control practices were conducted on District properties as shown below:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Active Infestation</u>	<u>Applied Control</u>
Brazilian Pepper	Atsena Otie Key	No	No
Camphor Tree	Lake Alto	Yes	Yes
Chinese Tallow	Lake Alto	Yes	Yes
	Lake Rowell	Yes	Yes
Chinaberry Boston	Farm	Yes	Yes
	Atsena Otie Key	Yes	Yes
	Bell Springs	Yes	Yes
	Falling Creek Falls	Yes	Yes
	Withlacoochee Quail Farm	Yes	Yes
Cogongrass Steinhat	chee Rise	Yes	Yes
Golden Bamboo	Withlacoochee Quail Farm	Yes	Yes
Japanese Climbing Fern	Falling Creek Falls	Yes	No
	Gar Pond	No	No
	Lake Rowell	Yes	Yes
	Withlacoochee Quail Farm	Yes	Yes
Mimosa 47	Bridge	No	No
	Christian No		No
	Falling Creek Falls	Yes	Yes
	Gar Pond	Yes	Yes
	Steinhatchee Rise	Yes	Yes
Princess Tree	Goose Pasture	Yes	Yes
Tung Oil Tree	Christian	No	No
Wild Taro	Lake Rowell	No	No

Timber Sales

The Steinhatchee Springs #6 Timber sale is complete. Timber on this 169-acre thinning sale was harvested by Van Aernam Timber under the supervision of forestry consultant The Forestry Company (TFC). Based on the timber cruise by TFC the value anticipated for this sale was \$149,695. Actual revenue received was \$160,395, or 107% of the original estimate.

Contract #	Timber Sale Name	Consultant	Contract Date	Estimated Start Date	Estimated Pine Tons	% Complete
09/10-137	Steinhatchee #6	TFC	8/20/2010		13,919	100%
09/10-129	Steinhatchee #7 Westwoods #2	TFC	7/23/2010		12,007	100%
09/10-085	Lump Sum	DOF/TRSF	6/7/2010		24,479	100%
09/10-022	Steinhatchee #3	TFC	11/30/2009		21,603	100%
10/11-038	Owens Springs #1	NRPS	12/16/2010		9,930	50%
10/11-117	Little River #3	NRPS	5/12/2011	9/5/2011	2,500	0%
10/11-118	Levings #3	NRPS	4/29/2011	7/1/2011	2,820	100%
10/11-116	Jones Mill Creek #1	TFC	5/24/2011	10/1/2011	29,690	0%
10/11-115	Steinhatchee #8	TFC	5/11/2011	6/15/2011	4,376	100%
10/11-120	Ellaville #13	DOF/TRSF	5/20/2011	9/15/2011	7,905	0%
10/11-119	Sullivan #1	DOF/TRSF	5/5/2011	8/15/2011	6,574	0%

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