

Suwannee River Water Management District

Governing Board Materials

## Supplemental

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

Assistant Executive Director

Executive Director

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: David Still, Executive Director

DATE: December 8, 2011

RE: Approval of a Work Order in the matter of Jeffrey and Linda Hill v. Suwannee River Water Management District (District)

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends Governing Board approval of a work order for legal expenditures in the matter of Jeffrey and Linda Hill versus District for an amount not to exceed \$9,500.**

### BACKGROUND

Staff initiated work to defend the District in this matter by issuing work order number 10/11-145.001 to Jennifer Springfield for a fee not to exceed \$5,000. Ms. Springfield completed all work under this work order, but this matter required additional legal work to respond to the filing of an amended complaint. Specifically, Ms. Springfield prepared a motion to dismiss/strike/for more definite statement, a motion for judicial reassignment, notice of hearing, an amended motion to dismiss/strike in response to an amended complaint and an amended notice of hearing, notice of request for judicial notice, notice of filing satisfaction of judgment, and a motion to award attorney's fees under §57.105, F.S.

With the most recent invoice, Ms. Springfield has exceeded the \$5,000 fee limit in the work order. The total amount invoiced by Ms. Springfield for this matter is \$6,533. In addition, Ms. Springfield has spent approximately 8 hours (\$1,280) preparing for the hearing on the District's Motion to Dismiss, which will take place on December 9, 2011. Ms. Springfield anticipates needing to devote another four hours to attend the hearing, and there will be follow-up needed after the hearing, the extent of which will depend on the outcome.

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