

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: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: License to Cut Timber with Harley Forest Products, LLC, for the Black Tract #4 Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Harley Forest Products, LLC, for the Black Tract #4 Timber Sale.

BACKGROUND

Bids for the Black Tract #4 Timber Sale were due February 29, 2012. This is a first thinning, second thinning, and improvement thinning timber sale of approximately 162 acres in Madison County. Timber to be harvested is planted slash pine (estimated to have been planted in 1984 and 1986), natural loblolly pine, natural longleaf pine, and natural hardwoods. Seven responses were received. Bidders and calculated revenues from the bid are shown below:

Bidder	Calculated Revenue
Harley Forest Products	\$98,067.27
North Florida Timber Dealers	\$94,063.85
Greenville Timber Corp.	\$92,848.60
M.C. Logging Co.	\$91,901.00
Big Bend Timber Services	\$91,666.98
Canal Wood	\$85,794.82
Great South Timber & Lumber	\$85,326.94

Harley Forest Products, LLC, bid \$14.03/ton for topwood, \$15.03/ton for pine pulpwood, \$18.10/ton for chip-n-saw, \$28.06/ton for pine sawtimber, and \$3.08/ton for hardwood pulpwood on this per unit sale. Total revenue from this sale should be between \$88,260 and \$107,874. Using the volume estimates by timber product developed by the Florida Forest Service staff at Twin Rivers State Forest, the anticipated revenue is \$98,067.

The principal for Harley Forest Products, LLC, is Allen J. Harley. Their headquarters is located in Lake City, Florida.

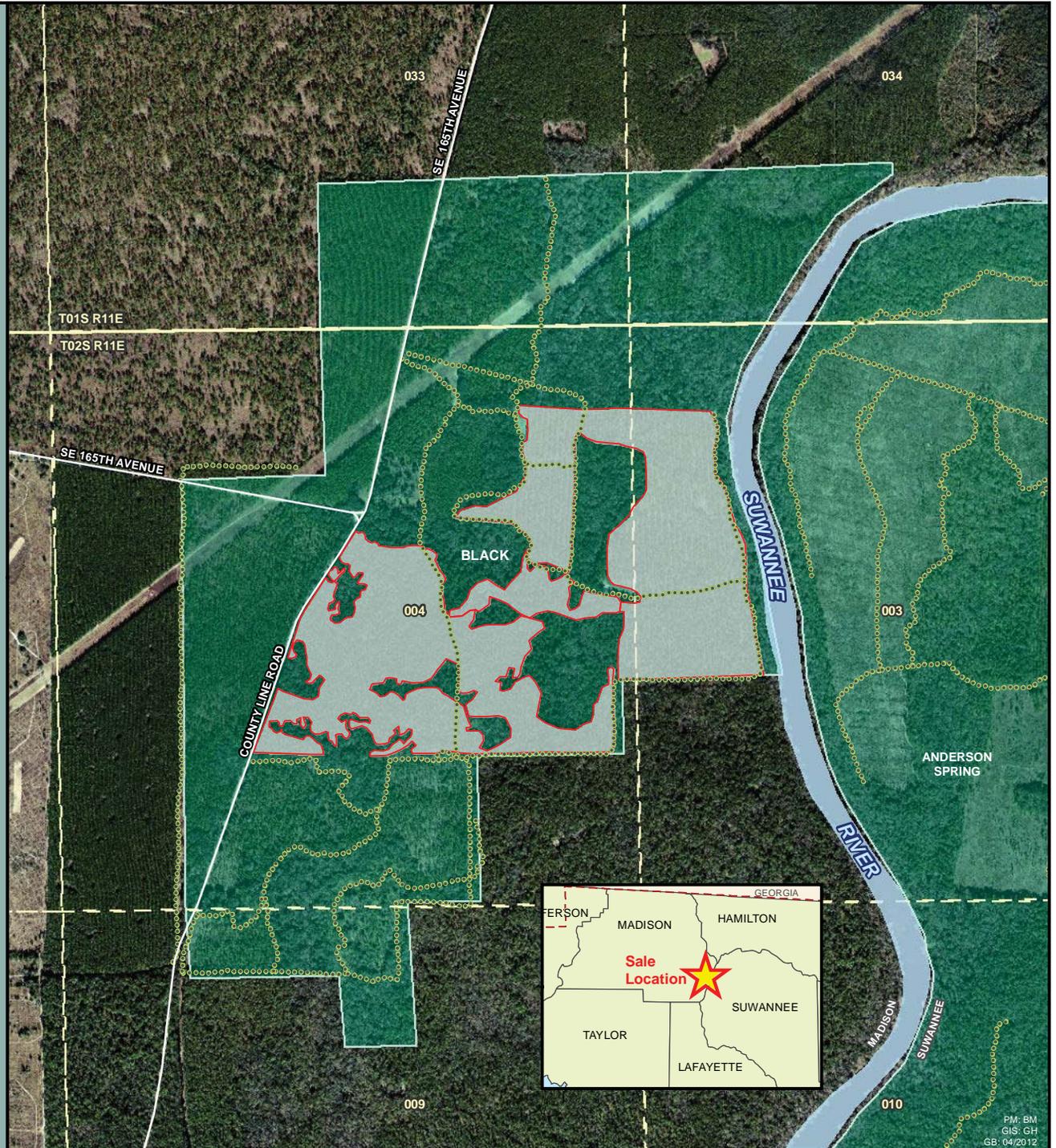
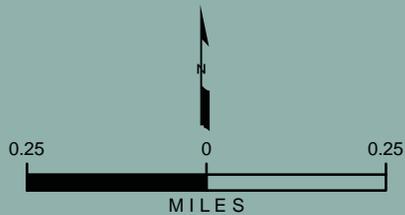
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Black Tract Timber Sale #4 162 Acres Madison County, FL

-  Timber Sale Area
-  SRWMD Lands
-  SRWMD Admin Roads
-  Rivers & Streams



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: License to Cut Timber with Harley Forest Products, LLC, for the
Steinhatchee Springs #10 Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Harley Forest Products, LLC, for the Steinhatchee Springs #10 Timber Sale.

BACKGROUND

Bids for the Steinhatchee Springs #10 Timber Sale were due March 6, 2012. This timber sale is 109 acres of planted slash pine in Lafayette County, Florida (estimated to have been planted in 1992). Trees to be cut shall include every 5th row with selective thinning of the other rows. Three responses were received, and calculated revenues from the bids are shown below:

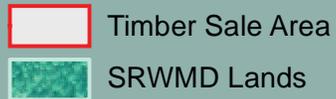
Bidder	Calculated Revenue
Harley Forest Products	\$62,773.20
Greenville Timber Corp	\$60,639.68
North Florida Timber Dealers	\$57,163.28

Harley Forest Products, LLC, bid \$12.78/ton for topwood, \$12.78/ton for pine pulpwood, and \$17.10/ton for chip-n-saw on this per unit sale. Total revenue from this sale should be between \$56,047 and \$69,499. Using the volume estimates by timber product developed by the forestry consultant, the anticipated revenue is \$62,773.

The principal for Harley Forest Products, LLC, is Allen J. Harley. Their headquarters is located in Lake City, Florida.

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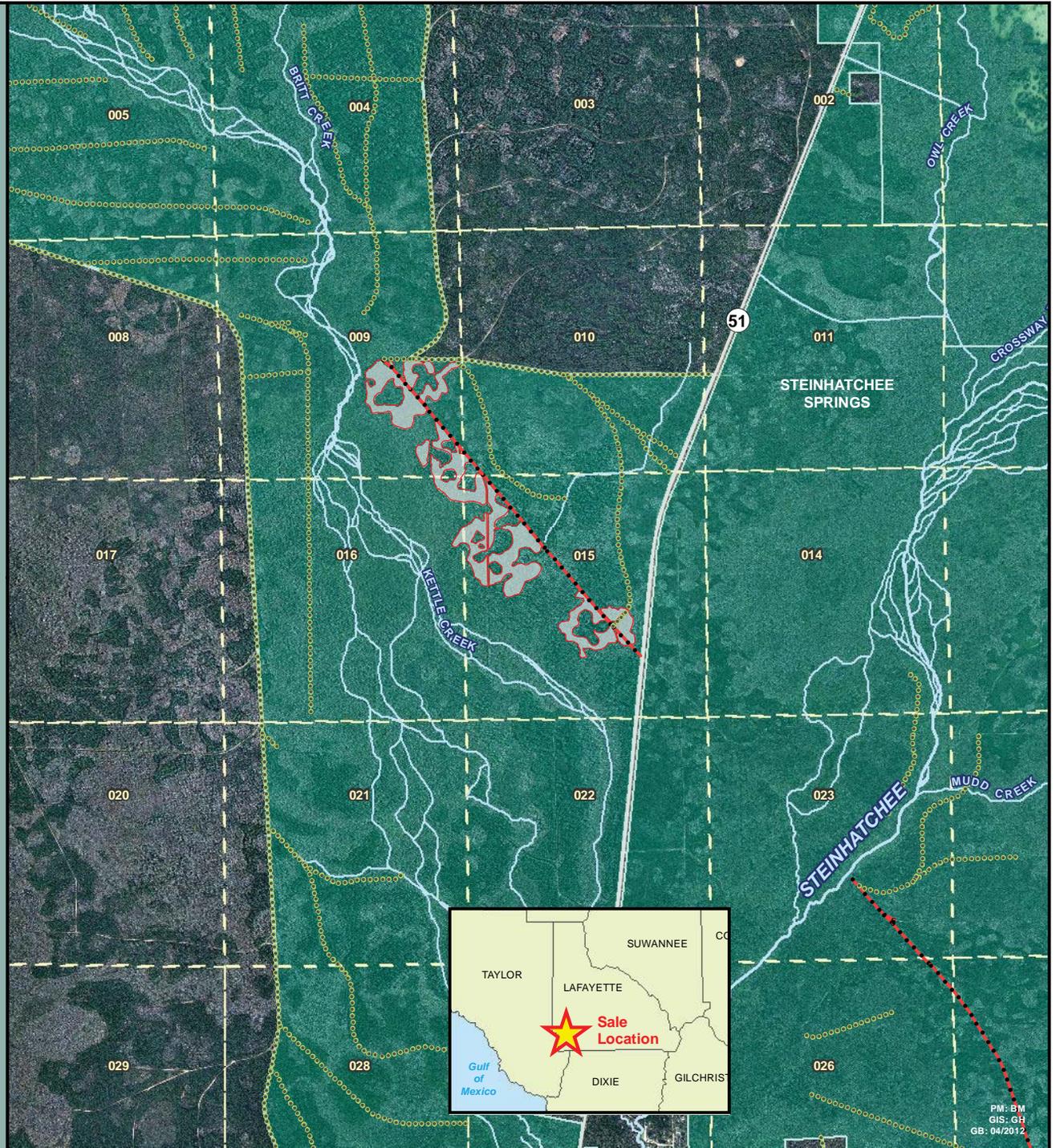
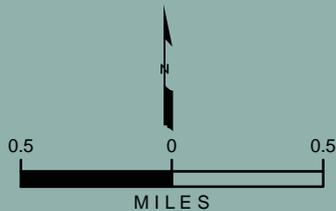
Steinhatchee Springs Tract Timber Sale #10 109 Acres Lafayette County, FL



- SRWMD Public Roads
- SRWMD Admin Roads
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Contract with Florida Forest Service, Andrews Nursery for FY 2013
Containerized Longleaf Pine Seedling Production

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Florida Forest Service, Andrews Nursery for containerized longleaf pine seedlings for a cost not to exceed \$80,000.

BACKGROUND

On January 6, 2012, the District released Request for Proposals (RFP) 11/12-015 for pine seedling production and for refrigerated trailer services because of the number of individual sites and the distance between sites. The RFP requested, along with references and previous work history, per thousand seedling costs for containerized longleaf pine and bare root slash pine. The District anticipates needing approximately 490,000 containerized longleaf pine for reforestation of District lands during the FY 2013 planting season. The Selection Committee decided to reject all proposals mainly due to the costs associated with refrigerated trailers.

The District's Procedures Manual allows services from a state agency to be obtained through a negotiated process initiated by the Executive Director, subject to Governing Board approval, on an individual basis. Staff contacted Andrews Nursery in Chiefland, Florida, which is managed by Florida Forest Service.

Andrews Nursery can provide longleaf pine seedlings from a local seed source in Hamilton County at a competitive rate of \$160 per 1,000 seedlings. Delivery costs to the east and west regions is \$8.00 per delivery, which is equal to the lowest delivery rate from the three proposals. Andrews Nursery will provide a refrigerated trailer at no charge if their seedlings are stored in it. The savings of using a loaner trailer is estimated to be \$4,000.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Contract with The Forestry Company for FY 2012 Mechanical Vegetation Management

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with The Forestry Company for an amount not exceed \$54,600 for mechanical vegetation management.

BACKGROUND

Request for Proposals (RFP) 11/12-017 for mechanical vegetation management services was released on January 23, 2012. These practices will be conducted to facilitate natural community restoration and prescribed fire on 762 acres. The RFP requested, along with references and previous work history, per acre-rates for roller chopping, scalping planting rows, debris pile removal, and fireline installation on specific sites. A scope of work was provided for the project sites, and proposers had the opportunity to visit each site using maps provided in the RFP.

Seven firms submitted proposals for mechanical vegetation management services. Each project site required roller chopping except Branford Bend which required scalping. Some of the sites required the establishment of firelines and debris pile removal. Below is a table indicating firms submitting proposals and their associated business location based on the response forms.

Firm	City
A-1 South District Forestry, LLC (A-1)	McAlpin, FL
Chaples Tractor & Agricultural Service (Chaples)	Live Oak, FL
North Florida Reforestation Services, Inc. (N. FL.)	Lake Butler, FL
Shaw's Land Clearing, LLC (Shaw's L.C.)	Jacksonville, FL
Shaw's Welding, Inc.(Shaw's Weld.)	Perry, FL
The Forestry Company (TFC)	Perry, FL
Tim Prep, Inc. (Tim Prep)	Jacksonville, FL

Members of the Selection Committee composed of Jon Dinges, Brian Kauffman and Terry Demott met and ranked the top three firms for each site. Below is a summary of the #1 ranked firms by project site and the estimated costs based on their proposals.

11/12-017 Results	Rankings & Cost Per Acre		
Project Site	#1	#2	#3
Bay Creek #1 (28 acres)	TFC (\$125.00)	N. FL. (\$179.29)	A-1 (\$200.00)
Mount Gilead #1 (48 acres)	TFC (\$76.00)	Shaw's Weld. (\$84.00)	N. FL. (\$166.84)
Shady Grove #1 & #2 (61 acres)	TFC (\$76.00)	Shaw's Weld. (\$78.00)	N. FL. (\$119.98)
Mallory Swamp Fuel Reduction (310 acres)	TFC (\$86.50)	N. FL. (\$132.05)	Chaples (\$160.00)
Mallory Swamp #1 (81 acres)	TFC (\$66.50)	A-1 (\$75.00)	N. FL. (\$86.05)
Lake City Well Field #1 (64 acres)	TFC (\$145.50)	Tim Prep (\$160.00)	N. FL. (\$176.25)
Branford Bend #1 (170 acres)	A-1 (\$15.00)	TFC (\$40.00)	N. FL. (\$64.71)

Staff recommends contracting with The Forestry Company for the first six projects listed above. Staff will contract with A1 South District Forestry for services at the Branford Bend Tract for less than \$3,500 as authorized in the Procedures Manual.

Principals for The Forestry Company are Donald R. Curtis, Jr., and Bonnie S. Agner. Their headquarters is in Perry, Florida.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Chemical Application Services, Non-native, Invasive Weed Control at the Tyree and Lake Rowell Tracts

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Edko, LLC, for chemical herbicide control of non-native, invasive weeds at the Tyree and Lake Rowell Tracts for an amount not to exceed \$14,000.

BACKGROUND

On January 3, 2012, staff released Request for Proposals (RFP) 11/12-013 for chemical application services on District lands. Non-native, invasive weeds have a high potential to disturb the resources and management processes outlined in the District Land Management Plan under the goal of Resource Protection. District land managers take an active role in monitoring and controlling noxious weeds to prevent further spread within District lands and adjacent private and public lands.

Both the Lake Rowell and Tyree projects are considered under maintenance control. Funding to initially control and maintain the weeds on these tracts has come from the District and cooperating state agencies such as the Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Responses and not to exceed quotes for the Non-native, Invasive Weed Control, Santa Fe Swamp project were received from the following four firms.

Firm	Location	Lake Rowell and Tyree Tracts
Edko, LLC	Branford, FL	\$ 13,977.65
Facilities Supply & Service, Inc.	Keystone Heights, FL	\$ 21,850.00
Progressive Solutions, LLC	Jay, FL	\$ 28,563.00
Woods and Wetlands, Inc.	North Fort Myers, FL	\$32,908.00
Perpetual Contracting, Inc.	Cross City, FL	\$37,500.00
DeAngelo Brothers, Inc ./dba Aquagenix	Riviera Beach, FL	\$ 149,186.00
Southeastern Chemtreat, Inc.	Chiefland, FL	\$193,270.00

The Selection Committee composed of Charlie Houder, Jon Dinges and Melanie Roberts met February 8, 2012, to review the proposals and develop the ranking. As noted in the RFP, the committee was to search for the best value to the District amongst the submitted proposals. Proposals were compared on price, contractor experience in providing the service, and satisfaction of the listed references to successfully meet specific land management objectives. Rankings were made to select the most qualified and cost-effective contractor in the opinion of the District Selection Committee. Edko, LLC, was ranked first on these projects based on cost.

The principal for Edko, LLC, is Michael B. Vasko. Funds for these services have been appropriated in the current fiscal year under budget code 132586631000209005.

RFP 11/12-013

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Chemical Application Services, Non-native, Invasive Weed Control at the Santa Fe Swamp Tract

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Woods and Wetlands, Inc., for chemical herbicide control of non-native, invasive weeds at the Santa Fe Swamp Tract for an amount not to exceed \$21,800.

BACKGROUND

On January 3, 2012, staff released Request for Proposals (RFP) 11/12-013 for chemical application services on District lands. Non-native, invasive weeds have a high potential to disturb the resources and management processes outlined in the District Land Management Plan under the goal of Resource Protection. District land managers take an active role in monitoring and controlling noxious weeds to prevent further spread within District lands and adjacent private and public lands.

The Santa Fe Swamp project will provide initial control to 22 acres of District lands heavily infested with golden bamboo and Chinese tallow.

Responses and not to exceed quotes for the Non-native, Invasive Weed Control, Santa Fe Swamp project were received from the following four firms.

Firm	Location	Santa Fe Swamp Project
Woods and Wetlands, Inc.	North Ft. Meyers, FL	\$ 21,792.50
Perpetual Contracting, Inc.	Cross City, FL	\$ 24,500.00
Progressive Solutions, LLC	Jay, FL	\$ 24,592.00
Facilities Supply & Service, Inc.	Keystone Heights, FL	\$ 92,000.00

The Selection Committee composed of Charlie Houder, Jon Dinges and Melanie Roberts met February 8, 2012, to review the proposals and develop the ranking. As noted in the RFP, the committee was to search for the best value to the District amongst the submitted proposals. Proposals were compared on price, contractor experience in providing the service, and satisfaction of the listed references to successfully meet specific land management objectives. Rankings were made to select the most qualified and cost-effective contractor in the opinion of the District Selection Committee. Woods and Wetlands, Inc., was ranked first on the Santa Fe Swamp project based on cost.

The principal for Woods and Wetlands, Inc., is David J. Quinlan. Funds for these services have been appropriated in the current fiscal year under budget code 132586631000209005.

RFP 11/12-013

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Carlos Herd, Senior Hydrogeologist

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Authorization to Increase Expenditure Authority for Master Contracts with Selected Minimum Flows and Levels Consultants

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to expend an additional amount not to exceed \$500,000 with selected minimum flows and levels (MFL) consultants for a total amount not to exceed \$1,700,000 to provide technical assistance in the development of MFLs on an as-needed, when-needed basis.

BACKGROUND

Staff submitted a memorandum to the Governing Board at the November 2011 meeting requesting authorization to continue services under the MFL consultant qualification process executed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Following Board approval, staff has issued nine work orders to six firms totaling a not to exceed amount of \$527,886. Another \$102,744 has been expended or committed for surveying services for the upper Suwannee River. Finally, the remaining revisions to the North Florida Model (NFM), the tool that will be used to determine withdrawal impacts on MFLs, are budgeted at an additional \$157,204. The total of these contracted/issued monies is \$787,834, leaving \$412,166 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Staff requests authorization to expand this services procurement to the maximum budgeted amount for the current fiscal year. This would increase authorized expenditures by \$500,000 from \$1,200,000 to \$1,700,000. The remaining funds for the current fiscal year would then total \$912,166.

Under this proposal, the District would continue existing master contracts, issuing Work Orders as needed. Prior to issuance of a Work Order, the scope of work, and total cost for each task is negotiated with the respective firm. Subsequently, upon written notice from the District, the consultant provides the required services on an as-needed basis.

Surveying services are not included in the SWFWMD consultant selection. Therefore, per prior Governing Board approval, any surveying services in excess of \$35,000, while funded from the above monies, will require separate contracting and Governing Board authorization.

Having the flexibility to work with contractors in this manner has increased the efficiency of staff in pursuing this complex work. Since field and analytical work scopes often depend on the results of prior steps, each subsequent work order can be more explicitly tailored to the particulars of the waterbody in a highly collaborative process with the contractors. Staff is also planning to accelerate early stages of MFL development for subsequent waterbodies. This will result in earlier field data collection (water levels, surveying, and biology) and development of river models prior to analysis and production of each MFL technical report.

The task list to which the above additional funds would be applied include:

- Completion of the lower Santa Fe & Ichetucknee Rivers and Springs MFL
- Field data collection for the upper Suwannee River and Springs MFL
- HEC-RAS modeling of the upper Suwannee River
- Surveying of the middle Suwannee River
- A USGS project on White Sulphur and Suwannee Springs
- Lake Butler MFL

Detailed Work Orders and budgets for some of these tasks are still under development. Some tasks will extend into next fiscal year. Funds not expended in each fiscal year will carry forward to subsequent years. Funds for these contractual services are in the FY 2012 budget in Fund Codes 01 and 13.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Hugh Thomas, Suwannee River Partnership Coordinator

DATE: March 22, 2012

SUBJECT: Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) FY 2012 Suwannee Farms Nitrogen and Phosphorous Budget Project Funding Request, Contract Number 09/10-060

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to amend the FY 2011 contract with the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (FDACS) to continue the Suwannee Farms Nitrogen and Phosphorous evaluation project. This will be the third and final year of this project. The amendment will allow for up to an additional \$15,000 contribution to the project in conjunction with the other partners (FDACS, FDEP, UF-IFAS, and the farm) to fund the project.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Suwannee River Partnership's efforts to work with land owners to solve water quality and quantity issues, a nutrient budget project, in cooperation with Suwannee Farms, was started in FY 2010. Last year partners helped fund (\$10,000 each) this UF led project to help evaluate how nutrients are being used on the farm, and to help determine where management changes may be made to help reduce losses to the groundwater system.

The development and optimization of a nutrient mass balance budget can be an effective nutrient management tool for agricultural operations such as Suwannee Farms. Suwannee Farms is a large, diversified vegetable, row crop, and cattle feeding operation in Suwannee County, Florida, along the Suwannee River. The diversity of cropping systems employed on this farm makes it an ideal operation for determining nutrient budgets for a large farm operation. In addition, the 5,000 head cattle feeding operation utilizes anaerobic digestion for wastes generated from this portion of the farm.

The incorporation of the feeding operation with the digester on a crop farm is a unique aspect for this type of study, compared to other studies in the country. The cattle feeding operation offers an opportunity for determining a nutrient budget for that part of the farm. Further, determining nutrient budgets for the crop aspects of the farm operation will support decisions on how the feeding operation and the crop operations can be integrated to maximize the efficiency of nutrient management on the farm while reducing nutrient losses to the environment.

Funds for this project are available in the FY 2012 budget in the Suwannee River Water Quality Improvement Initiative Fund.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Rulemaking for 40B-2.301, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize staff to:

- 1. Publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for section 40B-2.301, F.A.C.**
- 2. File 40B-2.301, F.A.C., with the Department of State if no objections or comments are received.**

BACKGROUND

Chapter 2010-205, sections 56 and 57, Laws of Florida, amended 373.250(3)(c), Florida Statutes, to direct the water management districts to initiate rulemaking no later than July 1, 2011, to implement the rulemaking requirements, which include "Provisions to require permit applicants to provide, as part of their reclaimed water feasibility evaluation for a nonpotable use, written documentation from a reuse facility addressing the availability of reclaimed water." In August 2011, the Governing Board authorized publication of rule development for this rule.

If no objections or requests for workshop are filed within 21 days after publication, the District will file the proposed rules with the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) for review.

Governing Board authorization is required by 120.54(3), Florida Statutes, for filing of the rules for adoption. Filing with the Department of State will occur following JAPC review. The rules will become effective 20 days after filing with the Department of State.

A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rule follows this memorandum.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

NAME OF AGENCY:

Suwannee River Water Management District

RULE CHAPTER TITLE:

Permitting of Water Use

RULE CHAPTER NUMBER:

40B-2

RULE TITLES:

Condition for Issuance of Permits

RULE NOS.:

40B-2.301

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule is to implement rulemaking requirements as per Chapter 2010-205, sections 56 and 57, Laws of Florida, which amended Section 373.250(3)(c), Florida Statutes. The effect of the proposed amendments is to include provisions to require permit applicants to provide, as part of their reclaimed water feasibility evaluation for a nonpotable use, written documentation from a reuse facility addressing the availability of reclaimed water.

SUBJECT AREAS TO BE ADDRESSED: This proposed rule will require written documentation regarding reclaimed water feasibility evaluation. The proposed amendments will be located within the SRWMD Water Use Permitting Guide.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS (SERC) AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The Agency has determined that this will have an adverse non-economic impact on small business because there will be an increase in time and effort to comply with this rule. This rule will not likely increase direct or indirect regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: There is neither a cost nor an exemption from cost associated with these rules. The promulgation of this language is a result of a legislative mandate.

Any person, who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative, must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 373.113, 373.171 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.042, 373.0421, 373.185, 373.219, 373.223, 373.226, 373.227, 373.228, 373.229, 373.232, 373.236, 373.239, 373.250 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN FAW.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS: Robin Lamm, Business Resource Specialist II, SRWMD, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida, 32060, (386)362-1001 or (800)226-1066 (FL only).

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

40B-2.301 Conditions for Issuance of Permits.

(1) through (2)(k) No Change.

(3) The standards and criteria set forth in the Water Use Permitting Guide, effective DATE ~~January 6, 2010~~, hereby incorporated by reference into this chapter, if met, will provide the reasonable assurances required in this section. This document is available at District headquarters and on the District's website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.042, 373.0421, 373.185, 373.219, 373.223, 373.226, 373.227, 373.228, 373.229, 373.232, 373.236, 373.239, 373.250 FS. History—New 10-1-82, Amended 5-1-83, 1-6-10, AMEND DATE.

WATER USE PERMITTING GUIDE LANGUAGE

3.1.1.1. Implementation of Reclaimed Water Availability Documentation 373.250(3)(c), (d), F.S.

Applicants for withdrawals to be located within an area depicted by the District on its website as an area that is or may be served with reclaimed water by a reuse utility within five years from the date of application shall provide written documentation from the applicable reuse utility addressing the availability of reclaimed water. The applicant shall request the reuse utility to provide a letter stating that reclaimed service is not available or, the following information:

- 1) Whether a reclaimed water distribution line is at the applicant's property boundary. If not, provide the following:
 - a) Estimate the distance in feet from applicant's property to the nearest potential connection point to a reuse line.
 - b) The date the reuse utility anticipates bringing the connection to the applicant's property boundary.
- 2) If reclaimed water is available at the property boundary:
 - a) The peak, minimum and annual average daily quantity in gallons per day (*or whatever measurement the WMD requires*) of reclaimed water supply available from the nearest potential connection point, as well as expected average monthly quantities (*or the applicable WMD measurement*).
 - b) The reliability of the potential reclaimed water supply (i.e., on-demand 24/7, or bulk-interruptible diurnal or seasonal, length of supply agreement, or other basis).
 - c) The typical operating pressures at which the reuse utility will provide reclaimed water at the nearest connection point to the applicant's property, including any typical seasonal or other fluctuations in the operating pressure.
- 3) All costs associated with the applicant's use of reclaimed water:
 - a) The reclaimed water rate(s) the reuse utility would charge the applicant (e.g., the cost per/1000 gallons) and any other periodic fixed or minimum charges for use of reclaimed water by the applicant.
 - b) Other one-time charges for the connection to the reuse.
 - c) Whether the reuse utility helps fund potential reclaimed customers' costs to connect to the reclaimed line or convert its operation to use reclaimed water. The reclaimed water availability charges the reuse utility would charge the applicant in lieu of connection to the reclaimed system.
- 4) The water quality parameters of the reclaimed water for the constituents that the applicant identifies as pertinent to the intended use.
- 5) Any additional information the reuse utility feels should be considered by the applicant in performing its technical or economic feasibility evaluation.

If the applicable reuse utility fails to respond or does not provide the information within 30 days after receipt of the applicant's request, that applicant shall provide to the district a copy of the applicant's written request and a statement that the utility failed to provide the requested information. If the reuse utility provides a partial response, the applicant shall also provide that to the district.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Jon Dinges, Director, Water Supply and Resource Management, Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, (386)362-1001.

NAME OF SUPERVISOR OR PERSON WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED: April 10, 2012.

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: August 26, 2011.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number
2-97-00005M2, William Douberly Farm, Gilchrist and Levy Counties

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board extend Temporary Water Use Permit number 2-97-00005M2 until May 9, 2012, with seventeen standard conditions and seven special limiting conditions to William Douberly Farm in Gilchrist and Levy Counties.

BACKGROUND

The applicant requested a temporary permit on February 1, 2012, following the referral of the petition for administrative hearing to the Division of Administrative Hearings at the January 2012 Governing Board meeting. The Executive Director issued the first temporary permit on February 2, 2012, with an expiration date of February 15, 2012. At the February 14, 2012, Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until March 14, 2012. At the March 13, 2012, Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until April 11, 2012.

Section 373.244, Florida Statutes (F.S.) allows the District to issue temporary permits while the application is pending. It also notes that, if granted, temporary permits shall expire on the day following the next regular meeting of the Governing Board. Additionally, the Governing Board shall review temporary permits at each regular meeting and may terminate a temporary permit or refuse to extend it further upon a finding that the water use does not meet the criteria set forth in District rule 40B-2.441, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) that adverse effects are occurring as a result of water use under the temporary permit, or that the water authorized to be used under such permit is no longer required by the permit holder. If the Governing Board extends the term of a temporary permit for subsequent periods, the expiration date shall be on or before the day following the next regular meeting of the Governing Board.

Staff has determined that the temporary application is complete and satisfies the conditions for issuance in Chapter 40B-2, F.A.C., and Chapter 373, F.S.

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March 22, 2012

William P. Douberly, Jr.
13720 Southwest 4th Lane
Newberry, FL 32669

Subject: Approval of Temporary Water Use Permit Number
2-97-00005M2, William Douberly Farm, Gilchrist and Levy
Counties

Dear Mr. Douberly:

Suwannee River Water Management District (District) staff proposes to recommend that the Governing Board extend the above-mentioned temporary permit until May 9, 2012.

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

Please call permitting staff at 386.362.1001 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tim Sagul, P.E.
Senior Professional Engineer

TS/tm

Enclosure

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STAFF REPORT

TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT

DATE: March 22, 2012

PROJECT: William Douberly Farm

APPLICANT: William Douberly Farm
13720 SW 4th LN
Newberry, FL 32066

PERMIT APPLICATION NO.: 2-97-00005M2
DATE OF APPLICATION: January 8, 2007
APPLICATION COMPLETE: October 3, 2011

	Previous Quantities:		Proposed Quantities:	
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	0.6723*	mgd	1.1691	mgd

* This will void the Richard Beauchamp permit (2-93-00097*)

Recommended Agency Action

Staff recommends extension of Temporary Water Use Permit 2-97-00005M2 for the continued use of an existing row crop and livestock operation within Gilchrist and Levy County. This will void the Richard Beauchamp permit (2-93-00097*) in order to consolidate both operations. The permit will include seventeen standard conditions and seven special limiting conditions. The temporary permit will expire on May 9, 2012.

Project Review Staff

Kevin Wright, P.E.; Ronald Spencer; and Tim Sagul, P.E., have reviewed the application.

Project Location

The withdrawal facilities are located in Township 10 South, Range 15 East, and Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 16 East, and Sections 6 & 7 in Levy County, and Township 10 South, Range 16 East, and Sections 31 & 32 in Gilchrist County. The project is located within the lower Suwannee River and Waccasassa River basins according to the USGS National Hydrography Dataset, Hydrologic Unit Code-8 sub basins.

Project Description

The project area consists of approximately 1,695 acres (388 owned acres, 1,307 leased acres) with approximately 505 acres being irrigated using groundwater. Irrigation of the applicants 505 wetted acreage is accomplished using six center pivots, two proposed pivots, and drip tape. The operation also includes approximately 400 beef cows.

The water use calculations are based upon the irrigated acreage, livestock and crop types provided by William P. Douberly Jr. Crops include corn, peanuts, watermelon, sorghum and winter rye. The Average Daily Rate (ADR) of withdrawal will be 1.1691 mgd. The ADR equates to 31.1 inches of supplemental irrigation annually and an average of 15 gallons per day per head of cattle.

The project area includes eight active wells and one inactive well. Use of the wells will be for irrigation and livestock. The well inventory includes the following: one 2-inch well, two 4-inch wells, and six 10-inch wells. 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 number of livestock, crop types, and irrigated acres.

Water Conservation

The applicant has completed the Water Conservation worksheets for Center Pivot Irrigation, Livestock Watering, and Drip Irrigation Systems.

Harm Analysis

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.

Application Timeline

Staff recommended issuance of the modification at the December 13, 2011, Governing Board meeting. A petition requesting an Administrative Hearing was received on January 3, 2012. The Governing Board referred the petition to DOAH on January 10, 2012. The Executive Director issued the first temporary permit on February 2, 2012, with an expiration date of February 15, 2012. At the February 14, 2012 Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until March 14, 2012. At the March 13, 2012 Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until April 11, 2012.

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, (F.S.) 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.
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(4)(a)4., 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 2-97-00005M2.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. The Permittee shall submit a plan for monitoring groundwater withdrawals, at the Permittee's expense, within one year of issuance. This plan shall be implemented within one year after District approval. Reporting shall take place every three months and provided to the District on or before the fifteenth day of the following month.

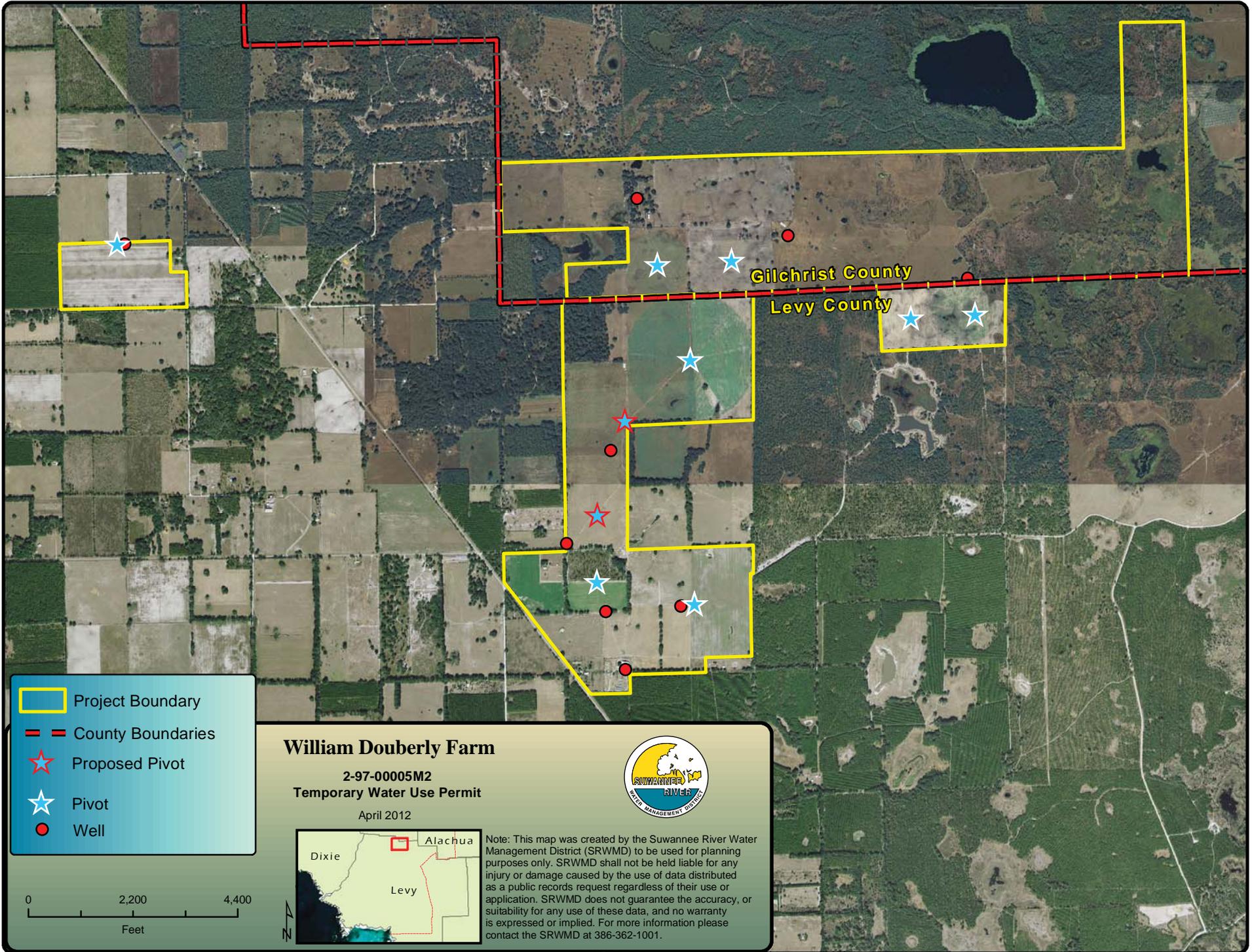
22. The issuance of this Temporary Water use Permit shall not in any way be construed as a commitment to issue a water use permit.

23. The permitted water withdrawal facilities are listed in the table on Attachment A.

24. This temporary permit shall expire on May 9, 2012.

Attachment A
2-97-00005M2
William Douberly Farm

Name	Status	Diameter	Capacity (gpm)	Water Use
Beauchamp Well	Active	10	600	Irrigation
Hay Barn Well	Active	10	1000	Irrigation
Cow Pen Well	Active	2	15	Livestock
Brock Well	Active	10	800	Irrigation
Money Pit Well	Inactive	10	400	Irrigation
Beasley Well	Active	10	1000	Irrigation
Johnson 120 Well	Active	10	1000	Irrigation
Campsite Well	Active	4	20	Livestock
Barn Well	Active	4	28	Livestock



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number
2-11-00040, Loncala Dairies, Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board extend Temporary Water Use Permit number 2-11-00040 until May 9, 2012, with seventeen standard conditions and eight special limiting conditions to Alliance Grazing Group in Gilchrist County.

BACKGROUND

The applicant requested a temporary permit on January 11, 2012, following the referral of the petition for administrative hearing to the Division of Administrative Hearings at the January 2012 Governing Board meeting. The Executive Director issued the first temporary permit on January 19, 2012, with an expiration date of February 15, 2012. At the February 14, 2012, Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until March 14, 2012. At the March 13, 2012, Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until April 11, 2012.

Section 373.244, Florida Statutes (F.S.), allows the District to issue temporary permits while the application is pending. It also notes that, if granted, temporary permits shall expire on the day following the next regular meeting of the Governing Board. Additionally, the Governing Board shall review temporary permits at each regular meeting and may terminate a temporary permit or refuse to extend it further upon a finding that the water use does not meet the criteria set forth in District rule 40B-2.441, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) that adverse effects are occurring as a result of water use under the temporary permit, or that the water authorized to be used under such permit is no longer required by the permit holder. If the Governing Board extends the term of a temporary permit for subsequent periods, the expiration date shall be on or before the day following the next regular meeting of the Governing Board.

Staff has determined that the temporary application is complete and satisfies the conditions for issuance in Chapter 40B-2, F.A.C., and Chapter 373, F.S.

KW/tm

March 22, 2012

Alliance Grazing Group
c/o Ron St. John
4951 NW 171st Street
Trenton, FL 32693

Subject: Approval of Temporary Water Use Permit Number
2-11-00040, Loncala Dairies, Gilchrist County

Dear Mr. St. John:

Suwannee River Water Management District (District) staff proposes to recommend that the Governing Board extend the above-mentioned temporary permit until May 9, 2012.

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

Please call permitting staff at 386.362.1001 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tim Sagul, P. E.
Senior Professional Engineer

TS/tm

Enclosure

Certified Mail Receipt Number: 7010 1060 0001 1350 1925

STAFF REPORT

TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT

DATE: March 22, 2012

PROJECT: Loncala Dairies

APPLICANT: Alliance Grazing Group
4951 NW 170th Street
Trenton, FL 32693

PERMIT APPLICATION NO.: 2-11-00040
DATE OF APPLICATION: September 15, 2011
APPLICATION COMPLETE: September 15, 2011

PARTNERS:

R & M AG ENTERPRISES LLC 4951 NW 170 th Street Trenton, FL 32693	PIEDMONT DAIRIES, INC. 569 Edgewood Avenue South Jacksonville, FL 32205
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MANAGER/MEMBER DETAIL: R & M AG ENTERPRISES LLC

Ronald St. John, Jr. 4951 NW 170 th Street Trenton, FL 32693	MGR
Marcia A St. John 4951 NW 170 th Street Trenton, FL 32693	MGR

MANAGER/MEMBER DETAIL: PIEDMONT DAIRIES, INC.

William A McArthur 569 Edgewood Avenue South Jacksonville, FL 32205	MGR
Charles N Hendrix 569 Edgewood Avenue South Jacksonville, FL 32205	MGR

	Previous Quantities:		Proposed Quantities:	
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	-	mgd	2.4541	mgd

Recommended Agency Action

Staff recommends extension of Temporary Water Use Permit 2-11-00040 for the establishment of a row crop operation within Gilchrist County. The permit will include seventeen standard conditions and eight special limiting conditions. The temporary permit will expire on May 9, 2012.

Project Review Staff

Kevin Wright, P.E.; Ronald Spencer; and Tim Sagul, P.E., have reviewed the application.

Project Location

The withdrawal facilities are located in Township 09 South, Range 16 East, Sections 09, 10, and 22 in Gilchrist County. The project is located within the Santa Fe River basin according to the USGS National Hydrography Dataset, Hydrologic Unit Code-8 sub basins.

Project Description

The project area consists of approximately 1,183 acres with approximately 976 acres being irrigated with 7 new center pivots supplied by groundwater. The applicant has applied to establish a row crop operation to support the other dairies associated with Alliance Grazing Group. The 7 pivots will have a crop rotation of spring corn, fall sorghum and winter cover crop.

The water use calculations are based upon the row crop irrigated acreage, crop rotation, and crop types provided by Alliance Grazing Group. All pivots will use the latest sprinkler packages. The Average Daily Rate (ADR) will be 2.4541 mgd. The ADR equates to 33.8 inches of supplemental irrigation annually. The temporary water use reflects a 1.3386 mgd reduction from the permit issued at the December 2011 Governing Board meeting. The reduction in permitted allocation is due to the dairy facilities not being constructed at this time.

The project will have 4 proposed irrigation wells. 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

Alliance Grazing Group has completed the water conservation worksheets for the center pivot irrigation systems.

Harm Analysis

Staff determined through the SRWMD North Florida Model, version 1.0 and the Intera Adaptation of USGS Peninsular Florida Groundwater Flow Model, January 2011, 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.

Application Timeline

Staff recommended issuance of a 20-year permit at the December 13, 2011, Governing Board meeting. A petition requesting an Administrative Hearing was received on January 3, 2012. The Governing Board referred the petition to DOAH on January 10, 2012. The Executive Director issued the first temporary permit on January 19, 2012, with an expiration date of February 15, 2012. At the February 14, 2012 Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until March 14, 2012. At the March 13, 2012 Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until April 11, 2012.

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, (F.S.) 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.
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(4)(a)4., 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 2-11-00040.

19. Consistent with condition nine, the Permittee shall mitigate harm to Waters Lake following notice from the District. Mitigation may include, but is not limited to reduction of withdrawals and relocation of wells.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. The issuance of this Temporary Water use Permit shall not in any way be construed as a commitment to issue a water use permit.

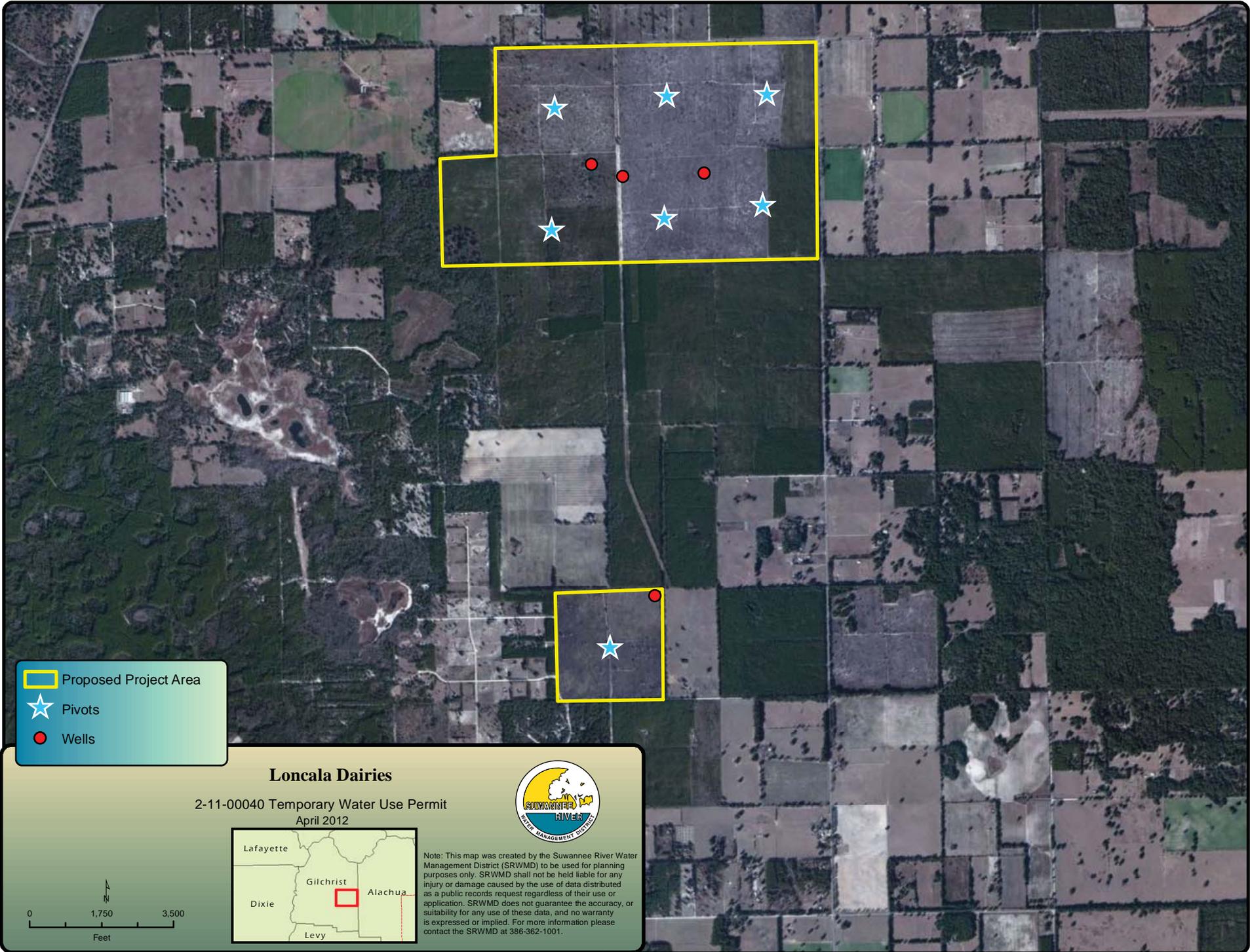
23. The permitted water withdrawal facilities are listed in the table on Attachment A.

24. This temporary permit shall expire on May 9, 2012.

25. The Permittee shall submit a plan for monitoring groundwater withdrawals, at the Permittee's expense, within one year of issuance. This plan shall be implemented within one year after District approval. Reporting shall take place every three months and provided to the District on or before the fifteenth day of the following month.

Attachment A
2-11-00040
Loncala Dairies

Name	Status	Diameter	Capacity (gpm)	Water Use
Well A	Proposed	12	1600	Irrigation
Well B	Proposed	12	1600	Irrigation
Well C	Proposed	12	2000	Irrigation
Well G	Proposed	8	800	Irrigation



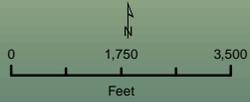
-  Proposed Project Area
-  Pivots
-  Wells

Loncala Dairies

2-11-00040 Temporary Water Use Permit
April 2012



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number
2-11-00041, Piedmont Dairy, Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board extend Temporary Water Use Permit number 2-11-00041 until May 9, 2012, with seventeen standard conditions and seven special limiting conditions to Piedmont Dairy, Inc., in Gilchrist County.

BACKGROUND

The applicant requested a temporary permit on January 11, 2012, following the referral of the petition for administrative hearing to the Division of Administrative Hearings at the January 2012 Governing Board meeting. The Executive Director issued the first temporary permit on January 19, 2012, with an expiration date of February 15, 2012. At the February 14, 2012, Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until March 14, 2012. At the March 13, 2012, Governing Board meeting, the Board reauthorized the temporary permit until April 11, 2012.

Section 373.244, Florida Statutes (F.S.) allows the District to issue temporary permits while the application is pending. It also notes that, if granted, temporary permits shall expire on the day following the next regular meeting of the Governing Board. Additionally, the Governing Board shall review temporary permits at each regular meeting and may terminate a temporary permit or refuse to extend it further upon a finding that the water use does not meet the criteria set forth in District rule 40B-2.441, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) that adverse effects are occurring as a result of water use under the temporary permit, or that the water authorized to be used under such permit is no longer required by the permit holder. If the Governing Board extends the term of a temporary permit for subsequent periods, the expiration date shall be on or before the day following the next regular meeting of the Governing Board.

Staff has determined that the temporary application is complete and satisfies the conditions for issuance in Chapter 40B-2, F.A.C., and Chapter 373, F.S.

KW/tm

March 22, 2012

Piedmont Farms, Inc.
569 Edgewood Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Subject: Approval of Temporary Water Use Permit Number
2-11-00041, Piedmont Dairy, Gilchrist County

Dear Mr. St. John:

Suwannee River Water Management District (District) staff proposes to recommend that the Governing Board extend the above-mentioned temporary permit until May 9, 2012.

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

Please call permitting staff at 386.362.1001 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tim Sagul, P. E.
Senior Professional Engineer

TS/tm

Enclosure

cc: Ron St. John (4951 NW 171st Street, Trenton, FL 32693)

Certified Mail Receipt Number: 7010 1060 0001 1350 1901

STAFF REPORT

TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT

DATE: March 22, 2012

PROJECT: Piedmont Dairy

APPLICANT: Piedmont Farms, Inc.
569 Edgewood Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32205

PERMIT APPLICATION NO.: 2-11-00041
DATE OF APPLICATION: September 15, 2011
APPLICATION COMPLETE: September 15, 2011

MANAGER/MEMBER DETAIL:

William A McArthur 569 Edgewood Ave. South Jacksonville, FL 32205	PD
Charles N Hendrix 569 Edgewood Ave. South Jacksonville, FL 32205	V
Ron St. John 4951 NW 170 th St Trenton, FL 32693	Agent

	Previous Quantities:		Proposed Quantities:	
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	1.7339*	mgd	2.6513	mgd

* Piedmont Farms, Inc., has elected to void its current permit (2-97-00077R*)

Recommended Agency Action

Staff recommends extension of Temporary Water Use Permit 2-11-00041 for the establishment of one new grazing dairy in conjunction with an existing dairy and associated irrigated acreage within Gilchrist County. Piedmont Farms, Inc. has elected to void its current permit (2-97-00077R) in order to consolidate both operations. The permit will include seventeen standard conditions and seven special limiting conditions. The temporary permit will expire on May 9, 2012.

Project Review Staff

Kevin Wright, P.E.; Ronald Spencer; and Tim Sagul, P.E., have reviewed the application.

Project Location

The withdrawal facilities are located in Township 09 South, Range 15 East, Sections 32, 33, and Township 10 South, Range 15 East, Sections 04, and 05 in Gilchrist County. The project is located within the lower Suwannee River basin according to the USGS National Hydrography Dataset, Hydrologic Unit Code-8 sub basins.

Project Description

The project area consists of approximately 1,967 acres with approximately 1,101 acres being irrigated with two existing center pivots and six new pivots supplied by groundwater and supplemented with wastewater. Piedmont Farms, Inc., will maintain the existing dairy and establish an additional grazing dairy within this property, milking approximately 2,880 cows with approximately 700 dry cows.

The water use calculations are based upon the provided irrigated acreage, crop rotation, crop types and livestock. All pivots will use the latest sprinkler packages. The Average Daily Rate (ADR) will be 2.6513 mgd. The ADR equates to 30.3 inches of supplemental irrigation annually (including cooling water) and an average of 46.8 gallons per day per head of cattle.

The project will have 6 existing wells and 4 proposed wells; seven wells for irrigation and three livestock wells. 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, irrigated acres, and number of livestock.

Water Conservation

Piedmont Dairy has completed the water conservation worksheets for center pivot irrigation and livestock.

Harm Analysis

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.

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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 2-11-00041.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. The issuance of this Temporary Water use Permit shall not in any way be construed as a commitment to issue a water use permit.

22. The permitted water withdrawal facilities are listed in the table on Attachment A.

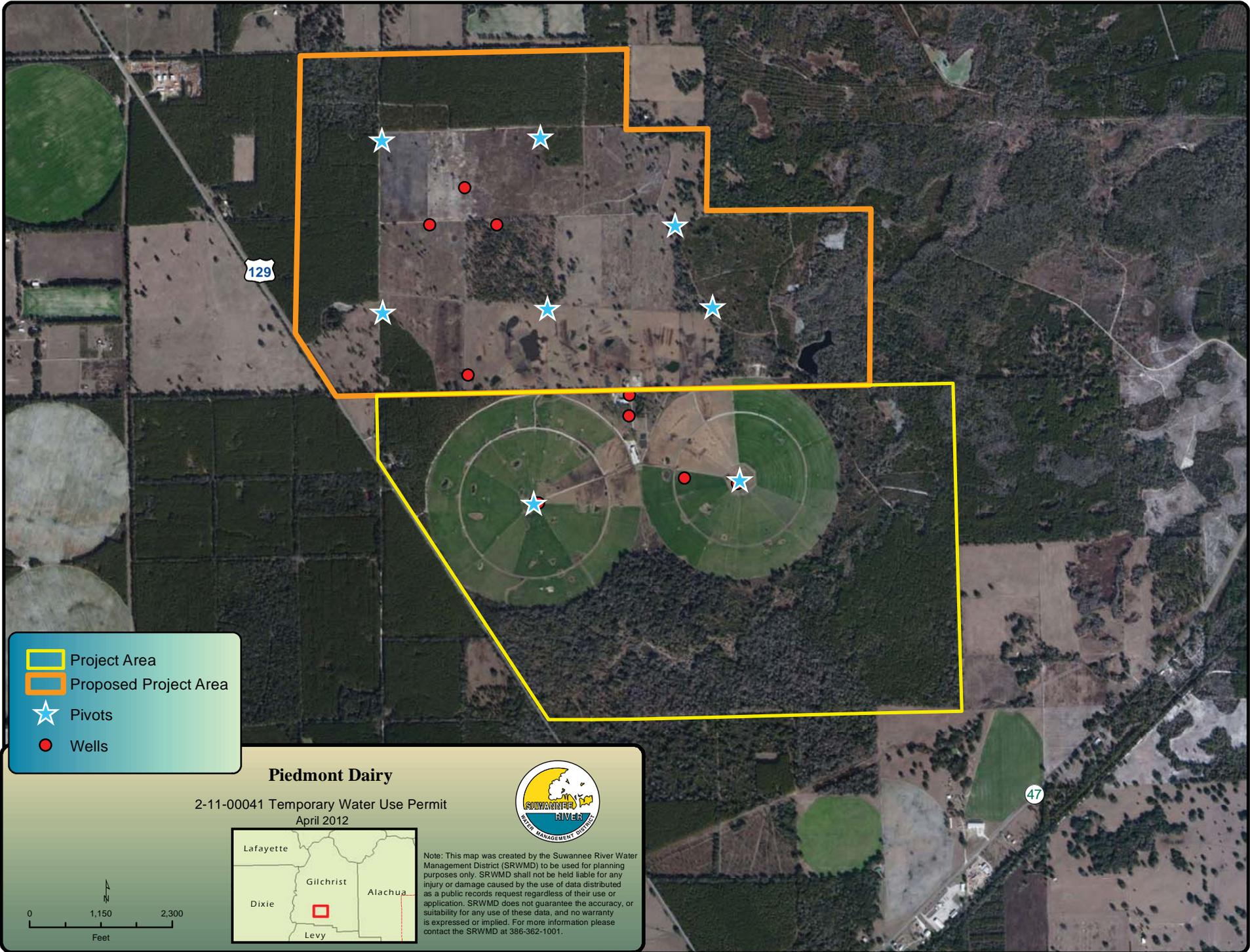
23. This temporary permit shall expire on May 9, 2012.

24. The Permittee shall submit a plan for monitoring groundwater withdrawals, at the Permittee's expense, within one year of issuance. This plan shall be implemented within one year after District approval. Reporting shall take place

every three months and provided to the District on or before the fifteenth day of the following month.

Attachment A
2-11-00041
Piedmont Dairy

Name	Status	Diameter	Capacity (gpm)	Water Use
No.1	Active	8	300	Livestock
No.3	Active	12	700	Irrigation
No.4	Active	8	400	Irrigation
No.5	Active	12	700	Irrigation
No.6	Active	8	400	Irrigation
Well A	Proposed	12	1600	Irrigation
Well B	Proposed	12	1600	Irrigation
Well C	Active	8	900	Irrigation
Well D	Proposed	8	400	Livestock
Well E	Proposed	8	400	Livestock



MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Carlos Herd, Senior Hydrogeologist
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Water Supply Program Activity Report

SRWMD/SJRWMD/DEP Interagency Agreement:

- Staff attended a meeting with SJRWMD staff to further review the revised hydrostratigraphic framework for the regional modeling efforts on March 15 at the SJRWMD office located in Palatka.

Water supply planning:

- Staff attended a meeting with SJRWMD staff to review the proposed North Florida Aquifer Replenishment Project at the SRWMD office in Live Oak on February 16.
- Staff attended, via teleconference, a Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) population and water demand subgroup meeting on February 21. Staff plans to continue to attend these meetings by teleconference to maintain a level of understanding of statewide population and water demand methodologies.
- Staff attended a meeting where SJRWMD staff presented the aquifer replenishment pilot test proposal to the Bradford County Manager on March 7 at the Bradford County Administration offices in Starke.
- Changes to the Interagency Agreement provide for the completion of a joint regional water supply plan between the SRWMD and SJRWMD.
- Staff continues to meet regularly with SJRWMD via conference calls to coordinate activities in the water supply planning and permitting processes.
- Staff worked with DEP and SJRWMD to charter a stakeholder committee for the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership. The initial public meeting for the Partnership was held on March 7, 2012 at the Alachua City Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Interstate coordination:

- The next Florida/Georgia coordination meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2012, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the Wiregrass Technical College located in Valdosta, Georgia. Dr. George Cole is planning to attend along with staff.

CH/dd

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Megan Wetherington, Senior Professional Engineer

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Water Resource Monitoring Program Activity Report

Staff collected water chemistry samples at 6 groundwater sites; recorded levels and maintained stations at 181 wells, 21 lakes, and 19 stream stations; and reported rainfall from 38 sites to the National Weather Service. Agricultural water use was monitored at 194 wells on 48 agricultural operations.

Duplicate water samples were sent to the SJRWMD laboratory for analysis in addition to the samples sent to the District's contracted laboratory as part of a pilot project to reduce costs, improve efficiency at both agencies, and share data. The test will be repeated in June. Technicians also collected split samples at their regular Alachua sites on behalf of Alachua County for nitrogen isotope analysis, eliminating the county's need to sample the sites separately.

Staff worked with DEP to identify six water quality monitor wells that were being sampled by both agencies. These sites were eliminated from the District's water quality network but will remain in our level network.

Installation of telemetry on wells and surfacewater gages continued, with 63 new sites installed to date. The automation of the network has allowed data collection to proceed with two fewer staff positions than a year ago.

Staff assisted SJRWMD well drillers to locate a new upper Floridan monitor well site on the District's Falling Creek property. The new site will be run in tandem with and eventually replace a nearby, long-term well on private property as part of efforts to secure the integrity of the network.

Thank you for your attention to this summary of current activities. Please feel free to contact staff prior to the April 10, 2012, Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

MW/dd

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: John Good, Chief Professional Engineer
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) Activity Report

The following information is aggregated by water body and organized by anticipated completion date. Budgets shown are for Work Orders issued to date and do not include anticipated monies.

Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers & Springs

- Final calibration of the HEC-RAS river model was completed on March 16th, and will be received as evidence of task completion with the next invoice from INTERA.
- Model production runs are planned for the latter half of March.
- Work orders for the data analysis and project report are under development.
- Work Order/Budget Status:

Status	Contractor / Vendor	Fiscal Year		Grand Total
		2011	2012	
Completed	Delta Surveying	\$44,749		\$44,749
	Janicki	\$7,000		\$7,000
	USGS	\$5,000		\$5,000
In-progress	BCI	\$1,154	\$25,574	\$26,728
	Intera	\$37,710	\$95,176	\$132,886
	Janicki	\$26,040	\$104,311	\$130,351
	TOTAL	\$121,653	\$225,061	\$346,714

Upper Suwannee River & Springs

- A surveying firm (AMEC) is under contract and began work on March 12th. The work is scheduled for completion within 60 days.
- A project is being proposed to sample water from White Sulphur Spring and Suwannee Spring. This work would be done by the USGS. A draft scope of work and cost are being developed. Water samples would be analyzed for their isotope chemistry to help determine the hydrogeologic source and age of this sulfur-laden water. This will help with placement of these springs in the correct geologic stratum of the District's North Florida Model (under revision), and thus provide more defensible MFL evaluations of the cause of impacts to these springs. At White Sulphur Spring this work may involve a cave diving

event (under a separate contract) to check access for equipment, ascertain sampling depth, and properly place a suction line, at depth, to allow water sample extraction in this typically dry spring.

- HSW Engineering has begun work on in-channel habitat assessments.
- Work Order Status:

Status	Contractor / Vendor	Fiscal Year		Grand Total
		2011	2012	
Completed	EAS	\$13,170	\$32,620	\$45,790
	J Sherman Frier	\$28,616	\$6,384	\$35,000
In-progress	AMEC Surveying		\$96,360	\$96,360
	HSW		\$87,900	\$87,900
	USGS		\$7,800	\$7,800
TOTAL		\$41,786	\$231,064	\$272,850

Lake Butler

- The initial field reconnaissance was completed on February 28th.
- The scope and cost for the remaining effort is expected on March 22nd.
- Completion expected by the end of October 2012.
- Work Order Status:

Status	Contractor / Vendor	Fiscal Year	
		2012	Grand Total
In-progress	Stantec	\$5,500	\$5,500
TOTAL		\$5,500	\$5,500

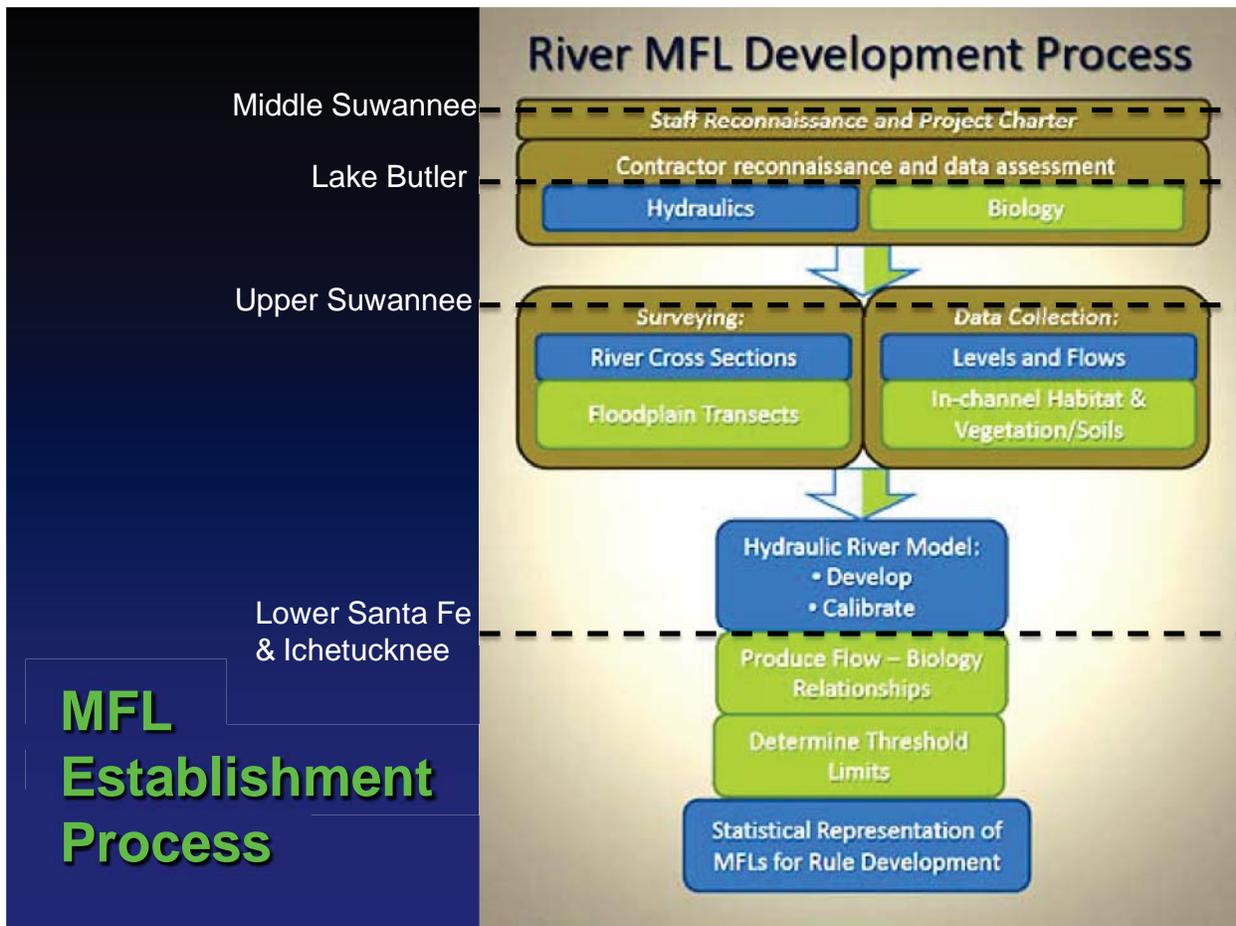
Middle Suwannee River & Springs

- The initial staff reconnaissance is underway. Ellaville to Luraville has been covered. No contracting expenses incurred.

Thank you for your attention to this summary of current activities. Please feel free to contact staff prior to the April 10, 2012, Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

JG/dd

Graphic showing status of water bodies in MFL process



MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
 FROM: Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer
 DATE: March 22, 2012
 RE: Regulatory Program Activity Report

Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) Activities **Permit Review**

The following table summarizes the environmental resource permitting activities during the month of February.

February 2012	Received				
Environmental Resource Permits	Noticed General	General	Individual	Exemption Requests	Extension Requests
	10	8	2	3	0
	Issued				
	Noticed General	General	Individual	Exemptions Granted	Extensions Granted
	11	7	1	3	0

The following Environmental Resource Permits were issued at Accelerated Permit Review (APR) level.

ERP Number	Project Name	County	Received	Issued
ERP99-0105M4	Columbia Grain Parking Area & Tank Pads	Columbia	3/5/12	3/7/12

Inspections and as-built certification

The following chart shows staff activity on projects that have been permitted.

		Under Construction	Operation & Maintenance*	Construction Inspections	As-Built Inspections
Permit Type	Issued			February 2012	February 2012
Exempt	39	18	21	3	0
Noticed General	473	375	98	1	1
General	280	202	78	6	4
Works of the District	105	52	53	1	1
Individual	43	31	12	8	0
Conceptual	3	2	1	0	0
TOTAL	943	680	263	19	6
PERCENT		72%	28%		

Water Use Permitting and Water Well Construction

The following table summarizes water use and water well construction permitting activities during the month of February.

February 2012	Received		Issued
Water Use Permits	21		19
Water Well Permits	156		156
Water well permits issued and received according to well use:			
Abandoned/destroyed	8	Livestock	1
Agricultural Irrigation	16	Monitor	24
Aquaculture	0	Nursery	1
Climate Control	0	Other	5
Fire Protection	0	Public Supply	3
Garden (Non Commercial)	0	Self-supplied Residential	96
Landscape Irrigation	2	Drainage or injection	0
Commercial or Industrial	0	Test	0

Rule development and adoption

The rulemaking schedule follows this report. Staff is participating in joint meetings and conference calls with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the other Water Management District's (WMD) to address any rule changes required as a result of the recent legislative session and as they relate to water use and environmental resource permitting consistency.

Staff Outreach

- Staff is working on a charter to implement the E-permitting process in cooperation with St. Johns River Water Management District. The Water Well construction portion will be implemented first with ERP and Water Use to follow. Testing for the water well construction portion began this month.
- Staff continued to coordinate with FDEP and water management districts on reclaimed water policy.
- Staff continues to meet with representatives from PCS Phosphate concerning an upcoming permit consolidation.
- Staff continues to attend the Columbia County and Suwannee County Catalyst Working Groups to discuss regulatory issues.
- Staff has scheduled a meeting with Todd Stevens of Holly Factory to discuss permit modification which may be presented at the June Governing Board meeting.
- Staff continues to participate in discussions on water use permitting consistency with FDEP and the other water management districts.
- Staff continues the process of locating all impoundments on the Dam Inventory List within the boundaries of the Suwannee River water Management District.

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

**Rulemaking Activity Report
Upcoming Rulemaking**

40B-1.706

Fee Schedule – 40B-2 Citations

GB Rule Dev. Auth.	9/14/10
Notice of Rule Dev.	11/4/11
GB Proposed Rule Auth.	9/14/10
Send to OFARR	3/15/11
Notice of Proposed Rule	3/9/12
Send to JAPC	3/1/12
Mail to DOS (tentative)	4/13/12
Effective Date (tentative)	5/6/12

40B-400.091

ERP Handbook

GB Rule Dev. Auth.	12/9/08
Notice of Rule Dev.	2/4/11
GB Proposed Rule Auth.	1/11/11
Send to OFARR	3/15/11
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Send to JAPC	
Mail to DOS (tentative)	
Effective Date (tentative)	

40B-2.301

Conditions of Issuance of Permits

Send to OFARR	6/29/11
Approved by OFARR	7/5/11
GB Rule Dev. Auth.	8/9/11
Notice of Rule Dev.	8/26/11
GB Proposed Rule Auth.	4/10/12
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Send to OFARR	
Send to JAPC	
Mail to DOS (tentative)	
Effective Date (tentative)	

40B-400.103

ERP Handbook

GB Rule Dev. Auth.	1/11/11
Notice of Rule Dev.	2/4/11
GB Proposed Rule Auth.	1/11/11
Send to OFARR	3/15/11
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Send to JAPC	
Mail to DOS (tentative)	
Effective Date (tentative)	

40B-2.301

Water Use Monitoring

Send to OFARR	
GB Rule Dev. Auth.	2/14/12
Notice of Rule Dev.	3/2/12
GB Proposed Rule Auth.	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Send to OFARR	
Send to JAPC	
Mail to DOS (tentative)	
Effective Date (tentative)	

40B-9.1381

Firearms

GB Rule Dev. Auth.	11/10/11
Notice of Rule Dev.	12/9/11
GB Proposed Rule Auth.	11/10/11
Send to OFARR	12/1/11
Send to Senate and House	12/1/11
Notice of Proposed Rule	3/2/12
Send to JAPC	12/1/11
Mail to DOS (tentative)	4/5/12
Effective Date (tentative)	4/26/12

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Hugh Thomas, Suwannee River Partnership Coordinator

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) Program Activity Report

Staff met with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and industry staff to discuss a new initiative called 3E; Environment, Energy, and Economics. This initiative would evaluate interest and feasibility in bioenergy production related to water quality and quantity.

Staff continues to meet with poultry producers to update poultry operation conservation plans under the Conservation Technical Assistance agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Partnership staff met with UF-IFAS and participating farmers for the USDA Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) program to discuss crop management for the upcoming year.

Planning was conducted with the FDEP staff to coordinate with farms selected for the Sod-Based Rotation Project.

Staff continues to work with the mobile irrigation lab (MIL) staff to coordinate producer evaluations. Additionally, staff has met with the MIL team to develop the costs related to retrofitting over 40 center pivot irrigation systems in the District.

SRP staff conducted presentations at local high schools and the University of Florida on springs protection, agriculture and water related issues.

Staff attended and presented at several agricultural commodity meetings related to water quality, water supply issues and related best management practices.

SRP staff continues to work with the Levy Soil and Water Conservation District to develop contracts with producers for the Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Sciences (FDACS) center pivot retrofit program whereby new nozzles, regulators, end guns, and other equipment as recommended by the MIL will be installed.

Staff continues to work with regulatory staff in assisting with water use permit renewals, modifications and new permits.

Partnership staff continues to conduct the University of Florida Public Issues Education Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources survey for which the results will be assessed later this year.

SRP staff met with District staff and several industry representatives including Farm Bureau, dairy, and poultry representatives to discuss the various components necessary to develop a water use monitoring and reporting program for the District.

Staff assisted the Natural Resources Conservation Service with conducting an outreach meeting for the Gulf of Mexico Initiative. Staff assisted producers with necessary applications to apply for conservation practices.

Staff continues to assist with resolving irrigation and other agriculture-related complaints.

Staff continues to visit farmers for enrollment in Best Management Practice (BMP) programs and to assist with BMP implementation assurance, BMP follow-up, sampling assistance, record keeping assistance, and other education. To date, staff has enrolled approximately 328 farms with signed FDACS Notices of Intent to implement BMPs on 176,000 acres. Of the 328 farms, 252 have received cost share as part of the SRP BMP Tools Program.

Based on record checks and the SRP Progressive Farms Program, fertilizer savings are 50 to 80 lbs/acre. Using a 50 pounds savings, this equates to 8,800,000 pounds (4,400 tons) less fertilizer being applied in the basin because of BMP implementation and use of BMP tools. Currently there are 29 farms awaiting cost share for BMP tools representing approximately 9,000 acres.

Thank you for your attention to this summary of current activities. Please feel free to contact staff prior to the April 10, 2012, Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

HT/dd

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager
DATE: March 22, 2012
SUBJECT: Land Management Activity Report

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Invasive Weed Control

During National Invasive Species Awareness Week (February 27 – March 4, 2012), the District's Environmental Scientist, Beau Willsey, collaborated with UF IFAS Extension staff on the presentation "Local Invasive Plants: ID and Control." The presentation was given at the Fort White Public Library on February 28. Other presenters were extension agents Derek Barber (Columbia County) and Barton Wilder (Alachua County).

Timber Sales

Status of timber sales currently underway is shown below:

Contract #	Timber Sale Name	Agent	Estimated Pine Tons	Harvest Completion
10/11-116	Jones Mill Creek #1	The Forestry Co.	29,690	31%
10/11-120	Ellaville #13	Florida Forest Service (FFS)	7,905	100%

The Ellaville Tract #13 Timber Sale was completed February 22, 2012, to the satisfaction of the Twin Rivers State Forest (TRSF) and District staff. This clearcut of 110 acres at TRSF was conducted by Suwannee Lumber Company. Roughly 7,900 tons of timber products were harvested for a sum of \$140,312 which was paid in full prior to harvest activities. In a letter to the District, TRSF staff indicated Suwannee Lumber Company was professional and conscientious in their work performance.

Prescribed Fire

Summary Table FY 2012

	2012 Target Acres	Acres Complete
SRWMD	14,000	2,289
FFS TRSF	2,000	481
TOTAL	16,000	2,770

Contractors conducting prescribed burns on Suwannee River Water Management District (District) lands this year include: Wildland Fire Services (WFS) and B&B Dugger, Inc., (B&BD). Also included are the acres Florida Forest Service burns on Twin Rivers State Forest (FFS TRSF). Florida Forest Service (FFS COOP) will

also provide a crew to burn acres on District tracts and Twin Rivers State Forest.

2012 Activity Table (2/14 - 3/7)

		WFS	B&BD	FFS COOP	FFS TRSF	Total Acres	Total Wildfire Acres
TRACT	COUNTY						
Adams	Lafayette	288				288	
Owens	Lafayette	125				125	
Ruth Springs	Lafayette	111				111	
Little River	Suwannee	349	0	0	0	349	
Black	Madison				69	69	
Ellaville	Madison				128	128	
Deese	Madison				44	44	
Westwood West	Hamilton				58	58	
<i>Sub-total for Period</i>		873	0	0	299	1,172	0
<i>Previous Acres Burned</i>		1,416	0	0	182	1,598	450
Total Acres		2,289	0	0	481	2,770	450

Burn Managers have started to conduct growing season burns over the past reporting period. Parts of the District have also received good amounts of rainfall which has helped relieve dry conditions and has provided a window of opportunity to burn more acres. Managers will continue looking for these opportunities as we continue through the growing season.

The Boggy Bennett and the L.A. Bennett wildfires in Mallory Swamp are still considered active by the Florida Forest Service (FFS). They are continuing to monitor these fires as needed. Even with the recent rains, organic (duff) soils continue to smolder and must be monitored to prevent these fires from re-igniting. When FFS officially declares these fires to be extinguished, fireline rehabilitation work can begin.

Meteorologists are forecasting La Niña conditions to continue into spring. This may continue to cause higher than normal temperatures and decreased precipitation. In turn, these conditions may continue to inhibit prescribed burning efforts until significant rainfall is received. A complete Florida Forest Service Fire Weather Outlook can be found online at www.floridaforestservice.com/fire_weather/forecast/seasonal_forecast.html.

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Approximately 200 miles of District boundaries are scheduled for posting and

marking this fiscal year. At present about 86.5 miles of boundary line painting and posting has been completed. A large portion of the project will be conducted after the hunting seasons are over by posting and painting tracts to be added into wildlife management areas next year.

Boundary marking completed this month is shown below:

129 Tract	1.8 miles
Falmouth Tract	4.5 miles
Santa Fe River Ranch Tract	5.3 miles

District staff and contractors are working on the following road improvements:

Little Shoals	0.37 miles of road repairs are complete.
Gar Pond	0.52 miles of road repairs are complete.
Swift Creek	0.12 miles of road repairs are complete.
Holton Creek	Through a partnership with FWC, in which FWC is supplying the materials, 0.15 miles of road issues are being repaired. This project is approximately 25% complete. Left over materials will be used to perform minor repairs along the “spine road” (road numbers 16-2 and 16-4) which is roughly 3.5 miles long.

PUBLIC RECREATION SERVICES

A total of 39 special use authorizations (SUA) were issued to individuals or groups in February: 35 recreation and 4 temporary ingress and egress.

Three commercial special use authorizations were issued. The University of Florida, School of Forest Resources was issued a SUA to use the Santa Fe River Ranch Tract as a field site for students to use their skill to develop management plans for the tract. Two SUAs were issued to kayak liveries—Kayak Cedar Keys and Wild Florida Adventures—to access the proposed kayak launch site on the Lukens Tract near Cedar Key.

District staff met with Columbia County staff for the annual Falling Creek Falls Park management meeting on February 9. A review of the park was conducted and it was found to be well managed with no issues. No progress has been made toward identifying those responsible for burning the tobacco barn.

District has been assisting four Boy Scouts with Eagle Scout Projects on the Holton Creek Tract this spring. The first project completed was with Seth Noyes of Boy Scout Troop 597. His project was to clear a 1.5 mile section of trail beside road 16-8. The other projects will consist of installing markings to identify loop trails.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Brian Kauffman, Senior Professional Engineer
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Water Resource Projects Program Activity Report

Edwards Road Bottomlands Wetlands Restoration Project, Bradford County

The agreement with the City of Starke was discussed during the city commission meeting on February 7, 2011. The commission requested additional information which is being prepared by staff and District attorney. Requested additional information was received from consultant on March 6, 2012, and it is being reviewed by staff. District attorney is adding language to the Starke agreement. The District plans to meet with City representatives in late March to discuss the requested information and agreement changes.

In addition, the District has received the appraisal for the back 14 acres of the KOA property. District staff is currently reviewing the appraisal.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Modernization and Risk MAP

Levy County: The appeals and protests resolutions will be delivered to the communities after FEMA's review is complete.

Fiscal Year 2009 projects: The appeal period for the Live Oak Detailed Study cannot begin until the Federal Register publishes the BFE notices. Legal Notices will also be posted twice in the local newspaper. The studies in Dixie, Gilchrist and Lafayette county are all progressing towards preliminary map production.

Fiscal Year 2010 projects: District staff is in the process of amending contracts with Atkins, AMEC, and AECOM to complete the Mapping Activity Statement that has been developed for the Lower Suwannee watershed.

Fiscal Year 2011 projects: District staff is in the process of amending contracts with Atkins and AMEC to begin the Upper Suwannee and Santa Fe rivers Risk Map Studies.

Lake Sampson Water Control Structure

Staff is reviewing the modeling results submitted by URS to determine if the new structure will increase the base flood elevation. A scope of work is being prepared to contract with AMEC to design the structure to meet permitting and FEMA requirements. A communications plan has been drafted in order to have cooperation and approval of the project's stakeholders.

Algal Turf Scrubber Pilot System at Boston Farm

IFAS submitted their final report on March 1, 2012. The algal turf scrubber system on the Santa Fe River at Boston Farm has been successfully demobilized. District staff conducted a final inspection at the Boston Farm site on February 29, 2012. Hydromentia submitted a Phase I proposal to the District to install an algal turf scrubber system on the Suwannee River. The District is evaluating the proposal.

Water Quality Compensatory Treatment

FDOT provided the District with \$46,640 for water quality compensatory treatment for the US 98 Bridge Replacement project over the Aucilla River as part of ERP10-0057. District staff has implemented water quality improvements at two of the District's river access locations on the Mt. Gilead Tract and one location at the Cabbage Grove tract. Restoration included the regrading and stabilization at these locations to prevent further erosion into the river and to relocate parking away from the river bank. The projects also included vegetative improvements at each site. The work is complete and will be monitored by staff.

Bell Springs Restoration

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has applied for grant money to restore the Bell Springs' spring run on District land in Columbia County. In late March 2012, FWC will hear if the grant was approved for this project. FWC has requested project management assistance from the District. A meeting was held on February 8, 2012, with the original owner to discuss the history of the spring.

Home Depot/Cannon Creek Wetland Mitigation

District staff met with Columbia County on February 28, 2012, to discuss mitigation for the Home Depot and Cannon Creek sites in Lake City. District staff has prepared a draft agreement with Columbia County to outline the responsibilities of each entity as it relates to the mitigation of wetlands at these sites. A meeting was held with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to discuss the mitigation project on January 26, 2012, and a follow up meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012. The ACOE agreed to provide their evaluation of the wetland impacts to the District by this meeting. District staff is exploring mitigation alternatives within the Cannon Creek Basin and the Santa Fe River watershed.

Water Conservation Program

District staff hosted a meeting for all School Superintendents on February 2, 2012, to discuss a water conservation cost share program for area schools. Representatives from Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, and Suwannee County schools attended. The Florida Rural Water Association (FWRA) and District staff outlined details of the program. Currently, Columbia, Alachua, Gilchrist and Suwannee counties have agreed to participate in the program. FWRA will provide an audit of the school's water use and provide water conservation recommendations. The schools will be responsible for implementing the

conservation measures and the district will provide cost share funding for materials up to \$10,000. The audits are scheduled for March and April so the schools can implement the projects during the summer.

The District has also asked the FRWA to help evaluate water conservation opportunities with ten municipal water utilities and one county government (Gilchrist). The utilities were selected based on total water used and the largest per capita consumption. A contract has been executed with FRWA for the audit services.

District Headquarters Reuse Program

The District is in the process of connecting to the City of Live Oak's reuse supply line. The city has installed a meter and staff is reviewing costs to disconnect our potable water source (well) and connect the reuse water into the existing irrigation system. This will remove the need for potable water in the irrigation system.

Big Bend Water Authority

In July 2011 the Governing Board agreed to provide \$250,000 towards the cost of connecting existing homes and businesses to the new centralized wastewater system being designed for the town of Steinhatchee. The authority has obtained all other funding for the project and is now ready to formalize an agreement with the district. Staff has drafted an interlocal agreement for the project and it is currently being review by the district's attorney. Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2012.

Minimum Flows and Levels Survey Contract

On February 27, the Governing Board approved staff's recommendation to contract with AMEC to survey the upper Suwannee River for a cost not to exceed \$96,359. Dr. George Cole and staff met with the surveyors on March 8 to review their proposed survey procedures and standards for this project. A contract was executed on March 9, 2012, and the survey crews began work on March 12, 2012. According to the contract the survey will be completed by May 15, 2012.

Please feel free to contact staff prior to the April 10, 2012, Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

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CE06-0058	LEVY	8/2/2006	4/1/2012	Unpermitted construction.	Douglas McKoy	Permit denial was removed from May 2010 Governing Board agenda. Spoke with engineer 8/2/10; information received. 11/1/10; engineer stated the response submittal was in the mail. 1/3/11; RAI response received. 1/25/11; RAI sent. Response due 4/24/11. 4/21/11; received a 30 day extension request. Extension granted until 6/2/11. 6/8/11; received RAI information. Reviewed submittal and sent another RAI. 8/5/11; received RAI response. 9/2/11; RAI sent with 45 days to respond. Meeting 9/22/11; working on revising mitigation plan. As of 11/16/11, no response received. 12/6/11; emailed respondent for status update. January 2012 Board for denial & enforcement proceedings. 1/4/12; received additional information concerning the wetland mitigation plan. 1/9/12; received environmental audit. Governing Board granted Respondent 60 days to complete the application.	Webster, Patrick
CE10-0016	JEFFERSON	2/9/2010	4/15/2012	Unpermitted construction.	Judy Miller	11/29/10; Compliance Agreement mailed. 12/6/10; received signed agreement. 12/9/10; returned executed agreement. 1/14/11; RAI sent. 3/21/11; received fee, penalty check for \$2,305.65 and RAI material. 4/8/11; permit issued. Staff to monitor Compliance Agreement stipulations. 9/12/11; letter sent. 18 days to complete construction & 30 days to submit as-builts. 9/22/11; received extension request to complete construction until 12/31/11. Staff declined request. November 2011 Board for initiation of legal action to enforce the terms of the compliance agreement. 11/8/11; Board put this item on hold until 12/31/11 to see if Respondent could complete work & resolve violation. 01/31/12; email from surveyor informing District that the as-built certification is pending an agreement regarding a minor modification to plans. 2/13/12; earthwork and stabilization are complete. 3/15/12; received as-builts & survey. Staff to inspect by 4/15/12.	Mantini, Louis

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CE10-0026	COLUMBIA	4/20/2010		Unpermitted construction.	Sam Oosterhoudt-Lake City Developers, LLC.	4/20/10; SWO delivered. 4/26/10; NOV sent. 5/21/10; file sent to legal. 5/26/10; Engineer has been hired. Legal action on hold. No contact since 5/26/10. 7/26/10; received ERP application. 8/11/10; sent RAI. 11/15/10; sent 18 day letter sent. 1/11/11; extension letter sent. 2/4/11: meeting with Respondent. 2/25/11; Compliance Agreement (CA) sent to Respondent for signature. 3/14/11; signed & executed CA sent to Respondent. 5/18/11; received administrative cost & partial penalty. 5/31/11; final payment not received. Respondent has defaulted on CA. June 2011 Board for initiation of legal action. Board directed legal to contact Respondent. 7/12/11; Board contacted Respondent. As of 8/5/11; no information received. August 2011 Board for initiation of legal action. 8/8/11; paid balance of penalties, submitted application fee & as-builts. 8/8/11; close file. 9/12/11; file reopened. 9/1/11; surety check returned for stop payment. 10/4/11; 14 days to pay for returned check.10/18/11; no payment received. November 2011 Board for revocation of permit and initiation of legal action. 11/8/11; Board deferred action until December 2011 meeting. 11/8/11; received Letter of Credit for legal review. Presenting at January 2012 Board for revocation of permit & enforcement proceedings. 1/10/12; Respondent called and stated he would fix the issues. Enforcement action placed on hold. 2/1/12; staff coordinating with Respondent for on-site meeting.	Marshall, Leroy
CE11-0031	TAYLOR	6/6/2011	3/31/2012	No as-builts.	Fred Shore - Gulf Breeze Partners, LLC.	20 days to contact District. 06/17/11; received call from Respondent. 7/13/11; on-site meeting. Respondent proposes to modify the permit to correct the deficiencies. 09/13/11; sent e-mail sent requesting update. 10/13/11; call from Engineer; as-built to be submitted by 10/31/11. 10/27/11; call from engineer. Owners will not modify permit at present. Owners will submit corrected as-builts on or before 11/15/11. The delay is due to survey problems. 11/21/11; telephone conversation with engineer to discuss as-built drawings. Initial as-built review indicates detention ponds are not adequate. At engineer and owners request, extended deadline until 12/27/11. 01/05/12; call with engineer and owner. As builts are completed and engineer is updating project drawings to bring permit into compliance. Staff will determine if permit modification is required upon receipt of final plans. Final plans to be submitted by 03/31/12.	Bowden, Jerry

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CE12-0002	LAFAYETTE	1/4/2012	4/2/2012	Unpermitted fill in floodway.	Mrs. Chris Mahn	20 days to contact District. I spoke with Mrs. Mahn on 2/1/12 and she said she waiting on her survey. Mrs. Mahn called on 2/6/12 and stated she would try to have everthing in by 2/29/12. 3/2/12; received survey. Started pending ERP file (12-0030).	Robinson, Vince
CE12-0006	HAMILTON	2/16/2012	4/11/2012	Unpermitted excavation & fill in wetlands.	Alfred J. Johnson	20 days to contact District. No response as of 3/13/12, District staff currently working with Mr. Johnson's contractor to correct the wetland violations. See CE12-0005.	Mantini, Louis
CE12-0007	BRADFORD	2/3/2012	4/11/2012	Unpermitted excavation & fill in wetlands.	Michael VanZant	20 days to contact District. Mr. VanZant contacted District by 02/27/12. On-site meeting was conducted on 03/02/12, with Mr. VanZant. Mr. VanZant was explained the nature of his dredge-and-fill violation(s), and a correspondence is forthcoming in outlining the compliance process.	Mantini, Louis
CE12-0004	ALACHUA	2/14/2012	4/12/2012	Unpermitted fill in wetlands.	Gary Yelvington/Yelvington on Distribution Center	20 days to contact District. District was contacted in the prescribed period and has been in contact with the Yelvington's environmental consultant, Ecosystem Research Corporation (ERC). ERC has been delineating wetland boundaires and assiting Eng Denman & associates with an alternative site plan that will involve fill removal from wetlands. A revised site plan is anticipated by 4/12/12.	Mantini, Louis
CE12-0005	HAMILTON	2/16/2012	4/11/2012	Unpermitted clearing & fill in wetlands.	Everal B. Allen	20 days to contact District. Mr. Allen and his contractor (Eduardo Bravo, 239.825.1388) called on 02/27/12 to discuss the District's concerns. Meeting scheduled for 03/02/12, pending contact from Mr. Johnson (CE12-0006). A meeting was conducted with Mr. Allen and his agricultural consultant, Eduardo Bravo of AgMart, on 03/02/12. Mr.Allen and Mr. Bravo were instructed on fill removal from wetlands on Mr. Allen's and Mr. Johnson's property (CE12-0006); and both were informed that an unpermitted culvert crossing on Mr. Allen's property would need to be permitted through the ERP process. An official correspondence will be mailed reiterating what was discussed during the meeting.	Mantini, Louis

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CE10-0042	UNION	10/10/2010	5/28/2012	Unpermitted construction.	John Rimes, III - New River Forest Villas	04/04/11; information received. 5/11/11; letter sent; 30 days submit compliance deadline. 05/26/11; engineer had been hired on behalf of the Town & will comply with the District. 6/29/11; staff met on-site to review the site. Engineers to propose a phased approach to permit application in order. The engineers sent a contract proposal on 7/1/11, and Mr. Rimes to meet with the City 7/6/11. 7/26/11; letter received stating that engineer had been hired and resolution should be reached soon. 9/22/11; meeting with Worthington Springs.10/5/11; sent letter to Respondent 30 days to submit ERP application & supporting documentation. 11/4/11; received ERP application. 11/30/11; RAI sent. An extension for RAI response was granted, per request until 5/28/12.	Mantini, Louis
CE11-0005	BRADFORD	2/24/2011	4/11/2012	Unpermitted dredge & fill in wetlands.	Jacob Hake	20 days to contact District. Mr. Hake contacted the District on 2/26/11 and a site visit conducted on 3/11/11 with staff. Draft Compliance Agreement delivered 4/1/11. Meeting 4/8/11 to discuss agreement. A field visit with FPL was conducted downstream on 05/31/11; and upstream issues were addressed regarding DuPont properties and stormwater management. Meeting 6/24/11 to discuss watershed. Meeting 7/1/11 with County to determine ditch maintenance. Site visit conducted on 9/14/11 identifying current source of flooding concerns as DuPont - Staff to follow-up with another discussion with DuPont and site visit by 10/12/11. 10/20/11; updated compliance agreement mailed. 10/24/11; received returned (refused) certified compliance agreements. Compliance Agreement re-sent on 10/31/11 by first class mail. Staff inspected on 11/25/11, and remedial actions have not been performed which consist of restoring a berm adjacent to the ditch that traverses the property and drains towards the west. Presented at January 2012 Board for approval of enforcement proceedings. Received signed CA agreement 1/19/12. Enforcement placed on hold. Staff to inspect by 4/11/12.	Mantini, Louis

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CE11-0007	GILCHRIST	2/9/2011	4/15/2012	Unpermitted structure in floodway.	Richard & Rebecca Tenaglia	20 days to contact District. Received WOD application 3/2/11. 3/30/11; sent RAI. District staff met with Mr. Tenaglia on 4/8/11 to discuss draft compliance agreement (CA).CA mailed for signature 4/13/11. RAI mailed 4/15/11. CA returned unclaimed 5/2/11. 5/2/11; remailed regular mail per Respondent's request. CA received by Respondent but Respondent cannot return it at this time. 9/20/11; sent letter requesting return of CA by 10/11/11. 10/7/11; received mail from Mr. Tenaglia stating sudden health issues.10/28/11; sent email extending his execution of the compliance agreement to 11/30/11. Met with the Tenaglia's on 1/26/12. Will call Gilchrist County to see what they will require. She wants to apply for a variance. There should be a rough draft by 3/1/12. Staff is reviewing preliminary variance request. Final draft should be ready by 4/15/12.	Robinson, Vince
CE11-0010	GILCHRIST	3/17/2011	4/15/2012	Unpermitted development.	Richard Roberts	20 days to contact District. 3/22/11: Compliance Agreement being prepared & RAI sent. Mr. Roberts contacted the District on 3/22/11. Compliance Agreement received by Mr. Roberts on 3/21/11. 4/5/11; meeting at District. Executed the compliance agreement and paid penalty. 4/11/11; mailed executed Compliance Agreement. Conducted site inspection on 4/15/11, fill was removed and regraded but large mounds of cleared vegetation must still be removed from the floodway. RAI responses received on 4/21/11. Permit issued 4/28/11. Owner has requested a burn permit to burn vegetative piles. Has not been able to burn because of drought conditions. 7/19/11; Respondent came in and reported that he will work on burning the vegetative debris. Site visit 8/18/11 & 9/1/11. 9/7/11; letter sent. 45 days to remove vegetation debris. 10/7/11; Mr. Roberts informed District that due to health conditions, he has stopped debris removal. As of 1/17/12, Mr. Roberts has been given clearance to do some light work activity. He has been slowly working on removing the piles. Staff will keep monitoring his progress and reinspect by 4/15/12.	Webster, Patrick

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CE11-0019	COLUMBIA	3/24/2011		Erosion & sediment control issues.	Palmer Daughtry - Emerald Cove Subdivision	21 days to contact District. Developer contacted the District within the allotted time and has scheduled a meeting for 6/22/11. At the 6/22/11 meeting, the developer agreed to request Columbia County take over operation and maintenance since he is no longer financially capable of providing such services. 8/23/11; letter sent stating 18 days to transfer to O&M to County or complete corrective action. 9/14/11; letter sent informing Mr. Daughtry staff is referring to Governing Board for initiation of legal proceedings. Staff to work with Columbia County to resolve maintenance issues.	Link, James
CE11-0036	TAYLOR	8/24/2011	4/8/2012	Unpermitted construction.	Oscar M. Howard, III/RT 207 Properties/Iron Horse Mud Ranch	Site visit 9/7/11. 9/13/11; NOV sent. 20 days to contact District. 9/16/11; received fax. Staff awaiting RAI response to proceed with Compliance Agreement. 1/27/12; sent 18 day letter. 2/10/12; requested 15 additional days to send RAI response. 3/8/12; received RAI information. Staff preparing Compliance Agreement.	Mantini, Louis