

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

April 10, 2012
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to Order
2. Chairman Introductions
3. Roll Call
4. Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda
5. Action Items
Approval of Agenda
6. Items Recommended on Consent
 - MS Page 1 – Approval of February Financial Report
 - WSRM Page 21 - Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-97-00005M2, William Douberly Farm, Gilchrist and Levy Counties
 - WSRM Page 30 – Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-11-00040, Loncala Dairies, Gilchrist County
 - WSRM Page 39 - Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-11-00041, Piedmont Farms, Inc., Gilchrist County
7. Approval of Recommended Consent Items
8. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2012 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes and March 26, 2012 Intermediate Meeting Minutes
9. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

- A. Presentation of Hydrologic Conditions by Megan Wetherington, Senior Professional Engineer
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - 1. St. Johns River Water Management District: Pilot Study Presentation
- C. Public Comment

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION SUPPORT
Melanie Roberts, Director

Action Items

- MS Page 1 10. Approval of February Financial Report – **Recommended Consent**

- MS Page 5 11. Approval of Governing Board Directive No. 12-0001 – Procedures for Implementation of the Education Reimbursement Program and Authorization to Terminate and Close Out Prior Education Reimbursement Program

- MS Page 10 12. Approval of Governing Board Directive No. 12-0002 – Procedures for Implementation of Fraud Prevention Process

- MS Page 15 13. Resolution 2012-06 Requesting Authorization to Accept Donation of the John and Marthann Outland Conservation Easement, 5 Acres +/-, Jefferson and Madison Counties

- MS Page 23 14. Detailed Assessment of the George and Sharon Nyman/Suwannee River Oaks Parcel in Gilchrist County

- MS Page 28 15. Detailed Assessment of the J.T. Bridges/Azure Properties, LLC, Property in Hamilton County

Informational Item

- MS Page 33 16. Activity Report, Mission Support

- MS Page 34 17. Activity Report, Real Estate

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Jon Dinges, Director

Action Items

- WSRM Page 1 18. Black Tract #4 License to Cut Timber

- WSRM Page 3 19. Steinhatchee Springs #10 License to Cut Timber
- WSRM Page 5 20. Contract with Florida Forest Service/Andrews Nursery for Longleaf Seedling Production
- WSRM Page 6 21. Contract with The Forestry Company for Mechanical Vegetation Management
- WSRM Page 8 22. Chemical Application Services, Non-native, Invasive Weed Control at the Tyree and Lake Rowell Tracks
- WSRM Page 10 23. Chemical Application Services, Non-native, Invasive Weed at the Santa Fe Swamp Tract
- WSRM Page 12 24. Authorization to Increase Expenditure Authority for Master Contracts with Selected Minimum Flows and Levels Consultants
- WSRM Page 14 25. Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) FY 2012 Suwannee Farms Nitrogen and Phosphorous Budget Project Funding Request, Contract Number 09/10-060
- WSRM Page 16 26. Rulemaking for 40B-2.301, Florida Administrative Code
- WSRM Page 21 27. Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-97-00005M2, William Douberly Farm, Gilchrist and Levy Counties – **Recommended Consent**
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Informational Items

30. Water Supply and Resource Management Activity Reports
- WSRM Page 49 A. Water Supply
- WSRM Page 50 B. Water Resource Monitoring
- WSRM Page 51 C. Minimum Flows and Levels
- WSRM Page 54 D. Regulatory
- WSRM Page 57 E. Suwannee River Partnership
- WSRM Page 59 F. Land Management

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL
Tom Reeves

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Informational Items

31. Governing Board Counsel Monthly Report (to be provided prior to Governing Board meeting)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
David Still, Executive Director

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Informational Items

32. Executive Director's Report
33. Executive Office Activity Report
34. Announcements

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida

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| April 10, 2012 | 9:00 a.m. | Board Meeting Workshop |
| May 8, 2012 | 9:00 a.m. | Board Meeting Workshop |
| June 12, 2012 | 9:00 a.m. | Board Meeting Workshop |
| July 10, 2012 | 9:00 a.m. | Board Meeting Workshop |

****Board Workshops immediately follow Board Meetings unless otherwise noted.**

35. Adjournment

The entire meeting of the Governing Board is a public hearing and will be governed accordingly. The Governing Board may take action on any item listed on the agenda. The Governing Board may make changes to the printed agenda only for good cause shown as determined by the Chairman and stated for the record. If any person decides to appeal any decision with respect to any action considered at the above referenced meeting and hearing, such person may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made to include testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made. Public attendance and participation at the District Governing Board Meetings are encouraged.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
March 13, 2012

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Live Oak, Florida

Governing Board:

| Seat | Name | Office | Present | Not Present |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Aucilla Basin | George M. Cole, Ph.D. | | X | |
| Coastal River Basin | Donald Ray Curtis, III | Secretary/ Treasurer | X | |
| Lower Suwannee River Basin | Don Quincey, Jr. | Chairman | X | |
| Santa Fe & Waccasassa Basins | Kevin W. Brown | | X | |
| Upper Suwannee River Basin | Alphonas Alexander | Vice Chairman | X | |
| At Large | Heath Davis | | X | |
| At Large | Virginia H. Johns | | X | |
| At Large | Carl Meece | | X | |
| At Large | Guy N. Williams | | X | |

Governing Board General Counsel

| Name | Firm | Present | Not Present |
|------------------|--|----------------|--------------------|
| George T. Reeves | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A. | X | |

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*Staff:

| Position | Name | Present | Not Present |
|---|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Executive Director | David Still | | X |
| Assistant Executive Director | Charlie Houder | X | |
| Governmental Affairs Director | Steve Minnis | X | |
| Department Director, Mission Support | Melanie Roberts | X | |
| Department Director, Water Supply & Resource Management | Jon Dinges | X | |
| Senior Professional Engineer | Megan Wetherington | X | |
| GB Coordinator – Paralegal | Linda Welch | X | |

Guests:

- Tim Sagul, SRWMD
- Kevin Wright, SRWMD
- Hugh Thomas, SRWMD
- Vanessa Fultz, SRWMD
- Carlos Herd, SRWMD
- Terry Demott, SRWMD
- Brian Kauffman, SRWMD
- Bob Heeke, SRWMD
- Cindy Johnson, SRWMD
- Tilda Musgrove, SRWMD
- Robin Lamm, SRWMD
- Glenn Horvath, SRWMD
- Dan Buchanan, Florida Farm Bureau, Pinetta
- Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau, Lake City
- Staci Braswell, Florida Farm Bureau, Gainesville
- Scott Johns, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Lake City
- Rolando Garcia, FWC, Lake City
- Ann Shortelle, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee
- Ronnie Poole, Poole Realty, Live Oak
- Kellie Shirah, Poole Realty, Live Oak
- Renate and Barney Cannon, Chiefland
- Jeffrey Hill, El Rancho No Tengo, Lake City
- Craig Varn, Manson Law Group, Tampa
- Warren Zwanka, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka
- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, Fort White
- Cathy Street, Our Santa Fe River, Fort White

Annette Long, Save Our Suwannee, Chiefland
Misty Ward, Suwannee Democrat
Donald Rich, Georgia Tech Foundation, Quitman, GA
G. P. and R. C. Eunice, Lake City
Catherine B. Gramatzia, Trenton
Jean Wonser, Trenton
Jim Lloyd, Branford
Steve Gladin, Trenton
Lee Chauncey, Live Oak
David Ward

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Swearing in of New Board Member and Roll Call. Tom Reeves, Legal Counsel, administered the oath of office and thereby swore in newly appointed Governing Board member Ms. Virginia H. Johns.

The roll was called and a quorum noted.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda.

- Agenda Item No. 9 was corrected to read Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2012 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes and February 27, 2012 Intermediate Meeting Minutes.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Agenda.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS READ. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 7 – Consent Agenda.

- Agenda Item 10 - Approval of the January Financial Report
- Agenda Item 25 - Denial of Individual Environmental Resource Permit Application Number ERP09-0070, Pine Plantation Subdivision, Bradford County
- Agenda Item 26 – Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-11-00040, Loncala Dairies, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 27 – Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-11-00041, Piedmont Farms, Inc., Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 28 - Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-97-00005M2, William Douberly Farm, Gilchrist and Levy Counties

Agenda Item No. 8 – Approval of Recommended Consent Items.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS READ. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 9– Approval of February 14, 2012 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes and February 27, 2012 Intermediate Meeting Minutes.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 14, 2012 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES AND FEBRUARY 27, 2012 INTERMEDIATE MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 10 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. Megan Wetherington gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 1. Ann Shortelle, Ph.D., with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection was recognized by the Chairman.
- C. Public Comment
 1. Ms. Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, addressed the Governing Board requesting consideration of a moratorium of water use

- permits. Ms. Malwitz-Jipson gave a handout to the Governing Board, and this handout is filed in the permanent files of the District.
2. Ms. Jean Wonser addressed the Governing Board regarding water use.
 3. Ms. Catherine B. Gramatzia addressed the Governing Board regarding water use.
 4. Mr. Lee Chauncey addressed the Governing Board regarding water use.
 5. Mrs. Renate Cannon addressed the Governing Board regarding the March 7, 2012 meeting in Alachua.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION SUPPORT

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of January Financial Report. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Water Conservation Month Proclamation. Melanie Roberts, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board declare April 2012 as Water Conservation Month, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO DECLARE APRIL 2012 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 13 – Declaration of Surplus Lands – Cabbage Grove. Terry Demott, Program Leader, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board declare the Cabbage Grove parcel in Taylor County as surplus and no longer needed for conservation purposes. In addition, the Governing Board authorized staff to conduct an appraisal on the property, contract with a qualified real estate broker for marketing the property and to contract with a qualified surveyor if the need arises to prepare legal descriptions, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO DECLARE THE CABBAGE GROVE PARCEL IN TAYLOR COUNTY AS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES, AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO CONDUCT AN APPRAISAL ON THE PROPERTY, CONTRACT WITH A QUALIFIED REAL ESTATE BROKER FOR MARKETING THE PROPERTY AND TO CONTRACT WITH A QUALIFIED SURVEYOR IF THE NEED ARISES TO PREPARE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS

SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 14 – Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and to Commence Negotiations for an Exchange of Lands – Ellaville and Mill Creek South. Mr. Demott presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization to commence detailed assessment and negotiations for an exchange of properties in Madison County, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMENCEMENT OF A DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PROPERTIES IN MADISON COUNTY, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of Land Sale without Reservation of Mineral and Petroleum Interests. Mr. Demott presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval of the sale of the 45-acre Bay Creek South surplus tract located in Columbia County to Phil and Ruby Eunice without reserving mineral and petroleum interests, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE 45-ACRE BAY CREEK SOUTH SURPLUS TRACT LOCATED IN COLUMBIA COUNTY TO PHIL AND RUBY EUNICE WITHOUT RESERVING MINERAL AND PETROLEUM INTERESTS, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 16 – Information Concerning the Sale of the 68-acre ± Adams South Surplus Land Tract to Michael and Freda Shaw. Mr. Demott presented this item as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 - Selection of Contractors within the Boundaries of the District. Melanie Roberts presented this item as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Activity Report, Mission Support. The Activity Report for the Department of Mission Support was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Activity Report, Real Estate. The Activity Report for Real Estate was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Additional public comment was received by the following:

1. Ms. Annette Long, Save Our Suwannee, addressed the Governing Board water use permit monitoring.
2. Mr. Jim Lloyd addressed the Governing Board regarding water use.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 20 – Renewal of Contract with Bonnell & Sons Forestry Service, LLC for FY2013 Tree Planting Services. Bob Heeke, Program Leader, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to contract number 10/11-135 with Bonnell & Sons Forestry Service, LLC, for tree planting services for an amount not to exceed \$30,000, as shown in the Board materials.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NUMBER 10/11-135 WITH BONNELL & SONS FORESTRY SERVICE, LLC, FOR TREE PLANTING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BROWN. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 21 – Contract with Progressive Solutions, Inc. for Chemical Application Services for Pine Tree Seedling Establishment. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Progressive Solutions, LLC, for banded application of chemical herbicides for an amount not to exceed \$48,700, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. ALEXANDER MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PROGRESSIVE SOLUTIONS,

LLC, FOR BANDED APPLICATION OF CHEMICAL HERBICIDES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,700, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 22 – Contract with ATS Partners, LLC for Upland Pine Forest Groundcover Restoration. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with ATS Partners, LLC, for upland pine forest groundcover restoration for an amount not to exceed \$73,010, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. ALEXANDER MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ATS PARTNERS, LLC, FOR UPLAND PINE FOREST GROUNDCOVER RESTORATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,010, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 23 - Agreement with Friends of Suwannee Springs, Inc. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a memorandum of understanding with Friends of Suwannee Springs, Inc., as shown in the Board materials.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRIENDS OF SUWANNEE SPRINGS, INC., AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 24 – North Florida Southeast Georgia Regional Groundwater Model Services. Carlos Herd, Program Leader, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with INTERA, Inc., to assist the District with development of the North Florida

Southeast Georgia Regional Groundwater Flow Model for an amount not to exceed \$35,000, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INTERA, INC., TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT WITH DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH FLORIDA SOUTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 25 – Denial of Individual Environmental Resource Permit Application Number ERP09-0070, Pine Plantation Subdivision, Bradford County. This item was approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-11-00040, Loncala Dairies, Gilchrist County. This item was approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-11-00041, Piedmont Farms, Inc., Gilchrist County. This item was approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-97-00005M2, William Douberly Farm, Gilchrist and Levy Counties. This item was approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Approval of Water Use Permit Application Number 2-03-00003M, Oak Grove Dairy, Inc., Lafayette and Dixie Counties. Tim Sagul, Program Leader, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve a modification to Water Use Permit number 2-03-00003M, with seventeen standard conditions and six special limiting conditions to Oak Grove Dairy, Inc., in Lafayette and Dixie counties, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION TO WATER USE PERMIT NUMBER 2-03-00003M, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SIX SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS TO OAK GROVE DAIRY, INC., IN LAFAYETTE AND DIXIE COUNTIES, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BROWN. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR:

ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY,
AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 30 - Activity Reports. The Water Supply, Water Resource Monitoring, Regulatory, Suwannee River Partnership, Compliance Report, and Land Management Activity Reports were provided as informational items in the Board materials.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 31 – Governing Board Counsel Monthly Report. The Governing Board Counsel Monthly Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Mrs. Cannon addressed the Governing Board regarding the aforementioned temporary water use permits.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 32 - Executive Director's Report.
None.

Agenda Item No. 33 - Executive Office Activity Report. The Executive Office Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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| Lower Suwannee River Basin | Don Quincey, Jr. | Chairman | X | |
| Santa Fe & Waccasassa Basins | Kevin W. Brown | | | X |
| Upper Suwannee River Basin | Alphonas Alexander | Vice Chairman | X | |
| At Large | Heath Davis | | X | |
| At Large | Virginia H. Johns | | X | |
| At Large | Carl Meece | | X | |
| At Large | Guy N. Williams | | X | |

Governing Board General Counsel

| Name | Firm | Present | Not Present |
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| George T. Reeves | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A. | X | |

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| Executive Director | David Still | | X |
| Assistant Executive Director | Charlie Houder | X | |
| Governmental Affairs Director | Steve Minnis | X | |
| Department Director, Mission Support | Melanie Roberts | X | |
| Department Director, Water Supply & Resource Management | Jon Dinges | X | |
| GB Coordinator – Paralegal | Linda Welch | X | |

Guests:

- Vanessa Fultz, SRWMD
- Cindy Johnson, SRWMD
- Hugh Thomas, SRWMD
- Tim Sagul, SRWMD
- John Good, SRWMD
- Bob Heeke, SRWMD
- Glenn Horvath, SRWMD
- Terry Demott, SRWMD
- Carlos Herd, SRWMD
- Brian Kauffman, SRWMD
- Megan Wetherington, SRWMD
- Jon Wood, SRWMD
- Lisa Cheshire, SRWMD
- George Hochmuth, University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Gainesville
- Kenneth Hall, Suwannee Farms, Live Oak
- Ann Shortelle, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee
- Staci Braswell, Florida Farm Bureau, Gainesville
- Renate and Barney Cannon, Chiefland
- Craig Varn, Manson Law Group, Tampa
- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, Fort White
- Annette Long, Save Our Suwannee, Chiefland
- Misty Ward, Suwannee Democrat, Live Oak

Mr. Quincey began the workshop by discussing the Executive Director selection and schedule. Mr. Quincey appointed the following Governing Board members to the

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Executive Director Selection Committee: Mr. Quincey serving as Chair, Dr. Cole, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Meece.

Hugh Thomas, Kenneth Hall, and George Hochmuth, Ph.D., gave a presentation regarding an agreement between the District and the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services relating to Suwannee Farms nitrogen and phosphorus budgets. Mr. Meece requested a possible workshop and tour at Suwannee Farms, and Mr. Hall agreed to such a workshop and tour in the future.

Steve Minnis gave a legislative summary, including legislative actions and a proposed Upper Suwannee River legislative educational tour on June 7 and 8.

Bob Heeke gave a presentation to the Governing Board about a hunting lease pilot project.

Jon Dinges gave an update of the status of agricultural water use reporting and monitoring.

John Good gave a presentation regarding minimum flows and levels.

The workshop adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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1:00 p.m., Monday
March 26, 2012

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| Coastal River Basin | Donald Ray Curtis, III | Secretary/ Treasurer | X* | |
| Lower Suwannee River Basin | Don Quincey, Jr. | Chairman | X | |
| Santa Fe & Waccasassa Basins | Kevin W. Brown | | | X |
| Upper Suwannee River Basin | Alphonas Alexander | Vice Chairman | X | |
| At Large | Heath Davis | | | X |
| At Large | Virginia H. Johns | | X | |
| At Large | Carl Meece | | X* | |
| At Large | Guy N. Williams | | X | |

***Present by telephone.**

Governing Board General Counsel

| Name | Firm | Present | Not Present |
|------------------|--|----------------|--------------------|
| George T. Reeves | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A. | X | |

Staff:

| Position | Name | Present | Not Present |
|---|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Executive Director | David Still | | X |
| Assistant Executive Director | Charlie Houder | X | |
| Governmental Affairs Director | Steve Minnis | X | |
| Department Director, Mission Support | Melanie Roberts | X | |
| Department Director, Water Supply & Resource Management | Jon Dinges | X | |
| GB Coordinator – Paralegal | Linda Welch | X | |

Guests:

Lisa Cheshire, SRWMD
Terry Demott, SRWMD
Tim Sagul, SRWMD
Kevin Wright, SRWMD
George Reynolds, Branford

Roll was called and the meeting was called to order and a quorum was noted at 1:05 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of Agenda.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 4 – Disposition of Petition Requesting an Administrative Hearing Regarding Water Use Permit Number 2-11-00063, Richard Douglas Farm, Gilchrist County. Mr. Quincey presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board dismiss the petition requesting an administrative hearing regarding Water Use Permit number 2-11-00063, Richard Douglas Farm, Gilchrist County, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. ALEXANDER MADE A MOTION TO DISMISS THE PETITION REQUESTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING REGARDING WATER USE PERMIT NUMBER 2-11-00063, RICHARD DOUGLAS FARM, GILCHRIST COUNTY, AS SHOWN IN

THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 5 – Proposed Settlement Agreement Regarding Water Use Permit Application Number 2-11-00040, Loncala Dairies, Gilchrist County, Administrative Hearing Request. Mr. Quincey presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the proposed settlement agreement and authorize the withdrawal of Motions for Sanctions, regarding Water Use Permit 2-11-00040, Loncala Dairies, Gilchrist County, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS FOR SANCTIONS, REGARDING WATER USE PERMIT 2-11-00040, LONCALA DAIRIES, GILCHRIST COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. IT WAS NOTED BY MR. REEVES THAT THERE IS ONE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REPRESENTING AGENDA ITEMS 5 AND 6 OF THE MARCH 26, 2012 SRWMD GOVERNING BOARD INTERMEDIATE MEETING AGENDA. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 6 – Proposed Settlement Agreement Regarding Water Use Permit Application Number 2-11-00041, Piedmont Dairies, Gilchrist County, Administrative Hearing Request. Mr. Quincey presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the proposed settlement agreement and authorize the withdrawal of Motions for Sanctions, regarding Water Use Permit 2-11-00041, Piedmont Dairy, Gilchrist County, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS FOR SANCTIONS, REGARDING WATER USE PERMIT 2-11-00041, PIEDMONT DAIRY, GILCHRIST COUNTY, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. IT WAS NOTED BY MR. REEVES THAT THERE IS ONE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REPRESENTING AGENDA ITEMS 5 AND 6 OF THE MARCH 26, 2012 SRWMD GOVERNING BOARD INTERMEDIATE MEETING AGENDA. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN

FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 7 – Approval of Land Sale without Reservation of Mineral and Petroleum Interests – Withlacoochee Quail Farm. Mr. Quincey presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the sale of the 65-acre Withlacoochee Quail Farm surplus tract in Madison County to James D. Kauffman without reserving mineral and petroleum interests, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE 65-ACRE WITHLACOOCHEE QUAIL FARM SURPLUS TRACT IN MADISON COUNTY TO JAMES D. KAUFFMAN WITHOUT RESERVING MINERAL AND PETROLEUM INTERESTS, AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD MATERIALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 8 – Executive Director Selection. This was provided as an informational item to the Governing Board.

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Suwannee River Water Management District

Governing Board Materials

Mission Support

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

Director of Mission Support

Assistant Executive Director

Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Melanie Roberts, Director of Mission Support
DATE: March 21, 2012
RE: Approval of February 2012 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the February 2012 Financial Report and confirm the expenditures of the District.

BACKGROUND

Chapter 373.553(1), F.S., authorizes the delegation of authority by the Governing Board to the Executive Director to disburse District funds, providing certification is made to the Board at the next regular meeting that such disbursement is proper, in order, and within budgetary limits. In compliance with the statutory provisions in Chapter 373, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District has directed staff to prepare a Financial Report in the manner presented.

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Non-Operating Budget | |
| Acquisition | \$7,207,820 |
| Future Contractual | \$7,304,408 |
| R. O. Ranch Reserves | \$3,810,000 |
| Land Management Reserves | \$5,000,000 |
| Operating Reserves | \$2,760,000 |
| Total | \$26,082,228 |
| | |
| Operating Budget | \$21,307,361 |
| | |
| Total FY 2012 Budget | \$47,389,589 |
| | |
| Total FY 2012 Expenditures | \$4,186,209 |
| | |
| Percent of Operating Budget | 20% |

If you have any questions about this recommendation or if you would like any further information regarding the District's financial transactions, please contact me.

MONTHLY STATUS OF FY 2011/2012 BUDGET EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
THROUGH 02/29/12

Water Supply & Resource Management

| Description | Budgeted | Expenditures to Date | % Expenditures Used | Balance |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 516 Salaries & Benefits | \$3,183,888 | \$1,067,950 | 34% | \$2,115,938 |
| 540 Other Personal Services | 148,000 | 28,682 | 19% | 119,318 |
| 580 Legal Services | 153,200 | 27,600 | 18% | 125,600 |
| 585 Audit Services | 0 | 1,000 | n/a | -1,000 |
| 586 Contractual Services | 17,750,747 | 1,211,731 | 7% | 16,539,016 |
| 590 Pmt. in Lieu of Taxes | 365,000 | 0 | 0% | 365,000 |
| 605 Printing & Binding | 13,400 | 252 | 2% | 13,148 |
| 606 Publication of Notices | 16,600 | 850 | 5% | 15,750 |
| 621 Meetings | 4,700 | 0 | 0% | 4,700 |
| 622 Registrations & Training | 35,850 | 5,144 | 14% | 30,706 |
| 626 Travel Expenses | 32,500 | 1,943 | 6% | 30,557 |
| 627 Utilities | 10,000 | 931 | 9% | 9,069 |
| 628 Communications | 0 | 365 | n/a | -365 |
| 631 Equipment Maintenance | 9,400 | 391 | 4% | 9,009 |
| 690 Other Contractual Services | 8,400 | 0 | 0% | 8,400 |
| 701 Field Supplies | 714,900 | 301,073 | 42% | 413,827 |
| 703 Computer Supplies | 5,350 | 110 | 2% | 5,240 |
| 705 Maps & Aerials | 1,500 | 0 | 0% | 1,500 |
| 706 Books & Documents | 3,200 | 47 | 1% | 3,153 |
| 715 Photographic Supplies | 1,850 | 0 | 0% | 1,850 |
| 740 Office Support Equipment | 5,100 | 0 | 0% | 5,100 |
| 790 Other Commodities | 2,400 | 0 | 0% | 2,400 |
| 801 Computer Software | 8,700 | 810 | 9% | 7,890 |
| 802 Equipment Rental | 5,750 | 1,634 | 28% | 4,116 |
| 809 Fees & Permits | 16,000 | 123 | 1% | 15,877 |
| 903 Office Equipment | 3,000 | 0 | 0% | 3,000 |
| 905 Mobile Equipment | 24,000 | 0 | 0% | 24,000 |
| 906 Computer Equipment | 8,000 | 0 | 0% | 8,000 |
| 907 Lab & Field Equipment | 31,000 | 0 | 0% | 31,000 |
| 930 Interagency Expenditures | 1,444,300 | 172,912 | 12% | 1,271,388 |
| 960 Reserves | 8,810,000 | 0 | 0% | 8,810,000 |
| TOTAL | \$32,816,735 | \$2,823,548 | 9% | \$29,993,187 |

MONTHLY STATUS OF FY 2011/2012 BUDGET EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
THROUGH 02/29/12

Executive Office

| Description | Budgeted | Expenditures to Date | % Expenditures Used | Balance |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 516 Salaries & Benefits | \$489,133 | \$198,680 | 41% | \$290,453 |
| 580 Legal Services | 55,000 | 13,446 | 24% | 41,554 |
| 586 Contractual Services | 28,000 | 8,663 | 31% | 19,337 |
| 605 Printing & Binding | 1,000 | 0 | 0% | 1,000 |
| 621 Meetings | 500 | 0 | 0% | 500 |
| 622 Registrations & Training | 6,525 | 1,450 | 22% | 5,075 |
| 626 Travel Expenses | 27,750 | 9,782 | 35% | 17,968 |
| 650 Promotions | 13,500 | 3,699 | 27% | 9,801 |
| 706 Books & Documents | 2,000 | 793 | 40% | 1,207 |
| 715 Photographic Supplies | 350 | 120 | 34% | 230 |
| 930 Interagency Expenditures | 5,000 | 2,250 | 45% | 2,750 |
| 960 Reserves | 2,760,000 | 0 | 0% | 2,760,000 |
| TOTAL | \$3,388,758 | \$238,883 | 7% | \$3,149,875 |

MONTHLY STATUS OF FY 2011/2012 BUDGET EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
THROUGH 02/29/12

Mission Support

| Description | Budgeted | Expenditures to | | Balance |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Date | % Expenditures Used | |
| 516 Salaries & Benefits | \$1,863,076 | \$606,911 | 33% | \$1,256,165 |
| 564 Property Appraiser | 210,000 | 75,831 | 36% | 134,169 |
| 579 Tax Collector | 125,000 | 63,034 | 50% | 61,966 |
| 580 Legal Services | 46,800 | 9,991 | 21% | 36,809 |
| 585 Audit Services | 35,000 | 28,604 | 82% | 6,396 |
| 586 Contractual Services | 605,500 | 67,084 | 11% | 538,416 |
| 605 Printing & Binding | 25,500 | 95 | 0% | 25,405 |
| 606 Publication of Notices | 15,000 | 808 | 5% | 14,192 |
| 607 Postage | 25,000 | 7,025 | 28% | 17,975 |
| 621 Meetings | 1,000 | 0 | 0% | 1,000 |
| 622 Registrations & Training | 38,000 | 7,493 | 20% | 30,507 |
| 626 Travel Expenses | 24,000 | 2,378 | 10% | 21,622 |
| 627 Utilities | 70,000 | 20,426 | 29% | 49,574 |
| 628 Communications | 150,000 | 48,374 | 32% | 101,626 |
| 629 Facilities Maintenance | 75,000 | 13,565 | 18% | 61,435 |
| 630 Vehicle Maintenance | 75,000 | 25,873 | 34% | 49,127 |
| 631 Equipment Maintenance | 27,000 | 3,429 | 13% | 23,571 |
| 690 Other Contractual Services | 2,500 | 22 | 1% | 2,478 |
| 701 Field Supplies | 10,000 | 926 | 9% | 9,074 |
| 702 Office Supplies | 41,000 | 10,669 | 26% | 30,331 |
| 703 Computer Supplies | 26,000 | 7,638 | 29% | 18,362 |
| 704 Fuel & Lubricants | 70,000 | 24,325 | 35% | 45,675 |
| 705 Maps & Aerials | 2,000 | 0 | 0% | 2,000 |
| 706 Books & Documents | 7,600 | 237 | 3% | 7,363 |
| 740 Office Support Equipment | 6,000 | 2,007 | 33% | 3,993 |
| 790 Other Commodities | 3,000 | 258 | 9% | 2,742 |
| 801 Computer Software | 86,800 | 2,777 | 3% | 84,023 |
| 802 Equipment Rental | 50,000 | 20,404 | 41% | 29,596 |
| 804 Workers Comp. Insurance | 25,000 | 11,116 | 44% | 13,884 |
| 805 Property & Casualty Insurance | 60,000 | 48,969 | 82% | 11,031 |
| 809 Fees & Permits | 500 | 175 | 35% | 325 |
| 903 Office Equipment | 17,000 | 0 | 0% | 17,000 |
| 906 Computer Equipment | 110,000 | 11,359 | 10% | 98,641 |
| 907 Lab & Field Equipment | 25,000 | 1,975 | 8% | 23,025 |
| 920 Land Acquisition | 7,207,820 | 0 | 0% | 7,207,820 |
| 930 Interagency Expenditures | 23,000 | 0 | 0% | 23,000 |
| TOTAL | \$11,184,096 | \$1,123,778 | 10% | \$10,060,318 |
| DISTRICT TOTAL | \$47,389,589 | \$4,186,209 | 9% | \$43,203,380 |

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Melanie Roberts, Director of Mission Support

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Approval of Governing Board Directive No. 12-0001 – Procedures for Implementation of the Education Reimbursement Program and Authorization to Terminate and Close Out Prior Education Reimbursement Program

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Governing Board Directive No. 12-0001 to provide procedures for implementation of a new Education Reimbursement Program for District staff. Staff also requests approval to expend up to \$10,500 in reimbursement payments to close out prior Education Reimbursement Program.

BACKGROUND

The District recognizes that knowledge and skill is vital to staff's performance in achieving the District's mission. Staff is encouraged to gain knowledge and skill sets in their areas of District responsibility. The District acknowledges that in order to gain this knowledge, there are times when staff need college level training. This is accomplished through an Education Reimbursement Program which is a practice common to all five water management districts and the State of Florida.

The District currently has an Education Reimbursement program. Under the current program:

- There are no limits on annual or lifetime costs.
- Staff are only reimbursed for one-half of their costs at the completion of the college class.

- Staff are required to work one year from the receipt of degree to be compensated for the remaining half of their costs.

Governing Board Directive No. 12-0001 provides guidelines to establish a new program for college based education. The specifics listed in Directive No. 12-0001 are consistent with the practices of the other water management Districts and were developed to meet the requirements of the Governor's consistency efforts. The Department of Environmental Protection is tasked with review of all points of consistency including the Education Reimbursement Program and will provide comments on all consistency issues by mid summer.

Staff requests approval to:

- Close out the current Education Reimbursement program including the reimbursement of the remaining one-half owed to staff enrolled in the program. This reimbursement is for an amount not-to-exceed \$10,500.
- Implement the new Education Reimbursement program as listed in Governing Board Directive No. 12-0001 which provides guidelines that are more consistent with the other water management districts and will prove to be more advantageous to the District.

As always, all District programs are contingent on availability of funding. At any time, the District Governing Board may suspend this directive.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE

Policy Number: GBD12-0001

Date Approved: April 10, 2012

Subject: Education Reimbursement Program

Approval: _____
Don Quincey, Chairman

Ray Curtis, Secretary



1.0 Reference to Prior Policy

None

2.0 Purpose and Intent

To establish guidelines and procedures for the implementation of a college education reimbursement program for District employees.

3.0 Definitions

- a) Associate degree – the equivalent of the first 60 semester hours of college study
- b) Education reimbursement – payment in dollars and cents to an employee for expenses incurred for college coursework.
- c) Expenses – tuition, fees, lab fees and books.
- d) Graduate studies – line of study where a student has received a bachelor's degree and is seeking a master or doctorate degree.
- e) Procedures Manual – set of detailed instructions for staff to follow in performing their tasks, executing their responsibilities, and conducting business for the District.
- f) Undergraduate – line of study where a student has not received a bachelor's degree.

4.0 **Elements of Directive**

This directive establishes a program encouraging employees in authorized positions to enhance their knowledge, skills and abilities by participating in college level education courses while continuing to support the work of the District. The college level education courses or the resulting degree must be linked to the mission of the District and the employee's current job or future career with the District.

1. All approvals for participation in the Education Reimbursement program must be approved by the Executive Director prior to enrollment in any college class.
2. The detailed processes, including proper documentation, for staff to follow for implementation and participation in this program will be included in the District's Procedures Manual.
3. College-level education courses shall be taken at an institution that is accredited by a nationally recognized association.
4. College-level education courses are available to employees upon their first day of employment.
5. All education reimbursement activities will occur on an employee's own time. They must not interfere with the employee's normal work.
6. An employee may be reimbursed up to \$3,500 per year for college level education expenses.
7. An employee has a lifetime benefit of \$35,000 under this program.
8. Reimbursement of tuition hourly rates shall not exceed local Florida public community college and university rates. Tuition hourly rates shall be based on the closest college or university in proximity to District that offers that degree. Until an Associate degree is earned, the highest rate of tuition per the closest local public community college will be used. After an Associate degree is achieved, the highest rate per the closest local public university offering the requested degree will be used.
9. An employee must achieve a grade of "C" or above in undergraduate studies to be eligible for reimbursement.

10. An employee must achieve a grade of “B” or above in graduate studies to be eligible for reimbursement.
11. Reimbursement in full will be made to employee upon submission of proper documentation as detailed in the District’s Procedures Manual and approval by Department Director.
12. This program is contingent on available funding. The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District may suspend this program at any time.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Melanie Roberts, Director of Mission Support
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Approval of Governing Board Directive No. 12-0002 for Implementation of a Fraud Prevention Process

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Governing Board Directive No. 12-0002 to provide procedures for implementation of a fraud prevention process.

BACKGROUND

The District recognizes that the potential of fraud is always a risk, in the private sector as well as the public sector. In the past, District staff have informally observed and addressed areas as they were identified that could be at risk for fraud. However, the District does not have a formal written policy.

District staff desire to have a set of processes and procedures that will help define what fraud is as well as implementation of measures to aid in preventing possible acts of fraud. Staff anticipate this process being reviewed annually with the District's auditor and Governing Board.

Governing Board Directive No. 12-0002 will provide guidelines for staff to develop detailed procedures for implementation of a fraud prevention process.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE

Policy Number: GBD12-0002

Date Approved: April 10, 2012

Subject: Fraud Prevention

Approval: _____
Don Quincey, Chairman

Ray Curtis, Secretary



1.0 Reference to Prior Policy

None

2.0 Purpose and Intent

To establish guidelines and procedures for preventing, deterring and detecting fraud.

3.0 Definitions

1. Finance staff – District staff that over see the financial aspects of the District, namely the District’s accountant and supporting staff.
2. Fraud – wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. Under this directive, the District will consider fraudulent actions to include, but not be limited to:
 1. Any dishonest or misleading act.
 2. Misappropriation of funds, supplies or other assets.
 3. Impropriety in the handling or reporting of money or financial transactions.
 4. Disclosing confidential and proprietary information to outside parties.
 5. Providing inappropriate authorizations or forged authorizations.
 6. Misrepresenting unfinished work as being completed.
 7. Altering documentation, providing untruthful statements or withholding information during the investigation of a case or irregularity.
 8. Seeking or accepting anything of material value from contractors, vendors or providers of services or materials to the District.

9. Destruction, removal or inappropriate use of District records, furniture, fixtures and equipment.
10. Any similar or related action.
3. Management: Staff that acts in a supervisory role.

4.0 Elements of Directive

Scope:

In order to establish a method of identifying and assessing fraud risk and when possible, developing ways to reduce the risk, the District's Governing Board and staff accept the responsibility of designing and implementing effective systems and procedures for preventing, deterring and detecting fraud. It is the intent of District to promote consistent organizational behavior by providing guidelines and assigning responsibility for assessing fraud risk, developing controls and conducting any necessary investigations.

This directive applies to any irregularity, suspected or real, involving employees, board members, consultants, vendors, providers, contractors, outside agencies and any other parties with a business relationship to District. While irregularities do not prove fraudulent acts have occurred, they are often indicators that policies are not being followed and therefore, all reported irregularities will be investigated. Any investigative activity required will be conducted without regard to the suspected wrongdoer's length of service, position, title or relationship to District.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The District shall include the following entities with roles and responsibilities in implementing a fraud prevention process.

1. Governing Board – Role is mainly that of fraud risk oversight and fraud deterrent. Responsibilities shall include:
 - a. Evaluation of management's identification of fraud risks,
 - b. Implementation of prevention measures, and
 - c. Review of District's plan for managing fraud risk.
2. Finance Staff – Role is fraud risk oversight. Responsibilities include:
 - a. Assessing District's efforts to reduce fraud risk.
 - b. Reviewing any irregularities and reporting findings of review to management.
 - c. Assisting in the evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls.
3. Independent Auditor – Addresses the oversight role by:
 - a. Assessing the fraud risk prevention processes and procedures.
 - b. Reporting findings from the review of the fraud risk prevention processes and procedures to District Governing Board and staff.
4. Management – Role is fraud risk assessment and anti-fraud controls implementation. Responsibilities include:

- a. Assessing fraud risks within the District.
- b. Providing input on the plan to manage fraud risk.
- c. Implementing appropriate anti-fraud programs to reduce the identified fraud risks.
- d. Evaluating the effectiveness of internal controls.

Fraud Prevention Procedures and Processes:

Fraud prevention procedures and processes shall be developed, maintained, and included in the District's Procedures manual.

All entities listed under "Roles and Responsibilities" shall review annually (at a minimum) the District's Fraud Prevention Procedures and Processes. All additions or updates (whether they are a result of this review or because changes are needed prior to the annual review) to these procedures and processes shall be implemented in a timely fashion.

The District's Fraud Prevention Procedures and Processes shall:

1. Identify risk areas.

Management will meet annually (at a minimum) to identify and assess fraud risks that the District may encounter. Each meeting shall consider: the manner in which we conduct business, the organizations we conduct business with, the services we provide, review of internal controls, review of procedures and processes, the manner in which departments interact with each other, regulation, and technology.

2. Develop controls for each risk area.

For each fraud risk identified, a new or adjusted internal control procedure will be developed with a plan for implementation. The control shall list the risk area, the responsible staff member for oversight of that risk area, and the specific controls that need to be implemented to aid in preventing fraud in this risk area.

3. Implement controls for each risk area.

Any new or adjusted controls shall be implemented as soon as possible. All affected staff shall be given adequate training on the new controls as well as an explanation on the need for the procedure.

4. Monitor the implementation of controls.

Management staff of each risk area shall monitor the progress of control implementation. They are responsible for verifying and documenting that the new controls are being utilized.

5. Evaluate the effectiveness of controls.

Management, Finance staff, and Independent Auditor will all assist in evaluating the effectiveness of internal controls. This review may coincide with the Independent Auditor's annual financial review. The Independent Auditor shall report his findings to staff and Governing Board.

6. Provide a method for response to fraud or reported irregularities.

Staff shall develop and maintain a method of response to any suspicions of fraud. Suspicions shall be reported to management and management shall ensure that investigation of such suspicion is handled adequately and timely. All investigations shall be documented and kept in the District's Central Files.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Resolution 2012-06 Authorizing Acceptance of the Donation of the John B. and Marthann Outland Conservation Easement, 5 Acres ±, Jefferson and Madison Counties

RECOMMENDATION

Subject to public comment that may be received, staff recommends approval and authorization to accept donation of a conservation easement on the John B. and Marthann Outland property.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Florida Statutes, a public hearing is scheduled for April 10, 2012, to take comments on the proposed donation of a conservation easement on approximately five acres in Jefferson and Madison Counties for the continued protection of the Aucilla River and its floodplains. A summary of salient facts regarding the project is attached.

John Outland has approached the District to accept a conservation easement donation on five acres bisected by the Aucilla River. The Outlands' parcel is adjacent to the Foster property on which the District has an existing conservation easement. The conservation easement language accepted by Mr. Outland mirrors that of Foster except the Outland property will be 100% in the "special natural area."

With Governing Board approval, staff will contract an environmental audit and 50-year title search. Prior to the Assistant Executive Director accepting the donation, the environmental audit and title search must show no hazards or clouds on the title. A survey may also be conducted either before or after final acceptance.

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Attachment
John Outland 12-001

PARCEL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

TRACT NAME: Outland Conservation Easement

SELLER: John B. and Marthann Outland

COUNTY: Jefferson and Madison

ACREAGE: 5 acres ±

RIVER FRONTAGE: 640 feet (0.12 miles)

WATER RESOURCE VALUES:

Floodplain: 100% (5 acres)

Surface Water Protection: 99% (5 acres)

Recharge: N/A

Springs Protection: N/A

TRACT DESCRIPTION: This tract is predominately populated with bottomland soft hardwoods and has no development.

ACCESS: The property would be accessed through the adjoining Foster conservation easement property.

OUTSTANDING INTERESTS: Seller of the property to Mr. Outland retains a first right of refusal if Mr. Outland desires to sell the property.

MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES: Management of this property would be retained by Mr. Outland or any future owners.

12-001

John B. & Marthann Outland Conservation Easement Donation Jefferson & Madison Counties, FL

 SRWMD Boundary
 Project Location



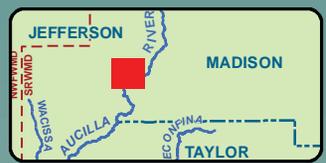
NOTE: This map was created by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD), Real Estate Program (REP), of the Department of Mission Support (DMS), to be used for planning purposes only. SRWMD shall not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by the use of data distributed as a public records request regardless of the use or application. SRWMD does not guarantee the accuracy, or suitability for any use of this data, and no warranty is expressed or implied. In no event will the SRWMD, its staff, or the contributing agencies be liable for any direct, indirect, special, consequential or other damages, including loss of profit, arising from the use of this data, even if the District has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Users of this data should therefore do so at their own risk. For more information, please contact the SRWMD at 1-800-226-1066.



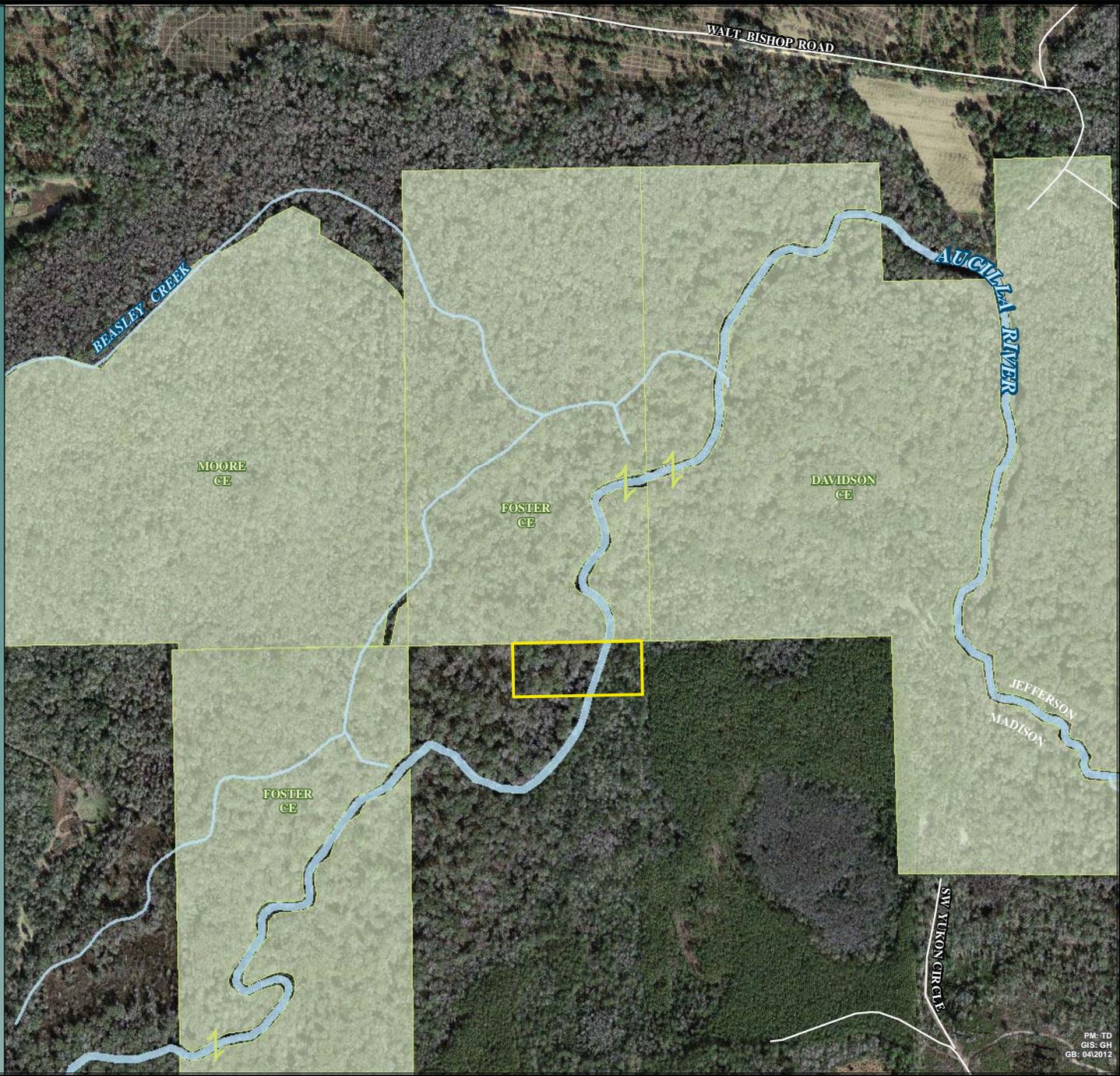
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 GBD: 04/2012

**John B. & Marthann
Outland
Conservation
Easement Donation
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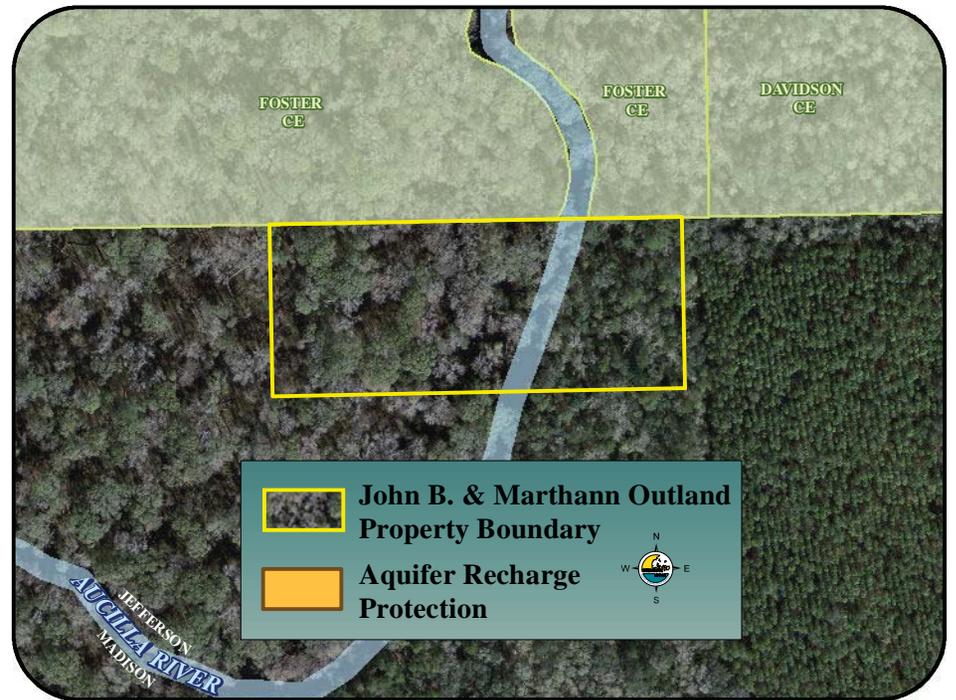
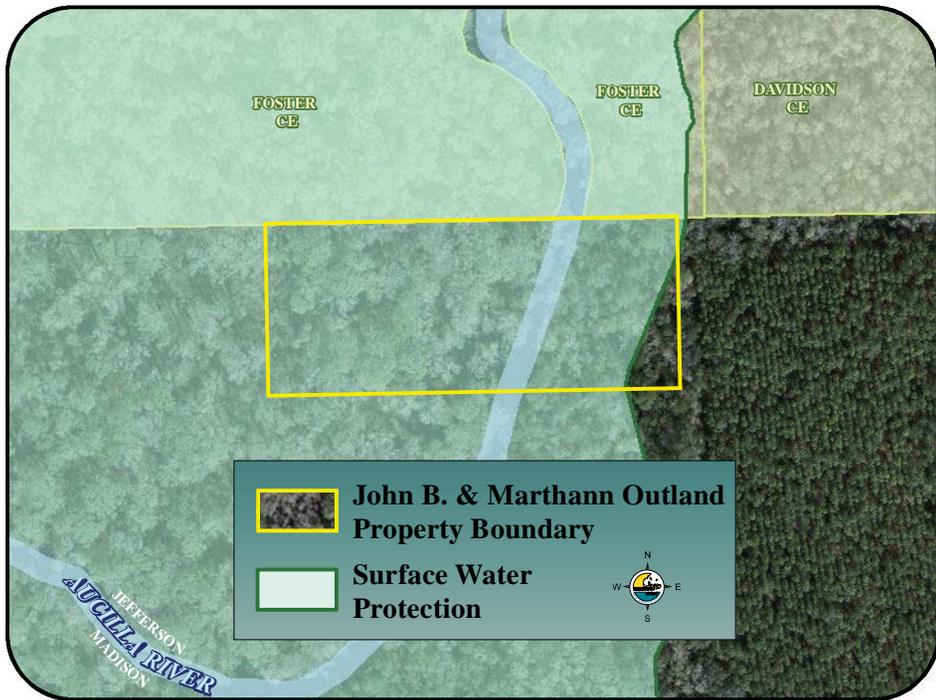
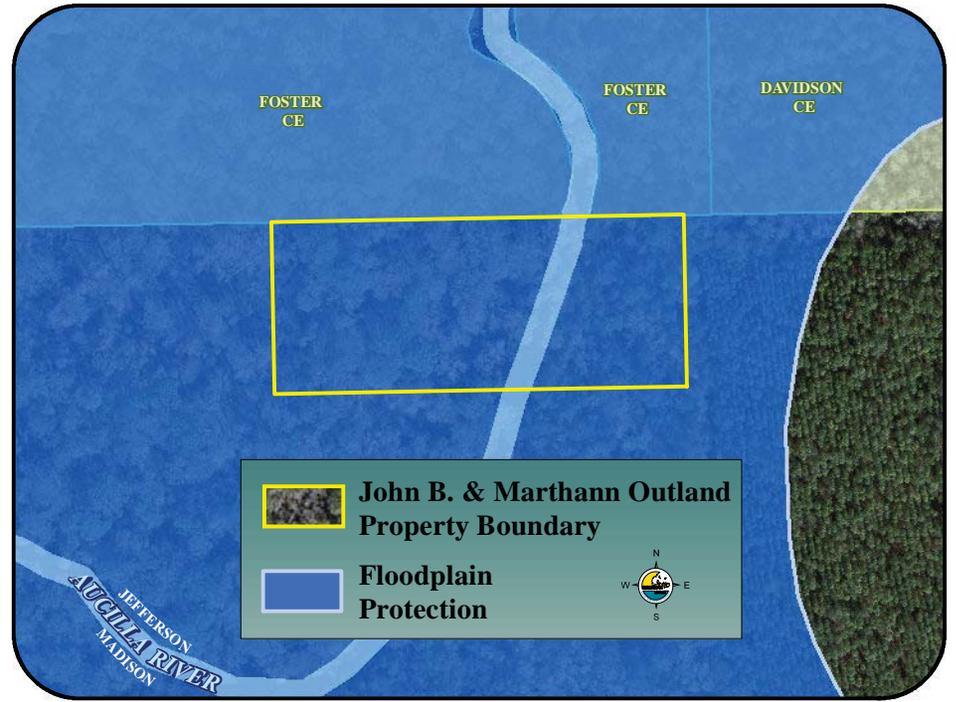
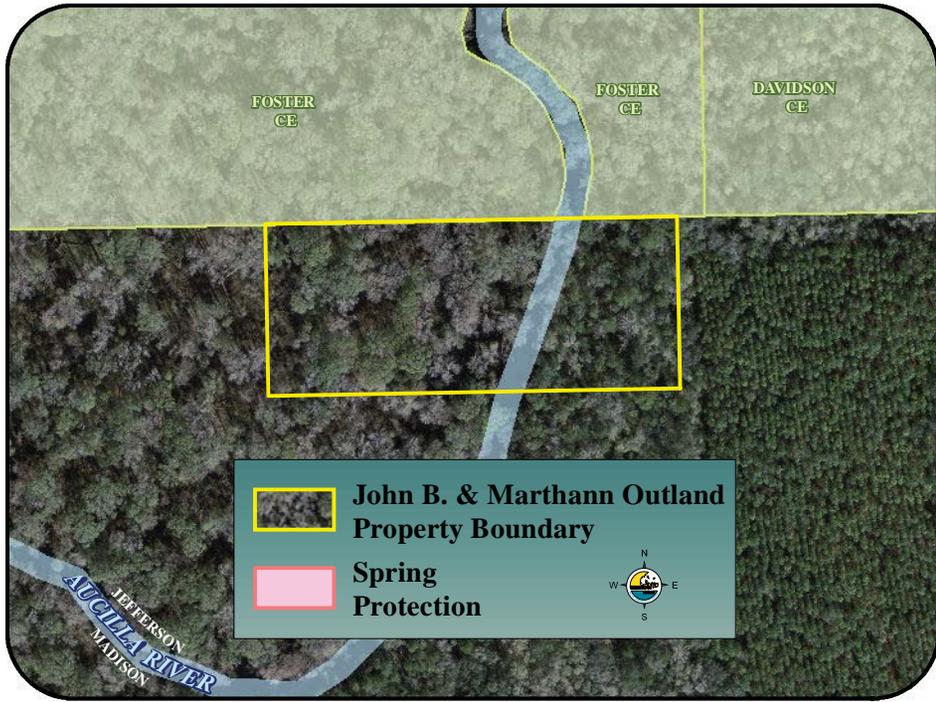
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-06

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DONATION OF A
CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON LAND OWNED BY JOHN B.
AND MARTHANN OUTLAND, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE DONATION, ITS
ADDITION TO THE FLORIDA FOREVER WORK PLAN AND
AUTHORIZATION TO USE FLORIDA FOREVER FUNDS FOR
ASSOCIATED COSTS OF THE DONATION**

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) has been offered lands owned by John B. and Marthann Outland, consisting of approximately 5 acres in Jefferson and Madison Counties, Florida, a legal description and map of said lands being attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, John B. and Marthann Outland wish to donate a conservation easement on their property to District; and

WHEREAS, the donation is consistent with the five-year plan of acquisition filed with the Legislature and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) and is consistent with Section 373.199, Florida Statutes (F.S.); and

WHEREAS, said lands serve to protect the Aucilla River and its floodplains; and

WHEREAS, said conservation easement is being donated for water management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the funds hereinafter requested will be used only for the associated costs of said donation, and the costs of said donation shall include fees for survey, appraisal and legal activities necessary for the proper transfer of said conservation easement interests; and

WHEREAS, said conservation easement donation contributes to the achievement of the Florida Forever Act as described in Section 259.105(4)(a)2, F.S.; and

WHEREAS, said lands shall be maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner and, to the extent possible, compatible with surface water protection; and

WHEREAS, said conservation easement donation was approved for donation after duly noticed public hearing thereon; and

WHEREAS, potential claims by the state to sovereignty submerged lands have been considered; and

WHEREAS, said conservation easement is not being donated as right-of-way for canals or pipelines; and

WHEREAS, an environmental audit shall be performed prior to closing, and before the purchase of any land found to be contaminated, a remediation plan will be submitted to the Department; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for payment of the associated expenses and fees for said parcel through funds deposited in Florida Forever Trust Fund to the credit of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

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

(1) Donation of the described conservation easement on lands owned by John B. and Marthann Outland, their successors or assigns, is approved and accepted by the Suwannee River Water Management District.

(2) The District Governing Board authorizes its Executive Director to execute any necessary documents as directed by Governing Board's legal counsel to complete this real estate transaction.

(3) The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the acquisition of said parcel is hereby further certified to be consistent with this District's plan of acquisition and Section 373.199, F.S.

(4) District hereby requests the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection approve the release of funds from the Florida Forever Trust Fund for associated closing costs pending documentation of actual District's direct costs at a time subsequently requested and documented by District to Department.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL, 2012, A.D.

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

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ATTEST:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Detailed Assessment of the George and Sharon Nyman/Suwannee River Oaks Parcel in Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize staff to conduct a detailed assessment for a perpetual conservation easement of the 311-acre ± Suwannee River Oaks Tract in Gilchrist County owned by George and Sharon Nyman.

BACKGROUND

George and Sharon Nyman purchased their Suwannee River Oaks property in 1984, and since 1996 they have discussed a sale to the District. The Nymans offered a conservation easement to the District in October 2010 for \$2,750 per acre, and their property was approved by the Board for detailed assessment and appraised. In June 2011 work on this parcel was suspended along with all other Florida Forever projects.

The property is being reoffered at \$1,768 per acre in order to be reconsidered by the Governing Board. The tract would add to protected adjoining water resource lands at Otter Springs.

With Governing Board approval, staff will refine details of a conservation easement with the landowner, review the title and procure appraisals. Pending outside independent appraisal review and valuation, a recommendation towards a conservation easement purchase would be provided to Board members prior to any offer being made to the landowner.

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PARCEL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

TRACT: Suwannee River Oaks

SELLERS: George and Sharon Nyman

COUNTY: Gilchrist

ACREAGE: 311 acres +/-

RIVER FRONTAGE: 5,671 feet (1.07 miles)

WATER RESOURCE VALUES:

Recharge: 0.7% (0 acres)

Springs Protection: .7% (2.2 acres)

Surfacewater Protection: 55% (171 acres)

Floodplain Protection: 100% (311 acres)

TRACT DESCRIPTION: Suwannee River Oaks is a 1984 platted unrecorded subdivision with 29 lots sized from 10 to 12 acres. The tract adjoins the north boundary of SRWMD's Otter Springs property and supports a high quality stand of floodplain cypress and hardwood forest on 260 acres bordering the Suwannee River. The remaining 51 acres is in mature mixed pine hardwood forest.

ACCESS: The property is reached by private easement from SW 80th Ave, a county graded road.

OUTSTANDING INTERESTS: There is a ¼ oil, gas and mineral interest from 1949 to Delta Gulf Drilling over 142 acres. Lot 18 is the southernmost 10-acre lot in Suwannee River Oaks and was sold in 1984. The Nyman's have an agreement to purchase Lot 18 as a condition of a conservation easement to the District.

MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES: A conservation easement is proposed over the entire acreage to protect floodplain and wetland resources with no wetland or floodplain forest harvesting or conversion over 260 acres. The landowner has proposed construction of four residence/lodges on four lots and the continued use of an existing grassed air strip as the only future development.

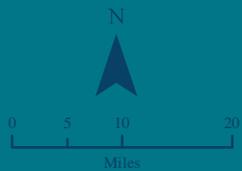
CURRENT ASKING PRICE: \$1,768 per acre or \$550,000 for a perpetual conservation easement or fair market value as determined by independent appraisal.

**George & Sharon Nyman
Suwannee River
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Gilchrist County, FL**

 **SRWMD Boundary**
 **Project Location**



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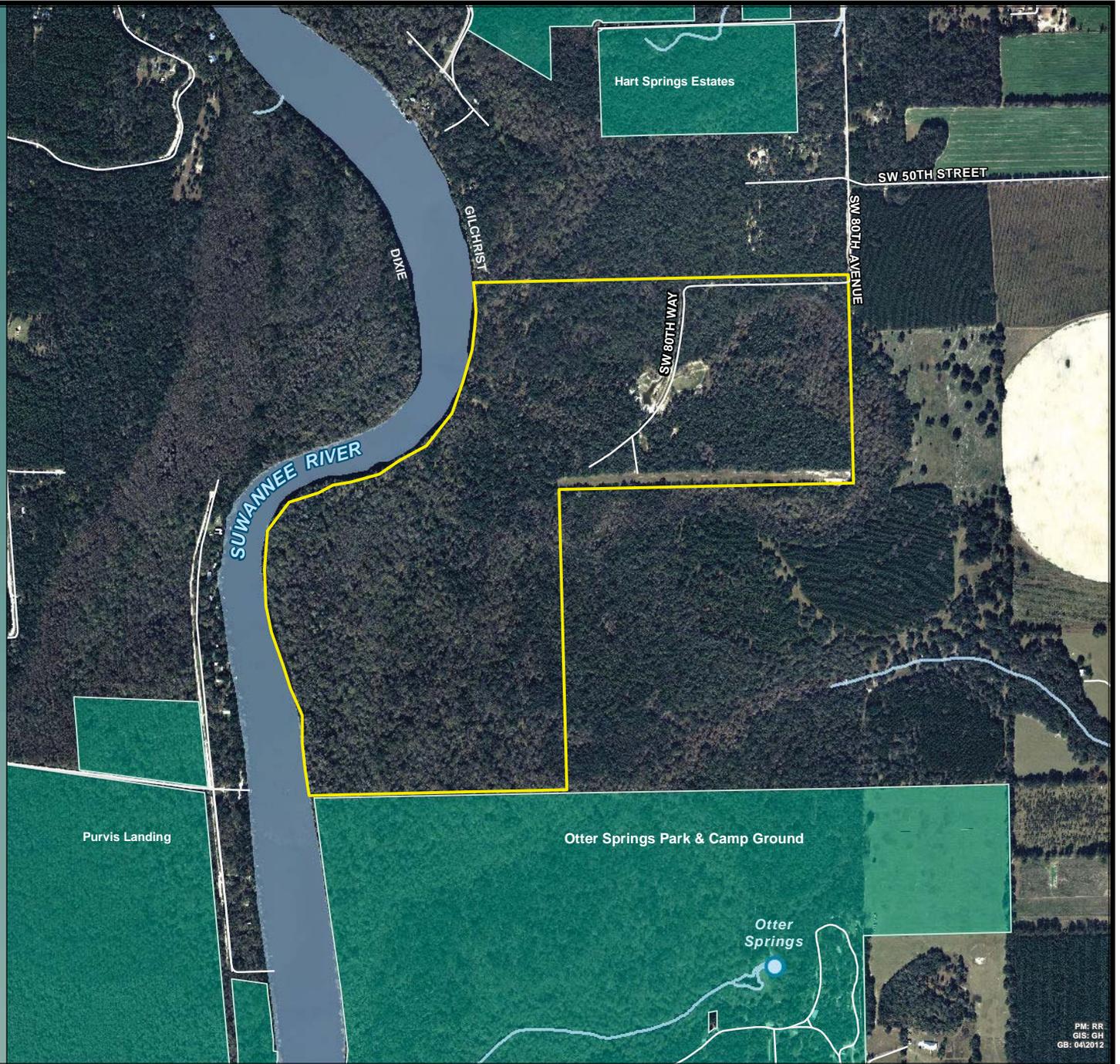
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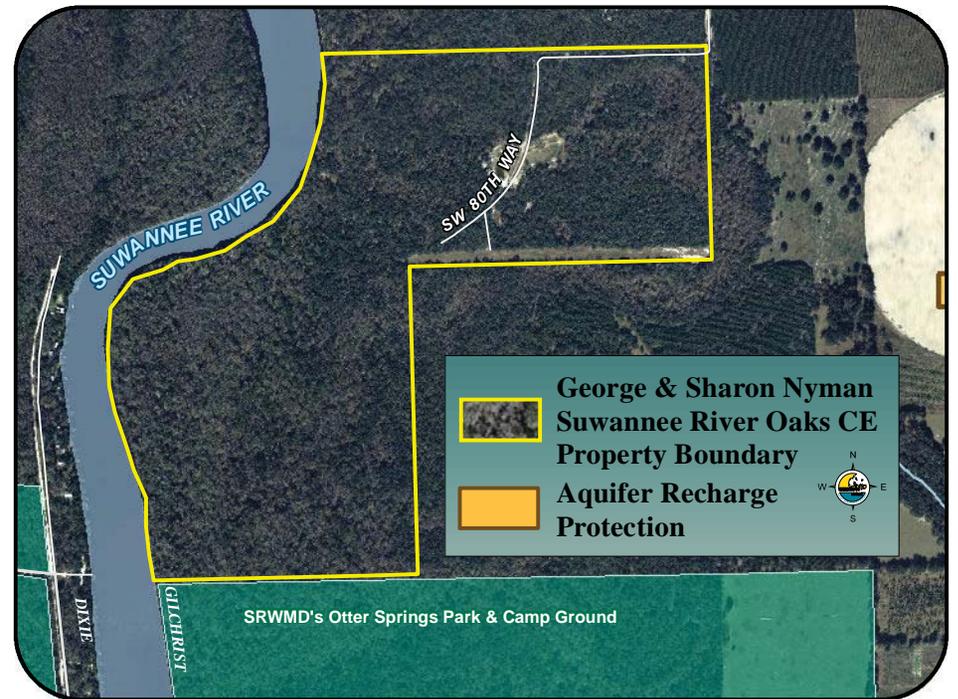
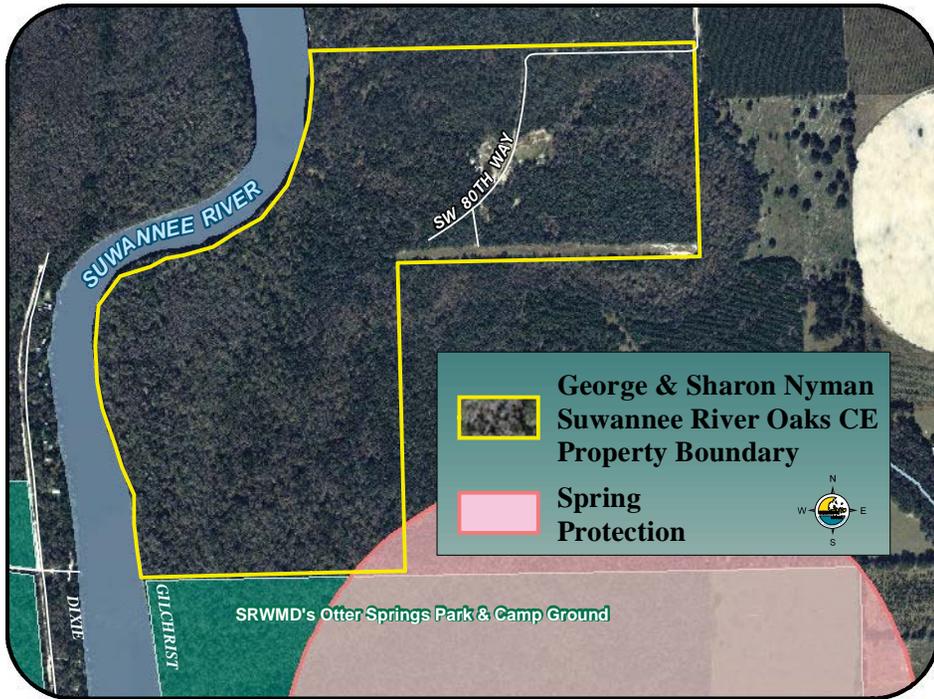
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Detailed Assessment of the J.T. Bridges/Azure Properties, LLC
Property in Hamilton County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize staff to commence detailed assessment and negotiations for the fee purchase of the 220-acre ± J. T. Bridges/Azure Properties, LLC Parcel on the Suwannee River in Hamilton County.

BACKGROUND

Through attorney Michael Minton, J. T. Bridges/Azure Properties, LLC has offered the District a 220-acre parcel of property adjacent to the Suwannee River. This parcel adjoins the District's McAlpin Landing Tract and is across the river from the Little Creek Tract.

Although this property is not identified as a project area in the 2012 Florida Forever Work Plan, District staff reviewed the offer and agree it would be an excellent addition to District ownership of Suwannee River floodplain. The property would fulfill two of the District's core missions: flood control and natural resource protection.

Pending Governing Board approval, staff will research the title and procure appraisals to determine the property's fair market value. Pending independent appraisal review, market value recommendations would be provided to Board members prior to entering into an agreement for purchase.

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PARCEL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

TRACT: Bridges

SELLER: J. T. Bridges/Azure Properties, LLC
Owner's Representative: Michael Minton, Attorney at Law

COUNTY: Hamilton

ACREAGE: 220 acres ±

RIVER FRONTAGE: 1.2 miles ±

WATER RESOURCE VALUES:

Surface Water Protection: 34% (74 acres)

Recharge: N/A

Springs Protection: N/A

Floodplain Protection: 73% (160 acres)

TRACT DESCRIPTION: The tract includes about 156 acres of bottomland soft hardwoods and scattered pine. Approximately 20 acres of the tract contain a 9-year old slash pine plantation, and there are another 44 acres of slash pine that were planted in the winter of 1967-1968.

ACCESS: The property is adjacent to Hamilton County SE 194th Lane and is also accessed from SE 191st Avenue through another piece of the Bridges Tract.

OWNER'S ASKING PRICE: \$3,000/acre

OUTSTANDING INTERESTS: All timber is in a lease to Packaging Corporation of America. The property is currently under a hunting lease.

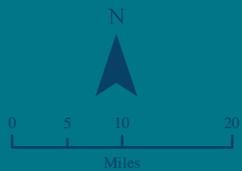
MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES: The area could be managed as a low intensity general recreation tract to allow passive uses (hiking, biking and nature study) while preserving floodplain forests and wetland resources in their natural state. The hunting lease may also be an alternative for additional recreation opportunities and revenue.

**J.T. Bridges / Azure Properties, LLC
Hamilton County, FL**

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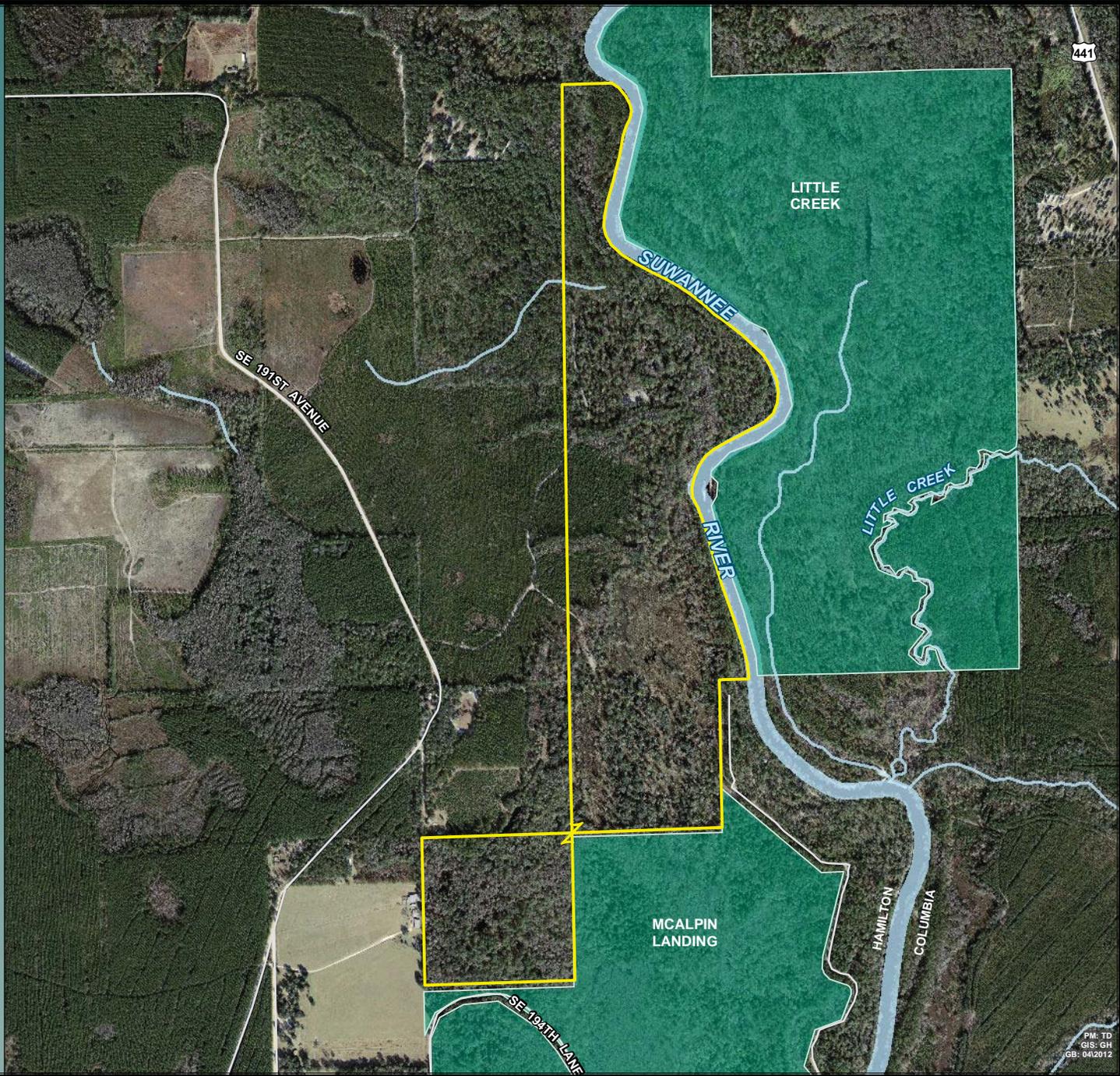


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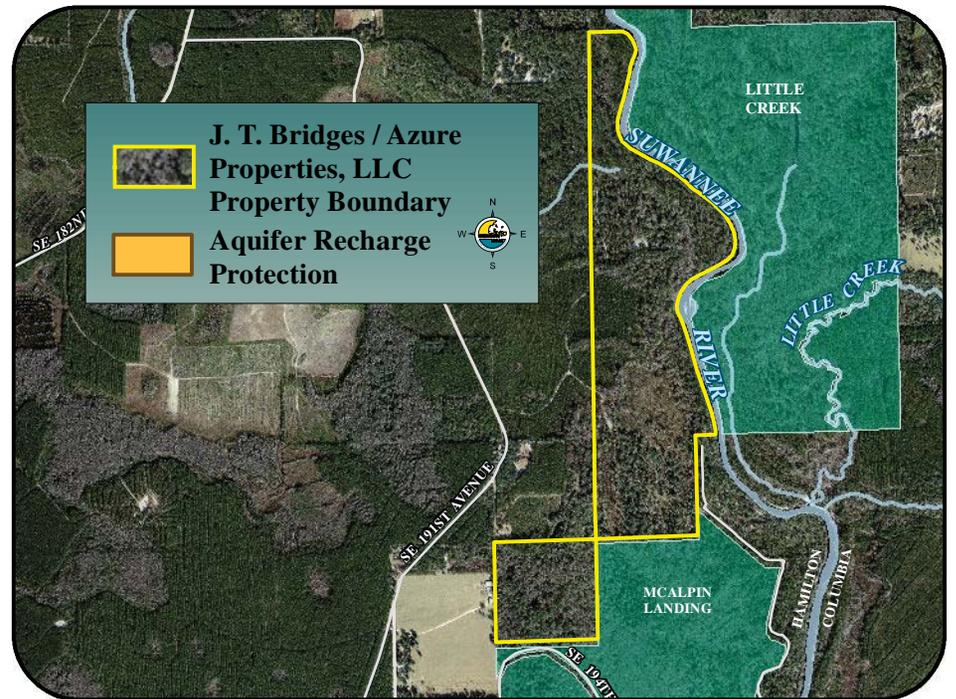
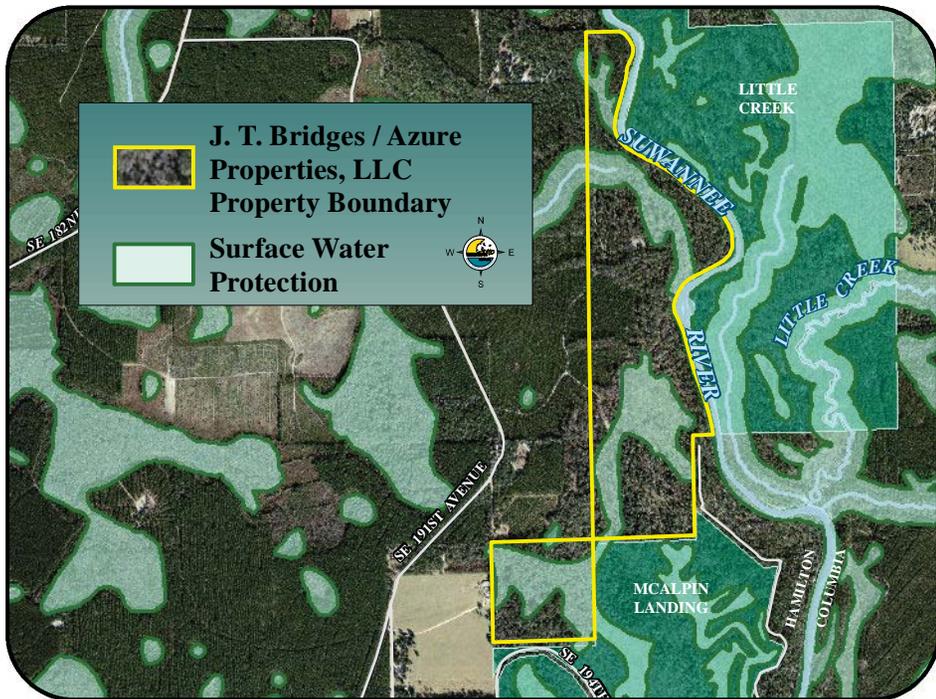
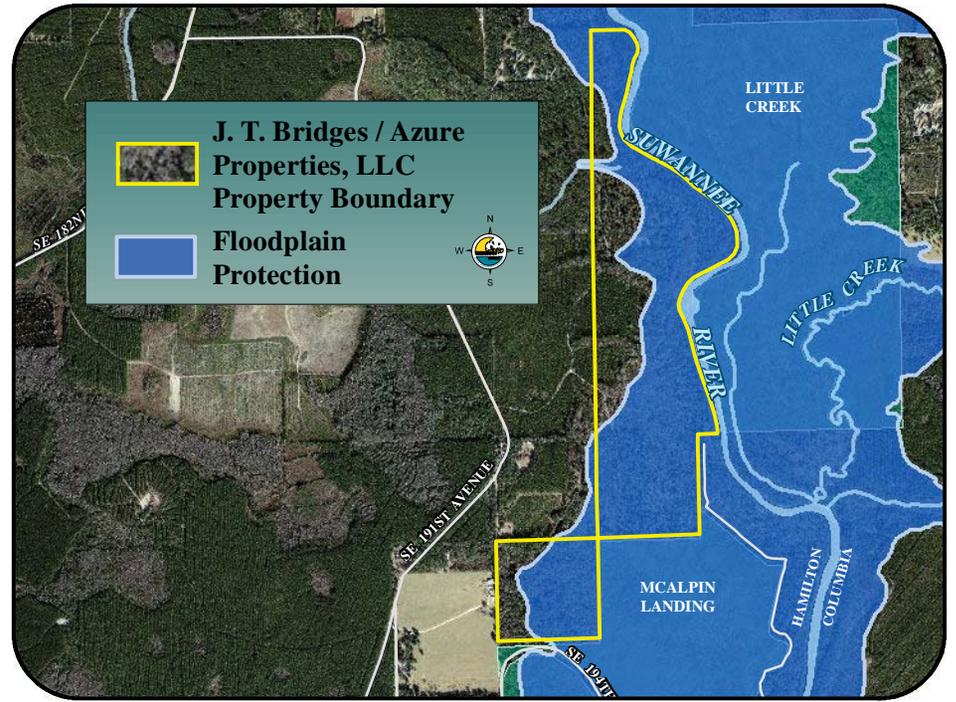
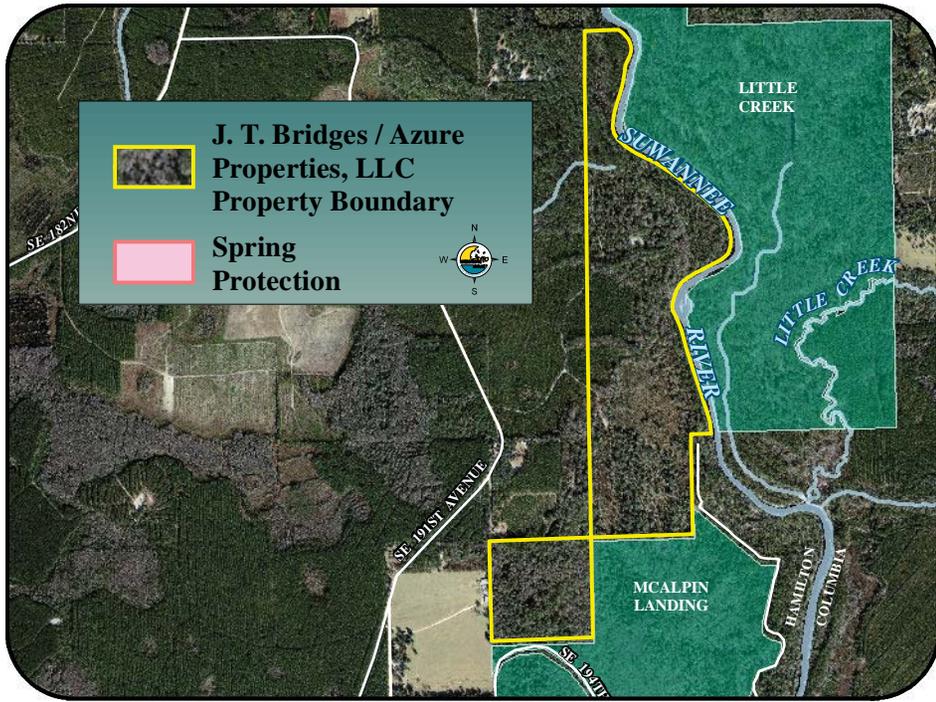
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Melanie Roberts, Director of Mission Support

DATE: March 19, 2012

RE: Activity Report, Department of Mission Support

DATA MANAGEMENT:

- Staff continues to provide support to staff, other agencies, and the public through GIS requests, database needs, and records requests.
- A GIS work order was signed will be completed in a few days. The work order provided for a contractor to process the data for Land Management's Excellence in Land Management Report. Also included was the completion of GIS layer with features associated with conservation easements purchased by the District. This will be useful for staff to do preliminary evaluations of the conversation easements using this layer and the most current imagery.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- IT staff continues to provide support to staff, other agencies and the public through ongoing resolution of Help Desk tickets, scheduled system backups, and programming and database development and maintenance. New PC rollouts are nearly 50% completed. Anticipated date for completion is July 1.
- Communications staff continue to support the District's mission through timely website updates, press releases, water conservation outreach, and springs protection coordination.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Staff has been working with external auditors to finish fiscal year end September 30, 2011 Audit Report in preparation for presentation to the Board for acceptance in April.
- Staff met with Program Leaders to kick-off the Fiscal Year 2013 budget development process.
- Staff continues to work with legal counsel on the development of contracts and other agreements.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Terry Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator
DATE: March 22, 2012
RE: Activity Report, Real Estate

The attached reports summarize the status of surplus activities and conservation easement reviews for the preceding month. Staff is prepared to address any tracts of particular interest the Board may wish to discuss.

Highlighted activities include:

- Sale of the Bay Creek South surplus tract: Completion date - March 16, 2012.
- Sale of the Withlacoochee Quail Farm surplus tract: Completion date - no later than March 30, 2012.
- Review by the Surplus Land Committee of several tracts of property originally acquired to support municipal services. Further reports and possible recommendations will be brought to the Governing Board at a later date.

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| Tract Name | Acres | County | Acquired Date | Funding Source | Appraisal Date | Listing Date | Listing Price | Comments |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Bay Creek South | 45 | Columbia | 09/2002 | P2000 | 6/14/2010 | 7/12/2010 | Fee entire tract \$123,750 | Sale was completed on March 16, 2012 |
| Bay Creek North | 24 | Columbia | 02/1988 | WMLTF | 6/14/2010 | 7/12/2010 | Fee entire tract \$60,720 | |
| Owens Spring | 77 | Lafayette | 03/1999 | P2000 | 6/14/2010 | 7/12/2010 | Fee entire tract \$277,200 | |
| Blue Sink | 79 | Suwannee | 12/1988 | WMLTF | 6/14/2010 | 7/12/2010 | Fee entire parcel \$281,600 40-acre parcels \$154,000 | |
| Levings | 69 | Columbia | 02/1998 | WMLTF | 6/14/2010 | 5/11/2011 | Fee entire tract \$135,860 | |
| Jennings Bluff | 70 | Hamilton | 02/1989 | WMLTF | 7/30/2010 | 8/16/2010 | Fee entire tract \$215,600 | |
| Adams South | 60 | Lafayette | 05/1990 | WMLTF | 7/30/2010 | 8/16/2010 | Fee entire tract \$191,400 | Offer received and being reviewed |
| Hunter Creek | 120 | Hamilton | 09/2002 | P2000 | | 11/18/2010 | Fee (3 parcels) \$343,200 Conservation Easement (3 parcels) \$243,100 | |
| Steinhatchee Rise | 42 | Dixie | 02/1996 | P2000 | 8/27/2010 | 11/18/2010 | Fee entire tract \$126,940 conservation easement \$97,020 | |
| Timber River | 1 | Madison | 03/1998 | WMLTF | 8/27/2010 | 11/18/2010 | Fee entire tract \$10,780 | |
| Falmouth North (8 lots) | 6 | Suwannee | 04/1998 | WMLTF | 8/27/2010 | 11/18/2010 | Fee entire tract \$52,030 | |

| Tract Name | Acres | County | Acquired Date | Funding Source | Appraisal Date | Listing Date | Listing Price | Comments |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--|---|
| Wolf Creek | 30 | Jefferson | 05/2009 | FF | 8/10/2011 | 11/10/2011 | Fee or Conservation Easement (same price) \$64,350 | Offer received and being reviewed. |
| Withlacoochee Quail Farm | 65 | Madison | 09/2006 | FF | 8/18/2011 | 11/10/2011 | Fee entire tract \$153,780 | Sale scheduled to be completed by end of March 2012 |
| Woods Ferry | 29 | Suwannee | 12/1988 | WMLTF | 8/18/2011 | 11/10/2011 | Fee entire tract \$71,830 | |
| Cuba Bay | 22 | Jefferson | 02/1996 | P2000 | 8/10/2011 | 11/10/2011 | Fee or Conservation Easement (same price) \$42,350 | |
| Perry Spray Field | 248 | Taylor | 9/2001 | WMLTF | Approved in July | | | Appraisal has been ordered |
| Chitty Bend East | 20 | Hamilton | 12/1988 | WMLTF | 11/2/11 | 11/29/11 | Fee two 10-acre tracts for \$26,400 each | |
| Chitty Bend West | 121 | Madison | 12/1988 | WMLTF | 11/2/11 | 11/29/11 | Fee entire tract \$279,510 | |
| Gainesville Recreation Site/Buck Bay | 60 | Alachua | 12/15/1999 | P2000 | 3/1/2012 | | | Appraisal complete, listing in progress. |
| Alligator Lake | 43 | Columbia | 8/10/2001 | P2000 | Approved in July | | | Discussions continuing with Columbia Co. |

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

| Owner | Project Name | Funding | Acres | Closing Date | County | Land Use | Last Inspection Date | Comments |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Harrell, Curtis & Matthew | Falmouth Addition | P-2000 Bonds | 912 | 10/6/1999 | Suwannee | Agriculture, Recreation | 3/2012 | Fields were in hay production on date of inspection and preserved areas remain as is. No encroachment. Cabins are in place. |
| Sheppard, Derwood & Susan | Manatee Springs Addition | Florida Forever Bonds | 120 | 2/8/2008 | Levy | Recreation | 3/2012 | No change. Owner says it was used very little in the last year. |
| Sanders, Thomas and Sylvia | Mill Creek | P-2000 Bonds | 339 | 12/6/2000 | Hamilton | Recreation, Agriculture | 3/2012 | Members of the Sanders family use the area primarily for hunting, but keep the property well maintained. No cattle this year. |
| Chinquapin Farm, L.L.C. | Chinquapin Farm | P-2000 Bonds | 640 | 12/30/2009 | Columbia | Recreation, Forestry | 2/2012 | Continues to be used primarily for quail hunting. Only a few selected trees are harvested. |
| Chinquapin Farm, L.L.C. | Chinquapin Farm | P-2000 Bonds | 5,710 | 12/30/2009 | Suwannee | Recreation, Forestry | 2/2012 | Preserved areas remain intact. No additional building has occurred this year. Some illegal dumping was found. |
| Champion, Roger and Donna | Mount Gilead | Florida Forever Bonds | 180 | 8/19/2009 | Madison | Forestry, Recreation | 2/2012 | Continues to be maintained primarily for hunting. |
| Loncala, Inc. | Monteocha Creek | Save Our Rivers | 951 | 11/30/2001 | Alachua | Forestry, Recreation | 2/2012 | Four ages of slash pine. Good management plan. Pine harvest and thinning in uplands. |
| The Campbell Group | California Swamp | Save Our Rivers and P-2000 Bonds | 32,134 | 10/1/2001 | Dixie | Forestry, Recreation | 1/2012 | Remains managed for pine timber and hunting with updated management plan. Wetlands undisturbed. |
| Feagle, Ronald and Dorothy | Bonnet Lake | Florida Forever Bonds | 433 | 1/27/2010 | Columbia | Recreation, Forestry | 1/2012 | Longleaf pine planted and preserved area remains as is with hunting only. |
| Layman, Chris & Kristine | Walker Springs | Florida Forever | 167 | 12/30/2011 | Jefferson | Forestry, Recreation | 12/2011 | Most recent CE purchase. No changes |

| Owner | Project Name | Funding | Acres | Closing Date | County | Land Use | Last Inspection Date | Comments |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| Tisdale, Robert | Manatee Springs Addition | Florida Forever Bonds | 83 | 11/16/2007 | Levy | Recreation | 12/2011 | No change. Used for hunting only. |
| Bailey Brothers, Inc. | Bailey Brothers | P-2000 Bonds | 16,522 | 8/24/2000 | Dixie | Forestry, Recreation | 12/2011 | Used for forestry, hunting and cattle. Remains as agreed. Feral hog population is declining. |
| Ragans, Hoyt & Betty Jo | Ragans Jefferson | Florida Forever Bonds | 169 | 12/28/2007 | Jefferson | Forestry, Recreation | 12/2011 | Preserved areas remain as agreed in CE. Slash pine plantations remain well managed. |
| Ragans, Hoyt & Betty Jo | Ragans Madison | Florida Forever Bonds | 585 | 12/28/2007 | Madison | Forestry, Recreation | 12/2011 | No variations to agreement were noted. The property is well secured. |
| McEnany, Michael and Leanne | McEnany | Florida Forever Bonds | 1,104 | 11/16/2007 | Levy | Recreation, Forestry | 11/2011 | Property remains as agreed. Some culverts and water management recommended. |
| Loncala, Inc. | Loncala Hamilton | P-2000 Bonds | 1,141 | 8/31/1999 | Hamilton | Forestry, Recreation | 11/2011 | Forestry BMP survey was 100% in compliance. Remains in slash pine rotation. Wetlands preserved. |
| Hinson's Broward Properties, Inc. | Hinson | Florida Forever | 647 | 9/28/2007 | Columbia | Forestry, Recreation | 11/2011 | 314 acres of slash pine remain with PCA until 2022. New owners remain in full compliance with CE. |
| Hale, Martha and Carter, Russell | Russell Carter | Florida Forever Bonds | 585 | 9/28/2007 | Columbia | Forestry, Recreation | 11/2011 | 362 acres of pre-merchantable slash pine still with PCA. Wetlands remain intact. No changes. |
| Usher Family Trust | Manatee Springs Addit. | Florida Forever Bonds | 2,022 | 8/17/2004 | Levy | Forestry, Recreation | 10/2011 | Upland slash pine plantations are being clearcut for another rotation. Small area of cogon grass. |
| Plum Creek Timberlands | Waccassa Gulf Hammock | P-2000 Bonds | 21,300 | 12/15/2000 | Levy | Forestry, Recreation | 8/2011 | Slash pine continues to be managed with wetlands untouched. Bill Schlitzkus is new manager. |
| Drummond, Graham Luther | Manatee Springs Addition | FDOT Mitigation and Florida Forever | 543 | 5/29/2003 | Levy | Recreation, Forestry | 8/2011 | Longleaf pine and sawtooth oak growing well. Roads are well maintained for hunting. |

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| Suwannee River Development, L.L.C. | Ace Ranch | Florida Forever Bonds | 681 | 9/16/2010 | Lafayette | Agriculture, Forestry | 7/2011 | Planted in peanuts with no irrigation used. Wetlands remain as is. |
| Strickland Field, L.P. | Strickland Field | P-2000 Bonds | 3,822 | 7/7/2000 | Dixie | Forestry | 7/2011 | Continues to be managed for forestry purposes. Wetlands intact as agreed. New 10-year management plan Jan. 2012. |
| Meeks, David & Sarah | Manatee Springs Addition | FDOT Mitigation Escrow | 370 | 5/29/2003 | Levy | Recreation, Forestry | 7/2011 | Slash pine plantations have been thinned this year. In compliance with CE. |
| Mann, Jack & Loy Ann | Manatee Springs Addition | FDOT Mitigation Escrow | 590 | 5/29/2003 | Levy | Recreation, Forestry | 7/2011 | Maintained primarily for hunting. Advised that slash pine plantations need thinning. |
| Red Hills Land Company | Foster | Florida Forever Bonds | 163 | 3/25/2002 | Jefferson | Forestry, Recreation | 6/2011 | No changes in easement since purchase. |
| Plum Creek Timberlands | Manatee Springs Addit. Oak Hammock | Florida Forever Bonds | 4,588 | 8/31/2002 | Levy | Forestry, Recreation | 6/2011 | Continues to be managed for slash pine rotation. Preserved area remains as is. |
| Plum Creek Timberlands | Manatee Springs Addit. Suwannee Swamp | Florida Forever Bonds | 12,797 | 3/28/2002 | Levy | Forestry, Recreation | 6/2011 | Continues to be managed for slash pine. Preserved wetland areas remain. |
| Plum Creek Timberlands | Gainesville Wellfield | P-2000 Bonds | 3,084 | 12/15/1999 | Alachua | Forestry, Recreation | 6/2011 | This property is primarily used for forestry activities. GRU has wells and maintained roads. Wetlands intact. |
| Plantations at Deep Creek, L.L.C. | Deep Creek Exchange | Save Our Rivers | 1,038 | 5/12/2006 | Columbia | Forestry, Recreation | 6/2011 | New owners are using the property as a wildlife refuge. Forests remain well maintained. |
| Jackson, Kevin and Patrice | Jackson | Florida Forever Bonds | 171 | 6/23/2010 | Lafayette | Agriculture, Forestry | 6/2011 | Planted in peanuts this year. No irrigation used. Harvesting pine straw. |
| Davidson, Dr. C. Linden | Davidson | P-2000 Bonds | 225 | 4/18/2002 | Jefferson | Forestry, Recreation | 6/2011 | No changes this year. Food plots, fences and gates are well maintained. |

| Owner | Project Name | Funding | Acres | Closing Date | County | Land Use | Last Inspection Date | Comments |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| Newberry, City of | Newberry Wellfield | P-2000 Bonds | 40 | 2/21/2001 | Alachua | Recreation | 5/2011 | Remains used for sports. |
| Geraldine Livingston Foundation | Dixie Plantation | P-2000 Bonds | 8,902 | 2/18/1999 | Jefferson | Forestry, Recreation | 5/2011 | Continues to be used for timber and hunting. Longleaf pine planted each year and prescribed fire used. |
| Zellwin Farms, Inc. | Jennings Bluff | Save Our Rivers | 362 | 2/1/1989 | Hamilton | Recreation | 4/2011 | Maintained as originally agreed. |
| Moore, Madeline | Moore | Florida Forever Bonds | 115 | 12/23/2002 | Jefferson | Forestry, Recreation | 4/2011 | CE remains in compliance, with wetlands preserved. |
| Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. | Youth Ranches (I and II) | P-2000 Bonds | 550 | 5/7/1997 and 1/2/1996 | Suwannee | Recreation | 4/2011 | All areas are for recreation purposes only. Boys Ranch personnel maintaining boundary. Horseback riding by Ranch residents remains a major use. |
| Bailey, Donald and Margaret | Bailey/Cuba Bay Exchange | Save Our Rivers | 164 | 2/12/2002 | Jefferson | Agriculture, Forestry | 4/2011 | No variation in land use. Remains in full compliance. |
| Platt, Cody and Carol | Aucilla Addition | P-2000 Bonds | 274 | 12/29/1999 | Jefferson | Forestry, Recreation | 2/2011 | New owners are well aware of CE terms. Residence is completed. Boundaries and fire lines are maintained. |
| Santa Fe River Hammock, L.L.C. | Santa Fe River Hammock | P2000 - Sandlin Bay VFI Resale | 167 | 1/31/2011 | Bradford | Forestry, Recreation | 1/2011 | This is a new CE with a management plan in place. |
| Loncala, Inc. | Loncala Gilchrist | P-2000 Bonds | 913 | 8/31/1999 | Gilchrist | Forestry, Recreation | 1/2011 | Property remains as agreed to in CE. Loncala intensely manages pine plantations with hunting leases. |

PCA = Packaging Corporation of America, CE = Conservation Easement

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.

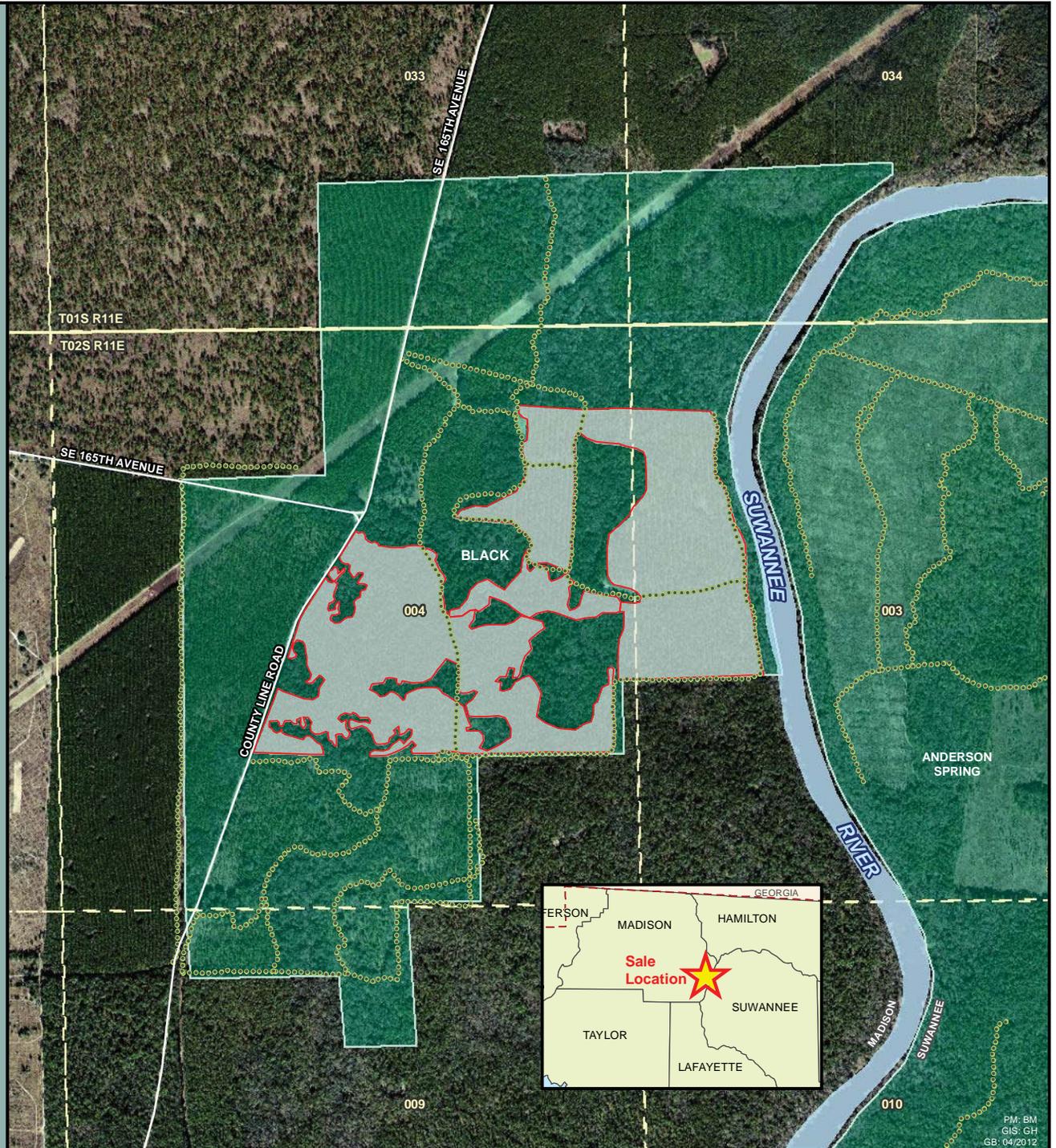
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Black Tract Timber Sale #4 162 Acres Madison County, FL

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



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GB: 04/2012

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:

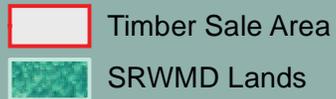
| Bidder | Calculated Revenue |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Harley Forest Products | \$62,773.20 |
| Greenville Timber Corp | \$60,639.68 |
| North Florida Timber Dealers | \$57,163.28 |

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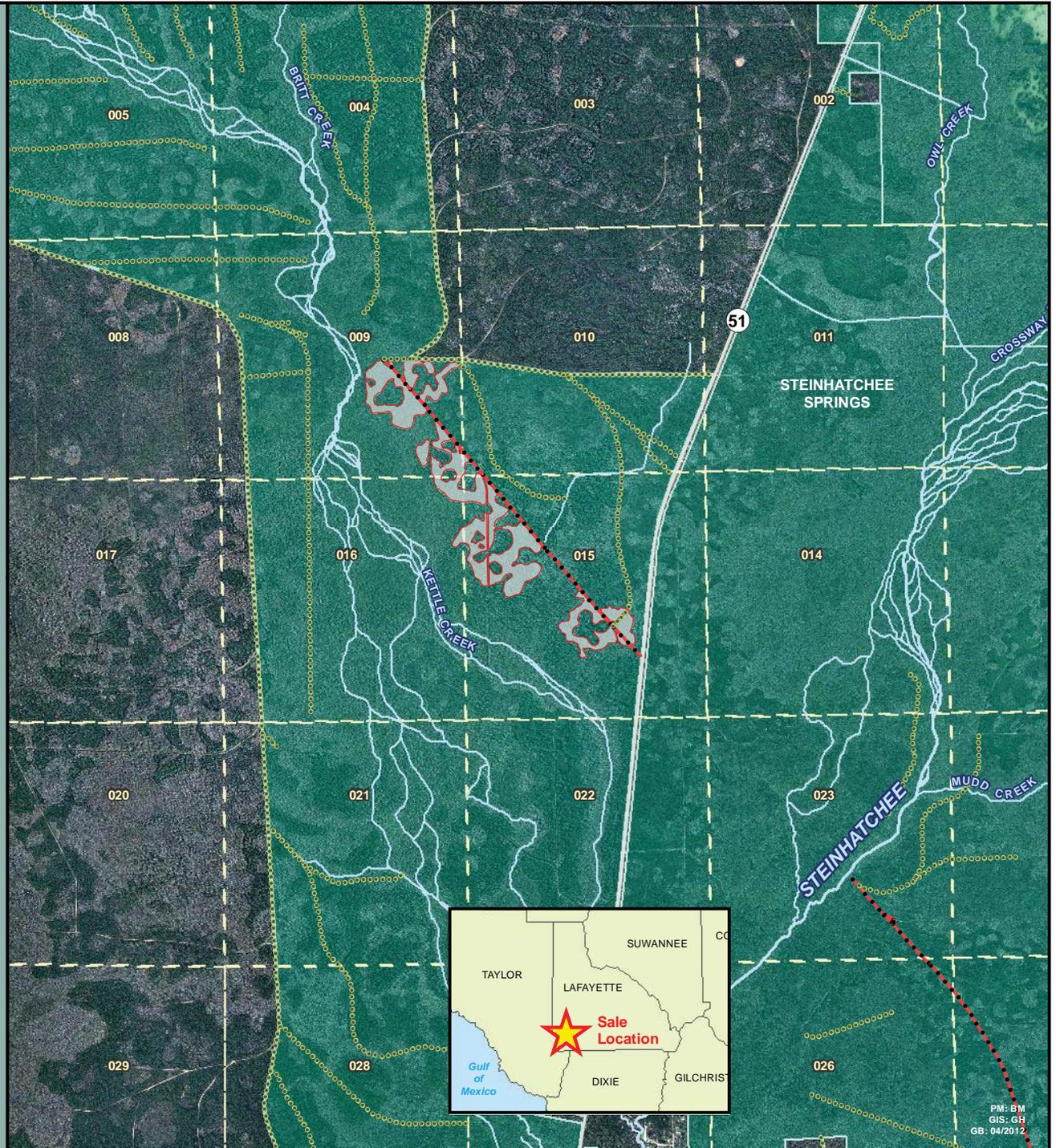
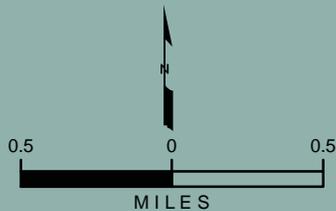
Steinhatchee Springs Tract Timber Sale #10 109 Acres Lafayette County, FL



- SRWMD Public Roads
- SRWMD Admin Roads
- Rivers & Streams



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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.

KW/tm

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

Certified Mail Receipt Number: 7010 1060 0001 1350 1918

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.

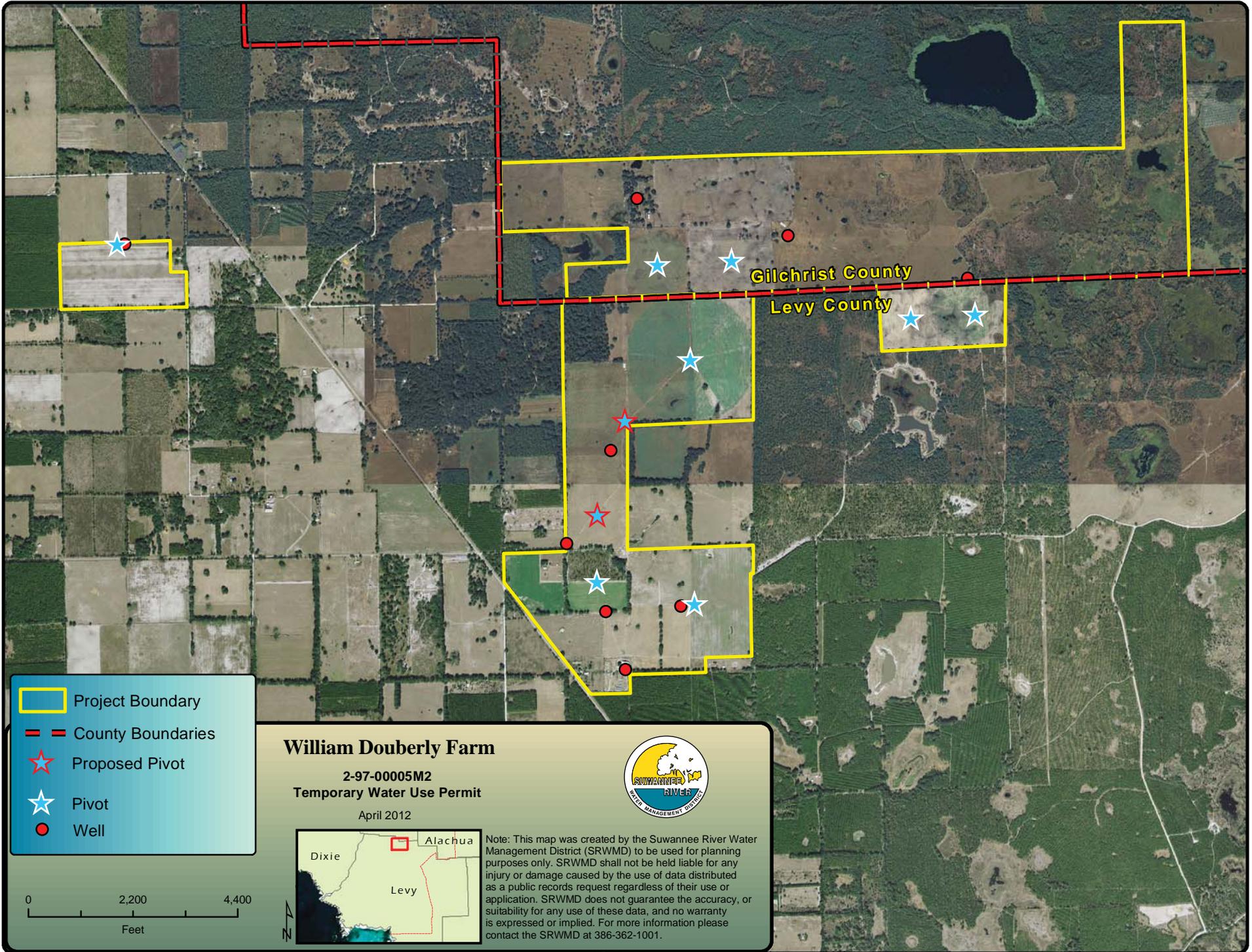
22. The issuance of this Temporary Water use Permit shall not in any way be construed as a commitment to issue a water use permit.

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:

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| 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

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|---|------------|
| 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.

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| 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.

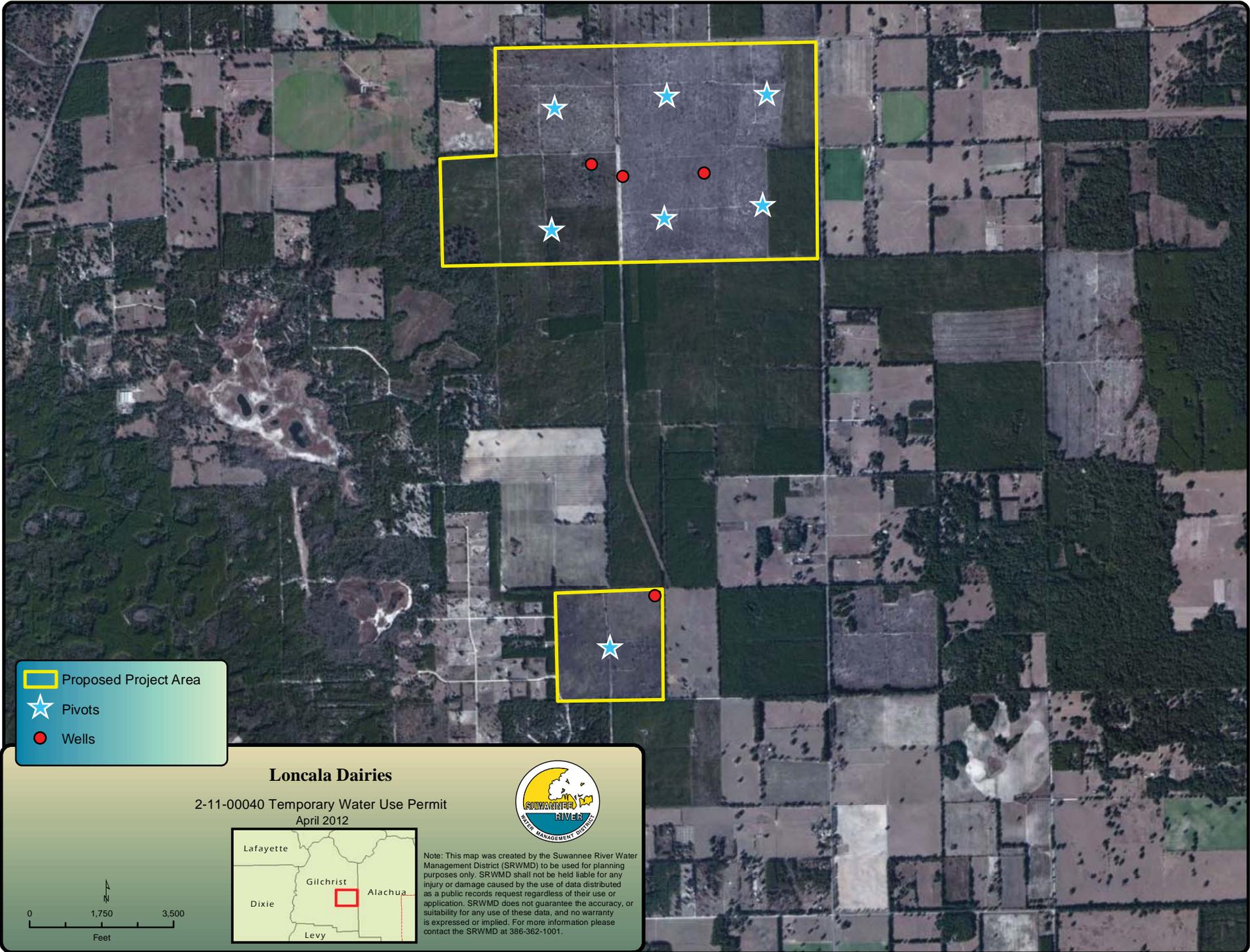
23. The permitted water withdrawal facilities are listed in the table on Attachment A.

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

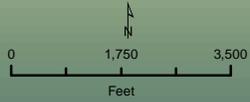
| Name | Status | Diameter | Capacity (gpm) | Water Use |
|--------|----------|----------|----------------|------------|
| Well A | Proposed | 12 | 1600 | Irrigation |
| Well B | Proposed | 12 | 1600 | Irrigation |
| Well C | Proposed | 12 | 2000 | Irrigation |
| Well G | Proposed | 8 | 800 | Irrigation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



-  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:

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|---|--------------|
| 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.

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 2-11-00041.

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.

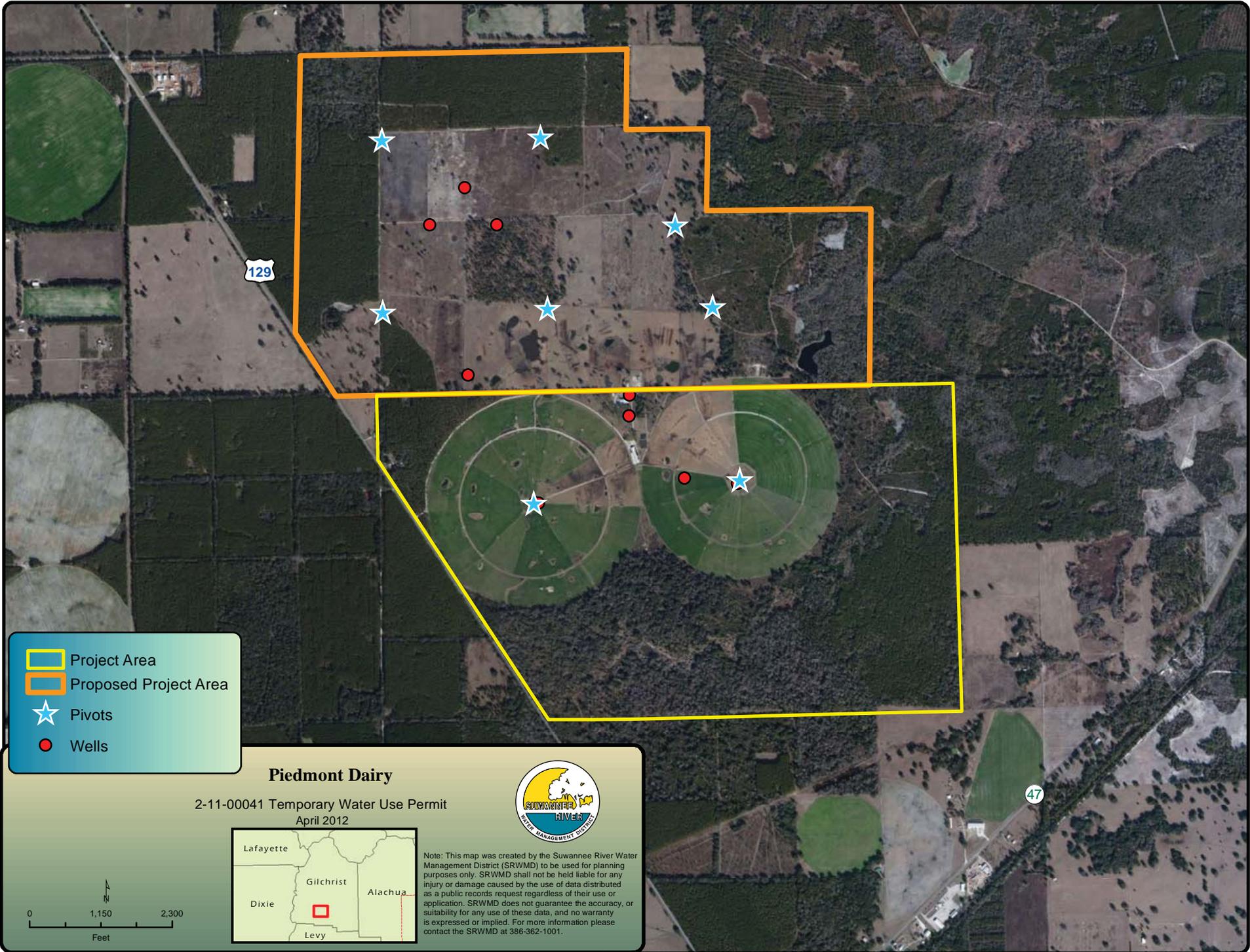
23. This temporary permit shall expire on May 9, 2012.

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 |

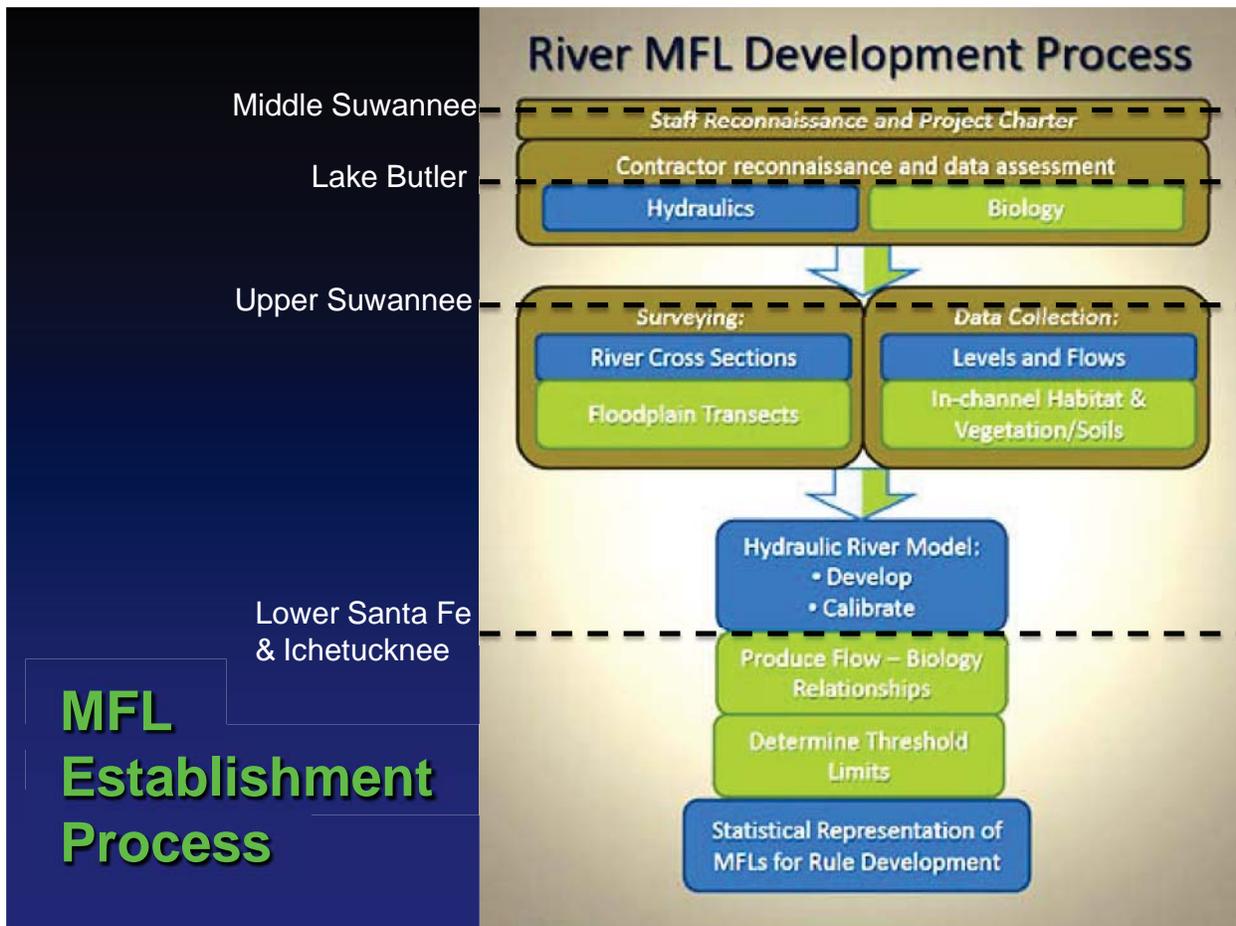
Middle Suwannee River & Springs

- 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:

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| 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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Compliance

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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 |

Suwannee River Water Management District

Governing Board Materials

Executive Office

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

Director of Governmental Affairs

Assistant Executive Director

Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Charlie Houser, Asst. Executive Director
Steve Minnis, Governmental Affairs Director

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Activity Report, Executive Office

The following is a brief summary of activities by Charlie Houser and Steve Minnis from February 24 through March 22, 2012.

Charlie:

- Participated in the bi-weekly call with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and other water management districts (WMDs).
- Participated in a conference call with DEP regarding surplus/land exchange.
- Presented the Water Supply Presentation to the following county commissions: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee, and Taylor.
- Participated in a meeting in Alachua regarding Northeast Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership with Hans Tanzler and Anne Shortelle.
- Presented a Conservation Easement Lecture at the University of Florida.
- Attended a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Stakeholders Forum in Gainesville.
- Attended a BMAP Event at Santa Fe Ranch with Governing Board Member Don Quincey.
- Attended the Florida Leaders Organized for Water (FLOW) meeting in Lake City.
- Attended a tour of the Stan Mayfield Biorefinery Pilot Plant in Perry.

Steve:

- Participated in the 2012 Florida Legislative Session.
- Participated in a conference call with DEP regarding water supply.
- Attended a Nature Coast Regional Water Supply Authority meeting in Fanning Springs.
- Attended the Water Supply Presentation at the Levy County Board of County Commission meeting.
- Met with Taylor Brown, City Manager, City of Trenton.