

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: Steven Minnis, Director of Governmental Affairs

THRU: Ann Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director

DATE: July 2, 2012

RE: Authorization for Executive Director to Expend Funds to Address Emergency Conditions Associated with Tropical Storm Debby and Notification to Executive Office of the Governor and Legislative Budget Commission for Expenses Resulting from Tropical Storm Debby

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to expend funds to address emergency conditions and to approve Resolution 2012-19 notifying the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Commission of unanticipated funds expended by the District in response to Tropical Storm Debby.**

### BACKGROUND

Rainfall from Tropical Storm Debby throughout the District ranged from 6" to 26", and in Hamilton and Columbia County exceeded the 0.2% annual chance of flood (500-year) event. The Suwannee River at White Springs had an unofficial stage of 85.23 feet on June 27, 2012, the third highest flood at White Springs since record keeping began in 1906. Tropical Storm Debby has caused significant flooding throughout the District. District staff is providing emergency relief to assist local governments in addressing various flood issues. The District's emergency response is consistent with state emergency procedures. Unanticipated expenses are being incurred and reimbursement for emergency activities associated with Tropical Storm Debby will be pursued.

Subsection 373.536(4)(d), Florida Statutes, requires the District to notify the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Commission if the Governing Board expends funds for a disaster or emergency.

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-19**

**RESOLUTION NOTIFYING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AND THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMISSION OF UNANTICIPATED  
EMERGENCY EXPENSES INCURRED RESULTING FROM TROPICAL  
STORM DEBBY**

**WHEREAS**, subsection 373.536(4)(d), Florida Statutes, requires a water management district governing board to notify the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Commission of funds expended for a disaster or emergency;

**WHEREAS**, rainfall from Tropical Storm Debby for the Suwannee River Water Management District ranged from 6" to 26";

**WHEREAS**, rainfall from Tropical Storm Debby in Hamilton and Columbia Counties exceeded the 0.2% annual chance of flood (500-year) event;

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River at White Springs crested on June 27, 2012, with an unofficial stage of 85.23 feet, the third highest flood at White Springs since 1906;

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

- (1) Notification is hereby provided to the Executive Office of the Governor that the Suwannee River Water Management District has and will expend funds for emergency purposes resulting from Tropical Storm Debby.
- (2) Notification is hereby provided to the Legislative Budget Commission that the Suwannee River Water Management District has and will expend funds for emergency purposes resulting from Tropical Storm Debby.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2012 A.D.**

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

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**ATTEST:**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Ann Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director  
Charlie Houser, Asst. Executive Director  
Steve Minnis, Governmental Affairs Director

DATE: June 21, 2012

RE: Activity Report, Executive Office

The following is a brief summary of activities by Ann Shortelle, Charlie Houser and Steve Minnis from May 25, 2012 through June 20, 2012.

Ann:

- Gave a presentation at the Florida Lake Management Society meeting in Gainesville.
- Attended the planning meeting for the CARES dinner.

Charlie:

- Attended the Santa Fe River Conditions meeting at Poe Springs Lodge.
- Gave a presentation to the Gilchrist County Commission regarding water shortage.
- Attended the Agricultural Water Policy Council meeting in Gainesville.
- Attended the Florida Leaders Organized for Water (FLOW) meeting in Lake City.

Steve:

- Participated in a proposed Stephens Springs project with regulatory staff and Taylor County Administrator Jack Brown and Commissioner Lonnie Houck.
- Met with Bobby Crosby, Gilchrist County Manager, Mike Cassidy, Dixie County Manager, and Taylor Brown, City of Trenton Manager.
- Contacted 51 local governments and 13 sheriff departments regarding the water shortage order.
- Provided water shortage order presentations to Levy County and the cities of Chiefland, Fanning Springs, High Springs.
- Assisted in internal water shortage order coordination.
- Participated in the monthly Rural Economic Development Initiative conference call.
- Participated in the bi-weekly WMD/DEP conference call.