

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

DATE: July 26, 2012

RE: Approval of Resolution Numbers 2012-21, 2012-22, and 2012-23 for Tropical Storm Debby Assistance

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2012-21 to the St. Johns River Water Management District, Resolution No. 2012-22 to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and Resolution No. 2012-23 to the South Florida Water Management District in appreciation for Tropical Storm Debby assistance.

BACKGROUND

The District would like to recognize and sincerely thank the St. Johns River Water Management District, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the South Florida Water Management District for their quick response to our needs in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Debby.

Tropical Storm Debby dropped large amounts of rain on our area during the last week of June 2012, leaving many areas severely flooded. Within 48 hours after the storm had ended, the water management districts listed above were on site with pumps and personnel, working beside us for several weeks to alleviate flooding and provide assistance to the public. The Suwannee River Water Management District is sincerely grateful for their service.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-21**

**APPRECIATION TO THE
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
IN RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM DEBBY**

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby began on June 24, 2012, and lasted three days, dropping over 20 inches of rain across North Florida; and

WHEREAS, while the rainfall was much needed, this volume of rainfall over a relatively short period of time resulted in significant widespread flooding; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) does not have the pumping equipment or discharge piping needed to assist Columbia and Suwannee counties, other water management districts were contacted; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) quickly dispatched personnel and pumping equipment to SRWMD to assist in addressing the flooding response needs; and

WHEREAS, SJRWMD continued such assistance over multiple weeks.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District commends the St. Johns River Water Management District for their exemplary assistance, public service, and dedication to the Suwannee River Water Management District during the time of need surrounding Tropical Storm Debby.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF AUGUST, 2012 A.D.

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BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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ATTEST:

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-22**

**APPRECIATION TO THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
IN RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM DEBBY**

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby began on June 24, 2012, and lasted three days, dropping over 20 inches of rain across North Florida; and

WHEREAS, while the rainfall was much needed, this volume of rainfall over a relatively short period of time resulted in significant widespread flooding; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) does not have the pumping equipment or discharge piping needed to assist Columbia and Suwannee counties, other water management districts were contacted; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) quickly dispatched personnel and pumping equipment to SRWMD to assist in addressing the flooding response needs; and

WHEREAS, SWFWMD continued such assistance over multiple weeks.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District commends the Southwest Florida Water Management District for their exemplary assistance, public service, and dedication to the Suwannee River Water Management District during the time of need surrounding Tropical Storm Debby.

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ATTEST:

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-23**

**APPRECIATION TO THE
SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
IN RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM DEBBY**

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WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) quickly dispatched personnel and pumping equipment to SRWMD to assist in addressing the flooding response needs; and

WHEREAS, SFWMD continued such assistance over multiple weeks.

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ATTEST:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Ann Shortelle, Executive Director

DATE: July 30, 2012

RE: Authority to Resume Customary Delegated Responsibility of Personnel Changes

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board lift the temporary freeze on personnel changes and authorize the Executive Director to resume customary delegated responsibility of personnel changes.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 373.079(4), Florida Statutes, the Governing Board employs an Executive Director to act as the principal agent of the Governing Board. On December 13, 2011, the Governing Board placed a freeze on the prior Executive Director's delegated authority in regards to personnel actions pending a review of the District's funding capacity and staffing plan in association with the FY 2013 budget.

Under the provision of Section 373.079(4), Florida Statutes the Executive Director is delegated the authority to make any personnel actions that do not result in across-the-board salary increases or result in an increase in the number of established permanent positions.

The Executive Director must approve all requests to recruit and hire any vacant established position. The Executive Director may also authorize the recruitment and/or hiring of emergency appointments, overlap appointments, part-time and temporary appointments, and may authorize the establishment, recruitment and hiring of time limited Contractual positions. The Executive Director may make personnel changes such as add/delete actions, reclassifications, reassignments, promotions, demotions, layoffs, transfers, etc.

If you have any questions prior to the August 14, 2012, Governing Board meeting, please feel free to contact me.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: July 26, 2012

RE: Activity Report, Executive Office

The following is a brief summary of activities by Ann Shortelle, Charlie Houder and Steve Minnis from June 21, 2012 through July 26, 2012.

Ann:

- Followed up with SFWMD, SWFWMD, and SJRWMD executive directors on requests for allocations of staff and equipment to continue pumping activities in Columbia and Suwannee counties and City of Live Oak.
- Followed up with FDOT Secretary to secure aerial photography of the Santa Fe River flooding.
- Followed up with FDEP Secretary to assist local governments with FDEP permitting variances during the emergency conditions.
- Coordinating with SJRWMD regarding the JEA request for a consumptive use permit modification. Review and analyses related to the recently received modeling results are underway, and another meeting is being coordinated. Current issue is the 30-day clock for a SJRWMD letter modification, and SRWMD has requested that a waiver adding 15 days be requested from JEA.
- On July 12, met with FDEP and FDACS to discuss the following:
 - Implementation of the Santa Fe River Basin Management Action Plan
 - Engaging USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in the cost-share program for the Santa Fe Basin
 - District-wide implementation of agricultural cost-share programs
 - A plan to set new strategic direction for the Suwannee River Partnership
- Attended a meeting with Mr. Quincey with the other WMD Executive Directors, Board Chairs, and FDEP.
- Participated in the bi-weekly WMD/FDEP conference call.
- Attended the Tentative FY 2013 budget presentations to the Executive Office of the Governor and FDEP via teleconference.

Steve:

- Attended the Florida Association of Counties Conference in Orlando.
- Provided a water shortage order presentation to Bradford County.
- Participated in the monthly Rural Economic Development Initiative conference call.
- Attended the North Florida Utility Coordination Group in Palatka.

Ann and Charlie:

- Attended the Surplus Land Committee meeting, with Mr. Meece presiding.
- Attended the Environmental Permitting Summer School in Marco Island, along with Jon Dinges and Board member Virginia Johns.
- Attended the 2012 CARES dinner.