

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Carlos Herd, P.G., Division Director, Water Supply

DATE: January 8, 2015

RE: Authorization to Amend Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget with Amendment No. 8 for Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Expenses to Fund a Tailwater Recovery and Nutrient Recapture Project

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt Resolution 2015-01 amending the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget from \$36,552,383 to \$36,752,383 in order to include \$200,000 in unanticipated and unbudgeted expenses for the tailwater recovery and nutrient recapture pilot project.

BACKGROUND

On December 9, 2014, the Governing Board approved participating in a cost-share for a tailwater recovery and nutrient recapture pilot project with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and Sanchez Farms, LLC, for an estimated cost of \$600,000. The District's and FDACS' funding portion will not to exceed \$200,000 each to assist in implementing the project. Expenditures in excess of \$600,000 will be the responsibility of Sanchez Farms, LLC. These funds will be expended during the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget.

KW/dd



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January 7, 2015

Ann B. Shortelle, Ph. D., Executive Director
Suwannee River Water Management District
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Live Oak, Florida 32060

Dear Dr. Shortelle:

Pursuant to your request dated December 8, 2014, and in accordance with section 373.536(4)(c), *Florida Statutes*, the Executive Office of the Governor hereby approves the amendment to your district's final budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 as requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Kelly".

Cynthia Kelly, Director
Office of Policy and Budget

cc: Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Administrative Services

CK/rmp

WMD BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

SRWMD AMENDMENT (8)-(2015)

November 25, 2014

Budget Amendment Type

Notification Unanticipated

EOG Approval Y/N

Transfer New Funds X

LBC Notice required Y/N

Project Title: Tailwater Recovery and Nutrient Recapture Pilot Project, Dixie County

Project Description: The District is partnering with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and Sanchez Farms, LLC, on a tailwater recovery and nutrient recapture pilot project (see attached project location map). The project will use tile drains under two agricultural fields to capture water that passes through the root zone. The water will be directed to a tailwater pond for storage and then re-irrigated on the field when needed. The fields are approximately 240 acres in size. Based on the Agricultural Field-Scale Irrigation Requirement Simulation (AFSIRS) model, the project is expected to reduce groundwater use by 45 million gallons annually.

The project is also expected to recapture approximately 3,800 pounds of nitrate-nitrogen annually. This recapture and re-application of this nitrogen will allow the producer to reduce fertilizer application and groundwater use on the property. Based on a GIS analysis, there are over 11,000 irrigated acres within the District on soils with a water table depth of three feet or shallower. Shallower water tables, similar to this project, will allow for the recapture of water through tile drainage.

Issue Statement: Total project cost is \$600,000, with the District contributing \$200,000; FDACS matching with \$200,000; and the cooperator providing a match of \$200,000. FDACS is proposing to provide the District with its matching amount to expedite and efficiently implement the project rather than entering into a separate contract with the cooperator. The project is time sensitive and this approach will ensure the project moves forward without delay. Chapter 373.536(4)(a), F.S., provides that the final adopted budget for the district is the operating and fiscal guide for the district for the ensuing year; however, transfers of funds may be made within the budget by action of the governing board at a public meeting of the governing board. The SRWMD did not anticipate the availability of this grant funding during the FY 2014/2015 budget development process so it was not included in the final adopted budget.

PROJECT					
PROGRAM ACTIVITY SUBACTIVITY	Current Budget	Expenditures to Date	Encumbrances	Available Budget	Amount Requested
2.2.1	\$1,096,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,096,000	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$1,096,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,096,000	\$200,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS					AMOUNT
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services					\$200,000

Utilize the standardized coding and naming convention from the final adopted budget and provide an amount for each expenditure category within the lowest service level (program/activity/subactivity) and a grand total.

WMD BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

SRWMD AMENDMENT (8)-(2015)

November 25, 2014

Agency Request: The Suwannee River Water Management District requests a modification to its FY 2014/2015 adopted budget. Pursuant to the requirements of s. 373.536(4)(c), F.S. – if the District receives unanticipated funds after the adoption of the final budget, the final budget may be amended, following review and approval by the Executive Office of the Governor, by including such funds, if notice of intention to amend is provided to the Legislative Budget Commission and is published in the notice of the governing board meeting at which the amendment will be considered, pursuant to s. 120.525, F.S. The notice must set forth a summary of the proposed amendment.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact to the FY 2014/2015 Budget will be the increase in revenues of \$200,000 from FDACS. Funding from FDACS will come from the funds in Specific Appropriation 1390, in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund provided for Agriculture Nonpoint Sources Best Management Practices Implementation for cost-share to expedite Best Management Practices implementation and irrigation system efficiency conversions in freshwater springs recharge areas.



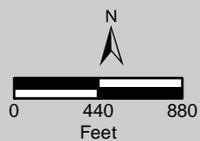
Tailwater Recovery and Nutrient Recapture Pilot Project

SRWMD AMENDMENT (8)-(2015)
Dixie County



Legend

-  Project Area
-  County Roads



Note: This map was created by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) 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 their use or application. SRWMD does not guarantee the accuracy, or suitability for any use of these data, and no warranty is expressed or implied. For more information please contact the SRWMD at 386-362-1001.
Map Created on 11/25/2014

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01

**Unanticipated Funds from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
for a Tailwater Recovery and Nutrient Recapture Pilot Project**

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, require the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) to adopt a final budget for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2014-24, after a public hearing on September 23, 2014, the Governing Board of the District adopted a final budget for the District covering its proposed operations and other requirements for the ensuing fiscal year, beginning October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 189.418(7), Florida Statutes, the District will post the adopted amendment on its official website within five days after its adoption; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment involves an action that increases or decreases total appropriated Fund amounts in the Budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 120.525, Florida Statutes, the District has provided notice of its intention to amend the Budget in the published notification of the Governing Board meeting at which the amendment will be considered; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the District, that:

1. The Budget is hereby amended as summarized in the memorandum dated January 8, 2015, requesting Amendment No. 8, to the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget.
2. Budget Amendment No. 8 provides an increase of \$200,000 in budget authority and revenue for implementation of a tailwater recovery and nutrient recapture pilot project.

Resolution No. 2015-01

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2015 A.D.

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

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ATTEST:
