

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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

March 10, 2015  
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair  
**Amendments Recommended by Staff:** None
4. Public Comment
5. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:
  - Agenda Item 6 - February 10, 2015, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
  - Agenda Item 9 – Approval of January 2015 Financial Report
  - Agenda Item 19 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-220935-3, with a 0.0220 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2391 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at The Williams Place Project, Madison County

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6. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2015, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
  - A. Presentation of Hydrologic Conditions by Tom Mirti, Bureau Chief, Water Resource Division
  - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL  
Tom Reeves**

8. Update of Legal Activities

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS  
Dave Dickens, Director**

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9. Approval of January 2015 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**

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10. Declaration as Surplus and Disposition of Capital Assets to R. O. Ranch, Inc.

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11. R. O. Ranch, Inc. Management Agreement Amendment

AO Page 19

12. Wildlands Fire Services Contract Amendment for Fiscal Year 2014/2015

AO Page 21 13. Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary

**DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY**

**Carlos Herd, P.G., Director**

WS Page 1 14. Water Conservation Month Proclamation

WS Page 3 15. Groundwater Awareness Week Proclamation

WS Page 5 16. Approval to Enter into Contract for the March 2015 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Agricultural Cost-Share Program

WS Page 7 17. Approval to Accept Funds from Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Approval of Resolution 2015-03 for Amendment No. 10 of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

WS Page 13 18. Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update

**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

**Erich Marzolf, Ph.D., Director**

None

**DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**Tim Sagul, P.E., Director**

RM Page 1 19. Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-220935-3, with a 0.0220 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2391 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at The Williams Place Project, Madison County - **Recommend Consent**

RM Page 9 20. Approval to Enter Into Contracts for the 2015 Fiscal Year Local Government Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) Cost Share Program

RM Page 13 21. Permitting Summary Report

RM Page 16 22. Enforcement Status Report

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

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

EO Page 1 23. Rescission of Program Directive 2011-03LM Regarding Guidelines and Procedures for Consistency Regarding Identification and Disposition of Surplus Real Property

EO Page 6 24. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-05 Amending Previously Adopted Resolution 2014-29 Regarding Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Legislative Appropriations Act, for Release of Operations and Environmental Resource Permitting Funds

- EO Page 9      25. Reimbursement Request to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Period of October 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 for District Operational Expenditures
- EO Page 10    26. Approval of Resolution 2015-06 Requesting Release and Transfer of Funds from the Water Management Lands Trust Funds for Springs Protection and Restoration Projects
- EO Page 14    27. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-07 Requesting Release and Transfer of Florida Forever Trust Fund to be used on Water Resource Development Projects
- EO Page 17    28. **Public Hearing** and Consideration of Resolution Number 2015-04 Authorizing the Purchase of the Turtle Spring Tract from G. Winston Lovelace, et al, 90.62 acres +/- in Lafayette County, Declaring Certain Lands to be Surplus, and Approving Amendment Number 11 to the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget
- EO Page 55    29. North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Committee Update
- EO Page 56    30. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report
- EO Page 58    31. District's Weekly Activity Reports
- 32. Announcements

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

March 25, 2015	1:30 p.m.	Lands Committee Meeting District Headquarters
March 26, 2015	1:30 p.m.	Audit Committee Meeting District Headquarters
April 14, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Board Meeting District Headquarters Workshop

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

33. Adjournment

Any member of the public, who wishes to address the Board on any agenda item, or any other topic, must sign up (including the completion of the required speaker forms) with the Executive Director or her designee before the time designated for Public Comment. During Public Comment, the Chair shall recognize those persons signed up to speak on agenda items first. To the extent time permits, the Chair shall thereafter recognize those persons signed up to speak on non-agenda items. Unless leave is given by the Chair, (1) all speakers will be limited to three minutes per topic, (2) any identifiable group of three persons or more shall be required to choose a representative, who shall be

limited to five minutes per topic. When recognized by the Chair during Public Comment, a speaker may request to be allowed to make his or her comments at the time the Board considers a particular agenda item. The Chair may grant or deny such request in the Chair's sole discretion.

Definitions:

- "Lobbies" is defined as seeking to influence a district policy or procurement decision or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a district official or employee. (112.3261(1)(b), Florida Statutes [F.S.])
- "Lobbyist" is a person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. (112.3215(1)(h), F.S.)

The Board may act upon (including reconsideration) any agenda item at any time during the meeting. The agenda may be changed only for good cause as determined by the Chair and stated in the record. If, after the regular time for Public Comment, the agenda is amended to add an item for consideration, the Chair shall allow public comment on the added agenda item prior to the Board taking action thereon.

All decisions of the Chair concerning parliamentary procedures, decorum, and rules of order will be final, unless they are overcome by a majority of the members of the Board in attendance.

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.

AGENDA

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

March 10, 2015  
Following the Governing Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

- Water Management Districts Metrics
- Water Conservation 101 and Update on District Projects

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

Note: A digital recording system has been used to record these proceedings and is on file in the permanent files of the District. A copy of the Governing Board materials and handouts are a part of the record as if set out in full herein, and are filed in the permanent files of the District.

9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
February 10, 2015

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Governing Board:

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Aucilla Basin	George M. Cole, Ph.D.		X	
Coastal River Basin	Donald Ray Curtis, III	Sec./Treas.	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.	Chair	X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Kevin W. Brown		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Alphonas Alexander	Vice Chair	X	
At Large	Virginia H. Johns		X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez			X
At Large	Guy N. Williams			X
At Large	Gary Jones		X	

Governing Board General Counsel

<b>Name</b>	<b>Firm</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

Staff:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Executive Director	Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.	X	
Assistant Executive Director	Jon Dinges	X	
Gov. Affairs / Communications Director	Steve Minnis		X
Administration & Operations Division Director	Dave Dickens	X	
Water Supply Division Director	Carlos Herd	X	
Water Resources Division Director	Erich Marzolf	X	
Resource Mgmt. Division Director	Tim Sagul	X	
GB & HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

Guests:

Corey Mikel, H2O Mobile Lab	Steven Hollingsworth, H2O Mobile Lab
Georgia Shemitz	Cliff Townsend, Townsend Brothers Farm
Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua	Terrie Lee, USGS
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy	Steve Gladdin
Dan Buchanan	Paul Still, BSWCD
Officer Creech, FFWCC	Hugh Thomas, FDACS
Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau	Brad Dicks, Florida Farm Bureau
Jeff Hill	Tilda Musgrove, SRWMD
Kevin Wright, SRWMD	Keith Rowell, SRWMD
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD	Tom Mirti, SRWMD
Scott Gregor, SRWMD	Tammy Girard, SRWMD
Abby Johnson, SRWMD	Rhonda Scott, SRWMD
Robin Lamm, SRWMD	Bill McKinstry, SRWMD

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair.

**Addition:**

- Executive Office – Supplemental Page 1 – Consideration of Second Amendment to the Echo River Plantation Conservation Easement, Suwannee County

**Deletion:**

- None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Paul Still, BSWCD – Brooks Sink and Lake Sampson Control Structure
- Dan Buchanan – Commendation to Board for Service to the Agricultural Community

Agenda Item No. 5 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2015, Intermediate Board Meeting Minutes and January 13, 2015, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item 8 - Approval of December 2014 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 11 – Authorization to Amend Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget with Amendment No. 9 for Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Expenses to Receive a Grant from Nestlé Waters North America, Inc., for Continuous Hydrology and Water Quality Monitoring at Madison Blue Spring and the Withlacoochee River
- ~~Agenda Item 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-215582-4, with a 0.1011 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.4455 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the L. R. Boyette Farm Project, Levy County - **REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**~~
- Agenda Item 14 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-217432-6, with a 0.2739 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2963 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Hardee Farms Project, Levy County

Chair Quincey removed Agenda Item 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-215582-4, with a 0.1011 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.4455 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the L. R. Boyette Farm Project, Levy County, due to conflict of interest.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS COLLECTIVELY WITH THE REMOVAL OF AGENDA ITEM 13. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-215582-4, with a 0.1011 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.4455 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the L. R. Boyette Farm Project, Levy County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions.

Chair Quincey publically announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item 13. A Conflict of Interest Form was completed and signed by Chair Quincey. This form are hereby made part of these minutes and are filed in the permanent Governing Board meeting minutes files of the District.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION OF WATER USE PERMIT 2-075-215582-4, WITH A 0.1011 MGD INCREASE IN ALLOCATION AND A TEN-YEAR PERMIT

EXTENSION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 0.4455 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE AT THE L. R. BOYETTE FARM PROJECT, LEVY COUNTY, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SIX SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, AND JONES.)

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- January 5, 2015 Intermediate Board Meeting Minutes
- January 13, 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- January 13, 2015 Governing Board Workshop Minutes

THE JANUARY 5, 2015 INTERMEDIATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE JANUARY 13, 2015 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES WERE APPROVED WITH THE CONSENT ITEMS.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

- Tom Mirti gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
- Rhonda Scott and Scott Gregor were presented with 10-Year Service Awards

**Governing Board Legal Counsel**

Update of Legal Activities

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Approval of December 2014 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 9– Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. The Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

**DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY**

Agenda Item No. 10 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. The Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 11 – Authorization to Adopt Resolution 2015-02 to Amend Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget from \$36,752,383 to \$36,766,383 with Amendment No. 9 in Order to Recognize \$14,000 for Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Expenses to Receive a Grant from Nestlé Waters North America, Inc., for Continuous Hydrology and Water Quality Monitoring at Madison Blue Spring and the Withlacoochee River. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Valdosta Wastewater Management Update. The Valdosta Wastewater Management Update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

## **DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-215582-4, with a 0.1011 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.4455 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the L. R. Boyette Farm Project, Levy County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions. – Chair removed from Consent Agenda. Board approved this item after Agenda Item 5.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-217432-6, with a 0.2739 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2963 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Hardee Farms Project, Levy County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions. – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of a Modification and Consolidation of Water Use Permits 2-079-216067-5 and 2-079-221355-4, with No Net Change in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 2.0358 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., at the Williams Place Project, Madison County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions. – Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrologist, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for approval of a modification and consolidation of Water Use Permits 2-079-216067-5 and 2-079-221355-4, with No Net Change in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 2.0358 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., at the Williams Place Project, Madison County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF WATER USE PERMITS 2-079-216067-5 AND 2-079-221355-4, WITH NO NET CHANGE IN ALLOCATION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 2.0358 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE TO GRIMMWAY ENTERPRISES, INC., AT THE WILLIAMS PLACE PROJECT, MADISON COUNTY, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SIX SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BROWN. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 16 – Permitting Summary Report. The Permitting Summary Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Tom Reeves, Board Counsel, updated the Board regarding the Charlie Hicks enforcement issues.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 18 – Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and Commence Negotiations with Jammie Lavon & Elizabeth A. Singletary on a Fee Simple Purchase of 20.00 Acres +/- in Lafayette County. Keith Rowell, Surveyor, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations with Jammie Lavon & Elizabeth A. Singletary on a fee simple purchase of 20.00 Acres +/- in Lafayette County.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 – AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAMMIE LAVON & ELIZABETH A. SINGLETARY ON A FEE SIMPLE PURCHASE OF 20.00 ACRES +/- IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL DIED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Exchange of Easements for Ingress, Egress and Utilities with Mr. Fredrik Wood in Levy County. Mr. Rowell presented a recommendation to the Governing Board for approval to execute an exchange of easements for ingress, egress and utilities with Mr. Fredrik Wood over District lands in Levy County.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AN EXCHANGE OF EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES WITH MR. FREDRIK WOOD OVER DISTRICT LANDS IN LEVY COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 20 – Public Hearing and Acceptance of Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020. Abby Johnson, Governmental Affairs and Communications Coordinator, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to conduct a Public Hearing and Accept the Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020.

Chair Quincey opened the public hearing regarding Agenda Item No. 20 to receive public comment.

Paul Still, BSWCD, provided comments to the Governing Board

Chair Quincey closed the public hearing.

MR. ALEXANDER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-2020. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES AND QUINCEY.)

SUP 1 – Consideration of Second Amendment to the Echo River Plantation Conservation Easement, Suwannee County. Jon Dinges, Assistant Executive Director, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board for consideration of Second Amendment to the Echo River Plantation Conservation Easement, Suwannee County.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ECHO RIVER PLANTATION CONSERVATION EASEMENT, SUWANNEE COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES AND QUINCEY.)

Dr. Ann Shortelle, Executive Director, provided a Legislative update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 21 – North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee Update. A North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

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Agenda Item No. 22 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 23 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. The District's Weekly Activity Reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
 MINUTES OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT COMMITTEE AND  
 GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

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District Headquarters  
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CONSERVATION EASEMENT COMMITTEE

Jon Dinges provided a presentation to the Governing Board on water resource values of conservation easements and Trey Grubbs provided a presentation to the Governing Board on the development of a screening tool to estimate water resource benefits of conservation easements.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
 MINUTES OF  
 GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Following the Conservation Easement Committee Meeting

Governing Board:

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Aucilla Basin	George M. Cole, Ph.D.		X	
Coastal River Basin	Donald Ray Curtis, III	Sec/Treasurer	X	
Lower Suwannee River Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.	Chair	X	
Santa Fe/Wacc. Basins	Kevin W. Brown		X	
Upper Suwannee River Basin	Alphonas Alexander	Vice Chair		X
At Large	Virginia H. Johns		X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez			X
At Large	Guy N. Williams			X
At Large	Gary Jones		X	

Governing Board General Counsel

<b>Name</b>	<b>Firm</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

Staff:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Executive Director	Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.	X	
Assistant Executive Director	Jon Dinges	X	
Governmental Affairs/Comm. Director	Steve Minnis		X
Administration & Operations Division Director	Dave Dickens	X	
Water Supply Division Director	Carlos Herd	X	
Water Resources Division Director	Erich Marzolf	X	
Resource Mgmt. Division Director	Tim Sagul	X	
GB and HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

Guests:

Georgia Shemitz	Rhonda Scott, SRWMD
Steve Gladdin	Bill McKinstry, SRWMD
Paul Still, BSWCD	Keith Rowell, SRWMD
Hugh Thomas, FDACS	Tom Mirti, SRWMD
Brad Dicks, Florida Farm Bureau	Kevin Wright, SRWMD
Tilda Musgrove, SRWMD	Warren Zwanka, SRWMD
Robin Lamm, SRWMD	Scott Gregor, SRWMD
Abby Johnson, SRWMD	Rick Renna
Pat Webster, SRWMD	Bebe Willis, SRWMD

Environmental Resource Permitting and Stormwater Recharge Discussion

Rick Renna, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and Pat Webster, SRWMD, provided the Governing Board with an overview of existing recharge options and discussed future recharge options utilizing stormwater. The District and FDOT staff discussed alternative means for stormwater recharge that need to be tested and evaluated through the regulatory community.

The workshop ended at 2:49 p.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration & Operations

DATE: February 23, 2015

RE: Approval of January 2015 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the January 2015 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 as attached.

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.

DD/bmp  
Enclosures

**Suwannee River Water Management District  
Cash Report  
January 2015**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>Monthly Interest</b>	<b>Interest Rate %</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
Bank of America Permit Fee	-	-	\$149,004.96
First Federal Permit Fee	\$4.24	0.30%	\$17,516.41
First Federal Depository	\$365.97	0.40%	\$1,698,717.35
SPIA	\$70,596.31	1.73%	\$48,078,890.63
SBA Fund A	\$50.64	0.16%	\$341,604.19
TOTAL	\$71,017.16		\$50,285,733.54

**Suwannee River Water Management District  
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds  
For the Month ending January 31, 2015  
(Unaudited)**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Actuals Through 1/31/2015</b>	<b>Variance (Under)/Over Budget</b>	<b>Actuals As A % of Budget</b>
<b>Sources</b>				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$5,584,081	\$ 4,291,348	\$ (1,292,733)	77%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$21,947,612	2,079,846	(19,867,766)	9%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$354,000	216,207	(137,793)	61%
License and Permit Fees	\$75,000	31,371	(43,629)	42%
Other	\$396,000	264,520	(131,480)	67%
Fund Balance	\$8,395,690	682,916	(7,712,774)	8%
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$36,752,383</b>	<b>\$ 7,566,209</b>	<b>\$ (29,186,174)</b>	<b>21%</b>

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Encumbrances <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Available Budget</b>	<b>%Expended</b>	<b>Obligated <sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Uses</b>						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$9,185,682	\$ 1,566,660	\$ 60,831	\$ 7,558,191	17%	18%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$21,764,784	1,413,616	10,800	20,340,368	6%	7%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$2,700,632	575,807	149,347	1,975,477	21%	27%
Regulation	\$1,278,446	380,311	22,998	875,137	30%	32%
Outreach	\$250,483	53,631	2,248	194,605	21%	22%
Management and Administration	\$1,572,356	549,611	112,910	909,835	35%	42%
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$36,752,383</b>	<b>\$ 4,539,636</b>	<b>\$ 359,134</b>	<b>\$ 31,853,613</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders and contracts.

<sup>2</sup> Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This financial statement is prepared as of January 31, 2015 and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE DETAIL**

**January 31, 2015**

Recap of All Funds	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	6,975,233.87	0.00	36,752,383.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,754,695.71	0.00	6,476,399.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	1,041,419.28	25,383.14	18,699,868.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	466,251.85	27,441.13	2,063,138.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	65,256.84	(206.52)	633,459.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	699,630.85	(99,098.00)	786,915.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	511,861.80	(3,392.24)	8,092,604.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>4,539,116.33</u>	<u>(49,872.49)</u>	<u>36,752,383.00</u>
NET INCOME	2,436,117.54	49,872.49	0.00

Fund 01: General Fund	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	4,810,773.74	0.00	15,726,647.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,038,221.33	0.00	3,541,103.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	54,737.50	3,517.47	2,602,734.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	396,528.23	14,983.23	1,566,796.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	35,420.28	(1,531.52)	533,700.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	112,716.00	(99,098.00)	200,000.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	44,763.04	0.00	676,641.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,682,386.38</u>	<u>(82,128.82)</u>	<u>9,120,974.00</u>
NET INCOME	3,128,387.36	82,128.82	6,605,673.00

Fund 03: Lobbyist Registration	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	640.00	0.00	0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,626.06	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,626.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00

\*remaining balance to be covered by Reserves

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Fund 04: Ichetucknee Springs	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	4,250,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	67,024.27	0.00	4,250,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	2,750.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	67,024.27	0.00	4,252,750.00
<b>NET INCOME</b>	0.00	0.00	(2,750.00)

\*Expenses to be covered by Carryover from FY 2014 / Fund Balance

Fund 05: Middle Suwannee	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	1,430,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	38,948.10	0.00	1,430,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,948.10	0.00	1,430,000.00
<b>NET INCOME</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00

\*Expenses to be covered by Carryover from FY 2014 / Fund Balance

Fund 06: Springs Restoration	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	8,123,660.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	997.28	0.00	691,800.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	4,905,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	4,325,100.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	997.28	0.00	9,921,900.00
<b>NET INCOME</b>	0.00	0.00	(1,798,240.00)

\*Revenues budgeted

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Fund 07: Local Revenue	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	105,600.00	0.00	70,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	70,000.00	0.00	70,000.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>70,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>35,600.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Fund 08: WMLTF / Springs	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	463,728.47	0.00	2,213,161.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	211,208.00	0.00	732,724.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	251,678.50	193.05	2,331,991.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	443.60	0.00	25,750.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	49,009.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	97,392.24	(3,392.24)	312,181.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>560,722.34</u>	<u>(3,199.19)</u>	<u>3,451,655.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,199.19</u>	<u>(1,238,494.00)</u>

\*DEP Reimbursement Grant for Expenses

Fund 10: Florida Forever & P-2000	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	363,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	9,034.23	0.00	47,385.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	27,065.25	0.00	923,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	922.58	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>37,022.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>970,385.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(607,385.00)</u>

\*Expenses to be covered by Carryover from FY 2014 / Fund Balance

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Fund 11: FEMA FY 2009	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	5,995.25	0.00	14,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	5,995.25	0.00	14,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,995.25	0.00	14,000.00
NET INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00

Fund 12: DOT ETDM	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	30.44	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	30.44	0.00	0.00
NET INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00

Fund 13: WMLTF / Operations	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	887,210.52	0.00	2,918,915.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	205,941.97	0.00	613,197.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	163,515.82	0.00	932,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	61,557.41	12,457.90	407,208.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	586,914.85	0.00	586,915.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	178,500.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,017,930.05	12,457.90	2,718,720.00
NET INCOME	0.00	(12,457.90)	200,195.00

\*DEP Reimbursement Grant for Expenses

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Fund 15: ERP & Wetlands	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	241,965.00	0.00	453,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	187,172.89	0.00	588,021.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	18,351.53	21,672.62	58,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,930.72	0.00	46,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	29,836.56	1,325.00	50,750.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>240,291.70</u>	<u>22,997.62</u>	<u>757,771.00</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	1,673.30	(22,997.62)	(304,771.00)

Fund 16: Delineated Areas	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	15,974.12	0.00	37,814.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	1,711.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	130.00	0.00	4,500.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>16,104.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>44,025.00</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	0.00	0.00	(44,025.00)

\*Salaries/Benefits to be covered by Reserves

Fund 17: License & Permit Fees	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	24,486.67	0.00	75,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	84,129.90	0.00	224,355.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	1,548.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>84,129.90</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>225,903.00</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	0.00	0.00	(150,903.00)

\*Salaries/Benefits to be covered by Reserves

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Fund 19: DOT Mitigation	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	359.49	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>359.49</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

\*Salaries/Benefits to be covered by Reserves

Fund 29: SRP	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	124,439.64	0.00	0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	124,439.64	0.00	227,000.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>124,439.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>227,000.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(227,000.00)</u>

Fund 44: Surface Water Improvement	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	37,652.92	0.00	0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	3,984.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,277.92	0.00	10,134.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	36,375.00	0.00	44,815.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>37,652.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>58,933.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(58,933.00)</u>

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Fund 45: FEMA FY 2010	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	920.00	0.00	339,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	920.00	0.00	339,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>920.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>339,000.00</u>
NET INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00

Fund 48: FEMA FY 2011	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	160,945.00	0.00	285,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	160,945.00	0.00	285,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>160,945.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>285,000.00</u>
NET INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00

Fund 51: District Ag Cost Share	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	45,895.15	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	40,000.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>45,895.15</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
NET INCOME	0.00	0.00	(40,000.00)

\*expenses covered by Reserves

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Fund 53: District River Cost Share	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	95,466.25	0.00	130,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	461.39	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	138,891.88	0.00	2,203,367.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>234,819.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,333,367.00</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>(2,333,367.00)</b>

\*expenses covered by Reserves

Fund 54: FEMA FY 2012	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	58,361.66	0.00	362,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	58,361.66	0.00	362,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>58,361.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>362,000.00</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00

Fund 55: FEMA FY 2013	<u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ENCUM.</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TOTAL REVENUES	52,515.00	0.00	129,000.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	52,515.00	0.00	129,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERAGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>52,515.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>129,000.00</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations

DATE: February 23, 2015

RE: Declaration as Surplus and Disposition of Capital Assets to R. O. Ranch, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board declare the following list of capital assets as surplus and authorize transfer of titles to R. O. Ranch, Inc.**

BACKGROUND

In the Management and Operations Agreement between R. O. Ranch, Inc., (Ranch) and Suwannee River Water Management District (District), capital asset items used for day-to-day operations were provided to the Ranch for use on the property during the term of the agreement. Equipment covered by the agreement was to remain District property until the termination of the agreement or until the end of its useful life, at which time the property would be returned to the District.

This equipment has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer used by the District. Chapter 273.05(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the declaration of any property as surplus that is obsolete or the continued use of which is uneconomical or inefficient or which serves no useful function; and 273.055(3)(b), F.S., allows agencies to donate surplus property to any non-profit agency.

Due to the equipment reaching the end of its useful life and the property is no longer in the District's control, it is recommended the Governing Board declare the list of capital asset equipment as surplus property and authorize staff to transfer title to R. O. Ranch, Inc., an IRS Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Asset #	Description	Year Purchased	Purchase Price
1759	REAR BLADE ATTACHMENT FOR MGT	1989	\$ 1,300
2025	TWIN MAX GRADER BLADE	1992	\$ 4,507
2161	6'6" TWIN OFFSET HARROW	1995	\$ 1,990
2498	MF 4263 4WD TRACTOR/LOADER	2000	\$ 40,227
2505	CUSTOM CAB FOR TRACTOR	2000	\$ 2,930
2714	BUSH HOG ROTARY MOWER	2003	\$ 2,278
3013	POLARIS RANGER ATV	2007	\$ 9,846
3094	WHITE REFRIGERATOR	2008	\$ 1,060

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations  
DATE: February 23, 2015  
RE: R.O. Ranch, Inc., Management Agreement Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board approve and execute an amendment to the Agreement for Management and Operations of R.O. Ranch, Inc., to allow R.O. Ranch, Inc., to develop and approve their own fee schedule without District approval, and to remove previously transferred personal property from the agreement.**

BACKGROUND

The current Management Agreement approved by the District Governing Board on November 9, 2011, indicates the District must approve the R.O. Ranch, Inc., fee schedule. The amended agreement will allow R.O. Ranch, Inc., to develop, implement, and amend their fee schedule without District approval.

Additionally, the current approved Management Agreement contains a list of District personal property that is owned by the District but used solely by R.O. Ranch, Inc. The list includes two trucks, a tractor and implements, a utility vehicle, and various other properties, including but not limited to, furniture, fixtures, refrigerator, software programs, and telephones. This amendment will remove the previously surplus property from the agreement.

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Enclosure

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT  
AND OPERATIONS OF THE R.O. RANCH**

This first amendment to the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (as defined below) is made and entered into as of the last date executed by the parties by and between the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a Florida water management district created pursuant to Section 373.069, Florida Statutes, whose address is 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, (hereinafter the "DISTRICT") and R.O. Ranch, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation whose address is 696 SE CR 357, Mayo, FL 32066 (hereinafter "R.O. RANCH.")

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, on or about November 9, 2011, the DISTRICT and R.O. RANCH entered into that certain management agreement titled AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE R.O. RANCH, designated by the DISTRICT as \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter the "MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the DISTRICT and R.O. RANCH now wish to amend the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; and,

**WHEREAS**, the parties have reached an agreement between them concerning such amendment and wish to commit such agreement to writing and thereby amend the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and conditions set out herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **RECITALS.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.
2. **PARAGRAPH 7.4.**
  - 2.1 Paragraph 7.4 of the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT presently (immediately prior to this amendment) reads as follows:

“7.4 Charge fees to the visitors to and users of the Facilities consistent with a written fee schedule. Such fee schedule shall be developed by R.O. RANCH and, if found appropriate, approved by the DISTRICT and amended from time to time using the same process. Such fee schedule may be approved as part of the Annual Work Plan. All revenue generated from such fees shall be the property of R.O. RANCH and shall be used exclusively to meet R.O. RANCH’s financial obligations as set out in this

Agreement, the Annual Work Plan and/or the Maintenance Plan.”

2.2 Paragraph 7.4 of the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT is hereby amended, altered and changed to reads as follows:

“7.4 Charge fees to the visitors to and users of the Facilities consistent with a written fee schedule to be developed, implemented and, from time to time, amended by R.O. RANCH. All revenue generated from such fees shall be the property of R.O. RANCH and shall be used exclusively to meet R.O. RANCH’s financial obligations as set out in this Agreement, the Annual Work Plan and/or the Maintenance Plan.”

3. **PARAGRAPHS 8.2.1.3 through 8.2.1.5.**

3.1 Paragraphs 8.2.1.3 through 8.2.1.5 of the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT presently (immediately prior to this amendment) reads as follows:

“8.2.1.3 R.O. RANCH’s proposed fee schedule for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

8.2.1.4 Any requested amendments to the Management Plan.

8.2.1.5 A report describing the status of the maintenance and improvements to the Facilities approved in the then current Annual Work Plan.”

3.2 Paragraphs 8.2.1.3 through 8.2.1.4 of the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT are hereby amended, altered and changed to read as follows:

“8.2.1.3 Any requested amendments to the Management Plan.

8.2.1.4 A report describing the status of the maintenance and improvements to the Facilities approved in the then current Annual Work Plan.”

3.3 Paragraph 8.2.1.5 of the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT is hereby deleted.

4. **PARAGRAPH 10.1.**

4.1 Paragraph 10.1 of the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT presently (immediately

prior to this amendment) reads as follows:

“10.1 PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT. Certain personal property has been furnished by the DISTRICT to R.O. RANCH for the use of R.O. RANCH on the Property during the term of this Agreement. Such personal property shall remain the property of the DISTRICT and returned to the DISTRICT upon the termination of this Agreement or at the end of its useful life, whichever occurs earlier. Such personal property shall be used and maintained (including provision of fuel) by R.O. RANCH. Such personal property is as follows:

10.1.1 A Chevrolet 4X4 1500 truck (VIN# GCEK19V82E199857).

10.1.2 A 2007 Ford F350 King Cab 4X4 truck (VIN# FTWX31R68EA57077).

10.1.3 A Massey-Ferguson 4263 tractor (Property Number 2498) together with the following implements:  
Enclosed Cab (Property Number 2504)  
Front End Loader (Property Number 2505)  
Woods Grader Blade (Property Number 1759)  
Twin Max Grader Blade (Property Number 2025).

10.1.4 A Polaris Ranger 4X4 Utility Vehicle (Property Number 3013).

10.1.5 All furniture and fixtures presently in the Visitor Center, Panther Jim’s Lodge, the bath house and campgrounds sufficient for the intended use by visitors and guests. R.O. RANCH will maintain the furniture and fixtures and will provide replacements as needed. Such replacements shall be the property of R.O. RANCH.

10.1.6 All computers, including software and telephones which are presently used for the operation of the facility. R.O. RANCH will maintain the equipment, pay any connection and usage fee at the initial set-up. R.O. RANCH will maintain the computers, including software and telephones and will provide replacements as needed. Such replacements shall be the property of R.O. RANCH.”

4.2 Paragraph 10.1 of the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT is hereby amended, altered and changed to reads as follows:

“10.1 PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT. Certain personal property has been furnished by the DISTRICT to R.O. RANCH for the use of R.O. RANCH on the Property during the term of this Agreement. Such personal property shall remain the property of the DISTRICT to the end of its useful life, at which time title to such property shall be transferred to R.O. RANCH for disposal by R.O. RANCH. Such personal property shall be used and maintained (including provision of fuel) by R.O. RANCH. Such personal property is as follows:

10.1.1 All furniture and fixtures presently in the Visitor Center, Panther Jim’s Lodge, the bath house and campgrounds sufficient for the intended use by visitors and guests. R.O. RANCH will maintain the furniture and fixtures.

10.1.2 All computers, including software and telephones which are presently used for the operation of the facility. R.O. RANCH will maintain the equipment, pay any connection and usage fee at the initial set-up. R.O. RANCH will maintain the computers, including software and telephones.”

4.3 Paragraphs 10.1.3, 10.1.4, 10.1.5 and 10.1.6 of the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT is hereby deleted.

5. **RATIFICATION OF REMAINDER OF THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT.** Except as expressly provided above, the terms of the MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT are hereby ratified and reaffirmed by the parties.

EXECUTED by the DISTRICT on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Quincey, Jr.  
Chair of its Governing Board

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald R. Curtis, III  
Secretary/Treasurer

EXECUTED by the R.O. RANCH on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

R.O. RANCH, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of its Board of Directors

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations  
DATE: February 23, 2015  
RE: Wildlands Fire Services Contract Amendment for Fiscal Year 2014/2015

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract with Wildlands Fire Services to allow funding originally designated for prescribed fire work in Mallory Swamp be applied to prescribed fire work on other tracts recommended by District staff.**

BACKGROUND

At the October 2014 Board meeting, the Governing Board approved contracts for prescribed fire services with the firms listed in Table 1.

Table 1. FY 2014/2015 Prescribed Fire Services Contracts

NAME OF FIRM	FY 2014/2015 CONTRACT AMOUNT
Attack-One Fire Management Services	\$16,464.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$80,820.78
Natural Resource Planning Service	\$92,286.50
Wildlands Fire Services	\$193,395.00

Of the amount approved for Wildlands Fire Services (WFS) in Table 1, \$136,500 was designated for prescribed fire services work on the Mallory Swamp Tract in Lafayette County. After conducting one prescribed fire in Mallory Swamp on December 11, 2014, \$96,765 remains of the amount originally designated for work in that area. After evaluating both current and long-term weather conditions and forecasts, staff has determined conditions are too wet in Mallory Swamp for any additional work to be conducted in FY 2014/2015.

Staff recommends WFS's remaining FY 2014/2015 contract amount originally designated for work in Mallory Swamp be applied to other targeted tracts located in areas where burning

conditions are more favorable. Recommendations will continue to adhere to lowest cost standards and include the following information:

- Natural Resource Planning Service (NRPS) was low bidder on over 7,000 FY 2014/2015 targeted acres, but they voluntarily capped the maximum amount of acreage they could burn at 2,700 acres based on their firm's capacity.
- Of the 4,300 remaining acres that NRPS does not have the capacity to burn, WFS was second lowest bidder on approximately 1,760 acres. By re-assigning these 1,760 acres, WFS would spend down an additional \$70,000 of their remaining contract amount originally designated for Mallory Swamp, leaving an approximate balance of \$26,765. In addition, WFS would be burning acreage that was originally targeted in FY 2014/2015. The increase in cost to the District to burn these 1,760 acres using the second lowest bid price would be approximately \$4,480. From a production standpoint, this equates to approximately 130 fewer acres the District would be able to burn in FY 2014/2015 using the average acre rate of \$35.
- Staff also recommends WFS's remaining contract amount of approximately \$22,285 be applied to any other FY 2014/2015 targeted tracts where WFS is second lowest bidder. This action would only occur in situations where the original low bidder confirms in writing that they are unable or do not have the capacity to burn their designated FY 2014/2015 acreage.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Dave Dickens, Director, Administration and Operations  
DATE: February 23, 2015  
SUBJECT: Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary

Staff met with Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge on January 22, 2015. Staff reviewed the Refuge land management plan, current management activities and discussed future activities. All activities are in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Perpetual Contracting, LLC completed maintenance activities on public and secondary roads in the Steinhatchee Springs Tract on January 27, 2015. All maintenance work was inspected and approved by District staff.

Perpetual Contracting, LLC began road maintenance activities on public and secondary roads in the Steinhatchee Falls and Steinhatchee Rise tracts on January 28, 2015.

Staff continued the review of three conservation easements during the past month:

- Ace Ranch – Lafayette County (Staff prepared and mailed a certified letter on November 18, 2014, ordering compliance; requested work is to be completed in 90 days.)
- Deep Creek – Columbia County (Bill McKinstry has reviewed the digital line work and revised some of the work based on District data. Staff will determine a course forward for this Conservation Easement.)
- Jennings Bluff – Hamilton County (Letter to owner concerning the Conservation Easement is being reviewed by staff.)

Fiscal Year 2015 reforestation was completed on January 23, 2015. Approximately one hundred and fifty one (151) acres were planted with longleaf pine seedlings on four District tracts of land.

Burning activities were conducted during the report period of January 14, 2015, through February 3, 2015. Two wildfires occurred on District land and burned a total of four acres. Both fires occurred on the Steinhatchee Springs tract in Lafayette County and were of unknown origin. The Florida Forest Service responded and installed firelines for containment purposes. Some minimal fireline rehabilitation work will be scheduled later in the fiscal year. No damage to timber resources occurred from these fires.

Goose Pasture is now open for camping after hunting season ended. Inquiries and SUA requests have increased for spring paddling trips.

The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition paddled the Steinhatchee River on January 31, 2015. Attendees for the event toured the Steinhatchee Rise and Steinhatchee Falls tracts. On February 2, 2015, they rode bicycles through the Big Bend Water Management Area to Goose Pasture. On February 3, 2015, they hiked the Florida National Scenic Trail through the Cabbage Grove Tract to the Aucilla Sinks.

The attached report summarizes the status of current activities for the preceding month. Staff will be prepared to address any items of particular interest the Board may wish to discuss at the Governing Board meeting.

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**LAND AND FACILITIES OPERATIONS**

Prescribed Fire

<b>Summary Table FY 2015</b>	<b>2015 Target Acres</b>	<b>Acres Complete</b>
Suwannee River Water Management District	10,750	2,269
Florida Forest Service burns on Twin Rivers State Forest	2,000	462
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,750</b>	<b>2,731</b>

Prescribed Burn Activity

<b>TRACT</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>ATK1</b>	<b>B&amp;B DUGGER</b>	<b>NRPS</b>	<b>WFS</b>	<b>FFS COOP</b>	<b>FFS TRSF</b>	<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>TOTAL WILDFIRE ACRES</b>
Cuba Bay	Madison		179						
Woods Ferry	Suwannee			178					
Mattair Springs	Suwannee			133					
Steinhatchee Springs	Lafayette								4
<i>Sub-total for Period</i>		0	179	311	0	0	0	490	4
<i>Previous Acres Burned</i>		0	512	437	830	0	462	0	0
<b>Total Acres</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>4</b>

## Timber

- Harvesting commenced on the Steinhatchee Rise Timber Sale on December 3, 2014. Timber harvesting was completed on January 9, 2015.
- Little Shoals #4 is too wet to harvest.
- The contract has been executed on the Mill Creek North # 4 Timber Sale, and the pre-harvest meeting was held on December 31, 2014. Currently, the tract is too wet to harvest.
- The contract has been executed on the Steinhatchee Springs #12 Timber Sale. Currently, the tract is too wet to harvest.

Tract	Contract	Acres	Tons Harvested	Revenue	Status	Contract End Date
Little River #4	13/14-134	478	17,854	\$98,905	Complete	October 6, 2014
Steinhatchee Rise #2	13/14-229	70	3,777	\$61,347.56	Harvest Complete	August 30, 2015
Little Shoals #4	14/15-023	129	0			October 30, 2015
Mill Creek North #4	14/15-049	211	0			December 22, 2015
Steinhatchee Springs #12	14/15-061	78	0			January 6, 2016

## Conservation Easement Monitoring

- Plum Creek: (Waccassasa, Manatee Springs/Suwannee Swamp and Gainesville Wellfield) Staff has reviewed and commented on the management plan. Field inspections are being planned for March and June.
- Bascom Southern: (California Swamp) Staff has met with Campbell Global, conducted the office interview and completed a portion of the field inspection. Plans are to finish field inspection and report by April 1.
- Bailey Bothers, Inc.: (Hines Tract) Staff has met with the principal, and reviewed and approved the management plan. Preliminary field inspection is planned for late February.
- Loncala, Inc.: (Monteocha Creek, Alapaha River and Santa Fe River) Staff has met with Loncala to review field operations in Gilchrist County.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Carlos Herd, P.G., Division Director, Water Supply  
DATE: February 23, 2015  
RE: Water Conservation Month Proclamation

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board declare April 2015 as Water Conservation Month.**

### BACKGROUND

For the past 16 years, the State of Florida has formally recognized April as Water Conservation Month. Many local governments, water management districts and other entities have demonstrated their support by adopting resolutions or proclamations designating Water Conservation Month in their communities.

This designation provides an opportunity to increase public awareness about the importance of water conservation and of following the District's year-round water conservation measures. It also encourages citizens to develop life-long conservation habits that will help preserve and protect our state and local water resources now and in the future.

Therefore, staff recommends the Governing Board declare April 2015 as Water Conservation Month.

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# Proclamation

## Suwannee River Water Management District Live Oak, Florida

**WHEREAS**, clean, safe and sustainable water resources are vital to Suwannee River Water Management District's (District) residents, visitors, economy, and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, droughts, development, and population growth serve as reminders that Florida's ground and surface water resources such as rivers, lakes, and springs are finite and fragile; and

**WHEREAS**, permanent, year-round water conservation measures are in effect throughout the District; and

**WHEREAS**, water conservation is a District strategic priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the District encourages and supports water conservation through public awareness efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, water conservation will continue to play an important role in the future protection and preservation of ground and surface water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, every business, industry, school, resident, and visitor can help by conserving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments are essential in assisting in promoting water conservation awareness and implementing water conservation measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida traditionally designates April as Water Conservation Month,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby proclaims April 2015 as Water Conservation Month. Additionally, the District respectfully calls upon each local government, resident, visitor, and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water conservation measures and becoming more aware of the need to conserve water.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015 A.D.**

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

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

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GUY N. WILLIAMS**

**ATTEST:**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Carlos Herd, P.G., Division Director, Water Supply  
DATE: March 23, 2015  
RE: Groundwater Awareness Week Proclamation

### RECOMMENDATION

## **Staff recommends the Governing Board declare March 8-14, 2015 as Groundwater Awareness Week.**

### BACKGROUND

For the past 16 years, the National Groundwater Association (NGWA) has celebrated National Groundwater Awareness Week. Groundwater awareness is growing into a national movement as more and more national, state and local promotional partners each year help to raise public awareness about groundwater and water well stewardship. NGWA applauds these and other organizations across the country and world that recognize the importance of groundwater in meeting human and environmental needs.

This designation provides an opportunity to increase public awareness about the importance of groundwater protection and conservation. It also encourages citizens to develop life-long habits that will help conserve and protect our aquifers now and in the future.

Therefore, staff recommends the Governing Board adopt a proclamation designating the week of March 8-14, 2015 as Groundwater Awareness Week.

CH/aj

# Proclamation

## Suwannee River Water Management District Live Oak, Florida

**WHEREAS**, greater than 95 percent of all available fresh water in the world is in the form of groundwater; and

**WHEREAS**, groundwater is essential to the health and well-being of humanity and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States uses 79.6 billion gallons per day of fresh groundwater for drinking water, irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, thermoelectric power and other purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, clean, safe and sustainable groundwater resources are vital to North Florida's residents, visitors, economy, and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, droughts, development, and population growth serve as reminders that Florida's groundwater resources are finite and fragile; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Geological Survey estimates that about 30 percent of the US streamflow is from groundwater, higher in some areas and lower in others; and

**WHEREAS**, all major streams in the Suwannee River Water Management District flows underground and then re-emerges as streamflow; and

**WHEREAS**, Suwannee River Water Management District estimates that more than 70 percent of the Suwannee River streamflow is from groundwater; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainable water supply is a Suwannee River Water Management District strategic priority; and

**WHEREAS**, permanent, year-round water conservation measures are in effect throughout the District; and

**WHEREAS**, every business, industry, school, resident and visitor can help by protecting and conserving groundwater and thus promote a healthy economy and community,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby proclaims March 8-14, 2015 as Groundwater Awareness Week. The Suwannee River Water Management District is calling upon each resident, visitor and business to help protect our precious groundwater resource by preventing its contamination and becoming more aware of the need to conserve water.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF March, 2015 A.D.**

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

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**ATTEST:**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Carlos Herd, P.G., Division Director, Water Supply  
DATE: February 23, 2015  
RE: Approval to Enter Into Contract for the March 2015 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Agricultural Cost-Share Program

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with one applicant for the DEP Springs Agricultural Cost-Share Program.**

BACKGROUND

At the January 2015 Governing Board meeting, the Board accepted \$2,712,000 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for agricultural water conservation, nursery water conservation, and nutrient management cost-share activities.

The District received and accepted one application to be brought to the March 2015 Governing Board. This application is to remotely control seventeen center pivot and automated control valves which meets the intent and scope of the cost-share program. The water savings are estimated to reduce irrigated pumpage by 51 million gallons of water annually, or over 0.14 million gallons per day.

The total FDEP Springs cost share recommended for Governing Board approval for March 2015 is \$44,901. The total grower portion for these items will be \$44,901, or 50% of the equipment cost. The total District cost-share funds to be dispersed cumulatively for the DEP Springs Agricultural Cost-share Program are \$44,901 for a cost-benefit of \$0.09 per thousand gallons.

Attachment A is a list of the proposed recipient, proposed funding amounts, and best management practices.

KW/dd  
attachment

Attachment A

Owner Name	County	Improved Water Conservation	Advanced Nutrient Management	Nursery Water Conservation	Project Description
Michael Wilkerson	Gilchrist	\$44,901	-	-	Remote Control of 17 Pivots
	<b>Total Estimated</b>	<b>\$44,901</b>	-	-	

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: February 23, 2015

RE: Approval to Accept Funds from Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Approval of Resolution 2015-03 for Amendment No. 10 of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board accept an additional \$30,000 from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and approve Resolution 2015-03 amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget from \$36,766,383 to \$36,796,383 to recognize \$30,000 from FDEP in unanticipated revenue and expenditures for a field demonstration to assist producers in managing water and nutrients with soil moisture sensors.**

### BACKGROUND

In November 2014, the Board approved a partnership with FDEP and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) on a 3-year field demonstration to provide guidance to producers in managing their water and nutrients with soil moisture sensors. Each partner would fund one-third of the project cost, not to exceed \$196,000 each.

The District received bids for project components that exceeded the original budget; FDEP agreed to cover the additional costs. The additional \$30,000 will be used to purchase lysimeters, pumps and other field supplies needed to complete the project.

KW/dd

WMD BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

SRWMD AMENDMENT (10)-(2015)

February 20, 2015

**Budget Amendment Type**

Notification            Unanticipated

EOG Approval    Y/N

Transfer                New Funds        X

LBC Notice required    Y/N

**Project Title:** Field Demonstration to Assist Producers in Managing Water and Nutrients with Soil Moisture Sensors, Suwannee County

**Project Description:** The District is partnering with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and University of Florida – Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS) on a field demonstration to provide guidance to producers in managing their water and nutrients with soil moisture sensors. The project will take place at the Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center and replicate various irrigation schedules and fertilizer rates on a corn and peanut rotation. Each plot will be instrumented with a soil moisture sensor that monitors soil moisture and electrical conductivity at multiple depths. Telemetry and a system that can monitor the sensor in real-time will be installed and used to automate irrigation scheduling for the sensor-based irrigation treatments. Nutrient leaching will be measured using lysimeters and soil borings from the land surface to the top of the water table. This project is scheduled to continue with trials and data collection for three years with annual reports of the results. In November 2014, the District received \$196,000 from FDEP for the project. Bids for project exceeded the original budget. Therefore, FDEP has agreed to cover the unanticipated overages in project cost and amending the existing agreement.

**Issue Statement:** 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 had not received this grant at the time of adoption of the FY14/15 budget, so it did not include this funding.

PROJECT					
PROGRAM ACTIVITY SUBACTIVITY	Current Budget*	Expenditures to Date	Encumbrances	Available Budget	Amount Requested
2.2.1	\$1,296,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,296,000	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$1,296,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,296,000	\$30,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS					AMOUNT
Department of Environmental Protection					\$30,000

\*Current Budget represents funds for District-wide Agricultural Cost-share Program. Funding for the Field Demonstration project is \$422,000 and is included in the Current Budget amount.

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.

**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

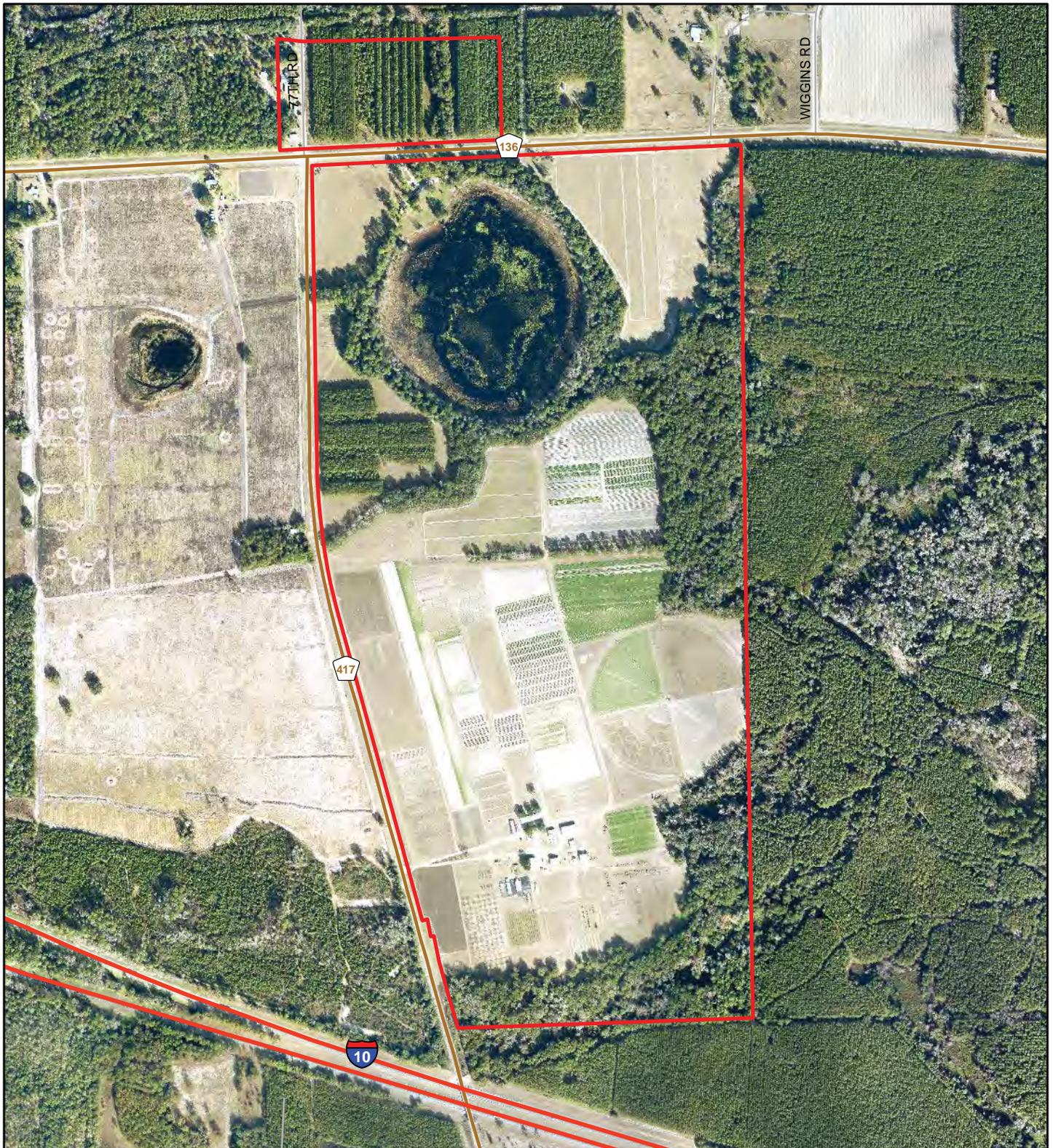
WMD BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

SRWMD AMENDMENT (10)-(2015)

February 20, 2015

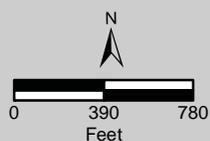
budget may be amended, following review and approval by the Executive Office of the Governor, by including such funds, if notice of intention to amend is provided to the Legislative Budget Commission and is published in the notice of the governing board meeting at which the amendment will be considered, 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 additional revenues in the amount of \$30,000 from FDEP required to purchase equipment for the project. Funding from Department of Environmental Protection will come from Total Maximum Daily Loads funding from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.



Legend

- Project Area
- Interstate HWY
- US HWY
- State HWY
- Connector / Ramp
- County Roads



**Field Demonstration to Assist Producers in Managing  
Water and Nutrients with Soil Moisture Sensors  
Suwannee County**



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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03**

**Unanticipated Funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for a Field Demonstration to Assist Producers in Managing Water and Nutrients with Soil Moisture Sensors 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. 2014-30, 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**, the budget amendment increases total appropriated Fund amounts in the Budget from \$36,766,383 to \$36,796,383; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget amendment will amend total Program Activity 2.2.1, Ag Team Activities/District Cost-Share – Fiscal Year 14/15 from \$1,236,000 to \$1,296,000; 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 February 23, 2015, requesting Amendment No. 10, to the Fiscal Year 14/15 budget.
2. Budget Amendment No. 10 provides an increase of \$30,000 in budget authority and revenue for implementation of a field demonstration to assist producers in managing water and nutrients with soil moisture sensors.
3. Budget Amendment No. 10 will amend contractual services by \$30,000 within Program Activity 2.2.1, Ag Team Activities/District Cost-Share – Fiscal Year 14/15.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015 A.D.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

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GUY N. WILLIAMS**

**ATTEST:**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: February 23, 2015

RE: Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update

# Update on Agricultural Water Use

## BACKGROUND

District permits for agricultural water use contain requirements for water use reporting. On September 11, 2012, the Governing Board approved Directive number GBD12-0003 which established process and criteria for providing District assistance for agricultural water use reporting at wells of 8" diameter or greater. The intent of the Directive was to assist agricultural water users on a voluntary basis as a convenient and unobtrusive alternative to recording, compiling, and transmitting data to the District. It was the further intent of the Directive that water use data be used only for estimation purposes.

Where possible, agricultural water use is estimated using monthly power consumption records provided by four electrical cooperatives that provide service to agriculture within the District. Estimation by power use is the most cost-effective method of water use reporting. To date, 236 farmer agreements authorizing the District to receive power usage reports directly from the cooperatives have been signed. Permitting and agricultural cost-share program staff work with monitoring staff to acquire these agreements.

Not all withdrawal points are suitable for estimation using power consumption. Diesel-powered pumps and complex interconnected irrigation systems still require direct methods of monitoring. Staff has installed pressure-sensor devices on 207 withdrawal points to date. Ninety units were installed on wells prior to the implementation of the power use program. Most of these will be moved to diesel sites in 2015, leaving about 5% installed for use in quality-assuring the electrical estimations. Twelve units were moved to new sites between January 15 and February 12. Estimations using power consumption are on average within 3-4% of usage recorded by pressure-sensor devices.

In summary, there were 380 wells being monitored as of February 12, slightly less than 50% of existing wells with monitoring conditions. An additional 180 wells with monitoring conditions have not been drilled.

Staff prepared a summary report of the program status. Overall, 31% of irrigated acreage under permits and 23% of agricultural groundwater withdrawals are being monitored. Fifty-six percent of acreage with active wells is slated for monitoring in 2015, although another 13% of acreage is subject to monitoring but the wells have not been completed. Monitored systems used 47% of their permitted allocation.

MW/dd

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tim Sagul, P.E., Division Director, Resource Management

DATE: February 27, 2015

RE: Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-220935-3, with a 0.0220 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2391 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at The Williams Place Project, Madison County

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Water Use Permit number 2-079-220935-3, with seventeen standard conditions and four special limiting conditions, to Willie P. Agner, Sr.**

### BACKGROUND

This is a modification of an existing agricultural water use in Madison County to irrigate approximately 150 acres of a corn/ oats, peanuts/ oats, peas/ oats, or soybeans/ oats rotation with groundwater using center pivot irrigation systems. The permitted allocation has increased from 0.2171 mgd to 0.2391 mgd in 1-in-10 year drought conditions due to implementation of a more intensive crop rotation. There are no lower quality water sources in sufficient quality or quantity for use, there have been no reports of interference, and no observed harm to water resources in the area. All irrigation wells will be monitored through District telemetered monitoring. The project area is not located within a Water Resource Caution Area. The permit application has undergone a complete review in order to receive a ten-year permit extension for voluntary implementation of automated monitoring of withdrawals.

Staff has determined that the application is complete and satisfies the conditions for issuance in Chapter 40B-2, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

/tm

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT  
23-Feb-2015  
APPLICATION #: 2-079-220935-3

**Owner:** Willie P. Agner, Sr.  
4572 NE CR 255  
Lee, FL 32059  
(850) 971-5648

**Applicant:** Willie P. Agner, Sr.  
4572 NE CR 255  
Lee, FL 32059  
(850) 971-5648

**Agent:** Willie (Bo) Agner, Jr.  
4479 NE CR 255  
Lee, FL 32059  
(850) 971-5648

**Compliance Contact:** Willie P. Agner, Sr.  
4572 NE CR 255  
Lee, FL 32059  
(850) 971-5648

**Project Name:** The Williams Place (PE for April GB)  
**County:** Madison

**Located in WRCA:** No  
**Objectors:** No

**Authorization Statement:**  
The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.2391 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of corn/ oats.

**Recommendation:** Approval  
**Reviewers:** Tim Sagul; Sarah Luther; Warren Zwanka

WATER USE SUMMARY:

Allocation Summary		
Average Daily Rate (Million Gallons Per Day)	Freeze Protection (Million Gallons Per Year)	New Water to Average Daily Rate (Million Gallons Per Day)
0.2391	0.0000	0.0220

**Recommended Permit Duration and Compliance Reporting:** 10-year permit extension (expiration 06/23/2033).

**USE STATUS:** This is a permit modification/ extension for an existing agricultural use.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project is located approximately 4 miles northeast of Lee, on NE Hawthorne Avenue in Madison County, and consists of 200 controlled and 150 irrigated acres. Groundwater is used to irrigate a corn/ oats rotation using center pivots. No sufficient lower quality water sources exist on the project.

The permittee has elected to use SRWMD telemetered monitoring to fulfill the requirement of special condition 18.

**PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:**

Section 373.223, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Section 40B-2.301, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), require an applicant to establish that the proposed use of water:

- (a) is a reasonable-beneficial use;
- (b) will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water; and,
- (c) is consistent with the public interest.

In addition, the above requirements are detailed further in the District's Water Use Permitting Applicant's Handbook ("A.H."). District staff has reviewed the water use permit application pursuant to the above-described requirements and have determined that the application meets the conditions for issuance of this permit. Highlights of the staff review are provided below.

**Is this a reasonable–beneficial use?**

**[ref. 40B-2.301(1)(a)]**

Yes. Based on the evaluation of criteria listed in 40B-2.301(2)(a)-40B-2.301(2)(k).

**Will this use interfere with any presently existing legal use of water?**

**[ref. 40B-2.301(1)(b)]**

No. The withdrawal point was modeled and shows a maximum simulated Upper Floridan aquifer drawdown of less than 0.5 feet at the project boundary. Staff determined interference with presently existing legal uses is not expected.

**Will this use be consistent with the public interest?**

**[ref. 40B-2.301(1)(c)]**

Yes. Use of groundwater for agricultural uses is consistent with the public interest.

**Will this use be in such a quantity that is necessary for economic and efficient use?**

**[ref. 40B-2.301(2)(a)]**

Yes. Based on GWRAPPS crop water needs, the use is such a quantity and such quality as is necessary for economic and efficient use. Water conservation measures include the use of a new or recently retrofitted pivot. The permittee will also be utilizing soil moisture measurement devices, conservation tillage and cover crops in a sod based rotation. When possible, the permittee will irrigate only at night and when wind speeds are less than 5 mph.

**Will the source of the water be suitable for the consumptive use?  
[ref. 40B-2.301(2)(c)]**

Yes. Staff determined the Upper Floridan aquifer is suitable for the consumptive use.

**Will the source of the water be capable of producing the requested amount?  
[ref. 40B-2.301(2)(d)]**

Yes. Staff determined the Upper Floridan aquifer is capable of producing the requested amount.

**Except when the use is for human food preparation and direct human consumption, is the lowest quality water source that is suitable for the purpose and is technically, environmentally, and economically feasible being utilized?  
[ref. 40B-2.301(2)(e)]**

Yes. The lowest quality water source that is suitable for the purpose and that is technically, environmentally, and economically feasible is being utilized.

**Will the use harm existing offsite land uses as a result of hydrologic alterations?  
[ref. 40B-2.301(2)(f)]**

No. The use is not expected to harm offsite land uses.

**Will the use cause harm to the water resources of the area that include water quality impacts to the water source resulting from the withdrawal or diversion, water quality impacts from dewatering discharge to receiving waters, saline water intrusion or harmful upconing, hydrologic alterations to natural systems, including wetlands or other surface waters, or other harmful hydrologic alterations to the water resources of the area?  
[ref. 40B-2.301(2)(g)]**

No. The withdrawal point was modeled and shows a maximum simulated Upper Floridan aquifer drawdown of less than 0.5 feet under adjacent wetlands. Staff determined harm to the water resources and natural systems of the area is not expected.

**Is the use in accordance with any minimum flow or level and implementation strategy established pursuant to Sections 373.042 and 373.0421, F.S.?  
[ref. 40B-2.301(2)(h)]**

Yes. The proposed withdrawals will not contribute to violation of MFLs adopted in Chapter 40B-8, F.A.C.

**Will the project use water reserved pursuant to subsection 373.223(4), F.S.?**

[ref. 40B-2.301(2)(i)]

No. The project will not use water reserved by the Governing Board.

**WITHDRAWAL POINT INFORMATION:**

**Site Name:** Willie Agner Farm

Wells Detail							
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type	Secondary Use Type
120868	Williams Place Well No. 1	12	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural	Irrigation

**Conditions**

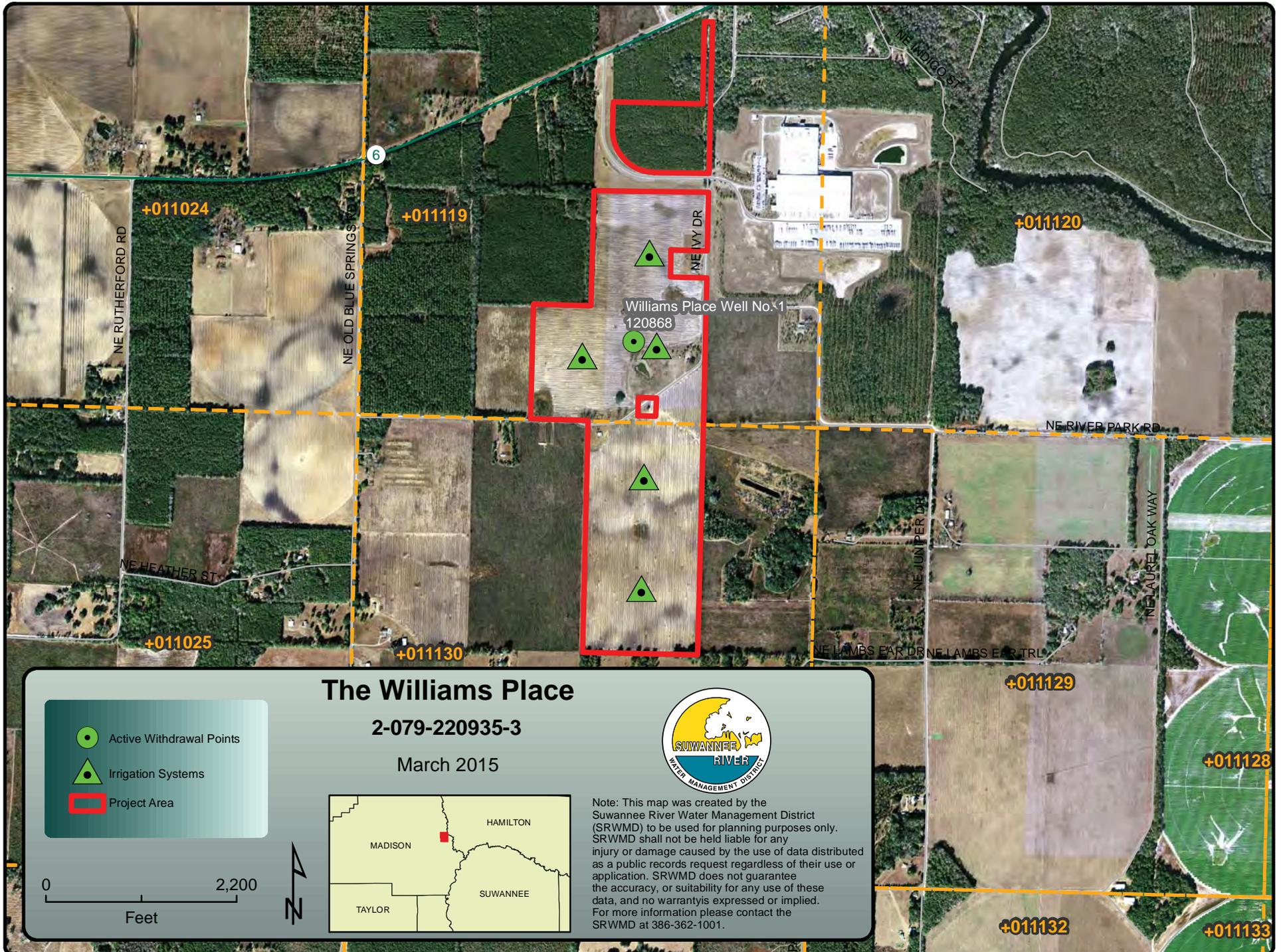
1. All water uses authorized by this permit shall be implemented as conditioned by this permit, including any documents incorporated by reference in a permit condition. The District may revoke this permit, in whole or in part, or take enforcement action, pursuant to sections 373.136 or 373.243, F.S., unless a permit modification has been obtained. The permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.
2. This permit does not convey to the permittee any property rights or privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the permittee from complying with any applicable local government, state, or federal law, rule, or ordinance.
3. The permittee shall notify the District in writing within 30 days of any sale, transfer, or conveyance of ownership or any other loss of permitted legal control of the Project and / or related facilities from which the permitted water use is made. Where the permittee's control of the land subject to the permit was demonstrated through a lease, the permittee must either submit documentation showing that it continues to have legal control or transfer control of the permitted system / project to the new landowner or new lessee. All transfers of ownership are subject to the requirements of section 40B-2.351, F.A.C. Alternatively, the permittee may surrender the water use permit to the District, thereby relinquishing the right to conduct any activities under the permit.
4. Nothing in this permit should be construed to limit the authority of the District to declare a water shortage and issue orders pursuant to chapter 373, F.S. In the event of a declared water shortage, the permittee must adhere to the water

shortage restrictions, as specified by the District. The permittee is advised that during a water shortage, reports shall be submitted as required by District rule or order.

5. With advance notice to the permittee, District staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, observe, collect samples, and take measurements of permitted facilities to determine compliance with the permit conditions and permitted plans and specifications. The permittee shall either accompany District staff onto the property or make provision for access onto the property.
6. A permittee may seek modification of any term of an unexpired permit. The permittee is advised that section 373.239, F.S., and section 40B-2.331, F.A.C., are applicable to permit modifications.
7. This permit shall expire on **06/23/2033**. The permittee must submit the appropriate application form incorporated by reference in subsection 40B-2.402(8)(a), F.A.C., and the required fee to the District pursuant to section 40B-2.361, F.A.C., up to one year prior to this expiration date in order to continue the use of water.
8. Use classification is **Agricultural**.
9. Source classification is **Groundwater**.
10. The permitted water withdrawal facilities consist of the stations in the Withdrawal Point Information table(s).
11. The 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.
12. The 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.
13. The 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.
14. If any condition of the permit is violated, the permittee shall be subject to enforcement action pursuant to chapter 373, F.S.
15. The 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. All correspondence sent to the District regarding this permit must include the permit number **(2-079-220935-3)**.
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.
18. The permittee shall implement automated monitoring of groundwater withdrawals, at permittee's expense, upon commencement of withdrawals. The monitoring and reporting shall include reporting daily volume pumped by each well of inside diameter eight inches or greater at land surface and shall be delivered by 12:00 pm local time the following day via approved telemetry consistent with District data formats. The permittee may opt for a standardized SRWMD automated monitoring system to fulfill this requirement.
19. The permittee shall implement and/or maintain the conservation practices selected in the Water Conservation Plan submitted to the District. Any new practices selected shall be implemented within 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.
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 is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.2391 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of corn/ oats. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis and the maximum allocation is only authorized in 1-in-10 year drought conditions.



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tim Sagul, Division Director, Resource Management

DATE: February 27, 2015

RE: Approval to Enter Into Contracts for the 2015 Fiscal Year Local Government Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) Cost Share Program

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into 16 contracts with 13 applicants for the 2015 fiscal year Local Government RIVER Cost-Share Program.**

### BACKGROUND

The Governing Board authorized budget includes \$1,500,000 in reserve funds for projects that enhance or address the District's water supply, water quality, flood protection and/or natural systems responsibilities District wide.

The applications were accepted up to the deadline of October 31, 2014. Thirty applications were submitted for the 2015 Districtwide RIVER cost-share program with 16 projects recommended for approval within this year's budget.

Based on the applications provided by the applicants for the recommended projects, the following are some of the benefits to be expected:

1. Potentially conserve 46.1 million gallons of water/year (MGY).
2. Provide 100,000 gallons per day (GPD) of reclaimed water.
3. Provide improved flood protection for 260 residents, 12 commercial buildings directly and approximately 1,500 residents indirectly via roads and streets.
4. Reduce the discharge of approximately 1.3 tons of sediment per year from going into the Suwannee River.
5. Reduce the discharge of sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorous into receiving waters and groundwater by treating approximately 25 acres of impervious area with improved flood protection storage.
6. Provide improved wastewater facilities serving 1,935 residents and 350,000 visitors per year.
7. Provide improved water supply services to 225 residents and a school including improved fire safety.

8. Remove 35 septic tanks resulting in reduced nutrient loading to coastal rivers.
9. Prevent the potential discharge of 2.4 million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater into receiving waters during various flood events.

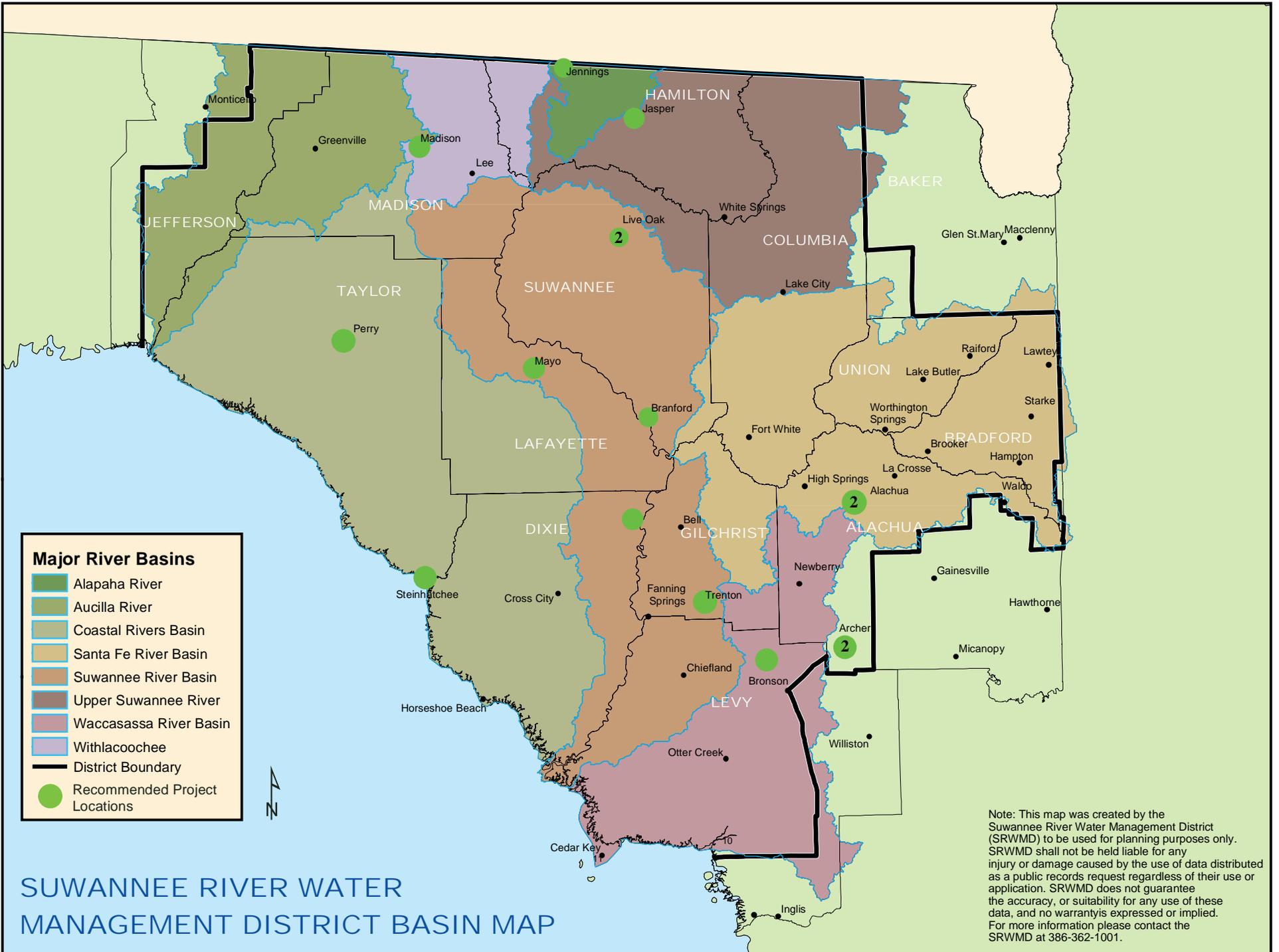
As you may recall in 2014 the Board approved \$1,029,831 which was under the typical \$1.5 million budget amount. The total District cost share funds recommended by staff to be dispersed this year is \$1,687,186. The additional \$187,186 above the typical \$1.5 million budget for this year could be considered offset by last fiscal year's approved projects which were under budget.

The attached table is a list of the proposed recipients and proposed funding amounts.

Funds for this cost share program are included in a reserve fund in the adopted FY15 budget. Staff will request that the Governing Board amend the operational budget once the actual expenditures are known.

PW/tm  
Attachments

Fiscal Year 2015 RIVER Cost Share Program Recommended Projects							Revenue from District	Cooperator's Share	Total Project Cost
	Project Name	Cooperator	Basin						
1	Alleviate Flooding in Mayo	Mayo	Suwannee			\$128,000.00	\$132,000.00	\$260,000.00	
2	Gornito Spring Restoration Project	Dixie	Suwannee			\$104,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$111,000.00	
3	NW 142nd Terrace Drainage Imp. Project	City of Alachua	Santa Fe			\$86,900.00	\$87,060.00	\$173,960.00	
4	Suwannee Country Club Reuse Connection	Live Oak	Suwannee			\$124,452.00	\$4,893.00	\$129,345.00	
5	Steinhatchee Septic Tank Elimination	Big Bend Water Auth	Coastal Rivers			\$100,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$500,000.00	
6	Branford WW Effluent Pond Failure Repairs	Branford	Suwannee			\$231,500.00	\$33,000.00	\$264,500.00	
7	Lift Station No. 7 Rehabilitation	Trenton	Suwannee			\$150,000.00	\$57,600.00	\$207,600.00	
8	Forest Capital Hall Sewer Service Project	Taylor	Coastal Rivers			\$51,780.00	\$4,142.40	\$55,922.40	
9	Merrillwood Stormwater Imp. Project	City of Alachua	Santa Fe			\$42,795.00	\$42,796.16	\$85,591.16	
10	Jennings WW Lift Station at Turket Creek	Jennings	Suwannee			\$153,500.00	\$77,500.00	\$231,000.00	
11	Meadow/Myrtle Drainage Improvements	Live Oak	Suwannee			\$53,169.00	\$5,908.00	\$59,077.00	
12	1st Avenue Stormwater Retro-Fit	Jasper	Upper Suwan.			\$80,000.00	\$32,681.00	\$112,681.00	
13	Water Conserve (Section G - Perimeter Loop)	Archer	Oklawaha			\$66,500.00	\$66,500.00	\$133,000.00	
14	Water Conservation (Holly Hills)	Archer	Oklawaha			\$16,200.00	\$16,200.00	\$32,400.00	
15	University Oaks Water System Improvement	Levy	Suwannee			\$151,390.00	\$5,000.00	\$156,390.00	
16	West Farm Low	Madison	Withlacoochee			\$147,000.00	\$92,000.00	\$239,000.00	
	<b>Totals</b>					<b>\$1,687,186.00</b>	<b>\$1,046,599.00</b>	<b>\$2,733,785.00</b>	



**Major River Basins**

- Alapaha River
- Aucilla River
- Coastal Rivers Basin
- Santa Fe River Basin
- Suwannee River Basin
- Upper Suwannee River
- Waccasassa River Basin
- Withlacoochee
- District Boundary
- Recommended Project Locations

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BASIN MAP

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tim Sagul, P.E., Division Director, Resource Management

DATE: February 27, 2015

RE: Permitting Summary Report

**Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) Activities**

**Permit Review**

The following table summarizes the environmental resource permitting activities during the month of January 2015 and program totals from January 2012 to January 2015.

	<b>Exemption Requests</b>	<b>Noticed Generals</b>	<b>Generals</b>	<b>10-2 Self Certifications</b>	<b>Individuals</b>	<b>Conceptuals</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Applications received in January</b>	7	0	1	2	3	0	13
<b>Permits issued in January</b>	7	2	6	2	4	0	21
<b>Inspections in January</b>	1	0	5	6	4	0	16
<b>Total permits issued</b>	143	165	182	88	102	8	688

The following Individual Environmental Resource Permits were issued by staff, pursuant to 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes, in January 2015.

<b>File Number</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>
ERP-001-209917-2	Fletcher Center West	Alachua	1/2/2015
ERP-125-212295-3	Runway at New River Forest Hills	Union	1/5/2015
ERP-121-222237-1	Florida Army National Guard DMA Live Oak	Suwannee	1/9/2015
ERP-023-206329-4	Morrell's Inc. Modification	Columbia	1/21/2015

### Water Use Permitting and Water Well Construction Activities

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

<b>January 2015</b>	<b>Received</b>		<b>Issued</b>
Water Use Permits	13		17
<b>Water well permits issued: 120</b>			
Abandoned/Destroyed	18	Livestock	0
Agricultural Irrigation	13	Monitor	11
Aquaculture	0	Nursery	1
Climate Control	0	Other	1
Fire Protection	0	Public Supply	0
Garden (Non Commercial)	0	Self-supplied Residential	75
Landscape Irrigation	0	Drainage or Injection	0
Commercial or Industrial	0	Remediation Recovery	1

**Rulemaking Schedule  
February 2015**

**40B-1**

General Procedures

GB Rule Dev. Auth.	8/12/2014
Notice of Rule Dev.	8/25/2014
GB Proposed Rule Auth.	12/9/2014
Send to JAPC/OFARR	1/20/2015
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/3/2015
Mail to DOS (tentative)	3/4/2015
Effective Date (tentative)	3/24/2015

**40B-12**

Lobbying

GB Rule Dev. Auth.	8/12/2014
Notice of Rule Dev.	8/25/2014
GB Proposed Rule Auth.	12/9/2014
Send to JAPC/OFARR	1/8/2015
Notice of Proposed Rule	1/23/2015
Notice of Rule Change	2/18/2015
Mail to DOS (tentative)	3/10/2015
Effective Date (tentative)	3/30/2015

**40B-4 & 40B-400**

ERP and WOD Permitting

GB Rule Dev. Auth.	8/12/2014
GB Proposed Rule Auth.	12/9/2014
Notice of Rule Dev.	2/27/2015
Send to JAPC/OFARR (tentative)	3/6/2015
Notice of Proposed Rule (tentative)	3/20/2015
Mail to DOS (tentative)	4/10/2015
Effective Date (tentative)	4/30/2015

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Tim Sagul, P.E., Division Director, Resource Management  
DATE: February 27, 2015  
RE: Enforcement Status Report

**Matters Staff is attempting to gain compliance without enforcement action**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Justin M. Fitzhugh</b>
<b>Enforcement Number / County</b>	<b>CE05-0046 / Columbia</b>
<b>Violation</b>	<b>Non-Functioning Stormwater Management System &amp; Failure to Submit As-Builts</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Brannon, Brown, Haley &amp; Bullock, P.A.</b>
<b>Date Sent to Legal</b>	<b>July 1, 2010</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>November 2014</b>
<b>Legal Fees to date</b>	<b>\$2,274</b>
<b>Last Update</b>	<b>October 31, 2014</b>

This violation is for a non-functioning surface water management system and failure to submit as-built certification forms.

Staff inspected site on March 7, 2013. Vegetation cleared, the retention pond is still not in compliance. Staff contacted new owner, Joe Peurrung. Staff has requested that the current attorney cease work on the enforcement file. In the event that the current owner does not follow through with correcting the violation, staff will have the file reopened. Owner's engineer has contacted District staff and has been working on a corrective plan. Staff reviewed a preliminary application on May 8, 2014. An application is to be submitted by November 1, 2014. An application for a 10-2 certification was received by the DEP website on October 24, 2014. **Staff will monitor construction progress to ensure the pond is constructed and functioning as designed.**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Richard Oldham</b>
<b>Enforcement Number / County</b>	<b>CE10-0024 / Bradford</b>
<b>Violation</b>	<b>Unpermitted Pond &amp; Deposition of Spoil Material</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A.</b>
<b>Date sent to legal</b>	<b>October 13, 2011</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>December 2014</b>
<b>Legal Fees to date</b>	<b>\$5163.75</b>
<b>Last Update</b>	<b>November 21, 2014</b>

This violation is for construction of a pond without a permit and deposition of spoil material in a flood area.

Richard Oldham and Diana Nicklas were served with an Administrative Complaint and Order and the time for filing a petition for hearing lapsed.

Counsel filed a Petition for Enforcement in the Circuit Court for Bradford County and had Oldham and Nicklas personally served. The file was transferred from Brannon, Brown, Haley & Bullock, P.A., to Board Counsel for resolution.

A status conference was held on October 6, 2014. The judge granted Oldham and Nicklas time to meet with District staff to discuss the necessary items required to bring the project into compliance. Staff met with Mr. Oldham at the property on October 26, 2014. They discussed the necessary items required to bring the project into compliance. Mr. Oldham is currently trying to get the equipment to remove the fill. **Staff will monitor the remedial work and keep Board Counsel informed of the remedial work.**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Larry R. Sigers</b>
<b>Enforcement Number / County</b>	<b>CE08-0072 / Columbia</b>
<b>Violation</b>	<b>Unpermitted Dredge &amp; Fill</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Robinson, Kennon &amp; Kendron, P.A.</b>
<b>Date sent to legal</b>	<b>October 5, 2011</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>May 2015</b>
<b>Legal Budget / Legal Fees to date</b>	<b>\$8,600.00/ \$8,848.39</b>
<b>Last Update</b>	<b>October 16, 2014</b>

A Consent Agreement was entered into with Mr. Sigers as a result of violations of District Rules. District Staff met with Mr. Sigers on May 14, 2014, at the subject property to complete the required second annual monitoring event. Mr. Sigers is in the process of replanting areas where vegetation has died. Current water levels prevent the completion of the replanting project; however, volunteer wetland species were noted in abundance during the inspection. Mr. Sigers indicated that he will complete all plantings in accordance with Consent Agreement. **District staff will conduct the third annual monitoring event in May 2015 to determine success of mitigation.**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Cannon Creek Airpark</b>
<b>Enforcement Number / County</b>	<b>CE05-0031/ Columbia</b>
<b>Violation</b>	<b>Unpermitted Construction</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A.</b>
<b>Date sent to legal</b>	<b>February 2006</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>In Permit Process</b>
<b>Legal Fees to date</b>	<b>\$7,048.50</b>
<b>Last Update</b>	<b>October 31, 2014</b>

This enforcement action has been on-going for a number of years. This involves work that was done within the subdivision to alleviate flooding. The work was done without a permit. Columbia County officials are working on a stormwater project that may alleviate the practical need to obtain compliance with the existing District permit, but instead would require that the permit be modified to reflect the system as constructed.

District staff is currently reviewing an ERP application to implement one phase of the County's master stormwater plan that includes the Cannon Creek area, which should address the remaining drainage problems for this project. The District is waiting for Columbia County to respond to the mitigation offer before taking further action on the permit application.

Columbia County responded to the request for additional information. Staff is reviewing the submittal in regards to the proposed wetland mitigation offer.

District staff met with Columbia County on February 28, 2012, to discuss outstanding RAI items and expect to soon receive additional information from the County. Columbia County proposes to “bundle” the wetland mitigation required for this project with mitigation being provided for a Home Depot project. Staff plans to discuss this approach with the District’s Governing Board.

A permit for this project was issued on August 6, 2012. Staff is working with Columbia County on an appropriate resolution.

District staff met with Columbia County staff on October 29, 2014 to discuss the path forward, including the possibility of modifying the current ERP permit. **Staff will continue to update this report as the process unfolds.**

**Matters the Governing Board has directed staff to take enforcement**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Charlie Hicks, Jr.</b>
<b>Enforcement Number / County</b>	<b>CE07-0087 / Madison County</b>
<b>Violation</b>	<b>Unpermitted Construction in Floodway</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A.</b>
<b>Date sent to legal</b>	<b>October 30, 2008</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Legal Fees to date</b>	<b>\$23,649.36</b>
<b>Last Update</b>	<b>October 16, 2014</b>

The violation consists of construction of a structure in the floodway, without obtaining a Works of the District permit. The case has been before this court several times.

The nonjury trial on damages was conducted on April 3, 2012. The Court entered its Final Judgment awarding the District a total amount of \$31,794.07, which consisted of a \$10,000 penalty, an award of attorneys’ fees of \$19,454.50, and legal and investigative costs totaling \$2,339.57. The file was transferred from Brannon, Brown, Haley & Bullock, P.A., to Board Counsel in August 2013 for resolution. **The District is in the process of levying on Hick’s real property. This is done by a Sheriff’s sale. The Sheriff has been contacted and the necessary forms have been obtained. The Sheriff’s office has agreed to provide the District with a date for the sale so that the necessary notices can be sent and published.**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>El Rancho No Tengo, Inc.</b>
<b>Enforcement Number / County</b>	<b>CE05-0017 / Columbia</b>
<b>Violation</b>	<b>Unpermitted Construction</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A.</b>
<b>Date sent to legal</b>	<b>January 2006</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Legal Fees to date</b>	<b>\$281,603.70</b>
<b>Last Update:</b>	<b>February 27, 2015</b>

This enforcement matter has been ongoing since 2006. After multiple court hearings, and in accordance with Court rulings, a Notice of Sheriff’s Sale was sent to the parties by certified mail.

The Sheriff’s Sale of Defendant’s real property pursuant to two writs of execution occurred on May 3, 2011. The Executive Director and Counsel were present at the sale. After an opening bid by Jeffrey Hill of ten dollars, Mr. Still bid \$390,000, which was also the highest bid. Twenty-two minutes prior to the sale, Jeffrey Lance Hill, Sr., filed a chapter 12 case with the U.S.

Bankruptcy Court in Jacksonville, Florida. Counsel has since consulted with Lance Cohen, a bankruptcy attorney in Jacksonville, whom the District retained in 2008 when El Rancho No Tengo, Inc., filed a bankruptcy case. Mr. Cohen is of the opinion that because Mr. Hill filed for bankruptcy prior to the Sheriff's Sale, the District's interest in quieting title would best be served in bankruptcy court. Therefore, Staff has directed Counsel to work with Mr. Cohen again to efficiently and expeditiously secure title to the land in the District.

On March 22, 2012, the Bankruptcy Court granted the District's motion to dismiss the Chapter 12 bankruptcy case filed by Jeffrey Hill. On March 28, 2012, District staff recorded the Sheriff's deed with the Columbia County Clerk's Office.

On May 16, 2012, Mr. Hill filed a Notice of Appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's May 3<sup>rd</sup> Order. The District's bankruptcy counsel, Lance Cohen, is responding to the appeal. Staff was directed to meet with the newer Board members individually to bring them up to date and after this was done to schedule a meeting with Mr. Hill, Mr. Williams and Mr. Reeves to discuss possible settlement. The parties have met, but a settlement was not reached.

The District's bankruptcy counsel, Lance Cohen, filed an Answer Brief on September 10, 2012, in Jeffrey Hill's appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's dismissal of his Chapter 12 case. The case is now fully briefed and, therefore, either oral argument or a written decision should occur or be issued before the end of the year. A mediation meeting was held July 29 at the Federal Courthouse in Jacksonville. The judge gave an October 15, 2013 deadline for resolution. Mr. Quincey, at the direction of the board, is working with Mr. Hill and will bring back a proposed settlement to the Board. No settlement was reached at the October 2013 Governing Board meeting. Counsel was directed to pursue a quiet title action.

On January 24, 2014, the U.S. District Court entered its order affirming the Bankruptcy Court's dismissal of Mr. Hill's bankruptcy case. Mr. Hill has appealed this matter to the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal in Atlanta. The Circuit Court issued an opinion on November 19, 2014 affirming the dismissal of Mr. Hill's bankruptcy case.

At the October 23, 2014 hearing, Judge Parker instructed the District to prepare a proposed Final Summary Judgment. The Final Summary Judgment was accepted by the Court on November 4, 2014. The Judicial Sale is set for December 10, 2014. On November 17, 2014, District counsel received a motion for rehearing sent by Mr. Hill.

At the Chair's direction District staff proposed a possible settlement to Mr. Hill early in the day on December 9, 2014, with instructions to Mr. Hill that he would need to confirm that is was acceptable by the end of the day, otherwise the December 10, 2014 judicial sale of the property would proceed.

Mr. Hill did not return on December 9, 2014. Mr. Hill was contacted by telephone on December 9, 2014, but would not confirm that the proposed settlement was acceptable. Knowing this, the Board voted to approve the proposed settlement and, provided Mr. Hill fully executed the proposed settlement unchanged and delivered it to the District Office by 9:00 am on December 10, 2015, cancel the judicial sale. Mr. Hill timely delivered an executed settlement agreement to the District Office, but such agreement was substantially modified from the settlement agreement he was offered.

**The Judicial sale went forward and the District was the successful high bidder at the sale. Afterwards, Mr. Hill objected to the manner of the sale. At hearing, the court**

entered an order setting aside the December 10, 2014 sale. Later the court reset the judicial sale for March 25, 2015, at 11:00 am.

Mr. Hill filed an appeal of the District's action to the First District Court of Appeal and a motion for a stay during the appeal. The motion for stay was denied by the trial court.

Additionally, on December 16, 2014, Mr. Hill filed a Motion to Reconsider with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Jacksonville. This motion was denied.

Mr. Hill filed his Initial Brief with the First District Court of Appeals on February 19, 2015. The District's filed its Answer Brief with the First District Court of Appeal on February 26, 2015.

<b>Plaintiff</b>	<b>Jeffrey L. Hill, Sr. and Linda P. Hill</b>
<b>Enforcement Number / County</b>	<b>CE11-0045 / Columbia</b>
<b>Violation</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>SRWMD Insurance Legal Counsel</b>
<b>Date sent to legal</b>	<b>August 2011</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Legal Fees to date</b>	<b>\$9,608.50 (direct cost). \$40,282.50 (costs incurred to date from the insurance company. The District will only be responsible for a \$10,000 deductible due at the close of the case).</b>
<b>Last Update</b>	<b>February 27, 2015</b>

This is not a District enforcement matter, but appears to have been prompted by one. This matter concerns a circuit court complaint recently filed against the District by Jeffrey and Linda Hill arising out of the District's enforcement litigation against El Rancho No Tengo, Inc. In summary, the Complaint alleges that the District has violated Plaintiffs' personal and property rights, acted with recklessness and malice, taken Plaintiffs' personal property, forced Mr. Hill into bankruptcy, and caused Plaintiffs psychological and emotional harm. The request for relief includes returning all real and personal property taken, permanently enjoining the District from taking Plaintiffs' property, damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, renewal and reinstatement of a writ dated August 4, 1991, and costs and attorney's fees. District Counsel has responded by filing a motion to dismiss, strike and for more definite statement. Counsel is currently researching whether a judgment on the merits may also be available at this stage of the proceeding. In any event, Counsel will soon request a hearing on the District's motion(s).

On October 20, 2011, Plaintiffs served an Amended Complaint to which Counsel responded by serving an Amended Motion to Dismiss and Strike. Counsel also provided a draft Motion to Award [\$57.105, F.S.] Attorney's Fees to Plaintiffs on November 17, 2011. Counsel attended a hearing on the District's amended motion to dismiss and strike the amended complaint on December 9, 2011. The Court dismissed three counts of Hills' amended complaint and struck three more, but also gave the Hills 30 days from the date the order is signed to file a second amended complaint.

Counsel drafted and delivered an order to the Hills for review and comment on December 19, 2011. Comments on the draft order are due from the Hills to Counsel on December 22, 2011, at

which time Counsel will send a proposed order to Judge Parker. Once a second amended complaint is filed by the Hills, Counsel will prepare an answer with affirmative defenses.

Rather than commenting to Staff Counsel on the District's draft proposed order, Plaintiff's filed their "Objection to Proposed Order," but not before Staff Counsel submitted the District's proposed order to Judge Parker on December 26, 2011. Thereafter, the District's proposed order was entered and Plaintiffs filed a timely motion for rehearing. On January 25, 2012, this case was transferred from Staff Counsel Jennifer Springfield to Staff Counsel Lindsey Lander. In February, this case was transferred to the District's Insurance Claim Services.

A hearing was set for October 5, 2012, regarding the Plaintiffs Motion for Rehearing on the Court's order dismissing and striking the amended complaint and allowing Plaintiffs 30 days leave to file a second amended complaint. Mr. Quincey, at the direction of the Board, is working with Mr. Hill and will bring back a proposed settlement to the Board. No settlement was reached at the October 2013 Governing Board meeting.

A hearing on the District's amended motion for summary judgment (among other of Plaintiffs' motions) occurred on February 6, 2014. Additionally, Mr. Hill filed a complaint in Federal Court on March 24, 2014.

On October 13, 2014, Plaintiffs filed a Notice for Trial, stating that their case is at issue and ready for trial. In response, on October 24, 2014, Defendant filed an Objection to Plaintiffs' Notice for Trial and requested that the Court set a telephonic case management hearing prior to setting the matter for trial. The grounds for Defendant's objection included the fact that Plaintiffs have not provided Defendant with complete and substantive responses to Defendant's requests to produce and interrogatories, and that Defendant needs additional time to conduct discovery, including taking Plaintiffs' depositions.

A hearing on Defendants' motion to compel discovery is currently set for December 16, 2014. Insurance Counsel is currently working with Plaintiffs to resolve this discovery dispute without the need for a hearing. A hearing on Defendant's motion for final summary judgment was held on December 16, 2014. Judge Parker granted the District's motion for final summary judgment, which ends the case in full. **Mr. Hill filed a motion for rehearing which was heard on February 12, 2015. Judge Parker's oral ruling allowed Mr. Hill time to provide additional information by February 22, 2015. If the information was not supplied, Judge Parker would enter the order granting the District's summary judgment motion. The information was not supplied, so Insurance Counsel will be requesting entry of the final order.**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Jeffrey Hill / Haight Ashbury Subdivision</b>
<b>Enforcement Number / County</b>	<b>CE04-0003 / Columbia</b>
<b>Violation</b>	<b>Not Built in Accordance with Permitted Plans</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A.</b>
<b>Date sent to legal</b>	<b>May 2006</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Legal Fees to date</b>	<b>\$13,209</b>
<b>Last Update</b>	<b>October 16, 2014</b>

This enforcement activity has been ongoing for several years. At the hearing on January 31, 2011, the Court granted the District's motion for summary judgment in this case. The judge's order requires Mr. Hill to comply with the corrective actions specified in the District's final order, imposes a civil penalty, and awards the District its costs and attorney's fees.

Since the Bankruptcy Court's automatic stay is no longer in effect due to the dismissal of Jeffrey Hill's Chapter 12 case (see above discussion under Suwannee River Water Management District v. El Rancho No Tengo, Inc.), Counsel intends to ask the Court to schedule another case management conference, as well as a hearing to determine the civil penalty amount and the amount of the District's costs and attorney's fees, all of which have already been awarded. During the pendency of the bankruptcy proceeding, Staff Counsel drafted an agreement between the District and the County setting forth the County's offer to obtain the necessary legal access and perform the correction action required on the stormwater management system. Thereafter, the District would transfer the permit to the County as the perpetual operation and maintenance entity. In exchange for the County's assistance, and other actions agreed to by the County to help the District resolve two other long-standing ERP violations, the District contemplates donating an approximate 42-acre parcel of land on Alligator Lake that adjoins County-owned property.

Columbia County Attorney, Marlin Feagle, has reviewed the draft interlocal agreement (ILA) and County Manager is still interested in pursuing this approach. Staff from the District and County are editing the agreement and expect to present it to the Governing Board at their August meeting.

The Governing Board approved the ILA, but the Columbia County Commission chose not to pass the agreement. They wish to continue working with the District on a revised agreement. Staff is waiting to hear back from Columbia County staff. **Staff understands that Columbia County has approved the ILA and it will be returned to the District for signature.**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Jeffrey Hill / Smithfield Estates-Phase 1</b>
<b>Enforcement Number / County</b>	<b>CE04-0025 / Columbia</b>
<b>Violation</b>	<b>Not Built in Accordance with Permitted Plans</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A.</b>
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: February 20, 2014

RE: Rescission of Program Directive 2011-03LM Regarding Guidelines and Procedures for Consistency Regarding Identification and Disposition of Surplus Real Property

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board rescind Program Directive 2011-03LM regarding guidelines and procedures for consistency regarding identification and disposition of surplus real property.**

BACKGROUND

Staff provided a presentation to the Lands Committee on January 28, 2015, regarding enhancing water resource guidelines for screening lands for both acquisition and surplus. The presentation was favorably received and staff is preparing an updated directive for consideration by the Governing Board.

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Department of Land Acquisition and Management  
Program Directive 2011-03 LM

Purpose: To amend Program Directive 2011-01 to provide updated guidelines and procedures for consistency regarding identification and disposition of surplus real property.

For the purpose of this directive, surplus lands are defined as those District-owned parcels that no longer need to be owned in order to further the District's land conservation purposes of flood control, water storage, water management, conservation and protection of water resources, aquifer recharge, water resource and water supply development, and preservation of wetlands, streams, and lakes, as per section 373.016, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Due to property ownership patterns and the demands of sellers in a voluntary program, the acquisition of surplus lands is unavoidable. Surplus acreage can be minimized, however, by observing the following guidelines prior to acquisition:

- Staff should state project objectives clearly and should delineate project boundaries to meet those objectives as tightly as possible.
- During negotiations, staff should work with the seller to keep acquisitions within the project boundaries by offering alternatives such as the purchase of a conservation easement over lands adjacent to the project area.
- If they can be identified, potential surplus lands should be referenced in the management prospectus that is presented to the Governing Board prior to entering into a purchase agreement.

Once property has been acquired, either staff or the Governing Board may initiate a review to determine whether there is a continuing need to retain ownership to all or any portion of the District's land holdings. In any such review, the following factors will be considered:

- (a) Whether and the extent to which the parcel possesses or would affect any spring, floodplain, aquifer, surface water protection, or other water resource value; see Water Resource Guidelines table below.
- (b) Whether and the extent to which disposing of the parcel will adversely affect management effectiveness and efficiency;
- (c) Whether and the extent to which the parcel is currently used by the public for recreational purposes;
- (d) Whether and the extent to which the parcel provides other significant archaeological, historical, or ecological value;
- (e) Whether and the extent to which the parcel provides a valuable linkage to

- other conservation property owned by the District or federal or state or local public agencies; and
- (f) Whether and the extent to which the parcel would be accessible to a future owner without causing adverse impacts to natural resources or hindering the District's management of the property (including prescribed fire management);
  - (g) Whether and the extent to which the parcel is marketable, based on consultation with local real estate brokers; and
  - (h) Whether and the extent to which concerns of other public conservation land managers or members of the public have been addressed.
  - (i) For lands acquired with Preservation 2000 funds, the intent of the Act as prescribed in Section 259.101(6), F.S.

The procedure for determination of surplus lands shall be as follows:

1. Staff will present proposed surplus lands for consideration to the Surplus Lands Committee (Committee) or Governing Board;
2. The Committee or Governing Board will then make a determination as to whether or not to proceed.
3. If Committee or Governing Board makes a determination to proceed, then notice of consideration of the parcel for surplus sale will be posted on the District website in order to provide notice of said consideration, to allow for public input and to inform the public of the next meeting, Committee or Governing Board, in which the consideration of the proposed parcel will be discussed.
4. At the Committee or Governing Board meeting of which notice was given to the public, comment on the proposed parcel will be received and discussed. The Committee or Governing Board will then make a determination as to whether or not the parcel should be recommended for surplus at the next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting.
5. At the next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board may take additional public input and may have additional discussion with regards to the parcel recommended for surplus. For lands acquired for conservation purposes as specified in 373.089(6)(c) and (d), F.S., the Governing Board must determine the parcel is no longer needed for those purposes and approve their disposal by a two-thirds vote of the Governing Board. All other lands may be designated as surplus and approved for disposal by a simple majority vote of the Governing Board.

In determining whether a Governing Board interest in real property acquired through any program is no longer needed for conservation purposes, the Governing Board will consider factors (a) through (i) listed above; however, the parcel's water resource values will be the primary consideration in the evaluation.

No parcel shall be recommended to the Governing Board for consideration as surplus unless an on-site inspection has been conducted by SRWMD staff within the four months prior to the recommendation.

At the time of the Governing Board's designation of a parcel as surplus, the Governing Board shall also consider whether to require retention of a conservation easement over the property as a condition of the ultimate sale or exchange of the District's fee interest in the property.

The following procedures will be followed by the District when selling, conveying, and disposing of Governing Board interests in real property as surplus lands:

- (a) After the Governing Board declares a real property interest to be surplus land, the District will obtain a certified appraisal of the property. Such appraisal shall only be valid for a period of 120 days.
- (b) A notice of intent to sell a real property interest as surplus land will be published by the District in a newspaper, in the county in which it is located, once a week for three consecutive weeks. The first publication of such a notice of intent must occur not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days prior to the sale and must include a description of the real property interest being offered for sale. A copy of the notice of intent to sell surplus land will be provided to the county and any municipality in which the property is located at the same time as the first notice is provided to the newspaper for publication.
- (c) All sales of surplus land shall be for cash or upon terms and security approved by the Governing Board for no less than the appraised value. No deed will be executed and delivered by the Governing Board until payment is made.
- (d) The Governing Board may entertain proposals for exchange of surplus land for other real property or a conservation easement interest in real property.
- (e) For all parcels declared surplus, the District shall follow the requirements of Section 373.089(7) F.S. concerning offering parcels to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund prior to sale.

Net proceeds from the sale of surplus land will be used to purchase other lands or conservation easements deemed to have significant water resource value.

## WATER RESOURCE GUIDELINES FOR SURPLUS TRACTS

The following guidelines are for staff to consider and evaluate in making recommendations to the Surplus Lands Committee. Generally, a sale of fee title or a sale subject to a retained conservation easement may be appropriate if the subject area represents water resource values at less than the percentages listed below:

	Very High Recharge	Springs Protection	Surface Water Protection	100-Year Floodplain (1% Annual Chance of Flood)*
Fee Sale	<15%	Zero	<25%	Zero
Retain a Conservation Easement	<50%	Zero	<25%	<25%
Small Non-Contiguous Tracts 40 Acres or less	Must be outside 10-Year Floodplain (10% Annual Chance of Flood)			

\* based on FEMA SFHA Zone AE – 1% chance annual flood with an elevation

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: February 27, 2015

RE: Approval of Resolution No. 2015-05 Amending Previously Adopted Resolution 2014-29 Regarding Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Legislative Appropriations Act, for Release of Operations and Environmental Resource Permitting Funds

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 2015-05, amending Resolution 2014-29 to authorize the request for release of funds from quarterly to monthly.**

BACKGROUND

The Florida Legislature has included funding for the District in Chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, House Bill 5001, in the 2014-2015 Appropriations Act as follows:

- Line Item 1621B \$2,287,000 for Operations from Water Management Lands Trust Fund
- Line Item 1621C \$453,000 for Environmental Resource Permitting from Water Management Lands Trust Fund

The Legislature directed that these funds be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection and be made available for use by the District. On October 16, 2014 the Governing Board approved Resolution 2014-29 that authorized staff to request disbursement of funds at the end of each quarter. Approval of the recommendation will enable staff to request release of funds on a monthly basis.

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Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-05**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 2014-29 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
FOR THE RELEASE OF OPERATION BUDGET FUNDS  
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board adopted Resolution 2014-29 on October 16, 2014 which requested release of funds for operating expenditures and to implement the Environmental Resource Permitting program within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District determines it in the public interest to request the release of funds on a monthly basis rather than on a quarterly basis, and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, House Bill 5001, General Appropriations Act Fiscal Year 2014-2015, line items 1621B and 1621C, the Florida Legislature appropriated to the Suwannee River Water Management District two million two hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$2,287,000) and four hundred fifty-three thousand dollars (\$453,000) from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund for operations and Environmental Resource Permitting, and

**WHEREAS**, the operation funding is needed to implement the District's core mission and the Environmental Resource Permitting program is included in the District's core mission, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 373.501, Florida Statutes, includes a process for disbursing the funds to the water management districts upon receipt of a resolution adopted by the Governing Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the NOW THEREFORE clause stated that "be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby requests the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to release, in equal quarterly increments beginning October 1, 2014, those funds designated by the Legislature for operations and to implement the District's Environmental Resource Permitting, as listed below:

Line Item 1621B      \$2,287,000 for Operations from Water Management Lands Trust Fund

Line Item 1621C      \$453,000 for Environmental Resource Permitting from  
Water Management Lands Trust Fund"

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby requests the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to release, in monthly increments beginning October 1, 2014, those funds designated by the Legislature for operations and to implement the District's Environmental Resource Permitting, as listed below:

Line Item 1621B      \$2,287,000 for Operations from Water Management Lands Trust Fund

Line Item 1621C      \$453,000 for Environmental Resource Permitting from  
Water Management Lands Trust Fund

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these funds shall be subject to the requirements of Section 215.97, F.S., the Florida Single Audit Act.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-05**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these funds shall be subject to the requirements of Section 216.347, F.S. (Grant and Aids Lobbying Restriction); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Governing Board is authorized to affix his signature to this resolution on behalf of the Board and attested by its Secretary.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY of MARCH, 2015.**

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

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

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GUY N. WILLIAMS**

**ATTEST:**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director  
DATE: March 2, 2015  
RE: Reimbursement Request to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Period of October 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 for District Operational Expenditures

RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to request reimbursement from the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$2,823,075.17 for the period of October 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015, for District Operational Expenditures.**

BACKGROUND

The Governor's "It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget" for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 appropriated \$2,287,000 to the District for operational expenses and \$453,000 for Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) activities. The Governing Board approved Resolution 2015-05 encumbering the appropriated funding from Chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida.

The District has incurred \$2,687,377.75 in operational expenses from October 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. \$2,287,000 will fall under Resolution 2015-05. The remaining reimbursable expenditures will be applied to Resolution 2014-06, in the amount of \$400,377.75.

The District has incurred \$289,290.62 in ERP expenditures for the period of October 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. The District was reimbursed \$113,250.00 in January 2015, and is requesting reimbursement for the remaining expenditures incurred less ERP reimbursement and revenues. The ERP reimbursement request against Resolution 2015-05 is \$135,697.42.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: February 27, 2015

RE: Approval of Resolution 2015-06 Requesting Release and Transfer of Funds from the Water Management Lands Trust Funds for Springs Protection and Restoration Projects

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution 2015-06 requesting the Department of Environmental Protection to release and transfer in the amount of \$1,744,856 for springs protection and restoration projects.**

### BACKGROUND

The Florida Families Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 appropriated \$7,906,800.50 to the District for springs protection and restoration, minimum flows and levels, water supply planning, preacquisition and land management activities. The Governing Board approved Resolutions 2013-21, 2014-01, and 2014-06 encumbering the appropriated funding from Chapter 2013-41, Laws of Florida.

Section 373.59, Florida Statutes, allows the payment of preacquisition, land management, and water supply planning expenditures from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund.

Section 373.501, Florida Statutes, includes a process for disbursing the funds to the water management districts upon receipt of a resolution adopted by the Governing Board.

The District Governing Board has approved, budgeted contracted for implementation of the springs protection and restoration projects in accordance with Section 373.59, Florida Statutes (see attachment A).

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Attachments

**Attachment A**

**Spring Protection and Restoration Projects**

<b>Project:</b>	<b>Benefit:</b>
Aquifer Recharge (Oakmont Recharge Wetland/GRU)	Aquifer recharge.
Anderson Otter Sink (Dispersed Water Storage)	Dispersed water storage.
Wacissa Springs	Spring restoration and protection.
Charles Springs	Spring restoration and protection.
Little River Springs	Spring restoration and protection.
Sonographic Algae Pilot (Allen mill)	Spring restoration.
Middle Suwannee (match money)	Rehydrate wetlands and sandy bottom lakes, spring protection and restoration and enhance spring flows.
Ichetucknee Springs (match money)	Reduce Lake City's wastewater nutrient loadings to the Ichetucknee River by an estimated 85 percent and provides recharge.
Hart/Otter Springs Restoration	Spring restoration and protection.
Craig Watson Dairy GW N2 Reduction	Spring restoration and protection.
MFL Work Orders: Aucilla & Wacissa Rivers and Associated Priority Springs Econfina River Middle Suwannee River and Associated Priority Springs	Establish Minimum Flows and Levels as required by Section 373.042, Florida Statutes
<b>Total under contract or work order:</b>	<b>\$1,744,856</b>

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING RELEASE AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
FROM THE WATER MANAGEMENT LANDS TRUST FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District adopted Resolution 2013-21, Resolution 2014-01 and Resolution 2014-06 requesting the release of funds pursuant to Chapter 2013-41, Laws of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District is requested the release of funds for activities relating to springs protection and restoration, minimum flows and levels, water supply planning, land management, and operations consistent with Section 373.59, Florida Statutes (F.S.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District's 2014-2015 budget relies on appropriations from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund for activities consistent with Section 373.59, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 373.501, Florida Statutes, includes a process for disbursing the funds to the water management districts upon receipt of a resolution adopted by the Governing Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District requests the Florida Department of Environmental Protection transfer the remaining appropriated funds to Suwannee River Water Management District by the Legislature as pursuant to Section 373.59, Florida Statutes.

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board has approved, budgeted and contracted for implementation of the following projects in accordance with Section 373.59, Florida Statutes.

<b>Project:</b>
Aquifer Recharge (Oakmont Recharge Wetland/GRU)
Anderson Otter Sink (Dispersed Water Storage)
Wacissa Springs
Charles Springs
Little River Springs
Sonographic Algae Pilot (Allen mill)
Middle Suwannee (match money)
Ichetucknee Springs (match money)
Hart/Otter Springs Restoration
Craig Watson Dairy GW N2 Reduction
MFL Work Orders:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aucilla &amp; Wacissa Rivers and Associated Priority Springs</li> <li>• Econfina River</li> <li>• Middle Suwannee River and Associated Priority Springs</li> </ul>
<b>Total under contract or work order:</b>
<b>\$1,744,856</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby requests that the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to release and transfer those funds designated by the Legislature for springs protection and restoration projects from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,744,856 for the Suwannee River Water Management District to provide for the continued project development and implementation related to springs protection and restoration initiatives.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these funds shall be subject to the requirements of Section 215.97, F.S., the Florida Single Audit Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these funds shall be subject to the requirements of Section 216.347, F.S. (Grant and Aids Lobbying Restriction); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair of the Governing Board is authorized to affix his signature to this resolution on behalf of the Board and attested by its Secretary.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY of MARCH 2015, A.D.**

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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**ATTEST:**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: March 2, 2015

RE: Approval of Resolution No. 2015-07 Requesting Release and Transfer of Florida Forever Trust Fund to be used on Water Resource Development Projects

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 2015-07, requesting release and transfer of \$1,485,929.61 from the Florida Forever Trust Fund to be used on Water Resource Development project implementation and associated design and engineering costs as identified in the 2015 Florida Forever Report.**

### BACKGROUND

The Governing Board accepted the Florida Forever Work Plan 2015 Annual Update at its January 13, 2015 meeting. The Plan identified projects like the West Ridge Water Resource Development Area as a water resource development projects pursuant to Section 259.03(6), Florida Statutes. The West Ridge Water Resource Development Area project includes approximately 667 acres of District-owned land and the project is in the conceptual engineering phase. The project will augment flows to the Upper Santa Fe River and potentially provide aquifer recharge to the Upper Floridan aquifer.

Approval of the recommendation will authorize District staff to seek release and transfer funds to be used on project implementation and associated design and engineering costs of Water Resource Development projects as described in the 2015 Florida Forever Work Plan.

SM/rl  
Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING RELEASE AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
FROM THE FLORIDA FOREVER TRUST FUND FOR THE WEST RIDGE WATER  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District has accepted the Florida Forever Work Plan 2015 Annual Update pursuant to Section 373.199, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Annual Update Florida Forever Work Plan identified specific water resource development projects pursuant to Section 259.03(6), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, these water resource development projects are eligible for funding pursuant to Section 259.105, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, these water resource development projects will augment flows to the Upper Santa Fe River and potentially provide aquifer recharge to the Upper Floridan aquifer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Santa Fe River has an adopted Minimum Flow and Level; and

**WHEREAS**, the release and transfer of funds is needed to initiate design and engineering that will be capitalized over several years in accordance with guidance from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby requests that the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to release and transfer \$1,485,929.61 for water resource development project implementation and associated design and engineering costs as identified by the 2015 Annual Updated Florida Forever Work Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** these funds shall be subject to the requirements of Section 215.97, F.S., the Florida Single Audit Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** these funds shall be subject to the requirements of Section 216.347, F.S. (Grant and Aids Lobbying Restriction); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** the Chair of the Governing Board is authorized to affix his signature to this resolution on behalf of the Board and attested by its Secretary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY of MARCH 2015, A.D.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

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GUY N. WILLIAMS

ATTEST:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: February 20, 2015

RE: **Public Hearing** and Consideration of Resolution Number 2015-04 Authorizing the Purchase of the Turtle Spring Tract from G. Winston Lovelace, et al, 90.62 acres +/- in Lafayette County, Declaring Certain Lands to be Surplus, and Approving Amendment Number 11 to the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

**Subject to public comment that may be received, staff recommends the Governing Board approve and execute Resolution Number 2015-04 authorizing the Executive Director to exercise an option contract to purchase the Turtle Spring Tract from G. Winston Lovelace, et al, 90.62 acres +/- in Lafayette County, declaring 32.32 acres +/- to be surplus, and approving amendment number 11 to the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget from \$36,796,383 to \$37,373,083 to recognize \$576,700 in unanticipated revenues from the Florida Forever Trust Fund for land purchase and pre-acquisition costs.**

BACKGROUND

Acquisition of the Turtle Spring Tract will provide protection for the second magnitude Turtle Spring along the west bank of the Suwannee River and for a portion of the spring run for Fletcher Springs. The tract includes approximately 3,850 feet of Suwannee River frontage and provides floodplain protection for the Suwannee River. Approximately 36 acres of the tract provides surfacewater (wetlands) protection.

Mr. G. Winston Lovelace offered to sell the Turtle Spring Tract, 90.62 acres +/-, on June 12, 2014. The Governing Board authorized staff to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations on July 8, 2014. Appraisals were completed in October 2014 with a valuation date of August 7, 2014. Staff commenced negotiations with G. Winston Lovelace immediately following completion of appraisals. The sellers, prior to executing the attached option contract, were

required to obtain an Order of Summary Administration from the Court in Lafayette County to ensure the correct parties executed the option contract.

The option contract to purchase has a purchase price of \$565,000 as a lump sum amount not to be adjusted for actual surveyed acreage. However, if the actual surveyed acreage is equal to or less than 82 acres, the District may cancel the option and receive back the binder.

Approximately 32.32 acres of these lands do not meet the District's water resource objectives for acquisition to the extent that the District should retain ownership for conservation purposes and are recommended for surplus as discussed in the attached Public Hearing Summary.

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Attachments

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04**

**Authorizing The Purchase Of The Turtle Spring Tract From G. Winston Lovelace, Et Al, 90.62 Acres +/- In Lafayette County, Declaring Certain Lands To Be Surplus, And Approving Amendment Number 11 To The Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget From \$36,796,383 To \$37,373,083 To Recognize Unanticipated Revenues From The Florida Forever Trust Fund For Land Purchase And Pre-Acquisition Costs**

**WHEREAS**, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) has been offered fee title to lands owned by G. Winston Lovelace (individually and as trustee), Bahnson Lovelace, and Ann Geisel Bryant, Executor of the Estate of Nancy Iva Geisel, consisting of 90.62 acres +/- in Lafayette County, Florida. A description of said lands being attached hereto as Attachment A; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase price for said lands shall be \$565,000 and the purchase price will not be adjusted based on the actual acreage to be determined by a certified survey prior to closing; and

**WHEREAS**, said lands are being acquired consistent with sections 373.139 and 373.199, Florida Statutes and with the Florida Forever five-year work plan filed with the Legislature and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, said lands are being acquired in fee simple for water management purposes and the acquisition meets the goals and criteria of section 259.105, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds hereinafter requested will be used only for the purchase price of said lands and related pre-acquisition costs; and

**WHEREAS**, said lands will be maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner compatible with the resource values for which acquired and, to the extent practical, in such a way as to restore and protect their natural state and condition; and

**WHEREAS**, said lands have been appraised by two independent real estate appraisers and were approved for acquisition after duly noticed public meeting to inform the public of this acquisition; 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**, 32.32 acres +/- of the said fee simple lands to be acquired (hereinafter the "surplus lands" as shown in the map being attached hereto as Attachment B) are not needed for conservation purposes; and

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04**

**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**, the District requires a budget amendment to fund the purchase price and pre-acquisition costs of the lands from the Florida Forever Trust Fund; 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.

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

1. The fee simple purchase of the lands described in Attachment A is approved, and the Executive Director is authorized to exercise an option to purchase on behalf of the District.
2. The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the acquisition of said lands and the declaration of surplus lands are hereby further certified to be consistent with this District's plan of acquisition and Section 373.199, Florida Statutes.
3. The Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director, the Governing Board attorney and all other officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to close and complete the acquisition.
4. The District hereby approves the use of the Florida Forever Trust Fund for a sum of \$576,700 for the purchase price and pre-acquisition costs and requests release of the funds from the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection.
5. The Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget is hereby amended as summarized in the memorandum dated February 20, 2015, requesting amendment number 11, to the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget.
6. Budget Amendment Number 11 provides an increase in budget authority and revenue in the amount of \$576,700 for acquisition of the lands described in Attachment A and pre-acquisition costs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON MOTION, SECOND AND AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT LESS THAN SIX MEMBERS (TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP) OF THE GOVERNING BOARD THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2015 A.D.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

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ATTEST:

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**DESCRIPTION OF THE LANDS**

Parcel 1:

Commence at the intersection of an extension, easterly, of the South boundary line of Lot 24, Indian Springs Estates Subdivision, Lafayette County, Florida (sec 26, T7S, R14E) and the West Bank of the Suwannee River as a POINT OF BEGINNING; run N75°57'00"W to a concrete monument at the SW Corner of Lot 24 of Indian Springs Estates Subdivision; thence run S14°03'00"W a distance of 55.88 ft. to a point thence run N75°57'00"W 185 ft. to a concrete monument and the SW Corner of Lot 25, Indian Springs Estates Subdivision; thence run S45°00'00"W 71 ft.; thence run S00°55'11"E 144.75 ft.; thence run S36°00'10"E 108.86 ft.; thence run S23°14'47"W 620.06 ft.; thence run N66°55'29"W 297.59 ft. to a point on the West boundary line of said Section 26, and 2951.16 feet South of the NW Section Corner thence run southerly along the West boundary line of section 26 to the SW Corner of said Section; thence run easterly along the South boundary line of said section to the water's edge of the West bank of the Suwannee River, thence run, meandering with the water's edge, northeasterly along the West bank of the Suwannee River to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel 2:

Lot 1, Indian Springs Estates Unit No.1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 31, of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida.

Parcel 3:

Lot 21, Indian Springs Estates Unit No.1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 31, of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida.

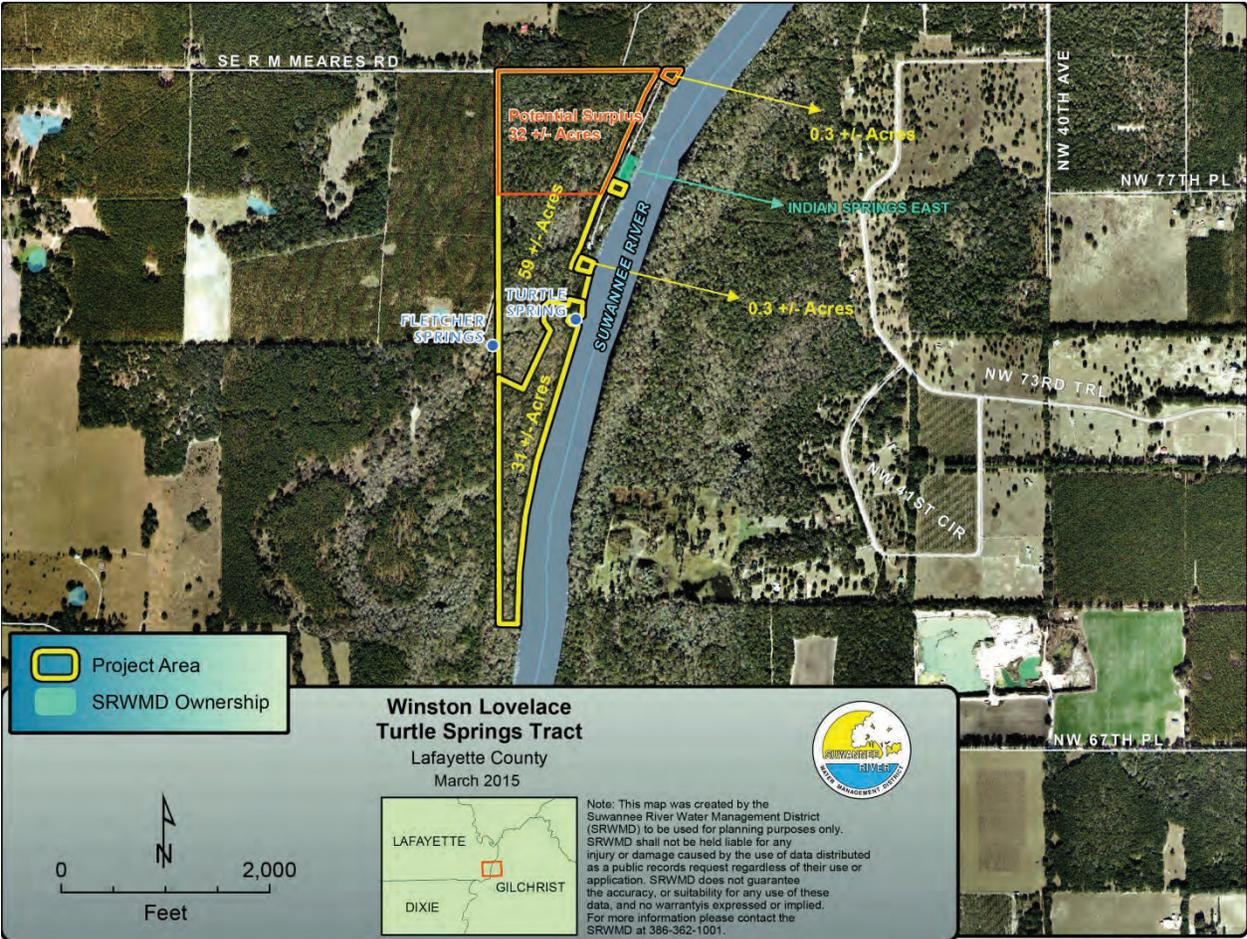
Parcel 4:

Lot 3 in Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 14 East, in Lafayette County, Florida, excluding: (1) The Parcel identified as Indian Springs Estates Unit No.1, Lots 1 through 21, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 31 and; (2) Commence at the intersection of an extension, easterly, of the South boundary line of Lot 24, Indian Springs Estates Subdivision, Lafayette County, Florida (sec 26, T7S, R14E) and the West Bank of the Suwannee River as a POINT OF BEGINNING; run N75°57'00"W to a concrete monument at the SW Corner of Lot 24 of Indian Springs Estates Subdivision; thence run S14°03'00"W a distance of 55.88 ft. to a point thence run N75°57'00"W 185 ft. to a concrete monument and the SW Corner of Lot 25, Indian Springs Estates Subdivision; thence run S45°00'00"W 71 ft.; thence run S00°55'11"E 144.75 ft.; thence run S36°00'10"E 108.86 ft.; thence run S23°14'47"W 620.06 ft.; thence run N66°55'29"W 297.59 ft. to a point on the West boundary line of said Section 26, and 2951.16 feet South of the NW Section Corner thence run southerly along the West boundary line of section 26 to the SW Corner of said Section; thence run easterly along the South boundary line of said section to the water's edge of the West bank of the Suwannee River, thence run, meandering with the water's edge, northeasterly along the West bank of the Suwannee River to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel 5:

Lot 13, Indian Springs Estates Unit No.1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 31, of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida.

### ATTACHMENT B MAP OF LANDS AND SURPLUS LANDS



**OPTION CONTRACT**

(DISTRICT Purchasing Real Property from a Private Entity)

THIS OPTION (as defined below) is made and granted by the OPTIONOR (as defined below) to the DISTRICT (as defined below) as follows:

- 1. **DEFINITIONS.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings herein:

*OPTIONOR* shall mean collectively:

Name: Bahnson Lovelace  
115 Greenwood Acres Drive  
Mills River, NC 28759

Ann Geisel Bryant, Executor of the Estate of Nancy Iva Geisel  
300 Dickson Road  
Campobello, SC 29322  
Winston Lovelace, individually  
P.O. Box 370  
Mims, FL 32754

Winston Lovelace, in his capacity as the trustee of the Winstin Lovelace Family Trust  
dated October 8, 1997  
P.O. Box 370  
Mims, FL 32754

*OPTION PRICE* shall mean \$100.00.

*OPTION PERIOD* shall mean the term of the OPTION which shall be from the EFFECTIVE DATE until the earlier of (a) the date and time the OPTION is exercised or (b) noon on the 90th calendar day after the EFFECTIVE DATE.

*PURCHASE PRICE* shall mean \$565,000.00.

*REALTORS* shall mean the realtor(s) and/or broker(s) listed below. The REALTORS shall be paid a commission as listed below by the party designated below.

<u>REALTOR</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Party Paying Commission</u>
NONE _____	_____	_____

*BINDER* shall mean the funds to be posted by the DISTRICT should the DISTRICT choose to exercise this OPTION. The BINDER shall be equal to \$1,000 or 0.1% of the PURCHASE PRICE, whichever amount is greater.

*CLOSING AGENT* shall mean the law firm of Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning P.A., a Florida professional corporation, with offices at 519 West Base Street, Madison, Florida 32340,

(Mailing Address: Post Office Drawer 652, Madison, Florida 32341); Phone: (850) 973-4186.

*CLOSING DATE* shall mean the date the closing of this transaction shall occur.

*DISTRICT* shall mean the Suwannee River Water Management District, a Florida water management district created pursuant to Section 373.069, Florida Statutes, with offices at 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, (Mailing Address: Same as Physical Address); Fax: 386-362-1056; Email:jmd@srwmd.org; Phone: (386) 362-1001.

*EFFECTIVE DATE* shall mean the date the OPTION is fully executed by the OPTIONOR.

*ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT* shall mean a Phase I environmental site assessment of the PROPERTY.

*OPTION* shall mean this "Option Contract".

*PROPERTY* shall mean that certain parcel of real property as shown or described on the attached Exhibit "A".

*SURVEY* shall mean a survey of the PROPERTY made by a Florida licensed surveyor who shall be selected by the DISTRICT from its list of approved surveyors. The SURVEY shall (a) be certified to the DISTRICT, the OPTIONOR, the CLOSING AGENT, and the title insurance company issuing the TITLE COMMITMENT, (b) meet the requirements of Chapter 472, Florida Statutes, (c) delineate the coastal construction control line as defined in Section 161.053, Florida Statutes, (the "CCCL") on the PROPERTY or affirmatively show that no part of the PROPERTY is located either partially or totally seaward of the CCCL, (d) provide a "meets and bounds" legal description or descriptions of the PROPERTY, and (e) show the SURVEYED ACRES.

*SURVEYED ACRES* shall mean the actual number of acres of the PROPERTY, excluding public road rights of way, railroad rights of way, cemeteries, and any lands below the ordinary high water line or mean high water line of any river, lake or stream, if any.

*TITLE COMMITMENT* shall mean a commitment to issue a title insurance policy for the PROPERTY, purchased from the CLOSING AGENT as agent for a Florida licensed title insurance company.

2. GRANT OF OPTION. For and in consideration of the OPTION PRICE (paid solely to G. Winston Lovelace), the time and money to be expended by the DISTRICT in evaluating this OPTION and preparing this OPTION for presentation to the DISTRICT's Governing Board, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the OPTIONOR hereby grants to the DISTRICT the exclusive right and option to purchase, on the following terms and conditions, the PROPERTY.
3. EXERCISE OF THE OPTION. The OPTION may be exercised only by majority vote of the DISTRICT's Governing Board and by delivering written notice thereof to the OPTIONOR during the OPTION PERIOD. Such written notice may be delivered in person or sent by certified U.S. mail, return receipt requested, by a recognized overnight carrier (i.e., Federal Express or UPS), by facsimile or email transmission, to the OPTIONOR at the OPTIONOR's address set forth in the "Definitions" section of the OPTION. Such written notice be deemed delivered when sent as set

- out above or if delivered in person upon receipt.
4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE. Should the OPTION be exercised, the terms and conditions of the purchase and sale of the PROPERTY shall be as follows:
- 4.1 *BINDER:* No later than ten (10) days after the OPTION is exercised, the DISTRICT shall post the BINDER with the CLOSING AGENT. The CLOSING AGENT shall hold the BINDER in its non-interest bearing trust account. At closing, the BINDER shall be paid to the OPTIONOR and credited to the PURCHASE PRICE.
- 4.2 *PURCHASE PRICE:* The PURCHASE PRICE shall be paid by the DISTRICT, in cash at closing. Regardless of whether the DISTRICT has a SURVEY prepared, the PURCHASE PRICE shall not be adjusted due to acreage differences. Provided that should the DISTRICT have a SURVEY prepared, and the SURVEYED ACRES be 82 acres, or less, the DISTRICT may cancel the exercised OPTION, and receive back the BINDER in which event both parties shall be relieved of all further obligations to the other under the exercised OPTION. The OPTION PRICE shall be credited to the PURCHASE PRICE, at closing.
- 4.3 *Expenses:* The expenses of closing this transaction shall be paid, at closing, as follows:
- 4.3.1 OPTIONOR shall pay for:
- Documentary stamp tax on the deed of conveyance
  - Owner's title insurance policy (including the TITLE COMMITMENT, search, examination and related charges)
  - OPTIONOR's attorneys fees
- 4.3.2 DISTRICT shall pay for:
- Charges to record the deed of conveyance
  - Costs of the ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT, if any
  - Costs of the SURVEY, if any,
  - DISTRICT's attorneys fees
- 4.4 *Ad Valorem Taxes and Assessments on the PROPERTY:*
- 4.4.1 For the year of closing, the OPTIONOR shall be responsible for and pay at closing all ad valorem taxes and assessments on the PROPERTY for that portion of the year of closing prior to the transfer of title, so as to discharge the lien of such ad valorem taxes and assessments. If allowed, the OPTIONOR shall pay such ad valorem taxes and assessments as provided in Section 196.295, Florida Statutes and Rule 12D-13.016, Florida Administrative Code. Otherwise, such ad valorem taxes and assessments shall be prorated as of the CLOSING DATE.
- 4.4.2 For all years prior to the year of closing, the OPTIONOR shall be responsible for and pay at closing all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments on the PROPERTY, so as to discharge the lien of such ad valorem taxes and assessments.

- 4.5 *Closing:* The closing of this transaction shall be conducted at or through the offices of the CLOSING AGENT. The CLOSING DATE shall be a date mutually agreed upon between the parties no later than sixty (60) days after the OPTION is exercised.
- 4.6 *Conveyance:* At closing, the OPTIONOR shall convey title to the PROPERTY by statutory warranty deed in accordance with Section 689.02, Florida Statutes, conveying marketable title to the PROPERTY in fee simple free and clear of all liens, reservations, restrictions, easements, leases, tenancies and other encumbrances, except those expressly allowed herein. The grantee on the deed of conveyance shall be the DISTRICT or any other person or entity as may be directed by the DISTRICT. Further, the DISTRICT may direct that, at closing, different portions of the PROPERTY be conveyed to different persons or entities, in which case several deeds of conveyance shall be used with the grantee for each being as named by the DISTRICT and such deeds of conveyance collectively shall be considered the "deed of conveyance" for the purposes of this OPTION. If a SURVEY is prepared, the deed of conveyance shall utilize the "meets and bounds" legal description(s) from the SURVEY.
- 4.7 *Closing Documents:* In addition to the deed of conveyance, the OPTIONOR shall execute and furnish at or prior to closing the following:
- 4.7.1 A Beneficial Interest and Disclosure Affidavit as required by Section 286.23, Florida Statutes. (Note: Section 286.23(1), Florida Statutes requires this document to be furnished to the DISTRICT, "at least 10 days prior to the time of closing.")
- 4.7.2 A copy of the disclosure statement the OPTIONOR is required to file with the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Section 380.08(2), Florida Statutes, and evidence of such filing (Green Card Mail Receipt, filing stamp on copy of disclosure, etc.)
- 4.7.3 An Affidavit of Non-Foreign Status, Notice of Non Recognition, or Withholding Certificate, establishing that no foreign income tax is required to be withheld under the Foreign Investment and Real Property Tax Act of 1980 "FIRPTA". Any such documents supplied by the OPTIONOR must comply with the provisions of FIRPTA and any regulations or rules promulgated thereunder, and the DISTRICT must not have actual knowledge or have received notice that such document is false. If the OPTIONOR fails to deliver such document or the DISTRICT has actual knowledge or has received notice that such document is false, then the DISTRICT shall be entitled to withhold "10% of the amount realized" by the OPTIONOR (as defined in the FIRPTA regulations) and shall remit to the IRS at closing the amount so withheld along with the properly completed remittance form.
- 4.7.4 A standard closing affidavit attesting to, among other things: (a) the absence of any financing statements, claims of lien or potential lienors known to the OPTIONOR affecting the PROPERTY, (b) that there have been no improvements or repairs to the PROPERTY for which payment has not been made, and (c) that no one other than the OPTIONOR is in possession of or has a right to possession of the PROPERTY.

- 4.7.5 IRS Forms W-9 and/or 1099, if required.
- 4.7.6 Incumbency Certificate, Resolution and Affidavit, in form acceptable to the CLOSING AGENT, from the OPTIONOR if the OPTIONOR is other than a natural person.
- 4.7.7 Any other documents necessary to complete this transaction reasonably requested by the title insurance company or CLOSING AGENT, including without limitation all information required to be filed under the Tax Act of 1986.
- 4.8 *Title/Survey/Environmental Matters:*
- 4.8.1 *TITLE COMMITMENT.* No later than five (5) days before the CLOSING DATE, the DISTRICT shall obtain the TITLE COMMITMENT and provide a copy of the same to the OPTIONOR.
- 4.8.2 *SURVEY.* If the DISTRICT chooses to obtain the SURVEY, it shall obtain the SURVEY and provide a copy of the same to the OPTIONOR by no later than the deadline for the TITLE COMMITMENT.
- 4.8.3 *ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT.* If the DISTRICT chooses to obtain the ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT, it shall obtain the ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT and provide a copy of the same to the OPTIONOR by no later than the deadline for the TITLE COMMITMENT.
- 4.8.4 *Objections to be considered Closing Defects.* If the DISTRICT objects to any matters shown on the TITLE COMMITMENT, the SURVEY or the ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT, the DISTRICT shall give written notice of all such objections to the CLOSING AGENT prior to closing, and each matter to which a timely, written objection was made shall be deemed a "Closing Defect" and handled as set out below. The DISTRICT shall be deemed to have waived any objection to any matters shown on the TITLE COMMITMENT, the SURVEY (if obtained) and the ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT (if obtained), for which no timely, written objection is made.
- 4.8.5 *Handling of Closing Defects.* Upon receipt of any timely, written objection to any matters shown on the TITLE COMMITMENT, the SURVEY or the ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT, the CLOSING AGENT shall not close the sale, and shall immediately copy the same to the OPTIONOR. Thereafter, the OPTIONOR shall have sixty (60) days after the date of such written notice to correct or remove the Closing Defects. In that event, the CLOSING DATE shall be extended seventy (70) days after the date of such notice. If the OPTIONOR is unable or unwilling to correct or remove all of the Closing Defects within the sixty (60) day time period, the DISTRICT may either: (a) accept the remaining Closing Defects and close this transaction according to the terms of the exercised OPTION no later than the end of the extended CLOSING DATE, or (b) cancel the exercised OPTION by written notice to the OPTIONOR, and thereupon the DISTRICT shall receive back the BINDER and both parties will be relieved of all further obligations to the other under the exercised OPTION.

- 4.8.6 *Matters Not to Be Closing Defects.* Any encumbrance or lien on the PROPERTY, (including, without limitation, mortgages, financing statements, money judgments, claims of lien, code enforcement liens, tax liens and homeowners association liens) which can be paid off and fully satisfied by the payment of money, shall not be deemed a Closing Defect. Rather, all such encumbrances and liens shall be paid off at closing and the cost thereof deducted from the sale proceeds which would otherwise be due to the OPTIONOR. Provided, that if the total amount of such encumbrances and liens exceeds the total amount of such sale proceeds, the DISTRICT may either (a) close the transaction, exhausting such sale proceeds to pay down as much of the encumbrances and liens as possible, or (b) cancel the exercised OPTION by written notice to the OPTIONOR, and thereupon the DISTRICT shall receive back the BINDER and both parties will be relieved of all further obligations to the other under the exercised OPTION.
- 4.9 *Casualty Loss:* In the event any of the timber or improvements located on the PROPERTY are damaged or destroyed by wind, fire, casualty, disease, or by any other means or act of God, prior to closing, and any part of such damage is covered by insurance, the OPTIONOR shall assign the claim(s) for all such insurance proceeds to the DISTRICT, or if such claim(s) is not assignable, make such claim(s) and pay the insurance proceeds to the DISTRICT at closing or immediately upon receipt, whichever occurs later. Provided that should the extent or such damage be greater than five (5%) percent of the PURCHASE PRICE, the DISTRICT may either: (a) close this transaction according to the terms of the exercised OPTION, or (b), cancel the exercised OPTION by written notice to the OPTIONOR, and thereupon the DISTRICT shall not receive (or shall pay back, if already received) the insurance proceeds, receive back the BINDER and both parties will be relieved of all further obligations to the other under the exercised OPTION.
- 4.10 *Condition of the PROPERTY:* Except for the warranties and representations of the OPTIONOR as set forth in this OPTION, the deed of conveyance and the other closing document(s), OPTIONOR is selling the property "as is, where is", with no warranties.
- 4.11 *Personal Property and Structures :* No later than five (5) days before the CLOSING DATE, the OPTIONOR shall have removed all personal property, refuse, garbage, junk, rubbish, trash and debris from the PROPERTY. Except that no later than 30 days after the closing of the purchase of the PROPERTY, the OPTIONOR shall have demolished all structures located on the PROPERTY and properly disposed (not on the PROPERTY) of all rubble and debris created thereby. Should the OPTIONOR demolish and dispose of the structures in time so that the PROPERTY can be inspected and the demolition and proper disposal reasonably confirmed prior to closing, the OPTIONOR shall receive the full amount due to the OPTIONOR from closing. Should the OPTIONOR not demolish and properly dispose of the structures within such time, the CLOSING AGENT shall withhold and keep in its non-interest bearing trust account \$25,000 of the sales proceeds which would otherwise have been paid to the OPTIONOR from closing. Upon confirmation that the structures have been demolished and properly disposed of within the time provided, the CLOSING AGENT shall release the \$25,000 to the OPTIONOR. Should the structures not be demolished and properly disposed of within the time

provided, the CLOSING AGENT shall release the \$25,000 from trust back to the DISTRICT. The OPTIONOR is granted access to the PROPERTY post closing for the limited purposes as set out in this subsection 4.11 if necessary. Provided that the OPTIONOR shall indemnify the DISTRICT from and against and all liability, loss, damage, and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees and disbursements: (1) arising from injury to persons or property occasioned by the OPTIONOR's (including OPTIONOR's agents, contractors, invitees and persons acting in concert with OPTIONOR) post-closing use of the PROPERTY or any post-closing act or omission of the OPTIONOR (including OPTIONOR's agents, contractors, invitees and persons acting in concert with OPTIONOR) on the PROPERTY.

4.12 *Closing Contingencies:* The closing of this transaction is contingent upon certain matters as follows:

4.12.1 The closing is contingent upon:

4.12.1.1 Approval by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, unless waived by the DISTRICT in writing; and

4.12.1.2 If the funds to be used by the DISTRICT to close are to be received from the State of Florida and/or the United States of America, then the actual receipt of such funds.

4.12.2 Should any of the above contingencies not occur, the CLOSING DATE shall be extended until the occurrence of all such contingencies, but in no event longer than 90 days after the CLOSING DATE.

4.13 *Realtors:* The parties each represent to the other that no realtor nor broker has been involved in this transaction (and thus owed any commission) except for the REALTORS. All commissions (as shown in the definition of REALTORS) due to the REALTORS shall be paid to the REALTORS at closing by the party responsible for such commission (as shown in the definition of REALTORS). The OPTIONOR agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the DISTRICT for any commission owed to any realtor or broker contacted the OPTIONOR claiming a commission on this transaction and the DISTRICT agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the OPTIONOR for any commission owed to any realtor or broker contacted by the DISTRICT claiming a commission on this transaction.

4.14 *Assignment:* Neither party may assign its rights or responsibilities under the exercised OPTION without the prior written consent of the other party.

4.15 *Like Kind Exchange:* The OPTIONOR may structure this transaction in such manner that it shall qualify as a "like kind exchange", under § 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code, and the DISTRICT agrees to execute the documents reasonably requested to accomplish such exchange, provided that the exchange does not (a) delay the closing of this transaction, (b) result in any additional cost to the DISTRICT, nor (c) otherwise materially affect this transaction.

4.16 *Donee Acknowledgment:* After closing, upon request of the OPTIONOR and if

applicable, the DISTRICT will execute and deliver to the OPTIONOR the Donee Acknowledgment section of IRS Form 8283, "Noncash Charitable Contributions.", as amended. Provided, the DISTRICT shall not be required to represent that the PROPERTY has any particular fair market value or should receive any particular tax treatment.

- 4.17 *Non-Merger Clause:* The terms of the exercised OPTION shall survive the closing.
- 4.18 *Venue and Jurisdiction of Litigation:* The exclusive venue and jurisdiction for any litigation enforcing, construing or relating to the exercised OPTION and this transaction shall be the State of Florida, Circuit Court or County Court in and for the Florida county where the PROPERTY is located, or if the PROPERTY is located in more than one Florida county, in any of them.
- 4.19 *Waiver of Jury Trial:* The parties mutually and forever waive any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to the exercised OPTION or this transaction and have any such actions decided by a judge alone, without a jury.
- 4.20 *No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity:* Notwithstanding anything else herein to the contrary, nothing herein shall be construed to waive or to otherwise affect the DISTRICT's sovereign immunity and/or the protections given the DISTRICT under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.
- 4.21 *No Third Party Beneficiaries:* No provision of the exercised OPTION will be deemed for the benefit of the public generally nor for any persons or entities other than the OPTIONOR and the DISTRICT. Thus there shall be no third party beneficiary of the exercised OPTION.
- 4.22 *Terms Not to Be Construed Against Either Party:* The terms of the exercised OPTION shall not be construed against either party as the drafter.
- 4.23 *Further Assurances:* The parties shall execute such further documents and do any and all such further things as may be necessary to implement and carry out the intent of the exercised OPTION.
- 4.24 *Required Statutory Notices:* The following notices are required by law:

#### COASTAL EROSION NOTICE

THE PROPERTY BEING PURCHASED MAY BE SUBJECT TO COASTAL EROSION AND TO FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN COASTAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE DELINEATION OF THE COASTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTROL LINE, RIGID COASTAL PROTECTION STRUCTURES, BEACH NOURISHMENT, AND THE PROTECTION OF MARINE TURTLES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, INCLUDING WHETHER THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT EROSION CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHORELINE OF THE PROPERTY BEING PURCHASED,

PROPERTY TAX  
DISCLOSURE SUMMARY

BUYER SHOULD NOT RELY ON THE SELLER'S CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES AS THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES THAT THE BUYER MAY BE OBLIGATED TO PAY IN THE YEAR SUBSEQUENT TO PURCHASE. A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS TRIGGERS REASSESSMENTS OF THE PROPERTY THAT COULD RESULT IN HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING VALUATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE FOR INFORMATION.

RADON GAS NOTICE

RADON GAS: RADON IS A NATURALLY OCCURRING RADIOACTIVE GAS THAT, WHEN IT HAS ACCUMULATED IN A BUILDING IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES, MAY PRESENT HEALTH RISKS TO PERSONS WHO ARE EXPOSED TO IT OVER TIME. LEVELS OF RADON THAT EXCEED FEDERAL AND STATE GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN FOUND IN BUILDINGS IN FLORIDA. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING RADON AND RADON TESTING MAY BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD

EVERY PURCHASER OF ANY INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY ON WHICH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING WAS BUILT PRIOR TO 1978 IS NOTIFIED THAT SUCH PROPERTY MAY PRESENT EXPOSURE TO LEAD FORM LEAD BASED PAINT THAT MAY PLACE YOUNG CHILDREN AT RISK OF DEVELOPING LEAD POISONING. LEAD POISONING MAY PRODUCE PERMANENT NEUROLOGICAL DAMAGE, INCLUDING LEARNING DISABILITIES, REDUCED INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT, BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS, AND IMPAIRED MEMORY. LEAD POISONING ALSO POSES A PARTICULAR RISK TO PREGNANT WOMEN. THE SELLER OF ANY INTEREST IN RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE PURCHASER WITH INFORMATION ON LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARDS FROM RISK ASSESSMENTS OR INSPECTIONS IN THE SELLER'S POSSESSION AND NOTIFY THE PURCHASER OF ANY KNOWN LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARDS. A RISK ASSESSMENT OR INSPECTION FOR POSSIBLE LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARDS IS RECOMMENDED PRIOR TO PURCHASE.

4.25 *Binding Effect:* The exercised OPTION shall be binding on the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, and estates, as the case may be.

4.26 *Remedies for Default:* Notwithstanding anything else herein to the contrary, the parties' sole and exclusive remedies for default of any of the terms of the exercised OPTION shall be as follows:

4.26.1 Should the OPTIONOR default on any terms of the exercised OPTION, then the DISTRICT shall be entitled to either: (a) bring an action for

specific performance compelling the OPTIONOR to close the transaction under the terms of the exercised OPTION, or (b) cancel the exercised OPTION, and receive back the BINDER, in which event both parties shall be relieved of all further obligations to the other under the exercised OPTION. (Provided that specific performance is not available as a remedy for any failure to correct or remove any Closing Defects.)

4.26.2 Should the DISTRICT default on any terms of this OPTION, then the OPTIONOR may cancel the exercised OPTION, and receive the BINDER, in which event both parties will be relieved of all further obligations to the other under the exercised OPTION.

4.27 *Notices:* Any and all notices required or permitted shall be made or given in writing and shall be delivered in person or sent by certified U.S. mail, return receipt requested, by a recognized overnight carrier (i.e., Federal Express or UPS), by facsimile or email transmission, to the other party at the other party's address set forth in the Definitions section of the OPTION. Such addresses may be changed by a party by giving notice thereof to the other party using the methods set out above. All notices shall be deemed given when sent as set out above or if delivered in person upon receipt.

5. ACCESS TO PROPERTY FOR INVESTIGATION. Throughout the OPTION PERIOD and, should the OPTION be exercised, continuing through closing, the DISTRICT and its officers, employees, agents and contractors are hereby granted access to the PROPERTY for all lawful purposes connected with the OPTION. Such lawful purposes shall include, without limitation, surveying, photographing, appraising, cruising timber, conducting environmental assessments and taking soil, water and plant samples using borings, probes and test wells.

6. THE OPTIONOR'S REPRESENTATIONS. The OPTIONOR warrants and represents to the DISTRICT that:

6.1 Except for those matters which may be discharged at closing, the OPTIONOR, and only the OPTIONOR, holds fee simple title to the PROPERTY.

6.2 The persons executing the OPTION for the OPTIONOR are either the OPTIONOR or have the legal authority to execute this OPTION and bind the OPTIONOR to it.

6.3 Other than in compliance with all applicable environmental laws, rules and regulations, the OPTIONOR has not disposed of nor dumped any hazardous waste or other environmental pollutants onto the PROPERTY, and the OPTIONOR has no actual knowledge, without inquiry, that any third party has dumped any hazardous waste or other environmental pollutants onto the PROPERTY.

6.4 To the best of the OPTIONOR's actual information and belief, without inquiry, the PROPERTY has never been used as a dump, land-fill or garbage disposal site.

6.5 To the best of the OPTIONOR's actual information and belief, without inquiry,

the PROPERTY is presently in compliance with all applicable environmental laws, rules and regulations.

- 6.6 The OPTIONOR is unaware, without inquiry, of any previous violations of applicable environmental laws, rules and regulations regarding the PROPERTY.
- 6.7 The OPTIONOR has not received actual notice, without inquiry, from any government agency that the PROPERTY is in violation of any federal, state or local laws, ordinances, codes, rules, orders or regulations or that any remedial action is required on the PROPERTY. The OPTIONOR shall, after closing, indemnify, defend and hold the DISTRICT harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, losses, damages, assessments, fines, penalties, costs and other expenses (including attorney's fees and court costs) caused by, arising from or any way related to the invalidity of the foregoing representations and/or actual or threatened damage to the environment, agency costs of investigation, personal injury or death, or damage to property, due to a release or alleged release of hazardous materials on or under the PROPERTY or in the surface or ground water located on or under the PROPERTY, or gaseous emissions from the PROPERTY or any other adverse environmental condition existing on the PROPERTY, occurring prior to closing.
- 6.8 The OPTIONOR is not aware that there are any endangered species (as defined by state or federal law) on the PROPERTY.
- 6.9 The OPTIONOR is not a "foreign person" as that term is defined in 26 U.S.C.A. § 1445(f)(3), nor is the sale of the Property subject to any withholding requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code, including, but not limited to 26 U.S.C.A. § 1445.
- 6.10 There are no parties in possession of any part of the PROPERTY other than the OPTIONOR.
- 6.11 No valid claims, rights to offsets, or litigation, actual or threatened, to the knowledge of OPTIONOR, exist with regard to the PROPERTY.

7. DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY THE OPTIONOR. The OPTIONOR shall furnish to the DISTRICT, by the following deadlines, the following documents and information:

- 7.1 Within seven (7) days after the EFFECTIVE DATE, the following:
  - 7.1.1 Copies of all title insurance policies, commitments, abstracts, opinions, searches and/or reports for any portion of the PROPERTY in the OPTIONOR's possession or control.
  - 7.1.2 Copies of all surveys of any portion of the PROPERTY in the OPTIONOR's possession or control.
  - 7.1.3 Copies of all environmental audits and reports, and all correspondence

relating to environmental matters on any portion of the PROPERTY in the OPTIONOR's possession or control.

7.1.4 Copies of all leases, contracts, options, easements, licenses, mortgages, financing statements, security agreements, judgments, liens, claims of lien, and all similar documents, known to the OPTIONOR, which are then in effect and may affect the title to the PROPERTY or the OPTIONOR's ability to convey good title to the PROPERTY.

7.2 During the OPTION PERIOD and, should the OPTION be exercised, continuing through closing, from time to time upon demand: Copies of payoff and estoppel letters from lenders and others holding liens on the property. (It shall also be the obligation of the OPTIONOR to demand the same from all lenders and similar parties upon the request of the DISTRICT.)

8. NO ALTERATIONS PRIOR TO CLOSING. During the OPTION PERIOD and, should the OPTION be exercised, continuing through closing, the OPTIONOR shall not:

- 8.1 Cut any timber from the PROPERTY or otherwise alter the PROPERTY, or
- 8.2 Execute or enter into any lease, contract, option, easement, license, mortgage, financing statement, security agreement, or similar document concerning or affecting the PROPERTY.

9. EMINENT DOMAIN. The OPTIONOR has no knowledge of any threatened or pending eminent domain proceedings affecting the PROPERTY. Should such eminent domain proceedings be pending on the EFFECTIVE DATE (without OPTIONOR's knowledge) or instituted thereafter, this shall have the following effect:

- 9.1 The OPTIONOR shall, upon discovery, immediately notify the DISTRICT of such threatened or pending eminent domain proceedings and provide to the DISTRICT copies of all written correspondence, pleadings or other papers concerning the eminent domain proceeding as they are received by the OPTIONOR.
- 9.2 Should the DISTRICT first learn about such eminent domain proceedings prior to any exercise of the OPTION and should the DISTRICT then choose to exercise the OPTION, the DISTRICT shall (a) assume unilateral control and direction (including settlement authority) of the eminent domain proceedings; (b) receive and keep the total eminent domain award or settlement; and (c) close the transaction as otherwise set out in the exercised OPTION. The OPTIONOR shall, upon demand, execute whatever assignments or other documents the DISTRICT may reasonably require to show the DISTRICT's authority as set out herein.
- 9.3 Should the DISTRICT first learn about such eminent domain proceedings after the exercise of the OPTION, the DISTRICT may either:

- 9.3.1 Cancel the exercised OPTION, and receive back the BINDER, in which event both parties shall be relieved of all further obligations to the other under the exercised OPTION; or,
  - 9.3.2 Keep the OPTION in full force and effect, and (a) assume unilateral control and direction (including settlement authority) of the eminent domain proceedings; (b) receive and keep the total eminent domain award or settlement; and (c) close the transaction as otherwise set out in the exercised OPTION. The OPTIONOR shall, upon demand, execute whatever assignments or other documents the DISTRICT may reasonably require to show the DISTRICT's authority as set out herein.
10. RECORDING. The DISTRICT may record the OPTION or a notice thereof in any county or counties where the PROPERTY is located. The OPTIONOR will execute any such notice for recording upon request of the DISTRICT.
11. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Time is of the essence of both the OPTION and if the OPTION is exercised, the exercised OPTION.
12. TAX CONSEQUENCES. The OPTIONOR has obtained whatever advice OPTIONOR wishes, if any, concerning the tax consequences of this transaction and accepts the same. This OPTION is not contingent upon any particular tax result.
13. GOVERNING LAW. This OPTION concerns real property located in the State of Florida, is being made in the State of Florida, is being delivered to the DISTRICT at its headquarters in the State of Florida and the OPTIONOR intends for it to be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, without regard to its conflict of laws rules. Should the OPTION be exercised, the exercised OPTION shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, without regard to its conflict of laws rules.
14. CLOSING AGENT. The CLOSING AGENT is the attorney for the DISTRICT and notwithstanding its other duties shall continue to act as attorney for the DISTRICT only, and not the OPTIONOR, regarding the OPTION and, should the OPTION be exercised, the exercised OPTION. Should the OPTION be exercised, (a) the parties agree to indemnify and hold the CLOSING AGENT harmless for acting as the CLOSING AGENT herein, except for intentional misuse of funds, and (b) in the event of a dispute regarding the posted BINDER, the CLOSING AGENT may interplead or deposit the BINDER into the registry of the court, and all costs thereof, including attorney fees, shall be deducted and paid from the BINDER.
15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. The OPTIONOR has not given the OPTION in reliance upon any fact or representation not expressly provided herein. Should the OPTION be exercised, the exercised OPTION shall supersede all previous agreements, oral or written, between OPTIONOR and the DISTRICT, concerning the PROPERTY and shall represents the whole and entire agreement between the parties.
16. AMENDMENT, REVOCATION OR ABANDONMENT. The OPTION may not be amended, revoked, or abandoned by the OPTIONOR during the OPTION PERIOD. Should the OPTION be exercised, the exercised OPTION may not be amended, revoked, or abandoned except through

a written agreement executed by both the OPTIONOR and the DISTRICT.

17. MISCELLANEOUS. In the event a day of performance falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday under the laws of the State of Florida, the day of performance shall be automatically extended to the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. Headings used in this OPTION are provided for convenience only and shall not be used to construe meaning or intent.

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Executed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, by C. Bahnson Lovelace.

C. Bahnson Lovelace  
C. Bahnson Lovelace

Joshua T. Justice  
Witness Name: Joshua T Justice

Amanda Ellis  
Witness Name: Amanda Ellis

STATE OF North Carolina  
COUNTY OF Henderson

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 by C. Bahnson Lovelace who is personally known to me or has produced NC-DL as identification.

**JOSHUA T JUSTICE**  
Notary Public  
Henderson Co., North Carolina  
My Commission Expires Dec. 08, 2018

Joshua T. Justice  
Joshua T. Justice  
(Print or Type Name of Notary)  
Notary Public, State of North Carolina  
My Commission Expires: 12/8/2018

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Executed this 13 day of February, 2015, by G. Winston Lovelace.

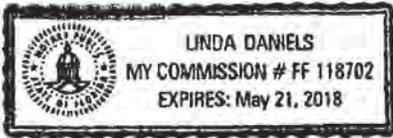
G. Winston Lovelace  
G. Winston Lovelace

Linda Daniels  
Witness Name: Linda Daniels

Victoria Giles  
Witness Name: Victoria Giles

STATE OF Florida  
COUNTY OF Brevard

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of February, 2015 by G. Winston Lovelace who is personally known to me or has produced FL DL as identification.



Linda Daniels  
Linda Daniels  
(Print or Type Name of Notary)  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Commission Expires: 05-21-2018

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Executed this 13 day of February, 2015, by G. Winston Lovelace in his capacity as Trustee of the Winston Lovelace Family Trust dated October 8, 1997.

G. Winston Lovelace  
G. Winston Lovelace in his capacity as Trustee of the Winston Lovelace Family Trust dated October 8, 1997

Linda Daniels  
Witness Name: Linda Daniels

Victoria Giles  
Witness Name: Victoria Giles

STATE OF Florida  
COUNTY OF Brevard

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of February, 2015 by G. Winston Lovelace in his capacity as Trustee of the Winston Lovelace Family Trust dated October 8, 1997, who is personally known to me or has produced FL DL as identification.



Linda Daniels  
Linda Daniels  
(Print or Type Name of Notary)  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Commission Expires: 05-21-2018

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Executed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, by Ann Geisel Bryant, Executor of the Estate of Nancy Iva Geisel.

Ann Geisel Bryant  
Ann Geisel Bryant, Executor of the Estate of Nancy Iva Geisel,

Lori G. Hamm  
Witness Name: Lori G. Hamm

Kim W Skinner  
Witness Name: Kim W Skinner

STATE OF  
COUNTY OF

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 by Ann Geisel Bryant, Executor of the Estate of Nancy Iva Geisel, who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Donita S. Owens  
Donita S. Owens  
(Print or Type Name of Notary)  
Notary Public, State of South Carolina  
My Commission Expires:

March 9, 2019

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Executed this 13 day of February, 2015, by George Winston Lovelace in his capacity as Trustee of the Winston Lovelace Family Trust dated October 5, 1997.

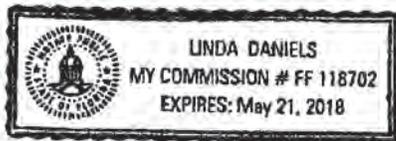
George Winston Lovelace  
George Winston Lovelace in his  
capacity as Trustee of the Winston  
Lovelace Family Trust dated October 5,  
1997

Linda Daniels  
Witness Name: Linda Daniels

Victoria Giles  
Witness Name: Victoria Giles

STATE OF Florida  
COUNTY OF Brevard

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of February, 2015 by George Winston Lovelace in his capacity as Trustee of the Winston Lovelace Family Trust dated October 5, 1997, who is personally known to me or has produced FLDL as identification.



Linda Daniels  
Linda Daniels  
(Print or Type Name of Notary)  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Commission Expires: 05-21-2018

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EXHIBIT "A"  
(Description of the PROPERTY)

Parcel 1:

Commence at the intersection of an extension, easterly, of the South boundary line of Lot 24, Indian Springs Estates Subdivision, Lafayette County, Florida (sec 26, T7S, R14E) and the West Bank of the Suwannee River as a POINT OF BEGINNING; run N75°57'00"W to a concrete monument at the SW Corner of Lot 24 of Indian Springs Estates Subdivision; thence run S14°03'00"W a distance of 55.88 ft. to a point thence run N75°57'00"W 185 ft. to a concrete monument and the SW Corner of Lot 25, Indian Springs Estates Subdivision; thence run S45°00'00"W 71 ft.; thence run S00°55'11"E 144.75 ft.; thence run S36°00'10"E 108.86 ft.; thence run S23°14'47"W 620.06 ft.; thence run N66°55'29"W 297.59 ft. to a point on the West boundary line of said Section 26, and 2951.16 feet South of the NW Section Corner thence run southerly along the West boundary line of section 26 to the SW Corner of said Section; thence run easterly along the South boundary line of said section to the water's edge of the West bank of the Suwannee River, thence run, meandering with the water's edge, northeasterly along the West bank of the Suwannee River to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel 2:

Lot 1, Indian Springs Estates Unit No.1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 31, of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida.

Parcel 3:

Lot 21, Indian Springs Estates Unit No.1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 31, of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida.

Parcel 4:

Lot 3 in Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 14 East, in Lafayette County, Florida, excluding:  
(1) The Parcel identified as Indian Springs Estates Unit No.1, Lots 1 through 21, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 31 and; (2) Commence at the intersection of an extension, easterly, of the South boundary line of Lot 24, Indian Springs Estates Subdivision, Lafayette County, Florida (sec 26, T7S, R14E) and the West Bank of the Suwannee River as a POINT OF BEGINNING; run N75°57'00"W to a concrete monument at the SW Corner of Lot 24 of Indian Springs Estates Subdivision; thence run S14°03'00"W a distance of 55.88 ft. to a point thence run N75°57'00"W 185 ft. to a concrete monument and the SW Corner of Lot 25, Indian Springs Estates Subdivision; thence run S45°00'00"W 71 ft.; thence run S00°55'11"E 144.75 ft.; thence run S36°00'10"E 108.86 ft.; thence run S23°14'47"W 620.06 ft.; thence run N66°55'29"W 297.59 ft. to a point on the West boundary line of said Section 26, and 2951.16 feet South of the NW Section Corner thence run southerly along the West boundary line of section 26 to the SW Corner of said Section; thence run easterly along the South boundary line of said section to the water's edge of the West bank of the Suwannee River, thence run, meandering with the water's edge, northeasterly along the West bank of the Suwannee River to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel 5:

Lot 13, Indian Springs Estates Unit No.1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 31, of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida.

**TURTLE SPRING TRACT, LAFAYETTE COUNTY  
PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY  
MARCH 10, 2015**

**TRACT:** Turtle Spring Tract

**SELLERS:** G. Winston Lovelace (individually and as trustee), Bahnson Lovelace, and Ann Geisel Bryant, Executor of the Estate of Nancy Iva Geisel

**LOCATION:** Lafayette County

**ACREAGE:**

Parcel A – 31 acres +/-, parcel number 26-07-14-0000-0000-00200

Parcel B – 59 acres +/-, parcel number 26-07-14-0000-0000-00100 (includes Lot 13 of Indian Springs Estates)

Parcel C – Lot 21 Indian Springs Estates, 0.30 acres +/-,  
parcel number 26-07-14-0027-0010-00210

Parcel D – Lot 1 Indian Springs Estates, 0.32 acres +/-,  
parcel number 26-07-14-0027-0010-00010

Total – 90.62 acres +/-

Note: These acreages are as reported by the Lafayette County Property Appraiser. Actual surveyed acreage determined prior to closing may vary.

**WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION:**

River Frontage: approximately 3,850 feet (0.73 miles)  
Surfacewater Protection: 38% of tract area  
FEMA Flood zone A: 100% of tract area  
Aquifer Recharge: 0% of tract area  
Springs Protection: 100% of tract area

**TRACT DESCRIPTION:** The 90.62 acres +/- surround the second magnitude Turtle Spring along the west bank of the Suwannee River and contain a portion of the spring run for Fletcher Springs. The lands include approximately 3,850 feet of Suwannee River frontage. The lands lie within the horizontal extent of the one-percent annual chance (100-year) floodplain of the Suwannee River.

The lands are vacant with the exception of two dilapidated structures. See special conditions below regarding demolition and removal of the two dilapidated structures.

The lands are wooded with a mixture of floodplain wetland forest and upland forest mixture.

**SURPLUS LANDS ANALYSIS:** The north 32 acres +/- of Parcel B contain areas with relatively shallow flood inundation, no river frontage, no direct springs protection, and limited surfacewater protection. Therefore, these 32 acres +/- do not meet the District's water resource objectives to

the extent that the District should retain ownership for conservation purposes. These lands are recommended for surplus.

Parcel D is adjacent to and at the end of SE R M Meares Road, which is currently used by the public as a boat launch site. This parcel, as a result of its size, location, and current use, does not meet the District's water resource objectives to the extent that the District should retain ownership for conservation purposes and is recommended for surplus.

**ACCESS:** Parcel B has frontage and access from the south side of SE R M Meares Road (a public road) and the east and west sides of Nancy Avenue (a private subdivision road). Parcels A and C are contiguous to parcel B. Parcel D also has access from SE R M Meares Road.

**TITLE ISSUES:** None reported.

**PRICE:** The purchase price is \$565,000 for parcels A, B, C, and D, totaling 90.62 acres +/- . The purchase price is a lump-sum amount and will not be adjusted for actual surveyed acreage. However, if the actual surveyed acreage is equal to or less than 82 acres, the District may cancel the option and receive back the binder.

**CLOSING COSTS:** The District will pay for a survey, phase one environmental assessment, and recording fees. The Sellers will pay for the title insurance premium and documentary stamp taxes.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** The option contract requires that the sellers will demolish and remove the two dilapidated structures. If the sellers complete the demolition and removal to the District's satisfaction prior to closing, then the closing agent will release the full purchase price to the seller. Failing completion prior to closing, the sellers must complete demolition and removal to the District's satisfaction no later than 30 days following closing and upon completion within this time frame, the closing agent will release the final \$25,000 of the sale proceeds from escrow.

**MANAGEMENT:** The primary management objective would be to maintain the existing natural communities and allow for public recreational use as a dispersed recreational site.

**EVALUATION OF MANAGEMENT COSTS:** Management of this land will consist of maintaining the existing natural communities and allowing for public recreation as a dispersed recreational site. Staff has estimated the annual management cost to be \$300. These management activities have costs that are consistent with the water resource benefits to be derived from acquisition of the property.



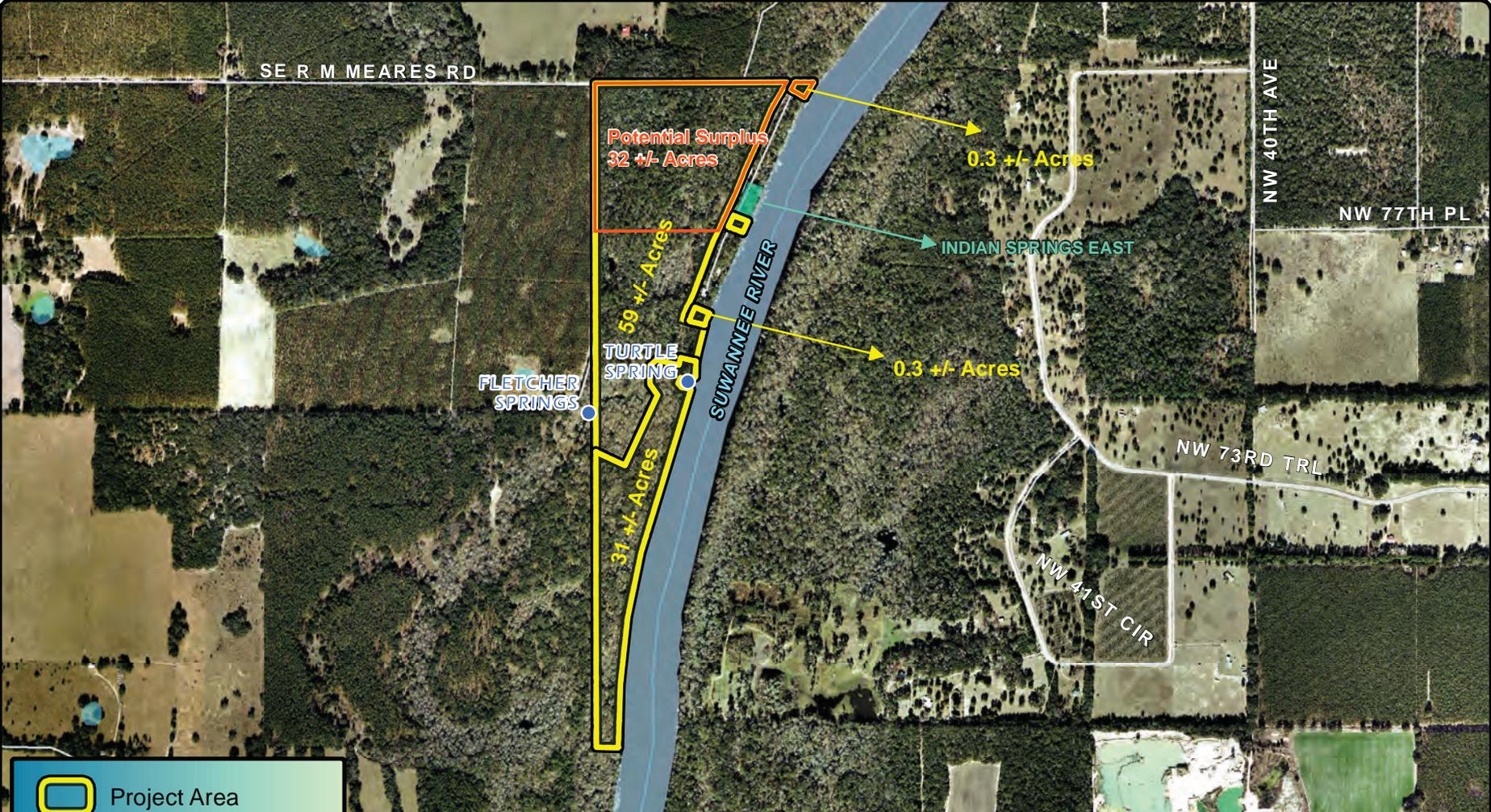
WMD BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

SRWMD AMENDMENT (11)-(2015)

February 20, 2015

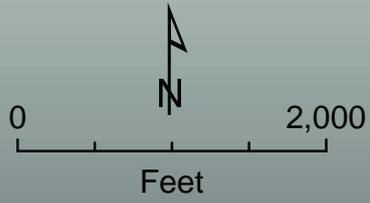
including such funds, if notice of intention to amend is provided to the Legislative Budget Commission and is published in the notice of the governing board meeting at which the amendment will be considered, pursuant to s. 120.525, F.S. The notice must set forth a summary of the proposed amendment.

**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact to the FY 2014/2015 Budget will be the increase in revenues of \$576,700 in the operating budget.

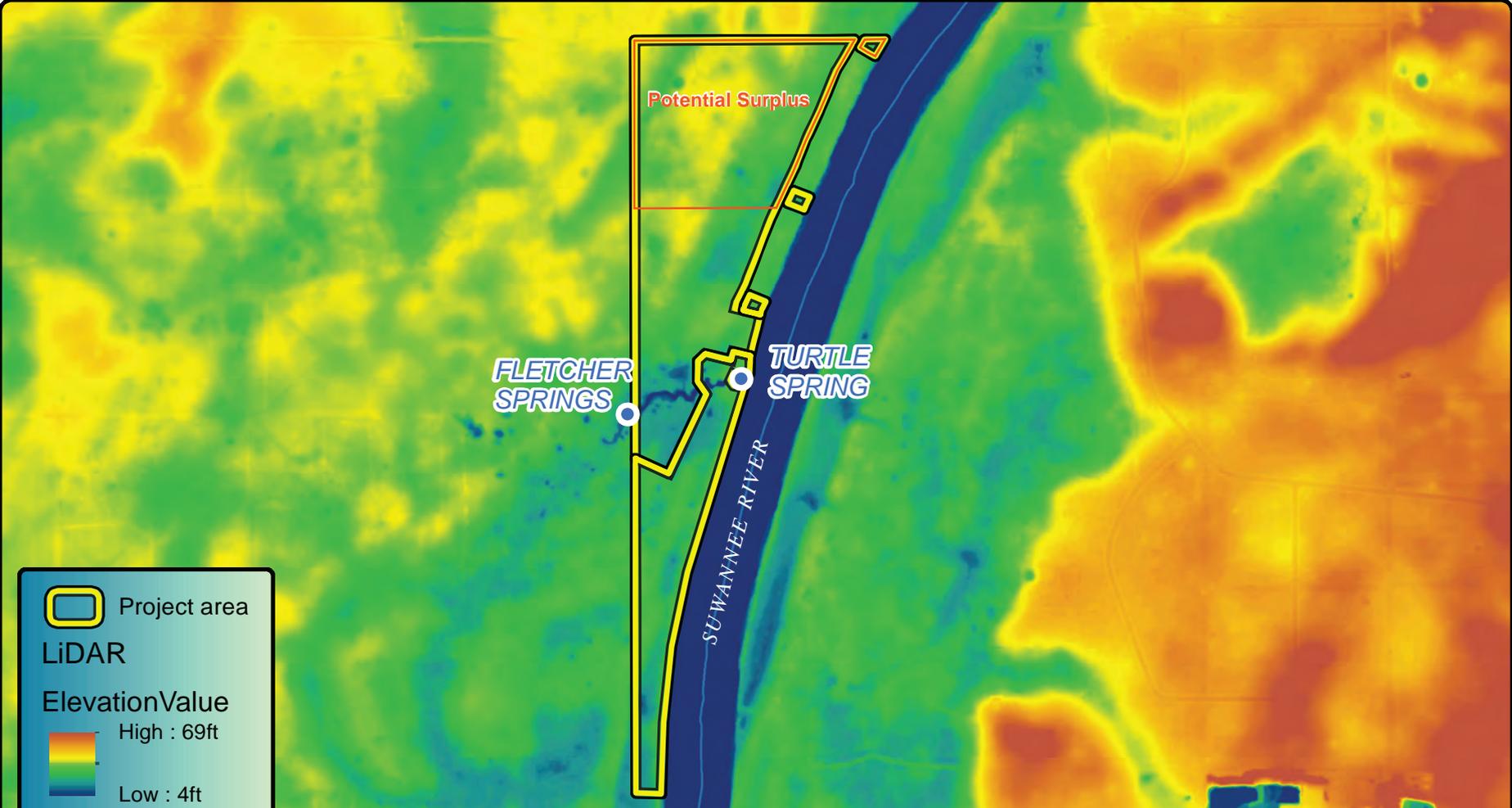


 Project Area  
 SRWMD Ownership

**Winston Lovelace  
 Turtle Springs Tract**  
 Lafayette County  
 March 2015



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 Project area

**LiDAR**

**Elevation Value**

High : 69ft



Low : 4ft

(Vertical Datum NAVD88-Units US Feet)

Note: Elevations on the property are derived from LiDAR Data.

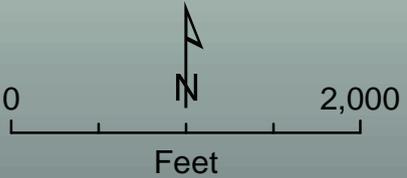
### Winston Lovelace LiDAR

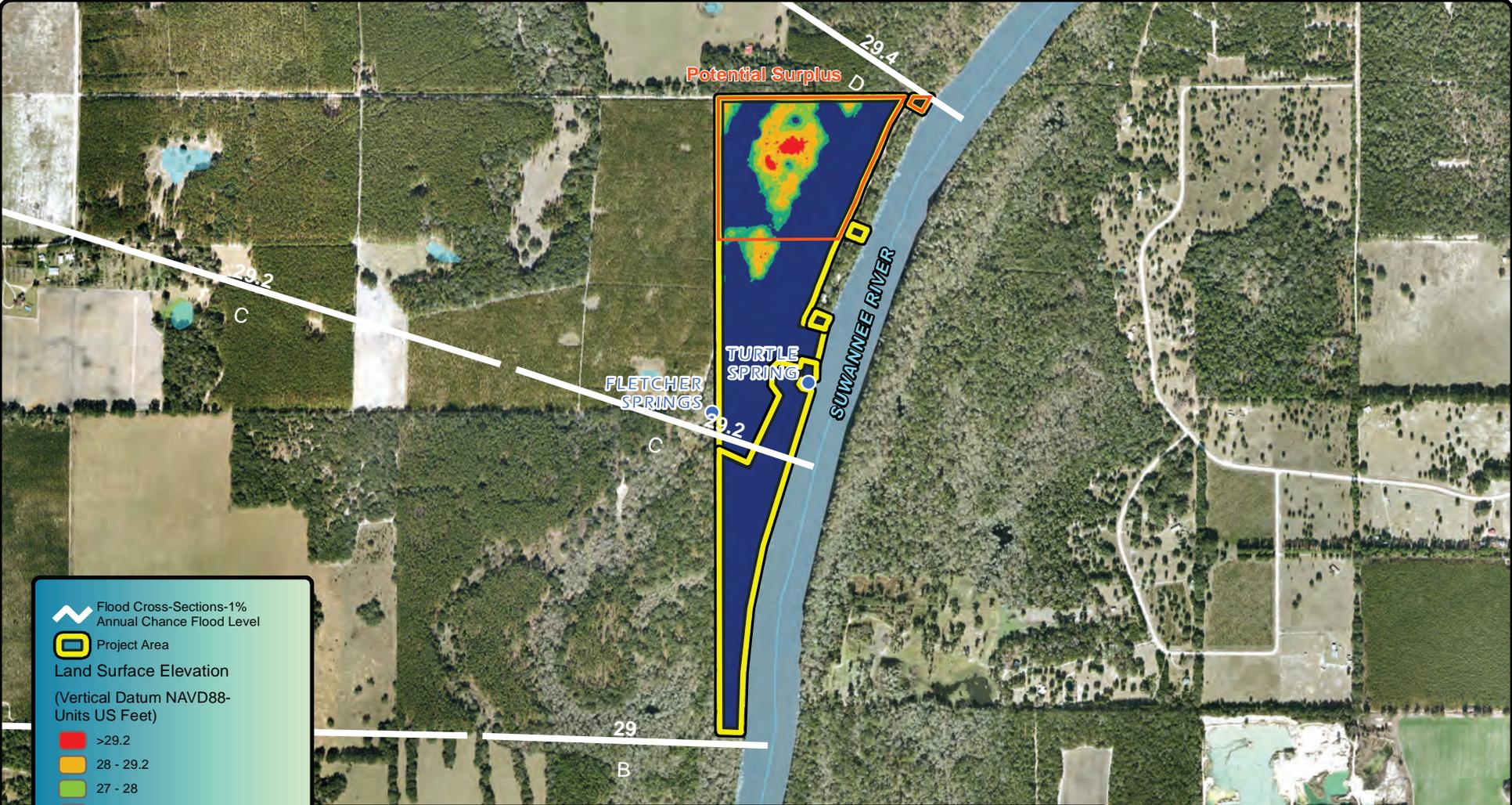
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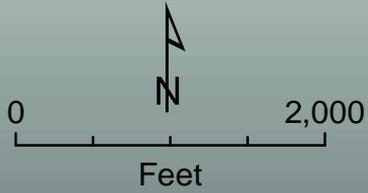
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 Project Area  
 Land Surface Elevation  
 (Vertical Datum NAVD88-Units US Feet)

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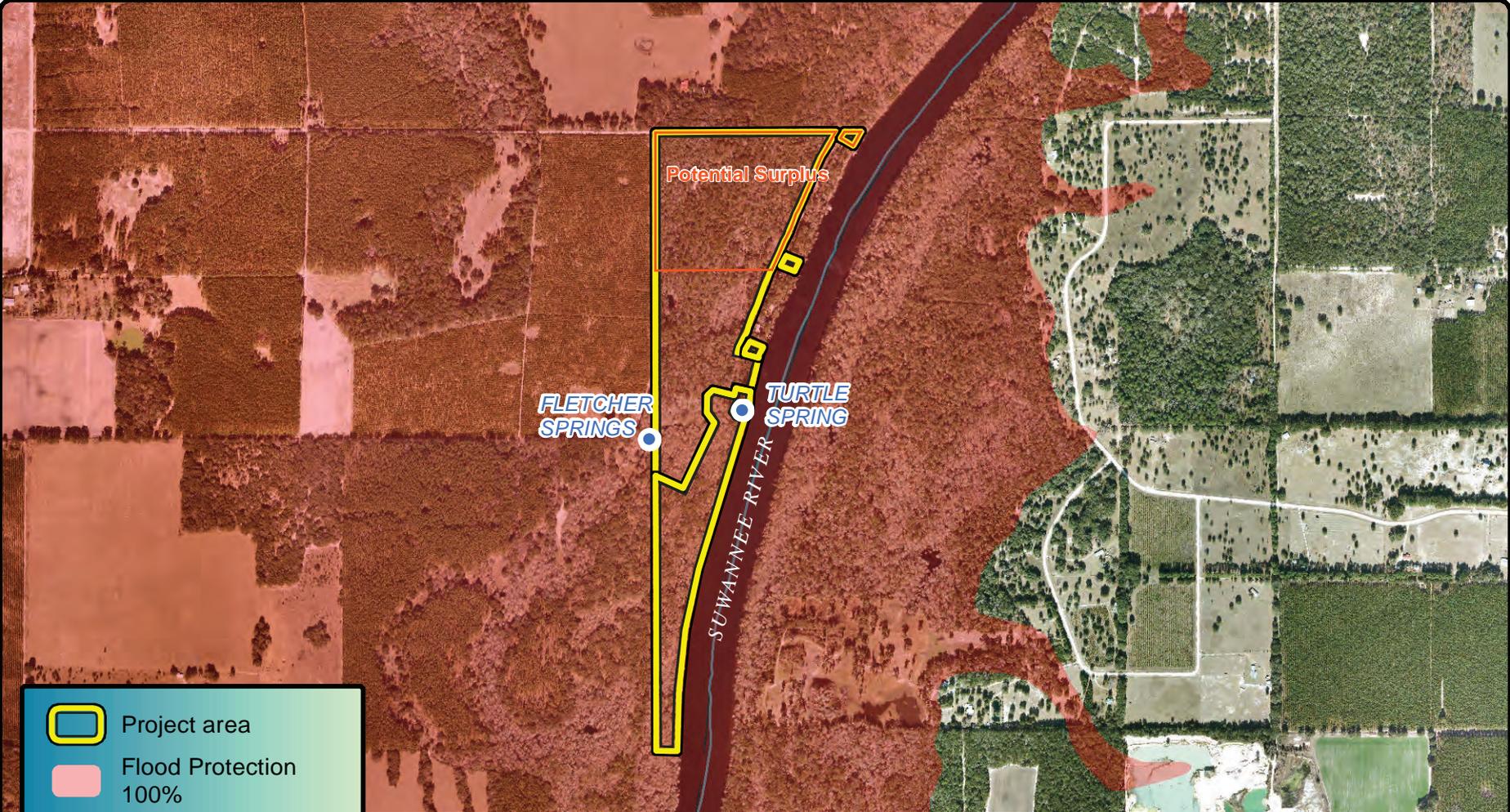
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### Winston Lovelace Turtle Springs Tract

Lafayette County  
March 2015



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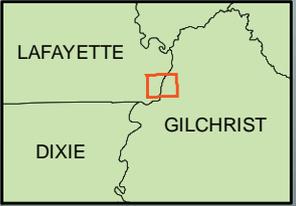
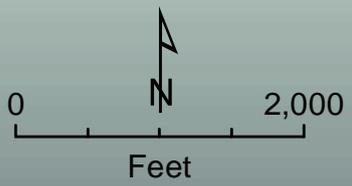


 Project area  
 Flood Protection 100%

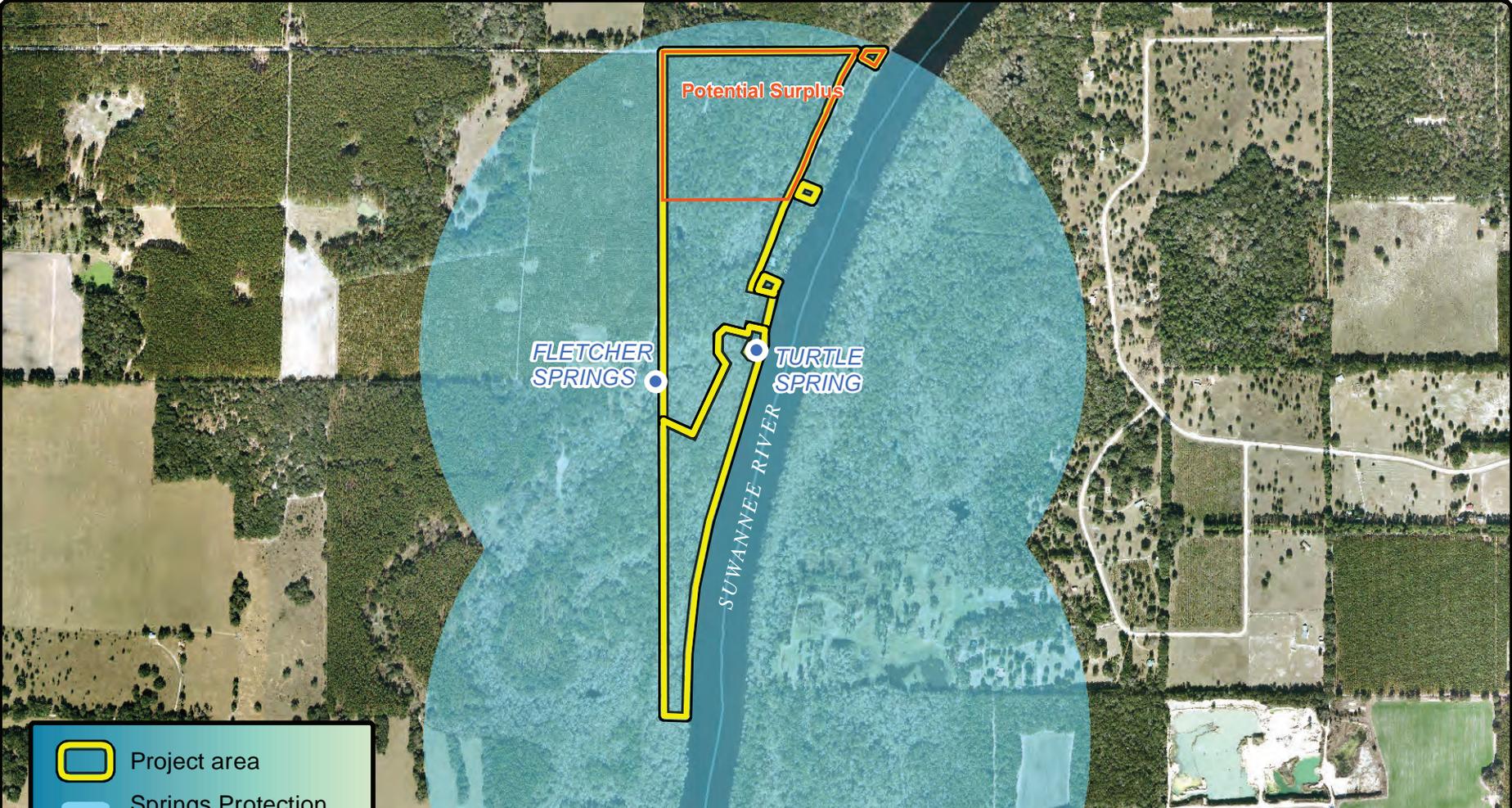
### Winston Lovelace Flood Protection

Lafayette County

March 2015



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## Winston Lovelace Springs Protection

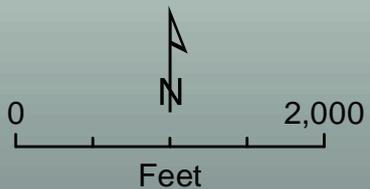
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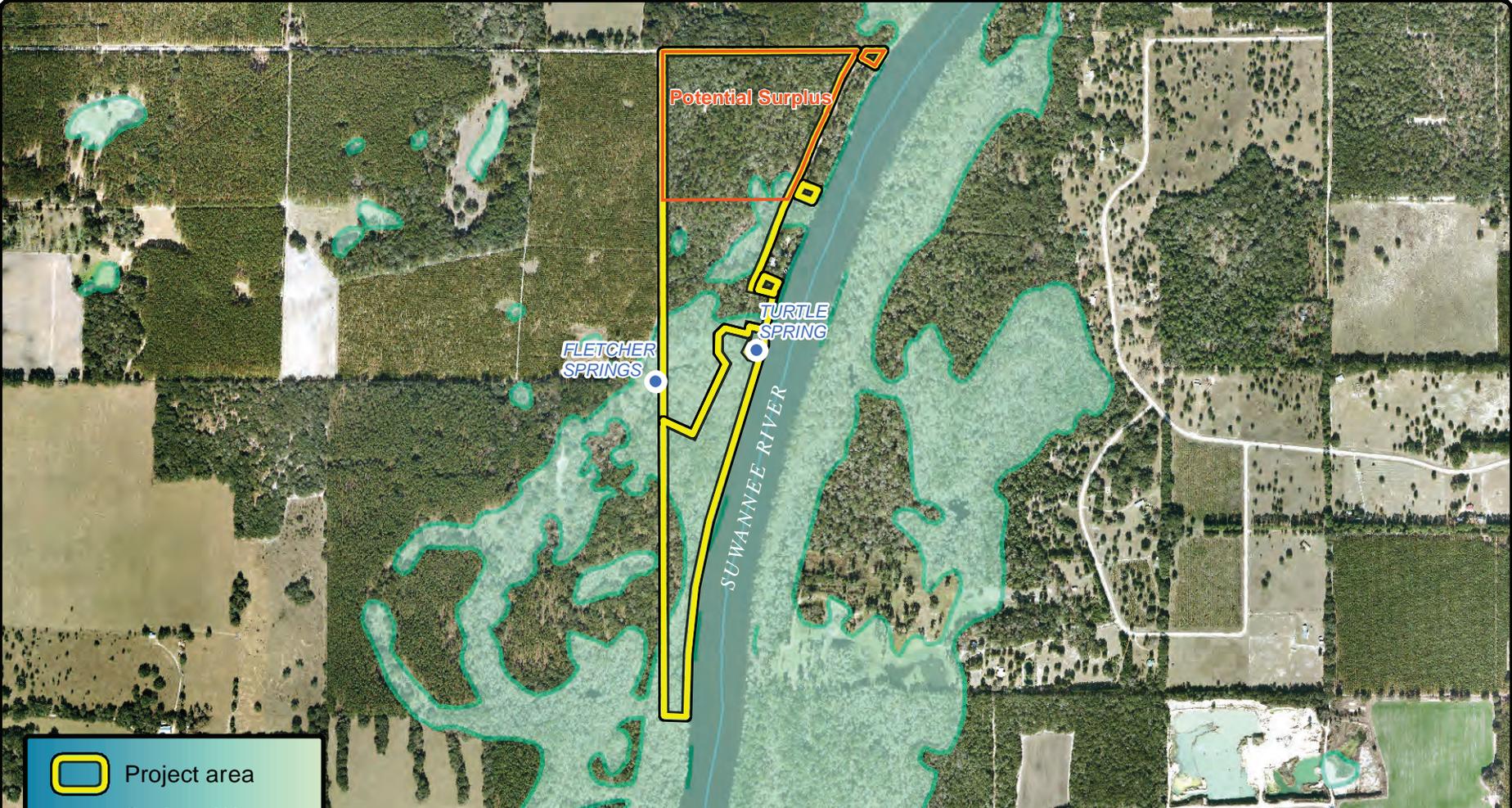
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 Project area  
 Springs Protection 100%



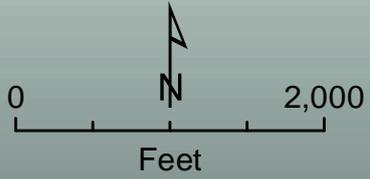


 Project area  
 Surface Water  
 38% +/-

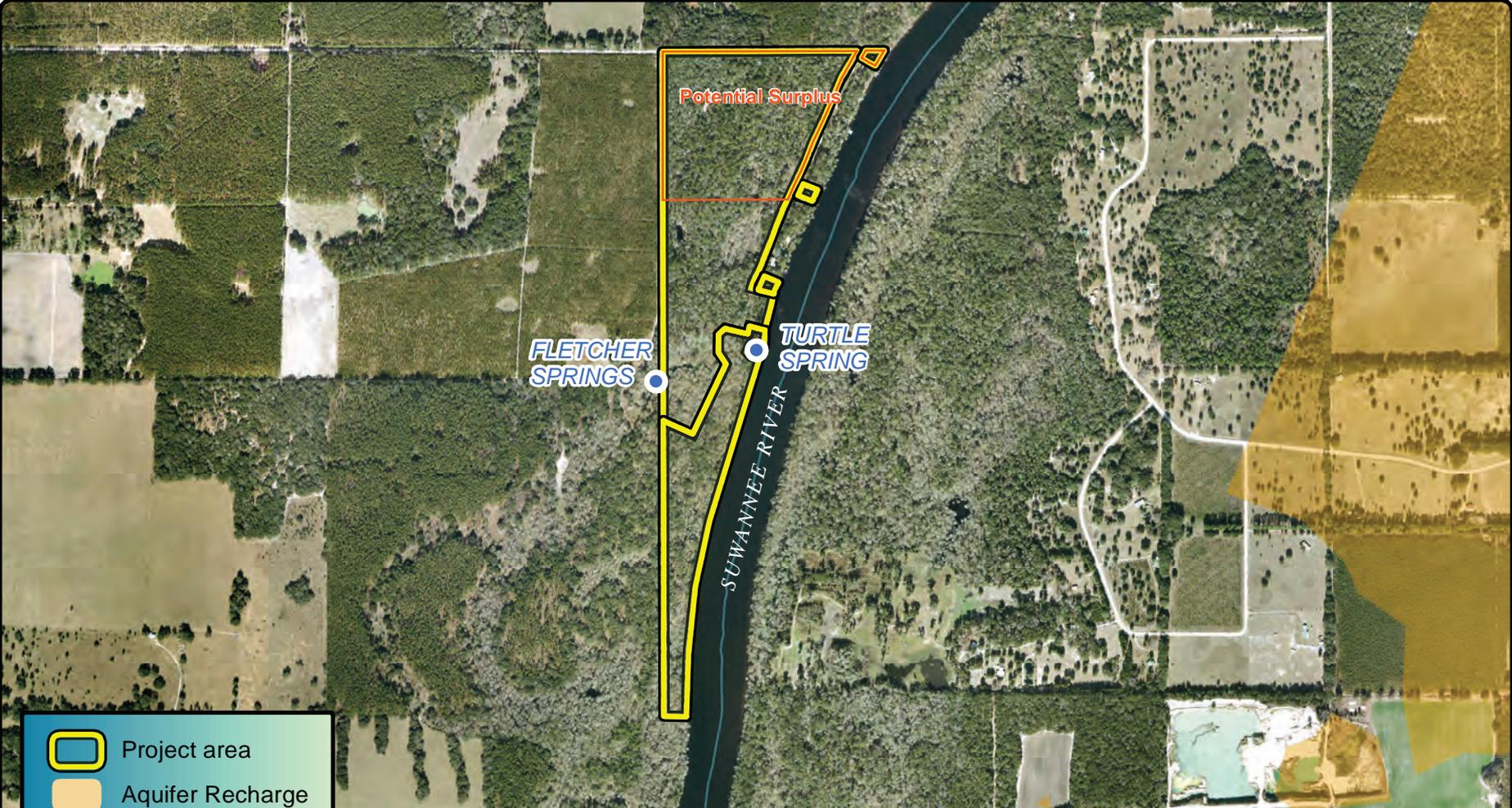
## Winston Lovelace Surface Water Protection

Lafayette County

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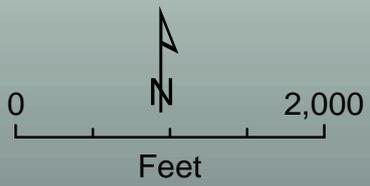


 Project area  
 Aquifer Recharge

## Wiston Lovelace Aquifer Recharge Protection

Lafayette County

March 2015



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

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

DATE: February 19, 2015

RE: North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee Update

### **February 18, 2015 Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting:**

At this meeting the SAC heard presentations on the following topics:

- Update: status update on the Lower Santa Fe River MFLs rule development and final order.
- Update: update on the NFSEG Groundwater Model development status.
- Presentation: District overview on water demand projections methodologies and values for user groups.
- Presentation: methods briefing on estimating conservation potential and potential irrigation efficiency.
- Presentation: briefing on methods and preliminary results of water resource assessment on groundwater quality.
- Presentation: District overview on projection methodologies and values for reclaimed water.
- **Consensus Recommendation: discussion and SAC consensus recommendation on projection methodologies and values for reclaimed water.**
- Update: status update on water demand projection methodologies and values for agricultural use.

Other information was presented and discussed at the meeting. This summary is intended as an update to the technical information presented to the SAC as it relates to the joint regional water supply planning process between the St. Johns River and Suwannee River Water Management Districts.

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.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: February 27, 2015

RE: Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

**Approved for Detailed Assessment**

Owner	Project Name	Acres	County	Comments
Michael and Freda Shaw	Shaw Conservation Easement Exchange	1,027	Lafayette	Appraisal work ongoing.
Rock Bluff Spring Co., LLC	Rock Bluff Springs	173	Gilchrist	Appraisals are complete.
Winston Lovelace, et al	Turtle Spring	91	Lafayette	Lovelace, et al, have executed an option contract.
Rayonier Forest Resources, L. P.	Camp Blanding Buffers	1,920	Bradford	Appraisals are on hold for the south 2,014 acres.
SRWMD	Sandlin Bay Sale/Exchange to U.S. Forest Service	2,023	Columbia	Appraisals tour for the 623-acre sale held on 2/26/2015.
River Error Farms	Hardee Springs	304.5	Hamilton	Appraisals are complete.
Chris Mericle	Mericle Property/Holly Point Subdivision Exchange	3.917	Hamilton	Appraisal is complete and staff sent an exchange offer on 2/26/2015.
John and Deborah Steffen	Steffen Property	14	Bradford	Appraisal under review.
Lyme Lafayette Forest Company, LLC	Lyme Timber Company Lafayette Tract Conservation Easement	6,713	Lafayette	

**Authorized for Exchange**

Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Comments
Ellaville Exchange for Damascus Peanut Company	986	Madison	12/1/1988	WMLTF	Governing Board approved the exchange agreement with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

### Surplus Lands

Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Listing Date	Listing Price	Comments
Alligator Lake	43	Columbia	8/10/2001	P2000				Governing Board approved conveyance on August 13, 2013 contingent upon the inter-local agreement with Columbia County.
Barnett	102	Hamilton	6/29/2001	P2000	N/A	N/A	N/A	White Springs is preparing deed of conveyance.
White Springs Wellfield	76	Hamilton	2/4/2000	P2000	N/A	N/A	N/A	White Springs is preparing deed of conveyance.
Falmouth North (8 lots)	6	Suwannee	04/1998	WMLTF	8/27/10	11/18/10	Fee entire tract \$34,930	Listing agreement expired, but available for sale.
Jennings Bluff	46.65	Hamilton	02/1989	WMLTF	1/27/14	N/A	N/A	Hamilton County is preparing deed of conveyance.
Timber River	1	Madison	03/1998	WMLTF	8/5/10; Updated 7/30/2014	11/18/10	Fee entire tract \$6,950	Listing agreement expired, but available for sale.

ABS/jd

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director  
DATE: February 20, 2015  
RE: District's Weekly Activity Reports

Attached are the weekly District activity reports for the month of February.

ABS/rl  
Attachments



## Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board January 26-30, 2015

### *Executive / Management*

- Governing Board Members Don Quincey, Al Alexander, Kevin Brown, George Cole, and Virginia Johns and District staff Ann Shortelle, Jon Dinges, Steve Minnis, Tim Sagul, Brian Kauffman, Abby Johnson, Edwin McCook, Lisa Cheshire, Robin Lamm and Tilda Musgrove attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Brooks Sink Aquifer Recharge Project.
- Steve Minnis participated in the Legislative conference call along with representatives from DEP and the other WMDs.

### *Water Supply*

- Carlos Herd, Erich Marzolf, Marc Minno, John Good, Clay Coarsey, Louis Mantini, Robbie McKinney, and Jessica Bell attended the Interagency Coastal Rivers MFL meeting with staff from DEP, the other WMDs, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### *Water Resources*

- Ann Shortelle, Erich Marzolf, Carlos Herd, Tom Mirti, Marc Minno, Megan Wetherington, Jon Good and Trey Grubbs met with USGS staff to discuss potential areas of collaboration.
- Erich Marzolf, Dale Jenkins, Tommy Kiger and Darlene Saindon attended the Santa Fe River Springs Protection Forum at Otter Springs, where District staff gave presentations on the Otter Springs Restoration Project, a water quality evaluation of the Kirby Pit Mine near the Ichetucknee River, and aquifer recharge projects around the District. Additionally, Dale Jenkins led a tour of the Mallory Swamp Restoration Project.
- Marc Minno attended the Statewide Restoration Planning meeting in Maitland with staff from other agencies.

### *Resource Management*

- Tim Sagul, Leroy Marshall and Brian Kauffman attended the Florida Floodplain Managers Association No-Rise Certification training that was hosted by the District.
- Ann Shortelle, Jon Dinges, Tim Sagul and Pat Webster met with staff from the Department of Transportation to discuss the Starke Bypass Wetland Mitigation Project.
- Tim Sagul and Jamie Sortevik met with staff from Alachua County and Gainesville Regional Utilities to discuss the Oakmont Recharge Wetland Project.
- Brian Kauffman met with representatives of Madison County to discuss possible work on the Cherry Lake outfall.
- Pat Webster met with representatives of Bradford County to discuss ongoing stormwater issues.
- Leroy Marshall attended the Town of Mayo Flood Study meeting.

- Leroy Marshall attended the Tri-County Partnership meeting to address development at the I-75 and CR 236 interchange.
- Leroy Marshall participated in the FEMA Region IV Grant Management Division State Partner Conference call.

#### *Administration & Operations*

- Dave Dickens and Bill McKinstry attended the WMD Quarterly meeting in Okeechobee to discuss Operations and Maintenance and Land Management initiatives.
- Dave Dickens met with representatives of the Town of Bronson to discuss the Levy Blue Spring Water Quality Improvement Project.
- Dave Dickens and Edwin McCook met with representative of DACS and For Vets at Otter Springs to discuss the Operation Outdoor Freedom event.

#### *Ag Team / Suwannee River Partnership*

- Hugh Thomas, representing the SRP, assisted with the Tri County Land Judging Contest in Dixie County.

#### *Communications*

- Abby Johnson distributed press releases on the groundbreaking ceremony for the Brooks Sink Aquifer Recharge Project and on the agriculture cost-share funds for projects to benefit springs in the Santa Fe and Suwannee River Basins.
- Abby Johnson participated in the weekly DEP/WMD Communications Press call.
- Ann Shortelle participated in an on-camera interview with GTN regarding the Brooks Sink Aquifer Recharge Project.
- Kevin Wright participated in an on-camera interview with WCTV regarding agriculture cost-share funds for projects to benefit springs in the Santa Fe and Suwannee River Basins.
- Leroy Marshall participated in an on-camera interview with WCTV regarding the No Rise training that was hosted by the District.
- Brian Kauffman participated in a phone interview with WUFT regarding the groundbreaking ceremony for the Brooks Sink Aquifer Recharge Project.

#### *Announcements for Week of February 2-6, 2015:*

- The Aucilla, Wacissa and Econfina River and Springs MFLs public meeting is scheduled for February 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Econfina River Resort in Lamont.
- The RO Ranch, Inc. Annual meeting is scheduled for February 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Mayo.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Interim Legislative Committee Week is scheduled for the week of February 2.



## Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board February 2-6, 2015

### *Executive / Management*

- Steve Minnis attended the 3rd Interim Committee Week in Tallahassee.
- Ann Shortelle, with Steve Minnis and Abby Johnson attending, provided a presentation to the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee.
- Ann Shortelle and Carlos Herd provided a presentation at the Florida Engineering Society's Winter Water Seminar in Tallahassee.
- Ann Shortelle, Tommy Kiger and staff from DEP and the other WMDs participated in the Senate Bill 536 Surface Water Work Team conference call.
- Jon Dinges participated in the DEP/WMD bi-weekly conference call.
- Steve Minnis participated in the weekly Legislative meeting/conference call along with representatives from DEP and the other WMDs.

### *Water Supply*

- Ann Shortelle attended a meeting with representatives of DEP, the Florida Springs Institute and Ichetucknee Alliance regarding the Ichetucknee and Santa Fe MFLs.
- Carlos Herd, John Good, Robbie McKinney, Louis Mantini, Jessica Bell and Clay Coarsey attended the District's stakeholder meeting in Lamont for the Aucilla, Wacissa and Econfinia MFLs.
- Carlos Herd attended the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee River MFLs 62-42.300 DOAH hearing in Tallahassee.

### *Water Resources*

- Erich Marzolf and staff from DEP and the other WMDs participated in the Senate Bill 536 Reclaimed Water Work Team conference call.

### *Resource Management*

- Tim Sagul and Pat Webster met with representatives of the Town of Mayo to discuss their RIVER grant application.
- Tim Sagul served as a judge for the Florida Engineering Society's Annual MathCounts competition in Alachua County.
- Warren Zwanka executed the contract and began construction on the District drainage well conveyance.

### *Administration & Operations*

- Dave Dickens attended the Gilchrist County BOCC Meeting regarding Hart and Otter Springs Restoration Projects.
- Bill McKinstry attended the RO Ranch, Inc. Annual meeting.

*Ag Team / Suwannee River Partnership*

- Kevin Wright presented, with Erich Marzolf, Hugh Thomas and Sarah Luther attending, on District Ag Cost-Share Programs at a farmers program in Gainesville.
- Sarah Luther attended the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Legislative meet and greet.

*Communications*

- Abby Johnson participated in the weekly DEP/WMD Communications Press call.
- Steve Minnis participated in a phone interview with 96.5 The Jet regarding the Brooks Sink Aquifer Recharge Project and the Agricultural Springs Grant Projects.
- Megan Wetherington participated in a phone interview with the Florida Specifier and Kevin Wright participated in a phone interview with WUFT regarding the \$5M grants available to producers in the Santa Fe and Suwannee BMAP areas.
- Jon Dinges served as a judge for the Science Fair at Pinemount Elementary School in Columbia County.
- Carlos Herd participated in an interview with the Suwannee Democrat regarding how springs and other natural systems may be affected by the Sabal Trail Pipeline project.

*Announcements for Week of February 9-13, 2015:*

- The District Governing Board Meeting and Workshop are scheduled for February 10 at 9:00 a.m. at District Headquarters.
- The 4th Interim Legislative Committee Week is scheduled for the week of February 9.



## Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board February 9-13, 2015

### *Executive / Management*

- Chairman Don Quincey and Ann Shortelle attended Governor Scott's Springs Press Conference in Maitland.
- Ann Shortelle, Carlos Herd, John Good, Trey Grubbs, Tommy Kiger and staff from DEP and the other WMDs participated in the Senate Bill 536 Surface Water Work Team conference call.
- Ann Shortelle, Tommy Kiger and staff from DEP and the other WMDs participated in the Senate Bill 536 Study Work Group conference call.
- Jon Dinges and Dave Dickens met with representatives of the City of Lake City to discuss the Ichetucknee Springshed Water Quality Improvement Project.
- Steve Minnis attended the 4th Interim Committee Week in Tallahassee.
- Steve Minnis participated in the weekly Legislative meeting/conference call along with representatives from DEP and the other WMDs.

### *Water Supply*

- Megan Wetherington and Glenn Horvath meet with staff from USGS to discuss the cooperative effort between DACS and the District to estimate water use in Hamilton, Suwannee and Madison counties in 2015.

### *Water Resources*

- Tom Mirti and Paul Buchanan met with representatives of the Florida Forest Service at Goethe State Forest in Levy County to assess ground moisture conditions for a potential LIDAR collection flight in that area.
- Trey Grubbs participated in the DEP/WMD Modeling Support and Coordination Group conference call.

### *Resource Management*

- Pat Webster and staff from DEP, DOT and the other WMDs participated in the Senate Bill 536 Storm Water Work Team conference call.
- Leroy Marshall participated in the FEMA Fiscal Year 2009-10 Coordination conference call with staff from FEMA Region IV and District consultants.
- Leroy Marshall participated in the FEMA Grants conference call with staff from FEMA Region IV, FEMA Grants Management Division and District consultants.

### *Ag Team / Suwannee River Partnership*

- Kevin Wright, Hugh Thomas and Joel Love participated in the Fertilizer, Soils and Crop Fertility Workshop held at the District, in which more than 30 growers attended to learn about soil testing, fertilizer sources and Levy County case studies showing reduced fertilizers rate while reaching equal yields.

- Sarah Luther presented about cost-share and water use monitoring at the Hamilton County Peanut Grower's meeting.
- Joel Love presented about water quantity and quality issues and irrigation under different state regimes at the Tri-State Row Crop Climate meeting in Tallahassee.

*Communications*

- Abby Johnson participated in the weekly DEP/WMD Communications Press call.
- Abby Johnson participated in a phone interview with the Florida Specifier regarding the Brooks Sink Aquifer Recharge Project.

*Announcements for Week of February 16-20, 2015:*

- The 5th Interim Legislative Committee Week is scheduled for the week of February 16.



## Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board February 16-20, 2015

### *Executive / Management*

- Ann Shortelle and Jon Dinges participated in the DEP/WMD bi-weekly conference call.
- Ann Shortelle and Tommy Kiger participated in a conference call with staff from DEP, DACS, the other WMDs, Florida Water Environment Association and Florida Section of the American Water Works Association to discuss Senate Bill 536
- Ann Shortelle and Steve Minnis attended the 5th Interim Committee Week in Tallahassee.
- Steve Minnis participated in the weekly Legislative meeting/conference call along with representatives from DEP and the other WMDs.

### *Water Supply*

- Carlos Herd, Dale Jenkins, Carree Olshansky and Tommy Kiger attended the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting in Lake City.
- Ann Shortelle and Tommy Kiger participated in the Senate Bill 536 Surface Water Work Team conference call with staff from DEP, DACS and the other WMDs.
- Carree Olshansky attended the SFWMD and Florida Section of the American Water Works Association's 2015 Water Conservation Expo in West Palm Beach.

### *Water Resources*

- Erich Marzolf and Tommy Kiger participated in the Senate Bill 536 Study Reclaimed Water Work Team conference call with staff from DEP, DACS and the other WMDs.
- Erich Marzolf, Marc Minno and Darlene Saindon attended the Ichetucknee Trace Tour in Columbia County.
- Tom Mirti, Darlene Saindon and Tara Rodgers visited gaging station locations with United States Geological Survey staff and coordinated with Florida Park Service staff to determine gage placement for DEP continuous water quality sensors.

### *Resource Management*

- Warren Zwanka attended the North Central Florida Water Well Association meeting in Trenton.
- Leroy Marshall participated the SWERP Phase II Rulemaking Workshop conference call with staff from DEP and the other WMDs.
- Leroy Marshall attended the Mayo Flood Study meeting with representatives of Lafayette County, the Town of Mayo and consultants.
- Steve Minnis, Tim Sagul and Pat Webster met with Jefferson County representatives to discuss the Wacissa Springs Project.

### *Administration & Operations*

- Dave Dickens and Bob Heeke conducted a site visit of Foley Timber and Land Company in Perry to discuss land management issues.
- Jon Dinges, Dave Dickens, Bill McKinstry and Bob Heeke participated in a conference call to discuss Science Based Valuation of Natural Resources with representatives of New College of Florida.

*Ag Team / Suwannee River Partnership*

- Kevin Wright, Sarah Luther, Abby Johnson, Hugh Thomas, Joel Love and Debbie Davidson attended the 2015 CARES Dinner planning meeting with staff from UF-IFAS, Farm Bureau and Suwannee County Conservation District.
- Kevin Wright presented about the Ag cost-share program at the Mayo Fertilizer Vendor Show in Lake City.

*Communications*

- Abby Johnson participated in the weekly DEP/WMD Communications Press call.
- Erich Marzolf participated in a phone interview with The Alligator (UF's newspaper) regarding littering and pollution at Ginnie Springs.
- Abby Johnson attended the Annual DEP/WMD Communications Team meeting in Tallahassee.

*Announcements for Week of February 23-27, 2015:*

- The Lands Committee meeting scheduled for February 25 has been cancelled.