

AGENDA

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

December 8, 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 - November 12-13, 2015, Governing Board Meeting, Workshop Minutes, Lands Committee and Human Resources Meeting
 - Agenda Item 9 - Approval of October 2015 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item 10 - Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Amendment to Reconcile Account Codes
 - Agenda Item 11 - Authorization to Purchase up to Three Vehicles as Approved in Fiscal Year 2016 Budget
 - Agenda Item 12 – Approval of High Springs Wellfield Timber Sale Agreement with Loncala, Inc.

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6. Approval of Minutes – November 12-13, 2015, Governing Board Meeting, Workshop Minutes, Lands Committee and Human Resources Meeting – **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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| AO Page 1 | 9. | Approval of October 2015 Financial Report – Recommend Consent |
| AO Page 13 | 10. | Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Amendment to Reconcile Account Codes – Recommend Consent |
| AO Page 15 | 11. | Authorization to Purchase up to Three Vehicles as Approved in Fiscal Year 2016 Budget – Recommend Consent |
| AO Page 16 | 12. | Approval of High Springs Wellfield Timber Sale Agreement with Loncala, Inc. – Recommend Consent |
| AO Page 37 | 13. | Approval of Resolution Number 2015-27 Authorizing the Deed Conveyance of 167 Acres +/- Branford Bend Surplus Tract to Suwannee County School Board |
| AO Page 60 | 14. | Authorization to Declare a Portion of the Bay Creek Tract, Consisting of 55 +/- Acres, Surplus Lands |
| AO Page 64 | 15. | Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and Commence Negotiations on Lands Owned by Ware Forest, LLC, 160 acres +/- in Jefferson County |
| AO Page 81 | 16. | Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Genesis Timber, for the Steinhatchee Springs #15 Timber Sale |
| AO Page 83 | 17. | Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Suwannee Timber Management, LLC. for the Steinhatchee Springs #16 Timber Sale |
| AO Page 85 | 18. | 2015 Annual Land Management Report |
| AO Page 113 | 19. | Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary Report |
| AO Page 115 | 20. | Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report |

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

Carlos Herd, P.G., Director

No Items

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Tom Mirti, Interim Director

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| WR Page 1 | 21. | Authorization to Update Surface Water Improvement and Management Priority List |
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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

December 8, 2015
Following the Governing Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

- 2015 Water Supply Assessment Discussion
- Gage Adjusted Radar Rainfall Data Collection Presentation
- Conservation Easement Appraisal Presentation – Lawrence H. Saucer, ARA, ASA, MAI, Saucer Valuation Associates

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

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9:00 a.m.
November 12, 2015

Cedar Key Community Center
Cedar Key, Florida

Governing Board:

| Seat | Name | Office | Present | Not Present |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Aucilla Basin | Bradley Williams | | X | |
| Coastal River Basin | Richard Schwab | | 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 | Sec./Treas. | X | |
| At Large | Virginia Sanchez | | X | |
| At Large | Gary Jones | | X | |
| At Large | Vacant | | | |

Governing Board General Counsel

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

Staff:

| Position | Name | Present | Not Present |
|---|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Executive Director | Noah Valenstein | X | |
| Gov. Affairs / Communications Director | Steve Minnis | X | |
| Administration & Operations Division Director | Dave Dickens | X | |
| Water Supply Division Director | Carlos D. Herd, P.G. | X | |
| Water Resources Division Director | Tom Mirti, Interim | X | |
| Resource Mgmt. Division Director | Tim Sagul | X | |
| GB & HR Coordinator | Lisa Cheshire | X | |

Guests:

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| Joyce DeHaan | Ed DeHann |
| Marsha Schwartz, Quetfire Enterprises, LLC | Joe Hand |
| Bunny Hand | Mandy Offerle |
| Emily Casey, Nature Coast Hiking-Biking Club | Molly Jubitz |
| James E. Decker | R. Treat |
| Linda Dale | Jacqui Sulek, Audubon Florida |
| Bill & Julie Stephens | Katherine Lane |
| Nancy Taylor | Dale Henderson |
| Sue Seyforth | William Seyforth |
| Thomas Liebert, Kayak Cedar Key | Pat Deverin |
| Katherine Dunlop | Lou E. Jones, Cedar Key Beacon |
| Charles Lee, Audubon Florida | Margy VanLandingham |
| Jeri Treat | Tom Deverin |

Diana Topping
Patrick Anthony
Frank Offerle
John McPherson
Alma T. Rice
Steve Gladin
Jean Wosner, Circle Pine Farm
Phillip Raymond
Tommy Kiger, SRWMD
Jamie Bell, SRWMD
Robin Lamm, SRWMD
Joe Haber, Progressive Water Resources

Steve Stackhouse
Christopher Topping
Jim Hoy
Christina Ford, Cedar Key Aquaculture Association
Paria Shirzadi, Manson Bolves Donaldson
Jeff Hill
Paul Still, BSWCD
Glenn Horvath, SRWMD
Abby Johnson, SRWMD
Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
Phillip Raymond

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair. None

Chair Quincey announced that the Lukens Tract topic was not on the Board agenda. He requested staff to contact the City of Cedar City Council, Levy County Board of Commissioners and the Clam Farmers Association to respond to the District on what their comments and concerns regarding policy matters relating to the request to surplus the Lukens Tract. Chair announced that the Lands Committee would hear comments from citizens regarding the Lukens Tract at the Lands Committee meeting on Friday, November 13, 2015.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Tom Lebert – Lukens Tract concerns
- Lou Jones, Chiefland Citizen – Lukens Tract concerns
- Charles Lee, Audubon Society – Lukens Tract and Ware Forest concerns
- Ed DeHaan – Lukens Tract concerns
- Mandy Offerle - Lukens Tract concerns
- Frank Offerle - Lukens Tract concerns
- Roger McDaniels - Lukens Tract concerns
- Paul Still - Lukens Tract concerns, Bradford County flooding issues and Chemours Agreement concerns
- Christine Ford - Lukens Tract concerns

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

- Agenda Item 6 - October 13, 2015, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of September 2015 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 10 - Authorization to Execute an Agreement with Florida Department of Military Affairs (DMA) for the Management of Lands Purchased within the Camp Blanding Buffers
- Agenda Item 14 - Approval of 2016 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels
- Agenda Item 17 - Approval of Resolution 2015-26 Authorization to Amend Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Budget with Amendment No. 02 to Include Unanticipated Carry Forward

Revenues in the Amount of \$176,485 for the Amendment to Grant #S0780 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Continuous Water Quality Monitoring at Springs

- Agenda Item 23 - Request for Authorization to Publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rules Recommended for Repeal in SRWMD's Annual Review of Existing of Rules, Pursuant to Executive Order 11-211, and File Repealed Rules and any Recommended Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received

MR. BROWN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS COLLECTIVELY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- October 13, 2015, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes.

THE OCTOBER 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 within the District
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations - None

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 - Update on Legal Activities.

Tom Reeves provided an update on the Jeff Hill Enforcement case.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

Agenda Item No. 9 – Approval of September 2015 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Authorization to Execute an Agreement with Florida Department of Military Affairs (DMA) for the Management of Lands Purchased within the Camp Blanding Buffers. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and Commence Negotiations on Lands Owned by Virginia and Jerry Coker, 37.32 acres +/- in Gilchrist County. Dave Dickins, Director, Division of Administration and Operations, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize staff to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations with Virginia and Jerry Coker on 37.32 acres +/- in Gilchrist County.

MR. WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO CONDUCT A DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH VIRGINIA AND JERRY COKER ON 37.32

ACRES +/- IN GILCHRIST COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 12 - Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. The Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 13 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

Agenda Item No. 14 - Approval of 2016 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of an Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive \$2,120,000 to Improve Nutrient Application Practices in Dairy Operations. Glenn Horvath, Project Manager, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to receive \$2,120,000 for cost sharing with dairies to improve nutrient application practices.

Paul Gladin provided comments to the Board.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) TO RECEIVE \$2,120,000 FOR COST SHARING WITH DAIRIES TO IMPROVE NUTRIENT APPLICATION PRACTICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. SCHWAB. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 16 - Compensation and Reclamation Agreement with Chemours Company TT, LLC, Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company South Tract in Bradford County, Florida. Carlos Herd, Director, Water Supply, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a compensation and reclamation agreement with Chemours Company TT, LLC, to mine portions of the District-owned Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company South Tract in Bradford County, Florida.

Tom Reeves, Legal Counsel, provided comments to the Board.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A COMPENSATION AND RECLAMATION AGREEMENT WITH CHEMOURS COMPANY TT, LLC, TO MINE PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT-OWNED RAYONIER ATLANTIC TIMBER COMPANY SOUTH TRACT IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS

VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS, AND QUINCEY.)

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 17 – Approval of Resolution 2015-26 Authorization to Amend Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Budget with Amendment No. 02 to Include Unanticipated Carry Forward Revenues in the Amount of \$176,485 for the Amendment to Grant #S0780 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Continuous Water Quality Monitoring at Springs. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Authorization to Purchase Teledyne RiverPro Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler. Tom Mirti, Interim Director, Water Resources, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to purchase a Teledyne RiverPro Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler for an amount of \$33,665 from Instrument Specialties.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A TELEDYNE RIVERPRO ACOUSTIC DOPPLER CURRENT PROFILER FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$33,665 FROM INSTRUMENT SPECIALTIES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 19 – Authorization to Purchase YSI Sondes and Probes. Mr. Mirti presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to purchase two YSI EXO2 Sondes and associated probes and ancillary equipment for an amount of \$47,760.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO YSI EXO2 SONDES AND ASSOCIATED PROBES AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$47,760. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS, AND QUINCEY.)

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 20 - Authorization to Purchase Culverts and Flashboard Risers for District Projects. Tim Sagul, Director, Resource Management, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to purchase culverts and flashboard risers from Contech Engineered Solutions, Gulf Atlantic Culvert Company, or Metal Culverts Inc. based on the lowest bid for an amount not-to-exceed \$155,000.

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE CULVERTS AND FLASHBOARD RISERS FROM CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, GULF ATLANTIC CULVERT COMPANY, OR METAL CULVERTS INC. BASED ON THE LOWEST BID FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$155,000. THE MOTION WAS

SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 21 - Authorization to Purchase Rock Aggregate for District Projects. Mr. Sagul presented staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to purchase rock aggregate from the mine with the lowest combination of hauling and material cost for an amount not-to-exceed \$170,000.

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ROCK AGGREGATE FROM THE MINE WITH THE LOWEST COMBINATION OF HAULING AND MATERIAL COST FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$170,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 22 – Denial of a Variance Request for Environmental Resource Permit (ERP), WOD-121-225628-1, Lots 21 & 22 Suwannee River Terrace, Suwannee County. Mr. Sagul, presented staff recommendation to issue a Final Order denying the Variance Request for subsections 40B-4.3030(4) and 40B-4.3030(7), Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.), Lots 21 & 22 Suwannee River Terrace, Suwannee County.

Phillip Raymond, applicant, provided comments to the Board.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO ISSUE A FINAL ORDER DENYING THE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR SUBSECTIONS 40B-4.3030(4) AND 40B-4.3030(7), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, (F.A.C.), LOTS 21 & 22 SUWANNEE RIVER TERRACE, SUWANNEE COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 23 - Request for Authorization to Publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rules Recommended for Repeal in SRWMD's Annual Review of Existing of Rules, Pursuant to Executive Order 11-211, and File Repealed Rules and any Recommended Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Permitting Summary Report. The Permitting Summary Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item 26 – RESTORE Act Update. Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, presented a RESTORE Act Update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 27 – 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.

Agenda Item No. 28 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. The District's Weekly Activity Reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 - Announcements

Agenda Item No. 30 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF
 GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

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 Following Board Meeting

Cedar Key Community Center
 Cedar Key, FL

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| Aucilla Basin | Bradley Williams | | X | |
| Coastal River Basin | Richard Schwab | | 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 | Sec/Treasurer | X | |
| At Large | Virginia Sanchez | | X | |
| At Large | Gary Jones | | X | |
| At Large | Vacant | | | |

Governing Board General Counsel

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

Staff:

| Position | Name | Present | Not Present |
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| Executive Director | Noah Valenstein | X | |
| Gov. Affairs / Communications Director | Steve Minnis | X | |
| Administration & Operations Division Director | Dave Dickens | X | |
| Water Supply Division Director | Carlos D. Herd, P.G. | | |
| Water Resources Division Director | Tom Mirti, Interim | X | |
| Resource Mgmt. Division Director | Tim Sagul | X | |
| GB & HR Coordinator | Lisa Cheshire | X | |

Guests:

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| Steve Gladin | Jeff Hill |
| Jean Wosner, Circle Pine Farm | Paul Still, BSWCD |
| Phillip Raymond | Glenn Horvath, SRWMD |
| Tommy Kiger, SRWMD | Abby Johnson, SRWMD |
| Jamie Bell, SRWMD | Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau |
| Robin Lamm, SRWMD | Leslie Sturmer, IFAS |
| Mike Allen, IFAs | Joe Haber, Progressive Water Resources |

The Board Workshop began at 2:14 p.m.

Water Resources Assessment Discussion

Tommy Kiger, District Hydrologist, and Joe Haber representing Progressive Water Resources, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the 2015 Water Supply Assessment

Cedar Key Presentation – Leslie Sturmer, Regional Shellfish Aquaculture Extension Agent, University of Florida IFAS Extension

Leslie Sturmer, Regional Shellfish Aquaculture Extension Agent IV, University of Florida IFAS provided a presentation to the Board regarding a general overview of the clam industry and clam farming.

Mike Allen, Director, Nature Coast Biological Station, spoke regarding the University of Florida Marine Lab station that is being developing in Cedar Key.

Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 2017 Discussion

Noah Valenstein presented the Board with the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

The workshop adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 LANDS COMMITTEE AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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| Santa Fe/Wacc. Basins | Kevin W. Brown | | | X |
| Upper Suwannee River Basin | Alphonas Alexander | Vice Chair | X | |
| At Large | Virginia H. Johns | Sec/Treasurer | X | |
| At Large | Virginia Sanchez | | X | |
| At Large | Gary Jones | | X | |
| At Large | Vacant | | | |

Governing Board General Counsel

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| George T. Reeves | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A. | X | |

Staff:

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| Interim Executive Director | Noah Valenstein | X | |
| Gov. Affairs / Communications Director | Steve Minnis | X | |
| Administration & Operations Division Director | Dave Dickens | X | |
| Water Supply Division Director | Carlos D. Herd, P.G. | X | |
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| Joyce DeHaan | Ed DeHaan |
| Marsha Schwartz, Quetfire Enterprises, LLC | Joe Hand |
| Bunny Hand | Mandy Offerle |
| Pat O'Neal, Flyingator Clams, LLC. | Shane Wellendorf, Tall Timbers Research, Inc. |
| George Sresovich | Molly Jubitz |
| Katherine Lane | Jim Swihart |
| Frank Offerle | Brack Baker |
| Steve Stackhouse | Margy VanLandingham |
| John McPherson | Toni C. Collins, Levy County Historical Society |
| Bill Palmer, Tall Timbers Research, Inc. | Sue Colson, Former SRWMD Board Member |

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November 12-13, 2015
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Earl Starns, Former SRWMD Board Member
Paria Shirzadi, Manson Bolves Donaldson
Dan Williams
Mildred Chappell
Jim Swihart
Robin Lamm, SRWMD
Glenn Horvath, SRWMD

Jeri Trent
David Ward, Aucilla Wacissa River Group
John Andrews
Allan Pither
Thomas Liebert, Kayak Cedar Key
Keith Rowell, SRWMD

Lands Committee Meeting began at 9:07 a.m. and ended at 10:50 a.m.

The Lands Committee meeting materials and recording are located with the November Governing Board materials and recording.

Human Resources Committee Meeting began at 10:58 a.m. and ended at 11:42 a.m.

The Human Resources Committee meeting materials and recording are located with the November Governing Board materials and recording.

Chair

ATTEST:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations

DATE: November 30, 2015

RE: Approval of October 2015 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the October 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/pf
Attachments

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

| ACCOUNT | Monthly Interest | Interest Rate % | Closing Balance |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bank of America Permit Fee | - | - | \$223,505.51 |
| First Federal Permit Fee | \$4.55 | 0.30% | \$18,881.87 |
| First Federal Depository | \$981.22 | 0.55% | \$2,320,268.12 |
| SPIA | \$51,936.80 | 1.27% | \$46,240,303.06 |
| TOTAL | \$52,922.57 | | \$48,802,958.56 |

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

| Sources | Current Budget | Actuals Through 10/31/2015 | Variance (Under)/Over Budget | Actuals As A % of Budget |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Ad Valorem Property Taxes | \$5,580,000 | \$ 10,046 | \$ (5,569,954) | 0% |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | \$21,846,867 | 148 | (21,846,719) | 0% |
| Interest on Invested Funds | \$300,000 | 52,923 | (247,077) | 18% |
| License and Permit Fees | \$135,000 | 11,816 | (123,185) | 9% |
| Other | \$405,600 | 110,414 | (295,186) | 27% |
| Fund Balance | \$16,830,718 | 1,669,772 | (15,160,946) | 10% |
| Total Sources | \$45,098,185 | \$ 1,855,118 | \$ (43,243,067) | 4% |

| Uses | Current Budget | Expenditures | Encumbrances ¹ | Available Budget | %Expended | %Obligated ² |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Water Resources Planning and Monitoring | \$9,589,741 | \$ 199,482 | \$ 59,315 | \$ 9,330,944 | 2% | 3% |
| Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works | \$29,824,383 | 1,357,174 | 65,414 | 28,401,795 | 5% | 5% |
| Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works | \$2,613,661 | 113,061 | - | 2,500,600 | 4% | 4% |
| Regulation | \$1,319,102 | 69,686 | 989 | 1,248,427 | 5% | 5% |
| Outreach | \$245,482 | 16,916 | - | 228,566 | 7% | 7% |
| Management and Administration | \$1,505,816 | 98,799 | 8,426 | 1,398,591 | 7% | 7% |
| Total Uses | \$45,098,185 | \$ 1,855,118 | \$ 134,144 | \$ 43,108,923 | 4% | 4% |

¹ Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders and contracts.

² Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

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

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| Recap of All Funds | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 187,182.03 | 0.00 | 45,098,185.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 332,110.13 | 0.00 | 5,882,926.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 1,408,514.94 | 61,264.08 | 26,093,509.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 97,822.72 | 28,726.01 | 1,778,303.00 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 29,539.95 | 251,750.00 |
| TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,247,967.00 |
| TOTAL INTERAGENCY | 16,669.87 | 10,174.95 | 7,843,730.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>1,855,117.66</u> | <u>129,704.99</u> | <u>45,098,185.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(1,667,935.63)</u> | <u>(129,704.99)</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE | ✓ 1,669,772.00 | | |

**Beginning of Fiscal Year; Revenues budgeted*

| Fund 01: General Fund | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | (3,233,513.17) | 0.00 | 11,075,793.47 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 203,138.75 | 0.00 | 3,577,840.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 115,922.88 | 5,997.33 | 3,497,077.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 96,628.61 | 33,165.21 | 1,261,744.00 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 29,539.95 | 161,000.00 |
| TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200,000.00 |
| TOTAL INTERAGENCY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 695,691.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>415,690.24</u> | <u>68,702.49</u> | <u>9,393,352.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(3,649,203.41)</u> | <u>(68,702.49)</u> | <u>1,682,441.47</u> |

**Beginning of Fiscal Year; Revenues budgeted*

| Fund 04: Ichetucknee Springs | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 985.05 | 0.00 | 3,955,946.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 985.05 | 0.00 | 4,733,889.00 |
| 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>985.05</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>4,733,889.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>(777,943.00)</u> |

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| Fund 05: Middle Suwannee | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 915,309.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 910.00 | 55,239.10 | 996,000.00 |
| 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>910.00</u> | <u>55,239.10</u> | <u>996,000.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(910.00)</u> | <u>(55,239.10)</u> | <u>(80,691.00)</u> |
| <i>*Excess to be covered by Carryover from FY 2015 / Fund Balance</i> | | | |

| Fund 06: Springs Appropriation 2014-15 | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 80,000.00 | 0.00 | 10,129,374.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 1,688.21 | 0.00 | 71,374.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 1,275,781.44 | 0.00 | 7,288,000.00 |
| 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 | 2,770,000.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>1,277,469.65</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>10,129,374.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(1,197,469.65)</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| <i>*Excess to be covered by Carryover from FY 2015 / Fund Balance</i> | | | |

| Fund 07: Local Revenue | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 105,600.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 105,600.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>105,600.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

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| Fund 08: WMLTF / Springs | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 851.24 | 0.00 | 1,131,490.53 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 30,038.58 | 0.00 | 465,124.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 466.75 | 0.00 | 1,519,510.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 109.02 | 0.00 | 20,600.00 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL INTERAGENCY | 0.00 | 10,174.95 | 345,000.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>30,614.35</u> | <u>10,174.95</u> | <u>2,350,234.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(29,763.11)</u> | <u>(10,174.95)</u> | <u>(1,218,743.47)</u> |
| <i>*Excess to be covered by DEP Reimbursement Grant / Reserves</i> | | | |

| Fund 10: Florida Forever & P-2000 | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 12,004.97 | 0.00 | 3,016,826.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 221.14 | 0.00 | 41,826.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,275,000.00 |
| 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 | 700,000.00 |
| TOTAL INTERAGENCY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>221.14</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>3,016,826.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>11,783.83</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

| Fund 11: FEMA FY 2009 | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 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>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>5,000.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

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| Fund 12: DOT ETDM | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 46.72 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 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>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>1,000.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>46.72</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

| Fund 13: WMLTF / Operations, Land Acquisition & Management | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 5,365.35 | 0.00 | 3,464,909.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 39,537.53 | 0.00 | 728,648.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 4,743.00 | 0.00 | 974,000.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 0.00 | (4,439.20) | 423,209.00 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15,000.00 |
| TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL INTERAGENCY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 235,500.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>44,280.53</u> | <u>(4,439.20)</u> | <u>2,376,357.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(38,915.18)</u> | <u>4,439.20</u> | <u>1,088,552.00</u> |

**Excess to be covered by Carryover from FY 2015 / Fund Balance*

| Fund 15: ERP & Wetlands | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 6,071.90 | 0.00 | 518,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 38,352.67 | 0.00 | 564,906.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 9,705.82 | 27.65 | 58,000.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 869.67 | 0.00 | 49,000.00 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75,750.00 |
| TOTAL FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL INTERAGENCY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 19,000.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>48,928.16</u> | <u>27.65</u> | <u>766,656.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(42,856.26)</u> | <u>(27.65)</u> | <u>(248,656.00)</u> |

**Excess to be covered by State Appropriation and Reserves*

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| Fund 16: Water Well Permitting | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 5,421.76 | 0.00 | 35,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 4,290.94 | 0.00 | 113,402.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 14,500.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 0.00 | 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>4,290.94</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>132,402.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>1,130.82</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>(97,402.00)</u> |

| Fund 17: Water Use Permitting | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 460.00 | 0.00 | 35,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 13,593.39 | 0.00 | 297,808.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25,500.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 215.42 | 0.00 | 19,250.00 |
| 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>13,808.81</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>342,558.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(13,348.81)</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>(307,558.00)</u> |

**Excess to be covered by Reserves*

| Fund 19: DOT Mitigation | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 259.66 | 0.00 | 4,070,998.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 1,248.92 | 0.00 | 20,998.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,702,033.00 |
| 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 | 2,347,967.00 |
| TOTAL INTERAGENCY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>1,248.92</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>4,070,998.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(989.26)</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

**Salaries/Benefits to be covered by Reserves*

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| Fund 29: SRP | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 1,551.19 | 0.00 | 175,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 175,000.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>175,000.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>1,551.19</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Fund 33: PCS Mitigation | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 121.61 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>121.61</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Fund 45: FEMA FY 2010 | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 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>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>5,000.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

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| Fund 48: FEMA FY 2011 | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250,000.00 |
| 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250,000.00 |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | 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> |
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 1,300,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,300,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,300,000.00 |
| 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 | 40,000.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,340,000.00 |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | 1,300,000.00 | 0.00 | (40,000.00) |
| Fund 52: DACS | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 55.75 | 0.00 | 250,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250,000.00 |
| 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250,000.00 |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | 55.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE DETAIL (UNAUDITED)
October 31, 2015

| Fund 53: District River Cost Share | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 2,007,500.00 | 0.00 | 2,007,500.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| 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 | 16,669.87 | 0.00 | 2,007,500.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>16,669.87</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>2,007,500.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>1,990,830.13</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Fund 54: FEMA FY 2012 | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150,000.00 |
| 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>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>150,000.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Fund 55: FEMA FY 2013 | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
| REVENUES | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150,000.00 |
| 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>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>150,000.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE DETAIL (UNAUDITED)
October 31, 2015

| Fund 56: FEMA Grants | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| 56-0464-0-1300-14-00-000-0000 FEMA FY 2014 Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 350,000.00 |
| 56-0464-0-1300-15-00-000-0000 FEMA FY 2015 Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100,000.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>450,000.00</u> |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | | | |
| 56-2586-0-1300-14-00-000-0000 Contr. Svcs - FEMA FY 2014 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 350,000.00 |
| 56-2586-0-1300-15-00-000-0000 Contr. Svcs - FEMA FY 2015 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100,000.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 450,000.00 |
| 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>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>450,000.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

| Fund 60: Reimbursable Grants | <u>Y-T-D</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>ENCUM.</u> | <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| 60-0431-0-2300-06-02-000-0000 FFWC - Edwards Bottomlands | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250,000.00 |
| 60-0433-0-1103-02-00-000-0000 NFW Fdn Revenue (Oil Spill Response Grant) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200,000.00 |
| 60-0439-0-2400-05-01-000-0000 DOT Mitigation Revenue - Union County LAP CR 229 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 950,743.00 |
| 60-0439-0-2400-05-02-000-0000 DOT Mitigation Revenue - Union County LAP CR 241 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 499,696.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>1,900,439.00</u> |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | | | |
| 60-2586-0-1103-02-00-000-0000 Contr. Svcs - SWIM/Oil Spill | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200,000.00 |
| 60-2586-0-2300-06-02-000-0000 Contr. Svcs - DOT Mitigation - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250,000.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 450,000.00 |
| 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 |
| INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES | | | |
| 60-6930-0-2400-05-01-000-0000 Interag Expend - Union County | 0.00 | 0.00 | 950,743.00 |
| 60-6930-0-2400-05-02-000-0000 Interag Expend - Union County | 0.00 | 0.00 | 499,696.00 |
| TOTAL INTERAGENCY | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,450,439.00 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>1,900,439.00</u> |
| EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations
DATE: November 30, 2015
RE: Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Amendment to Reconcile Account Codes

RECOMMENDATION

District staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize the amendment of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 budget to reconcile over expenditures and under expenditures within specific Special Revenue Funds.

BACKGROUND

During the current Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2015, there are six Special Revenue Funds (see attachment) that are projected to receive Revenue transfers at the end of the fiscal year. There are a total of 29 Special Revenue Funds.

In prior years, District Auditors have recommended that Special Revenue Fund over expenditures be corrected by amending the budget and transferring additional budgeted funds from the General Fund or other Special Revenue Funds in which surpluses budgeted amounts exist. They further recommended that these transfers be approved by the Governing Board as a part of the budget amendment process.

The FY 2015 Revenue and Expenditure Account Transfers to effectuate the budget amendment appear on the following page. Please note that the overall District budget remains the same and the net increase/decrease is \$0.00 after the specific accounts have been adjusted.

If you have any questions about this recommendation or if you would like any further explanation of the process prior to the December 8th Governing Board meeting, please contact Dave Dickens.

DD/tgg
Attachment

**FY 2015 Budget Amendment
Destination and Source of Funds Redistributed
At 9/30/2015**

Destination of Additional Funds

Source of Funds

| Fund 02 - Emergency Operations (Fund Closed 9/30/15) | | Fund 01 - General Fund | |
|---|------------|---|--------------|
| Add Revenue | | Subtract Revenue | |
| Transfer In from General Fund | \$3,203.58 | Transfer Out to Emergency Operations Fund | (\$3,203.58) |
| Explanation for Transfer: Salaries and Benefits Expenditures | | | |

| Fund 03 - Lobbyist Registration (Fund Closed 9/30/15) | | Fund 01 - General Fund | |
|---|------------|--|--------------|
| Add Revenue | | Subtract Revenue | |
| Transfer In from General Fund | \$1,098.70 | Transfer Out to Lobbyist Registration Fund | (\$1,098.70) |
| Explanation for Transfer: Salaries and Benefits / Operating Expenditures | | | |

| Fund 08 - WMLTF / Springs | | Fund 13 - WMLTF / Operations | |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Add Revenue | | Subtract Revenue | |
| Transfer In from WMLTF/Operations Fund | \$858,356.51 | Transfer Out to WMLTF/Springs Fund | (\$858,356.51) |
| Explanation for Transfer: Fund Balance Utilization | | | |

| Fund 15 - ERP Wetlands | | Fund 01 - General Fund | |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Add Revenue | | Subtract Revenue | |
| Transfer In from General Fund | \$235,829.30 | Transfer Out to ERP Wetlands Fund | (\$235,829.30) |
| Explanation for Transfer: Salaries and Benefits Expenditures | | | |

| Fund 16 - Delineated Areas | | Fund 01 - General Fund | |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Add Revenue | | Subtract Revenue | |
| Transfer In from General Fund | \$27,670.23 | Transfer Out to Delineated Areas Fund | (\$27,670.23) |
| Explanation for Transfer: Salaries and Benefits Expenditures | | | |

| Fund 17 - License & Permit Fees | | Fund 01 - General Fund | |
|---|--------------|--|----------------|
| Add Revenue | | Subtract Revenue | |
| Transfer In from General Fund | \$108,121.06 | Transfer Out to License & Permit Fees Fund | (\$108,121.06) |
| Explanation for Transfer: Salaries and Benefits Expenditures | | | |

Total Revenue/Expenditure Additions \$1,234,279.38
Total Revenue/Expenditure Subtraction: (\$1,234,279.38)

NET 2015 BUDGET INCREASE/DECREASE AFTER AMENDMENT

\$0.00

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Dickens, Director, Administration and Operations

DATE: November 30, 2015

RE: Authorization to Purchase up to Three Vehicles as Approved in Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

District staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to purchase up to three vehicles at Florida Sheriffs' Contract prices for an amount not to exceed an aggregate cost of \$75,000.

BACKGROUND

Included in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget, the Governing Board approved the allocation of \$75,000 for the purchase of vehicles. Staff proposes to purchase two pickup trucks (to replace two pickups with 190,000 miles) and one SUV (to replace a SUV with 246,000 miles) for both field and highway use.

Each year the Florida Sheriffs' Association and Florida Association of Counties coordinates a statewide invitation to bid for vehicles. The resulting contract is available for use by participating Sheriff's offices and local governmental agencies of the state of Florida, providing an opportunity for the District to purchase vehicles at a better price than we could negotiate individually.

The proposed vehicles will replace those surplused in the past and will increase the efficiency of the District fleet. The District currently has 23 vehicles in its fleet; the average vehicle is more than 7 years old and has a mileage of over 125,000.

Funding for this work is available in the FY 2016 budget and was provided entirely by State operations funding. The program code for the purchase of these vehicles is 4300-00.

/gal

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations
DATE: November 30, 2015
RE: Approval of High Springs Wellfield Timber Sale Agreement with Loncala, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the Executive Director to execute the High Springs Wellfield Timber Sale Agreement.

BACKGROUND

The District purchased 376 acres for a wellfield in High Springs in 2001 from Mr. Bobby Summers, who retained an interest in all of the standing pine plantation timber until 2035. Loncala, Inc. has recently purchased this pine timber from Mr. Summers and plans to harvest it in the next five years.

Loncala Inc. approached the District with a proposal to purchase the hardwood pulpwood timber on approximately 300 acres that is located within the tract. According to Mr. Bryan Olmert, President of Loncala, the hardwoods would be harvested at the same time a block of pine was harvested by his crews.

Typically, these hardwoods are knocked over and damaged during a pine only harvest. By harvesting simultaneously with the pines Mr. Olmert can offer the District some compensation and leave the site cleaner after harvest with less woody debris. This reduces the management cost to the District by reducing site prep costs for replanting when the harvesting of the pine timber is complete. Loncala Inc. has offered a lump sum of \$12,000 for this timber.

The District procedure would be to bid out timber of this value but Loncala Inc. ownership of the pines precludes the standard approach. Staff has cruised the timber and believes that this is a reasonable offer for something that could not be marketed otherwise. The standard District timber sale contract will be used for this sale.

Upon completion of the timber harvests and if necessary it will be the responsibility of the District to complete future natural resource restoration projects on the property. Any natural resource restoration projects to be completed will begin after the tree stumps have sufficient decomposed which could take between 2 to 3 years.

RGH/pf
Attachments

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LONCALA, INCORPORATED

October 14, 2015

Mr. Bob Heeke
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, FL 32060

RE: Hardwood Pulpwood on the Summers Tract – High Springs, FL.

Dear Bob:

Tim Odom Loncala's forester has now cruised the hardwood in the planted pine stands that are shown in the hash marks on the attached map. Loncala has a 10 year agreement with Bobby Summers where we purchased his pine timber. In the process of harvesting the pine timber over the term of the agreement we would like to harvest the hardwood timber within the plantation that will be damaged and that belongs to SRWMD. Your Management Team has suggested the best way for us to make an offer is lump sum.

Loncala would like to make a lump sum offer \$12,000.00 to SRWMD for the hardwood within the planted stands on the Summers Tract. These areas are shown on the attached map. Loncala will protect all the large live oak trees on the tract.

We thank you for this opportunity and will be glad to discuss with you at your convenience if you have any questions.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

LONCALA, INCORPORATED



Bryan J. Olmert,
President

BJO/pdm

cc: Gary Simons

Prepared By:
Gary C. Simons, Esquire
Savage, Krim & Simons
121 NW 3rd Street
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**TIMBER SALES CONTRACT
AND ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE TO CUT TIMBER**

Doc Stamp-Deed: \$4,200.00



THIS TIMBER SALES CONTRACT AND ASSIGNMENT, made and fully executed this day 27 of August, 2015 by and between **Robert E. Summers** and whose address for all purposes in connection with this CONTRACT is P O Box 976, High Springs, FL 32655 hereinafter referred to as **SELLER**, and **LONCALA, INCORPORATED** a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida, whose address for all purposes in connection with this CONTRACT is 25755 NW 130th Avenue, High Springs, Florida 32643, hereinafter referred to as **BUYER**, which term includes the successors and assign of the **BUYER**;

WITNESS, that for and in consideration of the sum of \$10.00 (Ten Dollars), paid to the **SELLER** by the **BUYER**, and more particularly described in the attached Closing Statement labeled Exhibit "A", and by reference incorporated herein, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the **SELLER** at or before the signing and sealing of this instrument by the **SELLER**, the **SELLER** does hereby grant, convey, bargain, sell and assign unto the **BUYER** all Seller's rights to cut merchantable pine timber located upon the property of the **Suwannee River Water Management District** as described in the legal description labeled Exhibit "B" that is attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein. The **SELLER** further assigns his License to Cut Timber dated September 13, 2001 to **BUYER**. A copy of said License is attached as Exhibit "C". The **SELLER** and **BUYER** further agree that this CONTRACT shall remain in full force and effect for a period of 120 months from the executed date, or until cutting and removal has been completed, which ever is sooner. **SELLER** also agrees that in the event Weather or Market conditions warrant, **BUYER** has the option of extending this contract for an additional 1 year with a written request 30 days prior to expiration of the original term.

THE SELLER AGREES AND/OR COVENANTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The **SELLER** hereby warrants and represents that the **SELLER** is the sole lawful owner of the timber sold and that he has the lawful right and authority to sell that timber sold and to collect the proceeds thereof. The **SELLER** further warrants that there are no liens or encumbrances against the timber sold and conveyed hereunder whatsoever except as fully disclosed by the **BUYER'S** abstract of title, if **BUYER** requested a title search, and
2. The **SELLER** hereby guarantees the **BUYER** full ingress and egress into, in, over, across, and upon the property described herein to a public right-of-way, and

THE BUYER AGREES WITH THE SELLER AS FOLLOWS:

1. The **BUYER** will cut and remove the timber, the subject of this **CONTRACT**, strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof and the aforesaid License to Cut Timber, and

2. The cost of harvesting, removing, and hauling the severed timber, the subject of this **CONTRACT**, shall be at the sole expense of the **BUYER**, and

3. The **BUYER** warrants that the workers and facilities used to cut, remove, and transport such timber are the employees of or belong to the **BUYER** or its independent logging contractor(s), and it will hold **SELLER** and/or the **SELLER'S** agent, harmless from any /cost, expense, or liabilities including, but not limited to, Workman's Compensation to such employee(s) of **BUYER** or of employee(s) of **BUYER'S** independent contractors or agents, and

4. The **BUYER** further agrees that the **BUYERS** will hold the **SELLERS** harmless against all claims resulting or to result from its operations hereunder and to assume and be responsible and liable for all damages to third persons and their property resulting from any negligent act or negligent omission by **BUYER**, or its agents, servants, or employees, and/or from any unlawful or willful acts in the harvesting and cutting of said timber or in conducting its operation upon said land of the **SELLER**, and the **BUYER** further agrees that the **BUYER** or its independent logging contractor(s) shall carry proper liability insurance and shall provide proof of current coverage of said liability insurance and said liability insurance coverage shall not be less than \$1,000,000 in general coverage, and

5. It is the obligation of the **BUYER** in exercising the rights granted it hereunder, to at all times follow good and accepted forestry and timber cutting practices, including but not limited to the following:

(a) **BUYER** shall exercise care in starting and spreading of fires in the areas of operation; in the event of fire during active cutting operations, **BUYER'S** employees and agents shall use their best effort to suppress the same. Any loss by fire or other casualty is the loss of the **BUYER**.

(b) **BUYER** shall protect gates, fences, all existing roads, gaps and other improvements so that the same shall be left in approximate condition as found, and all other improvements of the **SELLER** during logging and hauling operations, and the **BUYER** shall promptly repair any damage done to any improvements thereof. **BUYER** shall not leave any piles of dirt created during harvesting operation.

(c) **BUYER** shall allow 24/7 inspections of the cutting and logging operations during the life of this CONTRACT by the **SELLER'S** authorized agents.

(d) **BUYER** shall contact **SELLER** by telephone or letter, at least 48 hours before commencing the harvest and, if the harvest is interrupted for five or more consecutive business days, **BUYER** shall again contact **SELLER**, at least 48 hours before re-commencing the harvest so that periodic inspections of the cutting and logging shall occur.

(e) **BUYER** and or **BUYER'S** authorized agents, independent contractors employees, or servants shall remove any and all trash brought onto the **SELLER'S** property by said authorized agents, independent contractors, employees, or servants, and shall dispose of all trash, including but not limited to, logging equipment debris, such as hydraulic hoses and oil cans, food containers and shall dispose of such trash in a proper manner and leave the **SELLER'S** property in a clean state.

(f) **BUYER** shall comply with **SELLER'S** obligations contained in the License to Cut Timber, aforesaid with respect to this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **SELLER**, **Robert E. Summers**, and the **BUYER**, **LONCALA, INCORPORATED**, hereunto set their hands and seals on this 27 day of August, 2015.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in our presence as witness:

Stephanie Riptey
Witness-Signature

Stephanie Riptey
Witness-Printed Name

Patricia D. Mecki
Witness-Signature

Patricia D. Mecki
Witness-Printed Name

Robert E. Summers
Robert E. Summers

Stephanie Kipley

Witness - Signature

Stephanie Kipley

Witness - Printed Name

Patricia D. Meeks

Witness - Signature

Patricia D. Meeks

Witness - Printed Name

Bryan J. Olmert

BUYER, LONCALA, INCORPORATED

BRYAN J. OLMERT, PRESIDENT

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ALACHUA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Robert E. Summers, who is personally known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing Timber Sales Contract, who after being duly sworn, depose and say that they executed the same for the uses and purpose therein contained.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on this 27 day of August, 2015.

Patricia D. Meeks

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Commission Number:

PATRICIA D. MEEKS
Notary Public State of Florida
My Commission Exp. 2-15-2017
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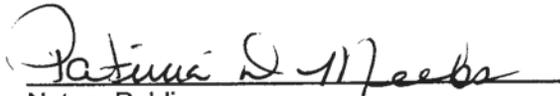
STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ALACHUA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Bryan J. Olmert, an officer and President of LONCALA, INCORPORATED, known to be the person described in, and who executed

the foregoing Timber Sales Contract, who, after first duly sworn, depose and say that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein contained.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on this 27 day of August, 2015.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Commission Number:

PATRICIA D. MEEKS
Notary Public State of Florida
My Commission Exp. 2-15-2017
Comm No. EE871235

EXHIBIT "A"

Robert E. Summers Timber Sale
CLOSING STATEMENT

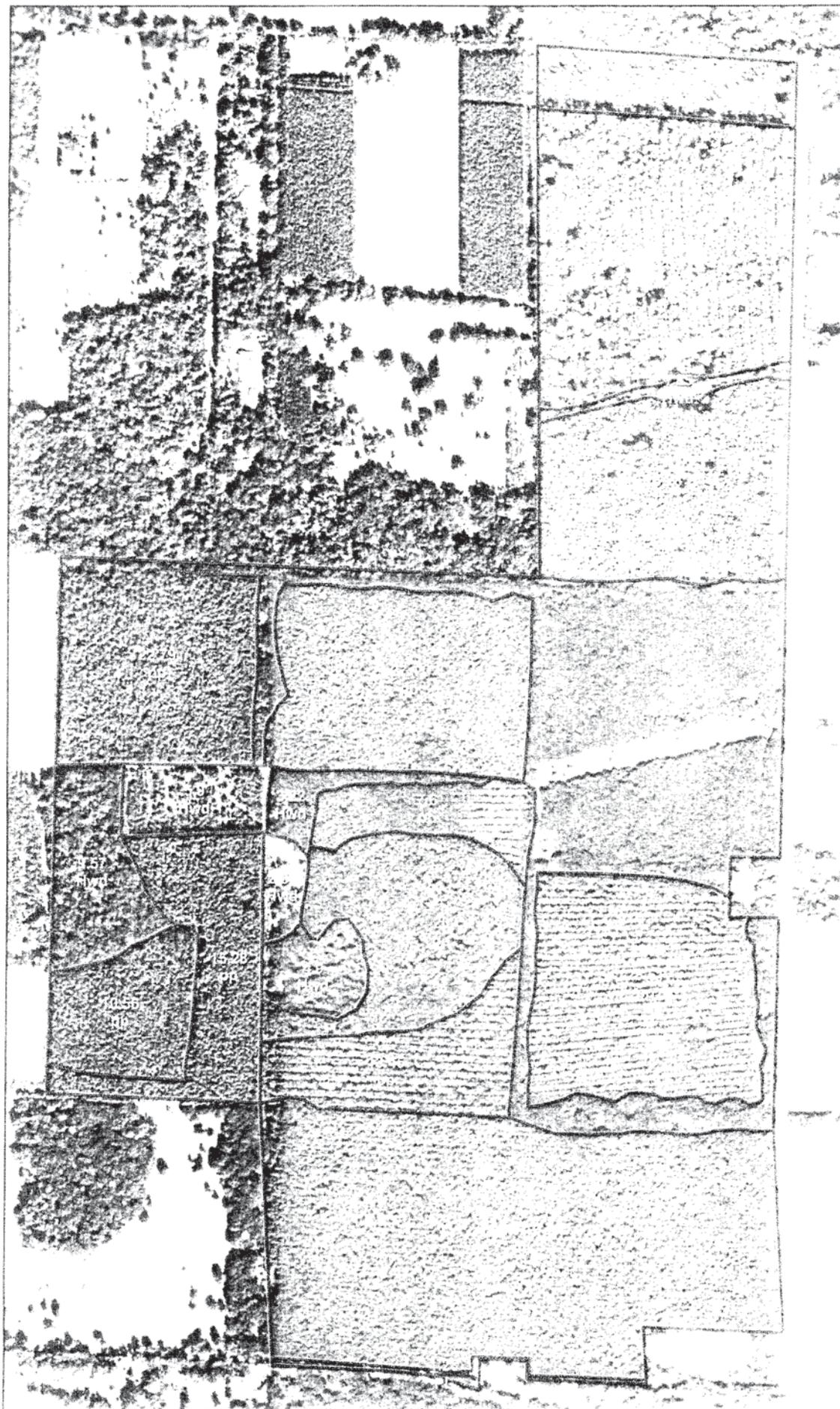
Lump Sum \$ 600,000.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

Payment upon signing of the Timber Sales Contract \$300,000.00

Balance to be paid in equal monthly payments for a period of 60 months with 4% interest paid per annum. Payments shall commence October 1, 2015 and continue on the first day of each month thereafter until paid in full. **SELLER** and **BUYER** agree that **SELLER** reserves the right to request prepayments in full or in part during the term hereof upon fifteen days' notice to **BUYER**.

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Robert E. Summers
Parcel Number 03030 000-000
Alachua County, Florida

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**HIGH SPRINGS
WELLFIELD**

SUMMERS

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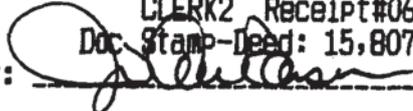
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ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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By:  D.C.

This instrument prepared by:
William J. Haley, Esquire
Brannon, Brown, Haley,
Robinson & Bullock, P. A.
P. O. Box 1029
Lake City, FL 32056-1029

SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made this 13th day of September, 2001, between **ROBERT E. SUMMERS a/k/a R.E. SUMMERS**, a married man, not residing on the property, having a mailing address of Post Office Box 976, High Springs, Florida 32655, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, and **SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, a Florida Statutes Chapter 373 Water Management District, whose post office address is 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, Tax I.D. No. 59-1520101, hereinafter referred to as Grantee.

WITNESSETH: That said Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of \$10.00 and other good and valuable considerations to said Grantor in hand paid by said Grantee, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold to the said Grantee, and Grantee's successors and assigns forever, the following described land, situate, lying and being in Alachua County, Florida, to-wit:

**SEE SCHEDULE A ATTACHED HERETO
AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE**

Parcel Nos. 03030-000-000; 03030-001-000; 03030-002-000; and 03031-001-000

and said Grantor does hereby fully warrant the title to said lands and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons claiming by, through or under said Grantor.

The grantor herein does not claim any of the above described real property as his homestead, nor is it contiguous thereto. Grantor resides at 1010 NE 34 Street, High Springs, FL 32643.

Reserving unto the Grantor the right to harvest, cut and remove all standing pine timber as of June 1, 2001, until December 31, 2035, which reservation may be assigned by Robert E. Summers to his spouse or his lineal descendants by assignment, transfer trust or other means; the terms of which are set forth in an unrecorded License to Cut Timber, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Grantee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Frederic D. Kaufman
Print Name: Frederic D. Kaufman

Robert E. Summers
Robert E. Summers a/k/a R.E. Summers

Jane N. Kaufman
Print Name: Jane N. Kaufman

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13th day of September, 2001, by Robert E. Summers a/k/a R.E. Summers, who is personally known to me.

Frederic D. Kaufman
Print Name: Frederic D. Kaufman
Notary Public, State of Florida
Commission Number: CC716216
My commission expires: June 4, 2002



Frederic D. Kaufman
MY COMMISSION # CC716216 EXPIRES
June 4, 2002
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC

SCHEDULE A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A tract of land situated in Sections 6 and 7, Township 8 South, Range 18 East, Alachua County, Florida, said tract of land being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped LS 3456 at the Southwest corner of the aforementioned Section 6 for a point of reference and run S.89°22'23"E., along the South line of said Section 6, a distance of 1166.72 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped GFY LB021 and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the land herein described; thence run N.00°29'21"W., parallel with and 1166.50 feet East of the West line of said Section 6, a distance of 2699.22 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped GFY LB021 on the North line of the S. 1/2 of said Section 6; thence run S.89°22'18"E., along said North line, a distance of 2432.68 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped GFY LB021 (said concrete monument lying 43.00 feet Easterly of the S.W. corner of the E. 1/2 of the N. E. 1/4 of said Section 6); thence run N.02°25'26"W., a distance of 2635.07 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped GFY LB021 on the North line of said Section 6 (said concrete monument lying 28.5 feet Westerly of the N. E. corner of the W. 1/2 of said N.E. 1/4); thence run N.89°47'53"E., along said North line of Section 6, a distance of 506.25 feet to a 1/2" steel rod and cap stamped GFY LB021 at the intersection of said North line with the Southerly maintained right of way line of County Road N. W. 190th Avenue; thence run S87°41'58"E., along said Southerly maintained right of way line, a distance of 792.97 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped GFY LB021 at the intersection of said Southerly maintained right of way line with the West right of way line of County Road N.W. 188th Street (100 foot right of way); thence run S.00°39'41"E., along said West right of way line, parallel with and 50.00 feet West of the East line of said Section 6, a distance of 3967.40 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped ALACHUA CO. R/W; thence run S.89°19'30"W., along the North line of the "Croy Tract" as described in deed recorded in Official Records Book 2148, page 822 of the Public Records of Alachua County, Florida, a distance of 250.13 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped LS 1824; thence run S.00°40'15"E., along the West line of said "Croy Tract", a distance of 299.99 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped LS 1824; thence run N. 89°19'37"E., along the South line of said "Croy Tract", a distance of 250.08 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped LS 1824 on said West right of way line of County Road N. W. 188th Street; thence run S. 00°39'41"E., along said West right of way line, a distance of 1051.55 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped ALACHUA CO. R/W; thence run S.05°01'56"E., along said West right of way line, parallel with and 50.00 feet West of the East line of the aforementioned Section 7, a distance of 1029.93 feet to a 1/2" steel rod and cap stamped LS 1824; thence run N.89°47'08"W., along the North line of the "Dadant Tract" as described in deed recorded in Official Records Book 2110, page 2404 of said Public Records, a distance of 726.11 feet to a 1/2" steel rod and cap stamped LS 1824;

thence run S.05°01'56"E., along the West line of said "Dadant Tract", a distance of 281.71 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped GFY LB021; thence run N.89°48'13"W., parallel with and 20.00 feet North of the North line of the S. 1/2 of the N. E. 1/4 of said Section 7, a distance of 606.80 feet to a 1/2" steel rod and cap stamped GFY LB021 on the East line of the "Cruise Tract" as described in deed recorded in Official Records Book 2323, page 1832 of said Public Records; thence run N.01°16'23"W., along said East line, a distance of 88.00 feet to a 1/2" steel rod and cap stamped LS 1824; thence run N.89°50'56"W., along the North line of said "Cruise Tract", a distance of 240.28 feet to a 1/2" steel rod and cap stamped LS 1824; thence run S. 01°18'44"E., along the West line of said "Cruise Tract", a distance of 149.47 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped GFY LB021 on the Northerly right of way line of Old State Road No. 2, now known as N.W. 170th Lane (66 foot right of way); thence run N.74°59'18"W., along said Northerly right of way line, a distance of 136.35 feet to a 1/2" steel rod and cap stamped GFY LB021 at the beginning of a curve concave Southwesterly, said curve having a radius of 1465.39 feet; thence run Westerly, along said Northerly right of way line, with said curve, through an arc angle of 14°8'16", an arc distance of 361.59 feet to a 1/2" steel rod and cap stamped GFY LB021 at the end of said curve; thence run N.89°07'34"W., along said Northerly right of way line, a distance of 553.37 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped GFY LB021 on the East line of Government Lot 1 of said Section 7; thence run N.04°47'41"W., along said East line, a distance of 1305.16 feet to a 4"x4" concrete monument and cap stamped LS 2228 at the Northeast corner of said Government Lot 1; thence run N.89°22'23"W., along the aforementioned South line of Section 6, a distance of 1078.63 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

LICENSE TO CUT TIMBER

THIS LICENSE TO CUT TIMBER ("License"), made and entered into in duplicate, as of the 13th day of September, 2001, by and between **SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, a Florida Statutes Chapter 373 Water Management District, having a post office address of 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, hereinafter referred to as "District", and **ROBERT E. SUMMERS a/k/a R.E. SUMMERS**, having a mailing address of Post Office Box 976, High Springs, Florida 32655, hereinafter referred to as "Summers"

WHEREAS, Summers sold certain lands to the District; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the transaction, Summers reserved the right to harvest, cut and remove all pine timber standing as of June 1, 2001 on the lands purchased by the District (the "Reserved Timber"); and

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into this License to Cut Timber setting forth the terms and conditions by which Summers is authorized to go upon the lands of the District after the lands are acquired by the District.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of \$10.00 and other good and valuable considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. District does hereby grant Summers, his successors and assigns, the exclusive right to go upon the lands as described in Schedule A attached hereto, and by reference incorporated herein, aggregating 376.36 acres, more or less, which are hereinafter referred to as the "Lands", to harvest, cut and remove the Reserved Timber.
2. The term of this License shall be from the date hereof through December 31, 2035, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Term").
3. District does also grant unto Summers, his successors and assigns, the right to enter upon said Lands at any and all times during the said Term with all equipment, vehicles, and machinery that may be necessary or convenient for the preservation, care, cutting, and removal of said Reserved Timber, together with the right to operate on the roads and roadways, over, and across said Lands, being all necessary rights of ingress and egress. Summers shall have and is hereby granted the right at any time during the term hereof and for 60 days thereafter, to remove any and all machinery and equipment of Summers.
4. In cutting and removing said Reserved Timber, Summers shall follow the appropriate BMP's and acceptable logging practices, as specified in Silviculture Best Management Practices by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Summers shall not be obligated to cut any Reserved Timber on the Lands that it chooses to leave standing. Upon the termination or expiration of this License, all interest in the Reserved Timber shall pass to District.
5. (a) Summers agrees to cut and remove the Reserved Timber in strict accordance with all conditions and requirements contained herein. All the dead stump wood and

lightered wood on the Lands are also excluded from this License.

(b) Summers shall protect from damage all utility lines, ditches, cattle guards, culverts, and fences located on the Lands, and if damaged, shall be repaired immediately by and at the expense of Summers.

(c) Summers may not replant the areas from which he has cut any of the Reserved Timber.

(d) Summers shall at all times keep all roads and trails free of brush, debris, logs, limbs, and tops resulting from Summers's work under this License and shall repair and restore promptly to its original condition, at Summers's expense, any road or trail used by Summers in connection with this License which is damaged or injured beyond ordinary wear and tear by Summers or his agents, employees or assigns.

(e) District and Summers shall designate the location of all loading ramps and access roads. Loading of log trucks is not permitted on paved or graded roads. Summers and District shall mutually agree on the location of skid trails.

(f) All operations on the Lands may be suspended by District after written notice has been served on Summers, if the conditions and requirements contained in the License are not, in the sole opinion of District, met by Summers. The District in such written notice must state the conditions and requirements of the License agreement that in its sole opinion are not being met by Summers and shall state the means for curing any failure by Summers to meet the conditions and requirements of the License and give Summers opportunity to cure same. Should the District give notice pursuant to this subparagraph (f), and Summers does not cure any failure to meet the conditions and requirements of the License agreement, then it shall be the duty of the District to file for a temporary restraining order and injunction within two business days after receiving notice from Summers declaring an "impasse". The prevailing party shall be entitled to attorney fees and costs in any action for a temporary restraining order and injunction including any appeals relating to same.

(g) Summers shall be responsible for seeing that the logging area, particularly around loading ramps, shall be free from all litter such as oilcans, drums, paper, and other refuse. If such refuse is not disposed of during the process of logging operation, it will be the responsibility of Summers to see that the area is cleaned up upon completion of logging.

(h) Summers may not assign or transfer the rights to the timber reserved by Summers hereunder, except that Summers may transfer the rights to another party to cut and remove the timber for Summers or Summers may assign or transfer the timber rights to his spouse or his lineal descendants by transfer, trust or other means.

(i) During the Term, District shall not have any obligation or duty to protect or preserve the Reserved Timber, although it may do so at its expense. Should any of the Reserved Timber be threatened by a disease during the Term, District may require Summers to cut and remove such diseased trees at Summers's expense. During the Term, District shall have possession of and full use of the Lands, other than the Reserved Timber and the rights granted to Summers under this License.

(j) Summers shall have access to the Lands to cut and remove the Reserved Timber, but must give District not less than 48 hours notice that he is exercising his right to cut and remove the Reserved Timber.

(k) Once the Reserved Timber in a given area is cut and removed, Summers's rights to harvest trees and manage that area shall terminate, and District shall have the right to manage and replant such harvested area. In exercising District's rights under this subparagraph, District shall not damage any Reserved Timber, and shall exercise good forestry management and practices as identified in the Florida Division of Forestry Silviculture Best Management Practices Manual, 1993, or such later editions as may be in effect .

(l) In exercising Summers's rights under this paragraph, Summers shall not damage improvements on the Lands or any small trees replanted by District, and shall exercise good forestry management and practices as identified in the Florida Division of Forestry Silviculture Best Management Practices Manual, 1993, or such later editions as may be in effect.

6. Summers covenants and agrees that all hazardous and toxic substance within the definition of any applicable statute or regulation which shall be placed on the Lands by Summers or persons acting under his authority shall be used and stored therein only in a safe and approved manner in accordance with all industrial standards and all laws, regulations, and requirements for such storage, promulgated by any federal, state or local government, agency or authority. Summers hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold District harmless from all loss, costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees, whether suit be brought or not, and including appeals, if any), liability and damages whatsoever incurred by District arising out of, or by reason of, any violation of any applicable, federal, state or local statute or regulation for the protection of the environment which occurs upon the Lands in connection with the cutting and removal of Reserved Timber or by reason of the imposition of any governmental lien, for the recovery of any environmental clean-up costs expended by reason of such violation; provided that, to the extent that the District is strictly liable under such statute or regulation, Summers's obligation to District under this indemnity shall likewise be without regard to fault on the part Summers with respect to the violation of law which results in liability to the District. The provisions of this paragraph shall continue in effect after the termination of this License. Summers shall not be liable for any damages that occur to the Lands after this date if the damages do not relate in anyway to actions taken by Summers in connection with Summers use of the Lands under this License.

7. Summers agrees to indemnify and save harmless District against any and all claims of loss, damages, liability, or other expenses of any nature, character, and kind that may arise out of, be connected with, or as a result of Summers's or his assigns' operation on the Lands, and indemnify District from any and all liability of any nature, character, and kind, and to immediately settle and pay any and all demands, claims, or liens of Summers's employees or the employees of any other person, persons, or firms engaged to cut, log or saw said Reserved Timber. Summers shall likewise reimburse District for reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees which District may incur as the result of its retaining the services of any attorney in the defense of any claims of a third party arising out of any act of Summers, his employees, agents, or assigns, while performing their operations under this License. The provisions of this paragraph shall continue in effect after the termination of this License.

8. The parties shall exercise all reasonable precautions in relation to fire protection and shall cooperate one with the other in preventing, suppressing, and extinguishing fires on or threatening the Lands and adjoining property of the parties.

9. Should either party desire to give notice to the other, then such notice shall be by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as follows:

District: Suwannee River Water Management District
Attn: Mr. Charles H. Houder, III
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, FL 32060

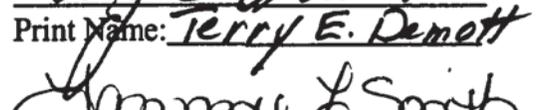
Summers: Robert E. Summers a/k/a R.E. Summers
Post Office Box 976
High Springs, FL 32655

10. This License shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

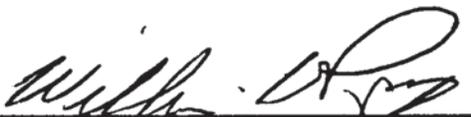
11. Summers shall pay for any documentary stamps, surtax, or severance tax required to be paid because of this License.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this License as of the day and year first specified above.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:


Print Name: Terry E. Demott

Print Name: Fannie L. Smith

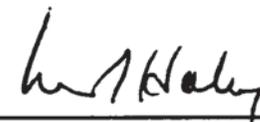
**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

By: 
William D. Pope, III
Chairman of the Governing Board

Reviewed as to conformance to
District budgetary and
administrative procedures:


Charles H. Houder, III
Deputy Executive Director

Approved as to form and legality:

By: 
William J. Haley, Legal Counsel

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Alachua

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13th day of September, 2001, by William D. Pope, III, as Chairman of the Suwannee River Water Management District, a Florida Statutes Chapter 373 Water Management District, on behalf of said District, who is personally known to me or who produced his Florida Driver's License as identification.

Tammie L. Smith
Print Name: Tammie L. Smith
Notary Public, State of Florida
Commission No. DD017247
My Commission Expires: April 11, 2005



Tammie L. Smith
My Commission DD017247
Expires April 11, 2005



MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations

DATE: November 30, 2015

RE: Approval of Resolution Number 2015-27 Authorizing the Deed Conveyance of 167 Acres ± Branford Bend Surplus Tract to Suwannee County School Board

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve and execute Resolution 2015-27 authorizing the conveyance of land owned by the Suwannee River Water Management District to the School Board Of Suwannee County, Florida and Authorize the Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director of the District, the Governing Board Attorney and all other officers and Employees of the District to do all things Necessary to close and complete the conveyance.

BACKGROUND

The Branford Bend Tract consist of 167 acres ± was approved for surplus at the August 2015 Governing Board Meeting. The Lands Committee approved the deed form for conveyance to Suwannee County School Board at its September 2015 meeting.

Staff is requesting Governing Board approval and execution of the attached Resolution 2015-27 authorizing the conveyance.

KR/pf
Attachments

Prepared by and return to:
Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.
519 West Base Street
Madison, Florida 32340
File No.:

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Deed of Conveyance to a Government Entity Pursuant to Section 373.099, Florida Statutes

THIS DEED, made this _____ day of _____, 2015, by the
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a Florida water management
district created pursuant to Section 373.069, Florida Statutes, whose mailing address is 9225 CR
49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, (the “DISTRICT”), and SCHOOL BOARD OF SUWANNEE
COUNTY, FLORIDA, a public entity, 702 Second Street SW, Live Oak, Florida 32060, (the
“GRANTEE”),

WITNESSETH that the DISTRICT, for and in consideration of the sum of \$10.00 to it in
hand paid by the GRANTEE, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained
and sold to the GRANTEE, his or her heirs and assigns forever, the following described land
lying and being in Suwannee County, Florida:

AS SHOWN ON ATTACHMENT “A”

(the “PROPERTY”)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR CONVEYANCE AND COMPLIANCE WITH
CONDITIONS PRECEDENT. The DISTRICT is authorized to execute this deed and convey its
interest in the PROPERTY to the GRANTEE pursuant to Section 373.056(4), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to such statute, the governing board of the DISTRICT has determined that the PROPERTY is not required for the DISTRICT's purposes and that the terms and conditions of this deed are appropriate.

NO WARRANTIES OF TITLE. Notice is given that Section 373.099, Florida Statutes, prohibits the DISTRICT from giving any warranties of title to the PROPERTY. Further, the DISTRICT disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy of the above legal description.

INTERESTS IN CERTAIN MINERALS. Notice is given that by the operation of Section 270.11, Florida Statutes, a partial interest in the PROPERTY's phosphate, minerals, metals and petroleum may be reserved to the DISTRICT. Such statute provides, among other things, that the maximum interest which may be reserved by operation of the statute in any one conveyance is an undivided three-fourths interest in all the phosphate, minerals, and metals and an undivided one-half interest in all the petroleum.

EXECUTION OF THIS DEED. Pursuant to Section 373.099, Florida Statutes, this deed shall be executed in the name of the DISTRICT by its governing board acting by the chair or vice chair of said board and shall have the corporate seal of the board affixed thereto attested by its secretary and shall thereafter be effective to pass the title or interest of the DISTRICT in the PROPERTY.

NO DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX DUE. This conveyance is between two government entities and therefore not subject to documentary stamp tax pursuant to Rule 12B-4.014(10), Florida Administrative Code.

INTENDED PURPOSES AND OPTION TO REPURCHASE. This deed is made and accepted on the condition that the PROPERTY shall be perpetually and exclusively used by the GRANTEE for the INTENDED PURPOSES (as set out below).

Intended Purposes

It is intended that the PROPERTY shall be perpetually and exclusively used as follows:

1. For agriculture and silvaculture education purposes including the “hands on” raising of crops, livestock and/or forest products by students as part of such education.
2. For the generation of revenue by the raising and selling of crops, livestock and/or forest products by students.
3. That all revenue raised by such students shall not become part of the general fund of the GRANTEE nor used for the GRANTEE’s general purposes, but rather shall stay a separate and non-commingled fund to be used exclusively for the educational purposes of the students who worked and raised such revenue.
4. That all of the above would be managed and directed by the Branford, Florida chapter of the Future Farmers of America, a federally chartered corporation, as provided in 36 U.S.C. § 70901 through 70914, in compliance with the GRANTEE’s policies and procedures.

(hereinafter the “INTENDED PURPOSES”).

Option to Repurchase

This deed is made and accepted subject to the DISTRICT’s reserved option to repurchase the PROPERTY, for the total price of ONE AND NO/100 (\$1.00) DOLLAR. This reserved option to repurchase may be exercised by the DISTRICT (1) should the DISTRICT believe that the GRANTEE or its successors or assigns, are not using the PROPERTY for, and abiding by, the INTENDED PURPOSES, (2) for any other reason or (3) for no reason. The procedure for exercising the option shall be as follows: (1) the DISTRICT shall give written notice to the

GRANTEE, or its successors or assigns, of the DISTRICT's intent to exercise this option and tender the purchase price of ONE AND NO/100 (\$1.00) DOLLAR, (2) the GRANTEE, or its successors or assigns, shall, no later than six months after receipt of such written notice and tender of the purchase price, deliver to the DISTRICT an executed quit-claim deed re-conveying the PROPERTY to the DISTRICT. During the time period between receipt of the written notice and delivery of the quit claim deed, the GRANTEE or its successors and assigns, may harvest and keep whatever crops or timber they have on the PROPERTY. Upon receipt of the quit claim deed from the GRANTEE, or its successors or assigns, all right title and interest in the PROPERTY shall revert to and revest in the DISTRICT or its heirs or assigns, as fully and completely as if this deed had never been executed by the DISTRICT or delivered to the GRANTEE.

RESERVATION OF EASEMENT. The DISTRICT hereby reserves for itself and its successors and assigns, and this deed is made and accepted subject to, a non-exclusive easement over, along, across and under that portion of the PROPERTY, which is shown in the sketch or map attached hereto as Attachment "B", (the "EASEMENT AREA") for the movement of personnel, vehicles and equipment across the EASEMENT AREA.

The EASEMENT AREA is presently a "two rut" type dirt road. The DISTRICT shall have the obligation to, at the DISTRICT's sole expense, repair any damage done to the EASEMENT AREA (and bring it back to at least the condition of a "two rut" type dirt road) caused by the DISTRICT or its loggers, contractors or others acting at the direction of the DISTRICT. Otherwise, the DISTRICT shall have the right, but not the obligation, to, at the DISTRICT's sole expense, repair, maintain and keep the EASEMENT AREA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the DISTRICT has caused these presents to be executed in its name by its Governing Board acting by the Chair or Vice Chair of said board, the day and year aforesaid.

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE
RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

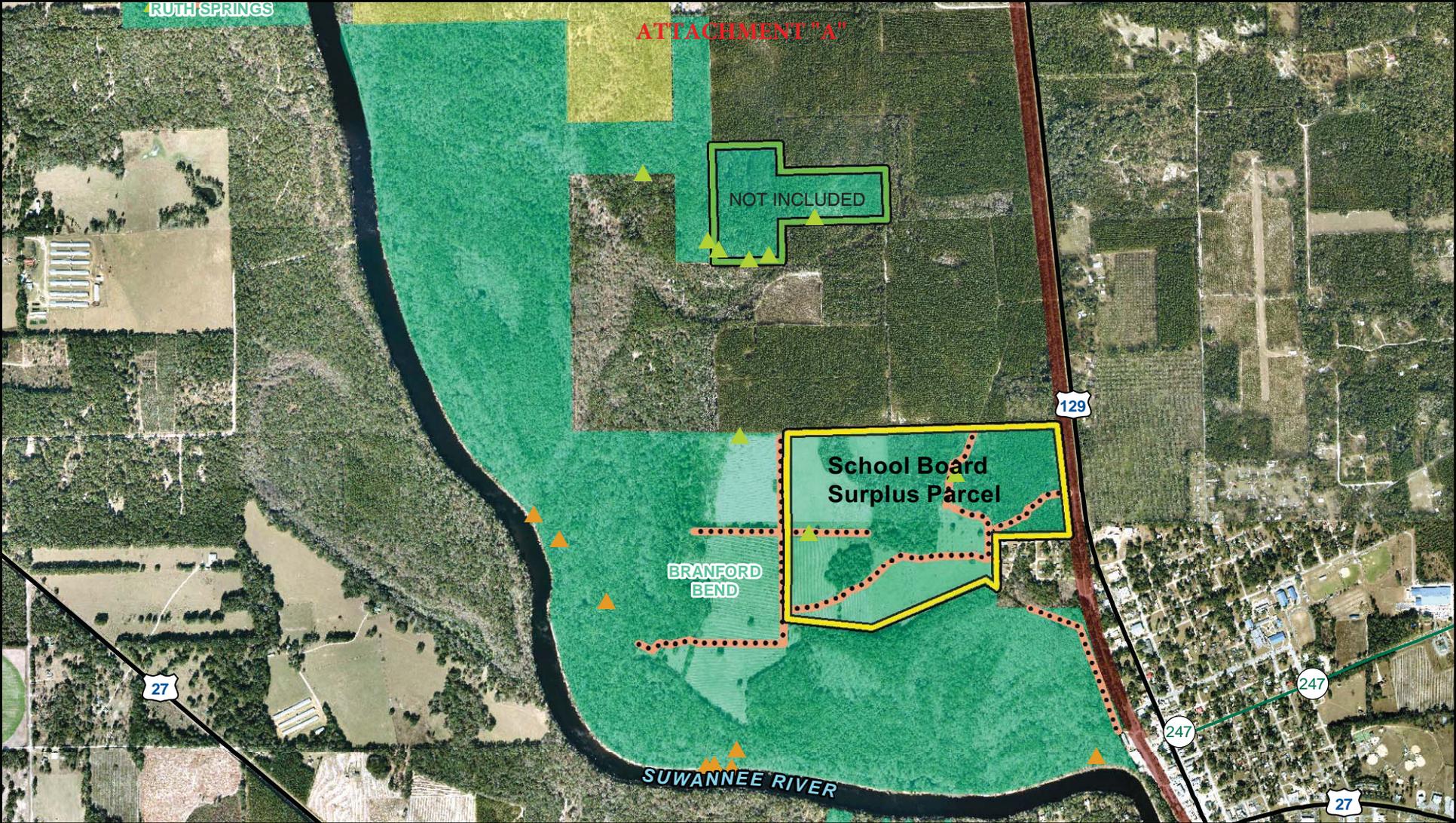
By: _____
Donald Quincey, Jr.
Chair

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Virginia H. Johns
Secretary Treasurer

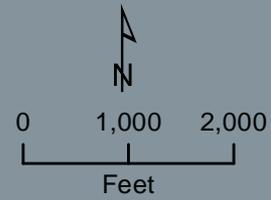
ATTACHMENT "A"
(Legal Description of the PROPERTY)

That certain parcel of real property located in Suwannee County, Florida and more particularly described as follows:



Branford Bend Surplus Property Consideration Property Overview

-  School Board Parcel - 167 Acres +/-
-  Parcel 2 - 50 Acres +/- NOT INCLUDED
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Other Public Ownership
-  SRWMD Proposed Acquisitions
-  District Roads
-  Rare Animal Species
-  Rare Plant Species

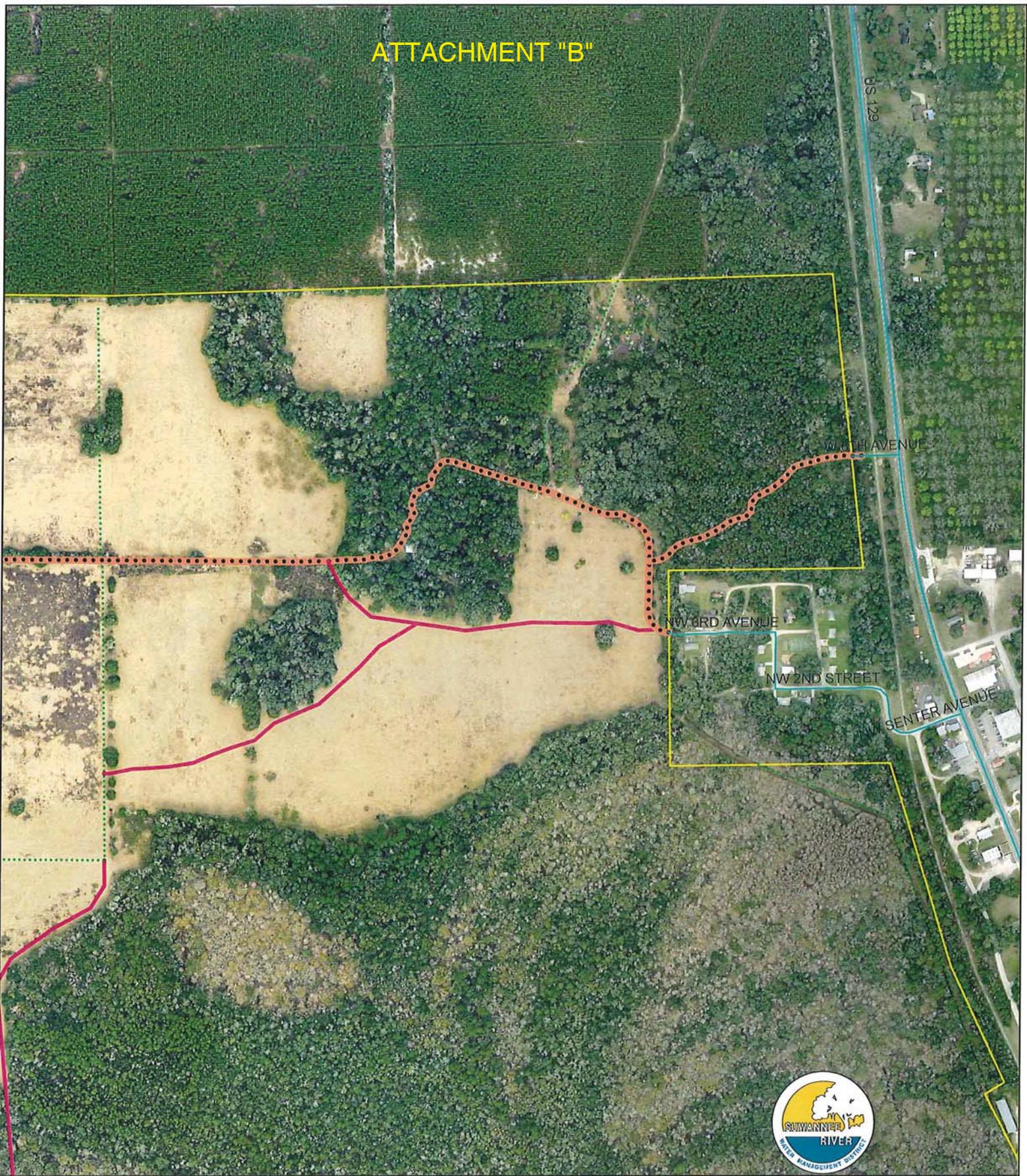


Note: This map was created by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) to be used for planning purposes only. SRWMD shall not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by the use of data distributed as a public records request regardless of their use or application. SRWMD does not guarantee the accuracy, or suitability for any use of these data, and no warranty is expressed or implied. For more information please contact the SRWMD at 386-362-1001. Map Created 6/29/2015



ATTACHMENT "B"
(Drawing of the PROPERTY showing the EASEMENT AREA)

ATTACHMENT "B"



- Legend**
- Trails**
- Blue
 - White
 - Yellow
- District Roads**
- Administrative
 - Secondary
 - Public
- District Lands

Branford Bend Tract Access

NOTE: This map was prepared by the Suwannee River Water Management District, Land Resources Department, for informational purposes only and does not conform to National Map Accuracy Standards. For more

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-27

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF LAND OWNED BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR AND SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DISTRICT, THE GOVERNING BOARD ATTORNEY AND ALL OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE CONVEYANCE.

WHEREAS, the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, an agency of the State of Florida (hereinafter the "DISTRICT") was created pursuant to Section 373.069(1)(b), Florida Statutes and exercises its statutory powers pursuant to Ch. 373, Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT owns a certain tract of real property located in the Suwannee County, Florida, containing 167 acres, more or less, in the Branford Bend Surplus Lands Project Boundary 1, (hereinafter the "PROPERTY"). A map showing the PROPERTY is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, it is to the mutual benefit of the parties that the PROPERTY be conveyed to the SCHOOL BOARD OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA (hereinafter the "SCHOOL BOARD"); and

WHEREAS, SCHOOL BOARD and the DISTRICT have agreed that the conveyance of the PROPERTY shall be subject to certain restrictions as set out on the deed, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" (hereinafter the "DEED"); and

WHEREAS, the conveyance is consistent with sections 373.056 and 373.089, Florida Statutes (F.S.); and

WHEREAS, said lands have been declared surplus and no longer needed for conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, said conveyance is in the public interest, for the public convenience and welfare, and for the public benefit.

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

- (1) The above recitals are hereby approved and incorporated herein as an integral part hereof.
- (2) The conveyance of the PROPERTY from the DISTRICT to the SCHOOL BOARD is hereby approved.
- (3) The PROPERTY shall be conveyed to the SCHOOL BOARD by a deed in substantial conformance with the DEED.

- (4) The Chair and Secretary of the GOVERNING BOARD, the Executive Director of the DISTRICT, the GOVERNING BOARD attorney and all other officers and employees of the DISTRICT are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the SCHOOL BOARD a deed in substantial conformance with the DEED and otherwise do all things necessary to close and complete the transaction.
- (5) The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the conveyance of the PROPERTY is hereby further certified to be consistent with this DISTRICT's plan of acquisition and Section 373.056 (4), F. S.

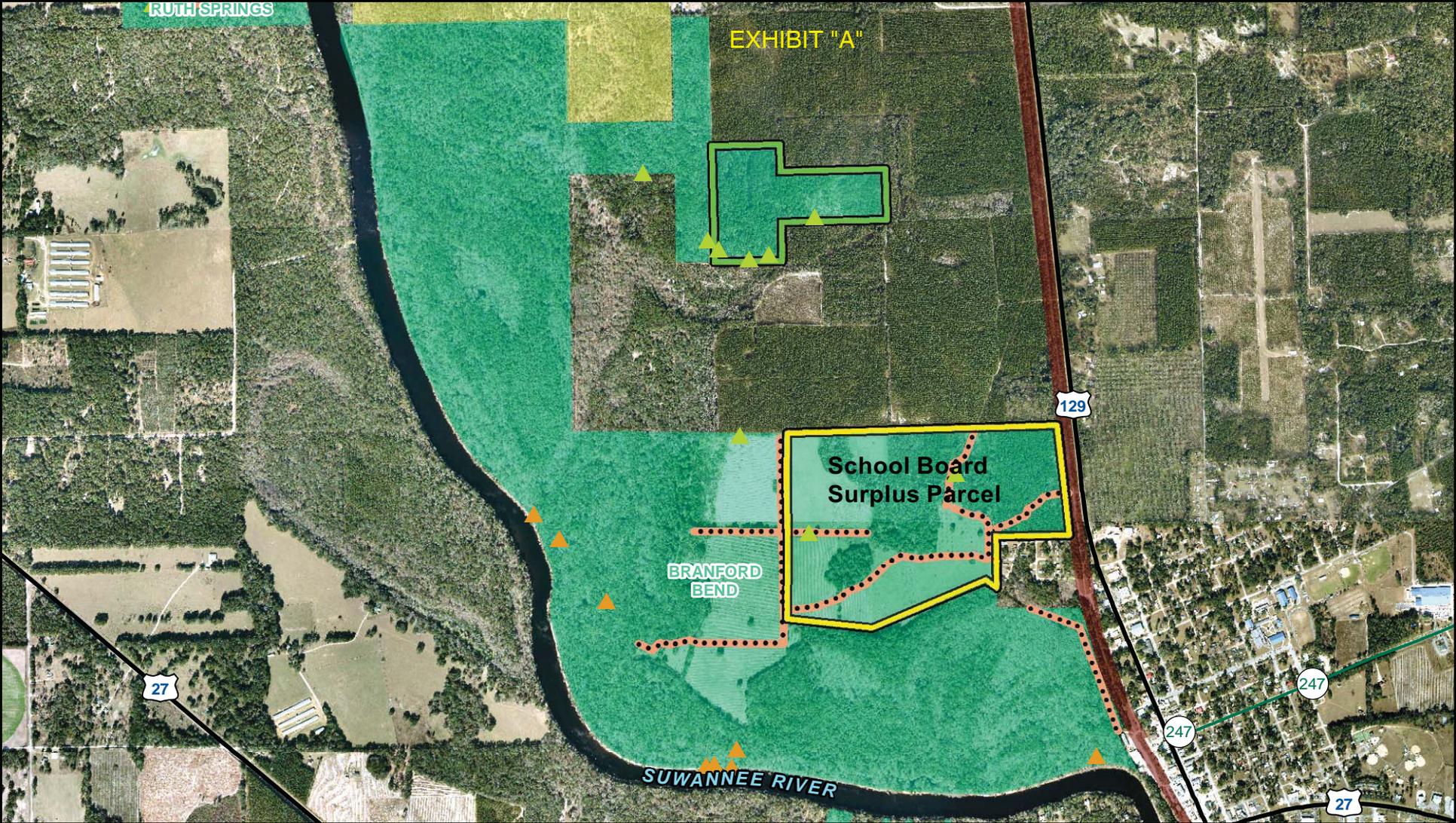
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS __ DAY OF _____, _____.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

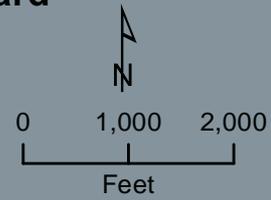
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ATTEST:



Branford Bend Surplus Property Conveyance to Suwannee Co. School Board

- School Board Parcel - 167 Acres +/-
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EXHIBIT "B"

Prepared by and return to:
Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.
519 West Base Street
Madison, Florida 32340
File No.:

_____ [Space Above This Line For Recording Data] _____

**Deed of Conveyance to a Government Entity
Pursuant to Section 373.099, Florida Statutes**

THIS DEED, made this _____ day of _____, 2015, by the
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a Florida water management
district created pursuant to Section 373.069, Florida Statutes, whose mailing address is 9225 CR
49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, (the "DISTRICT"), and SCHOOL BOARD OF SUWANNEE
COUNTY, FLORIDA, a public entity, 702 Second Street SW, Live Oak, Florida 32060, (the
"GRANTEE"),

WITNESSETH that the DISTRICT, for and in consideration of the sum of \$10.00 to it in
hand paid by the GRANTEE, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained
and sold to the GRANTEE, his or her heirs and assigns forever, the following described land
lying and being in Suwannee County, Florida:

AS SHOWN ON ATTACHMENT "A"

(the "PROPERTY")

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR CONVEYANCE AND COMPLIANCE WITH
CONDITIONS PRECEDENT. The DISTRICT is authorized to execute this deed and convey its
interest in the PROPERTY to the GRANTEE pursuant to Section 373.056(4), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to such statute, the governing board of the DISTRICT has determined that the PROPERTY is not required for the DISTRICT's purposes and that the terms and conditions of this deed are appropriate.

NO WARRANTIES OF TITLE. Notice is given that Section 373.099, Florida Statutes, prohibits the DISTRICT from giving any warranties of title to the PROPERTY. Further, the DISTRICT disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy of the above legal description.

INTERESTS IN CERTAIN MINERALS. Notice is given that by the operation of Section 270.11, Florida Statutes, a partial interest in the PROPERTY's phosphate, minerals, metals and petroleum may be reserved to the DISTRICT. Such statute provides, among other things, that the maximum interest which may be reserved by operation of the statute in any one conveyance is an undivided three-fourths interest in all the phosphate, minerals, and metals and an undivided one-half interest in all the petroleum.

EXECUTION OF THIS DEED. Pursuant to Section 373.099, Florida Statutes, this deed shall be executed in the name of the DISTRICT by its governing board acting by the chair or vice chair of said board and shall have the corporate seal of the board affixed thereto attested by its secretary and shall thereafter be effective to pass the title or interest of the DISTRICT in the PROPERTY.

NO DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX DUE. This conveyance is between two government entities and therefore not subject to documentary stamp tax pursuant to Rule 12B-4.014(10), Florida Administrative Code.

INTENDED PURPOSES AND OPTION TO REPURCHASE. This deed is made and accepted on the condition that the PROPERTY shall be perpetually and exclusively used by the GRANTEE for the INTENDED PURPOSES (as set out below).

Intended Purposes

It is intended that the PROPERTY shall be perpetually and exclusively used as follows:

1. For agriculture and silvaculture education purposes including the “hands on” raising of crops, livestock and/or forest products by students as part of such education.
2. For the generation of revenue by the raising and selling of crops, livestock and/or forest products by students.
3. That all revenue raised by such students shall not become part of the general fund of the GRANTEE nor used for the GRANTEE’s general purposes, but rather shall stay a separate and non-commingled fund to be used exclusively for the educational purposes of the students who worked and raised such revenue.
4. That all of the above would be managed and directed by the Branford, Florida chapter of the Future Farmers of America, a federally chartered corporation, as provided in 36 U.S.C. § 70901 through 70914, in compliance with the GRANTEE’s policies and procedures.

(hereinafter the “INTENDED PURPOSES”).

Option to Repurchase

This deed is made and accepted subject to the DISTRICT’s reserved option to repurchase the PROPERTY, for the total price of ONE AND NO/100 (\$1.00) DOLLAR. This reserved option to repurchase may be exercised by the DISTRICT (1) should the DISTRICT believe that the GRANTEE or its successors or assigns, are not using the PROPERTY for, and abiding by, the INTENDED PURPOSES, (2) for any other reason or (3) for no reason. The procedure for exercising the option shall be as follows: (1) the DISTRICT shall give written notice to the

GRANTEE, or its successors or assigns, of the DISTRICT's intent to exercise this option and tender the purchase price of ONE AND NO/100 (\$1.00) DOLLAR, (2) the GRANTEE, or its successors or assigns, shall, no later than six months after receipt of such written notice and tender of the purchase price, deliver to the DISTRICT an executed quit-claim deed re-conveying the PROPERTY to the DISTRICT. During the time period between receipt of the written notice and delivery of the quit claim deed, the GRANTEE or its successors and assigns, may harvest and keep whatever crops or timber they have on the PROPERTY. Upon receipt of the quit claim deed from the GRANTEE, or its successors or assigns, all right title and interest in the PROPERTY shall revert to and revest in the DISTRICT or its heirs or assigns, as fully and completely as if this deed had never been executed by the DISTRICT or delivered to the GRANTEE.

RESERVATION OF EASEMENT. The DISTRICT hereby reserves for itself and its successors and assigns, and this deed is made and accepted subject to, a non-exclusive easement over, along, across and under that portion of the PROPERTY, which is shown in the sketch or map attached hereto as Attachment "B", (the "EASEMENT AREA") for the movement of personnel, vehicles and equipment across the EASEMENT AREA.

The EASEMENT AREA is presently a "two rut" type dirt road. The DISTRICT shall have the obligation to, at the DISTRICT's sole expense, repair any damage done to the EASEMENT AREA (and bring it back to at least the condition of a "two rut" type dirt road) caused by the DISTRICT or its loggers, contractors or others acting at the direction of the DISTRICT. Otherwise, the DISTRICT shall have the right, but not the obligation, to, at the DISTRICT's sole expense, repair, maintain and keep the EASEMENT AREA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the DISTRICT has caused these presents to be executed in its name by its Governing Board acting by the Chair or Vice Chair of said board, the day and year aforesaid.

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE
RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: _____

Don Quincey, Jr
Chair

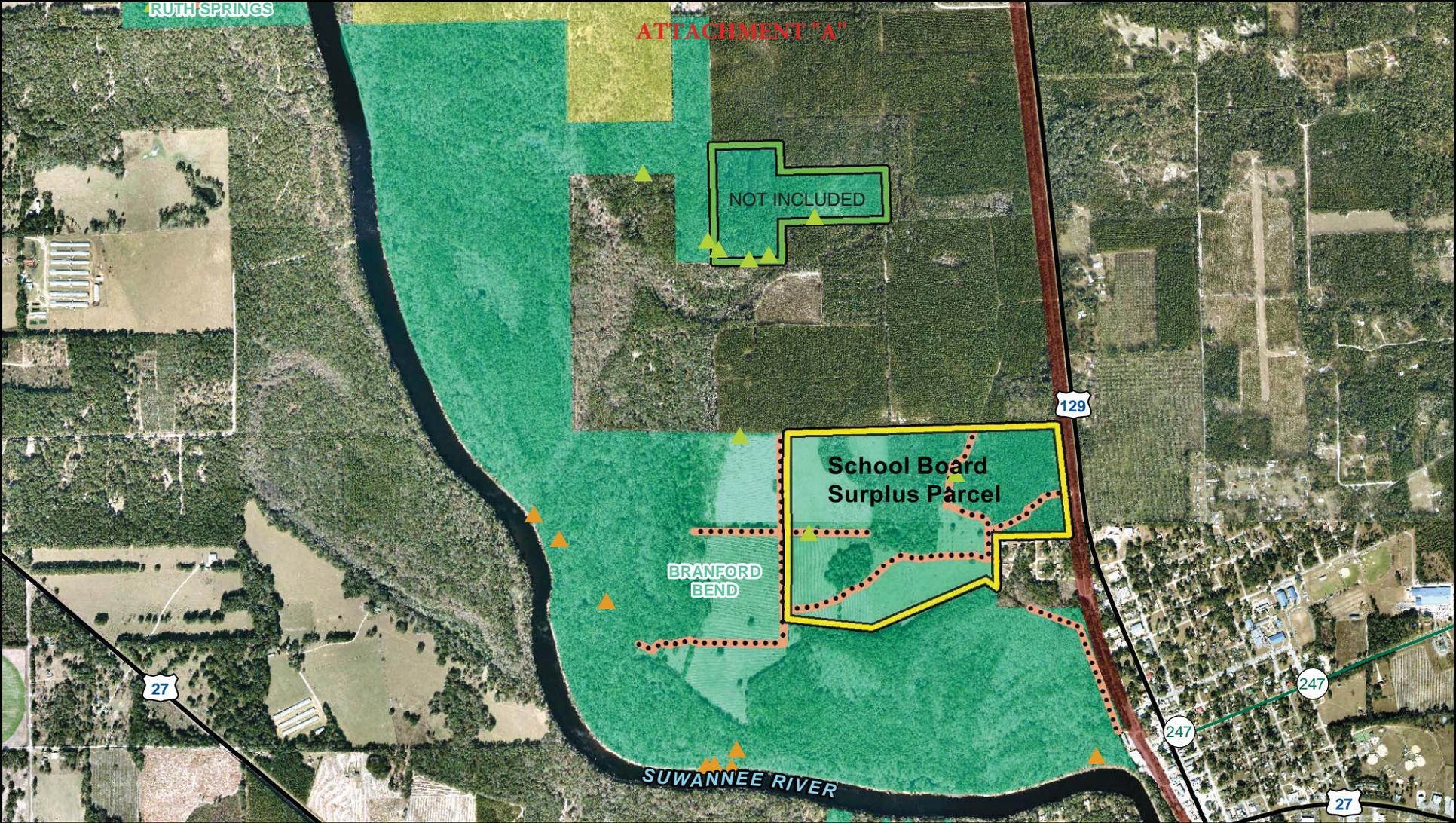
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ATTEST: _____

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Secretary Treasurer

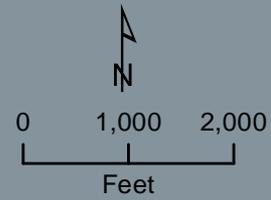
ATTACHMENT "A"
(Legal Description of the PROPERTY)

That certain parcel of real property located in Suwannee County, Florida and more particularly described as follows:



Branford Bend Surplus Property Consideration Property Overview

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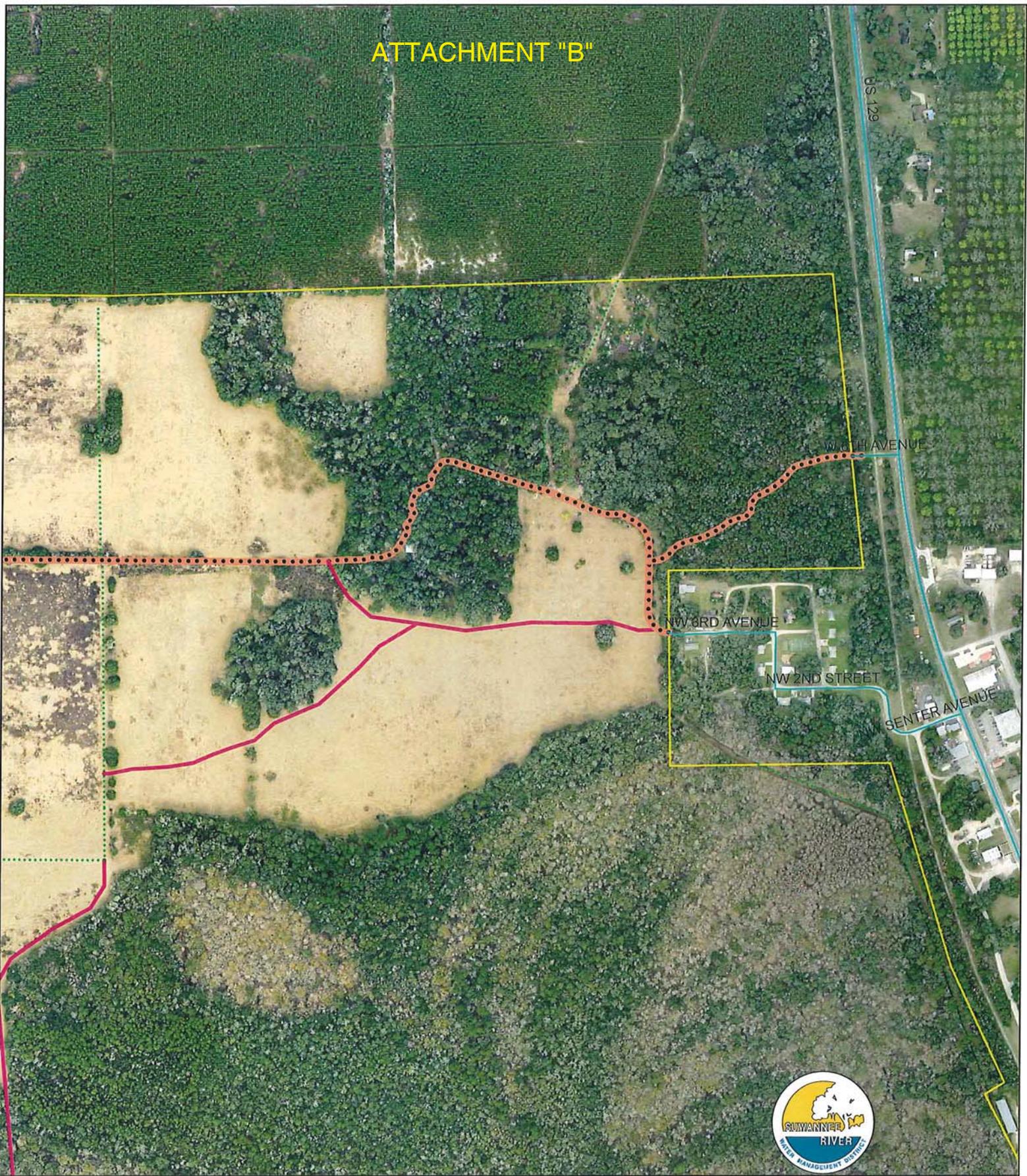


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ATTACHMENT "B"
(Drawing of the PROPERTY showing the EASEMENT AREA)

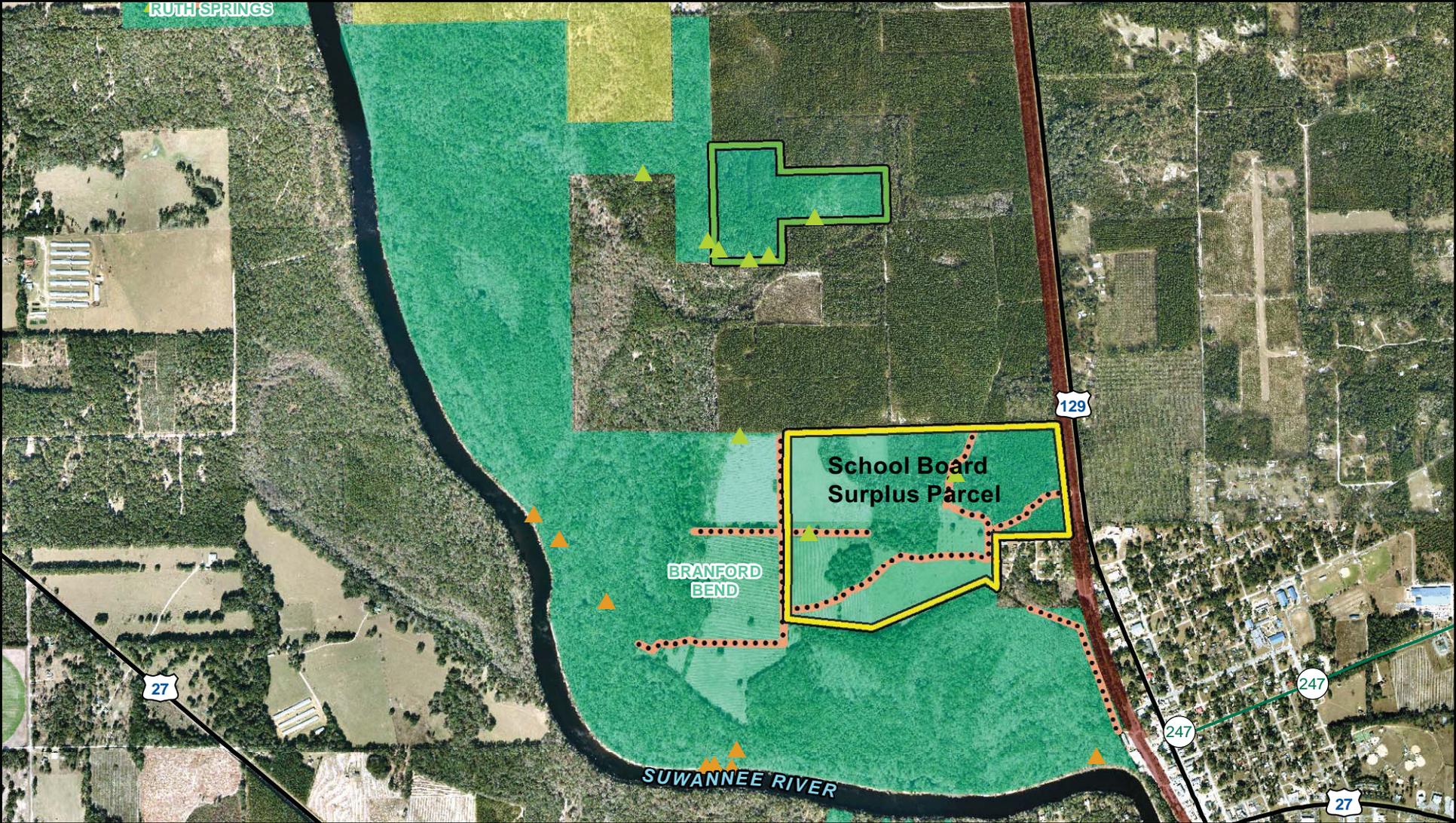
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- Legend**
- Trails**
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- District Roads**
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 - District Lands

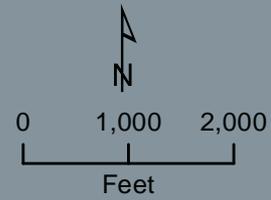
Branford Bend Tract Access

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, and Administration & Operations

DATE: November 30, 2015

SUBJECT: Authorization to Declare a Portion of the Bay Creek Tract, Consisting of 55 ± Acres, Surplus Lands

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board declare a 55 ± acre parcel within the Bay Creek Tract as no longer needed for Conservation purposes and staff requests authorization to offer the parcel to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, conduct appraisals on the property, to contract with qualified Real Estate Brokers for marketing the property and contract with qualified Surveyors if the need arises to prepare a legal description.

BACKGROUND

As part of the District's effort to dispose of property no longer needed for conservation purposes the subject parcel has been identified for surplus. The 55-acre surplus parcel is within the parameters of Governing Board Directive 15-0001 which was adopted by the Board in April 2015, and is no longer needed for conservation. The parcel was presented to the Governing Board Lands Committee on October 13, 2015 and was recommended for surplus.

At the committee's direction, staff recommends that the parcel be prepared for sale. After successful negotiations, the Governing Board will have the opportunity to review and approve each sale as acceptable offers are received.

| Tract Name | Acre +/- | County | Current Zoning | Appraisal Assignment |
|------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------------|
| Bay Creek | 55 | Columbia | Conservation | Fee Simple |

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Attachments

SURPLUS PARCEL SUMMARY

TRACT: **Bay Creek (modified)**

SELLER: Suwannee River Water Management District

COUNTY: Columbia

ACREAGE: 55 acres ±

PARCEL DESCRIPTION: The lands proposed for surplus are composed of mixed hardwoods and pines in somewhat poorly drained to very poorly drained soils. The current boundary configuration of the proposed surplus parcel is based on comments received by staff during the August 2015 lands committee meeting. No wetlands are known to exist on the property as configured however the configuration isolates approximately 6.30 acres ± of the parent tract.

PURCHASE: The surplus parcel is located in two purchases whereas 51 acres of the surplus parcel is in a 1988 purchase and 4.30 acres ± is in a 1990 purchase.

- (a) In 1988 approximately 167 acres ± was purchased from Robert F. Levings at a cost of \$1,550.51 per acre using Save Our Rivers funds.
- (b) In 1990 approximately 1,737 acres ± was purchased from J.C. Marsh and Sons, Inc., at a cost of \$1,032.54 per acre using Save Our Rivers funds.

SITE INSPECTION: Staff completed a site inspection on July 30, 2015.

ACCESS: The property has direct road frontage along CR 6.

CURRENT ZONING: Conservation (CSV) zoning lands which are devoted to the conservation of the unique natural functions.

- No use other than non-intensive resource based recreation activities and native vegetative community restoration shall be permitted.
- No minimum lot requirements
- Residential use is prohibited

INTEREST & RIGHTS: As commonly done following Section 270.11, Florida Statute retain undivided three-fourths interest in mineral and undivided one-half interest in petroleum rights at the time of sale.

RESOURCE REVIEW

(a) Water Resources:

Recharge: 0%
Surface Water Protection: 0%
Floodplain Protection: 0%
Springshed: 0%

(b) Management Efficiency:

1. The access road for the District will need to be moved and the road reopened for vehicular use.
2. At least one fireline will need to be moved along the proposed southern boundary of the surplus parcel.

Bay Creek (modified)

- (c) Public Use: The property allows passive recreation by foot or through a Special Use Authorization for other activities. No public hunting is allowed on the property.

- (d) Archaeological, Historical: No Records are available on the archaeological history.
Ecological Records: No records
Protected Plants: No records
Protected Animals: Gopher tortoises (*Gopherus Polyphemus*)
Exotic Plants: No Records

Natural Communities:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Upland Mixed Woodland | 7 acres |
| Upland Hardwood Forest | 1 acre |
| Sandhill | 38 acres |
| Mesic Flatwoods | 9 acres |
| Digressional Marsh | 0.1 acres |

- (e) Other Resources: Based on 2011 forest inventory data there is approximately 56 tons per acre of merchantable pine species (mostly sawtimber and chip-n-saw) on 23 acres ± of the property. In 2010 approximately 23 acres ± was planted with longleaf pine.

- (f) Linkage: Proposed acquisitions along the Suwannee River would not be affected by this proposal.

- (g) Impact to Land Management:
 - Boundary Line Maintenance cost will increase by \$110 ± (5 year maintenance rotation)
 - Fireline Construction will cost \$1,500 ±
 - Re-establish of access road and parking area will cost \$2,000 ±

- (h) Other Public Land Managers: None

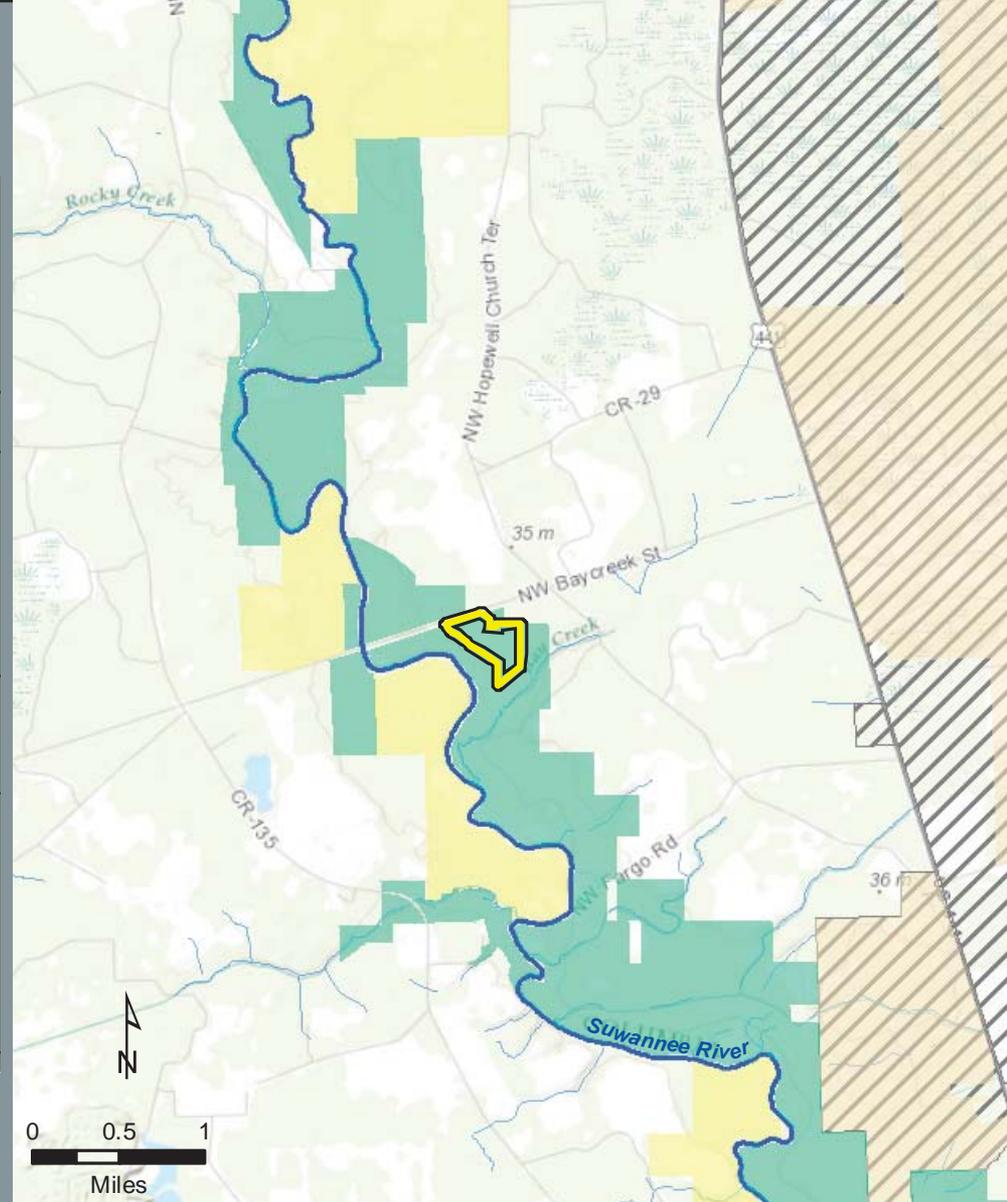
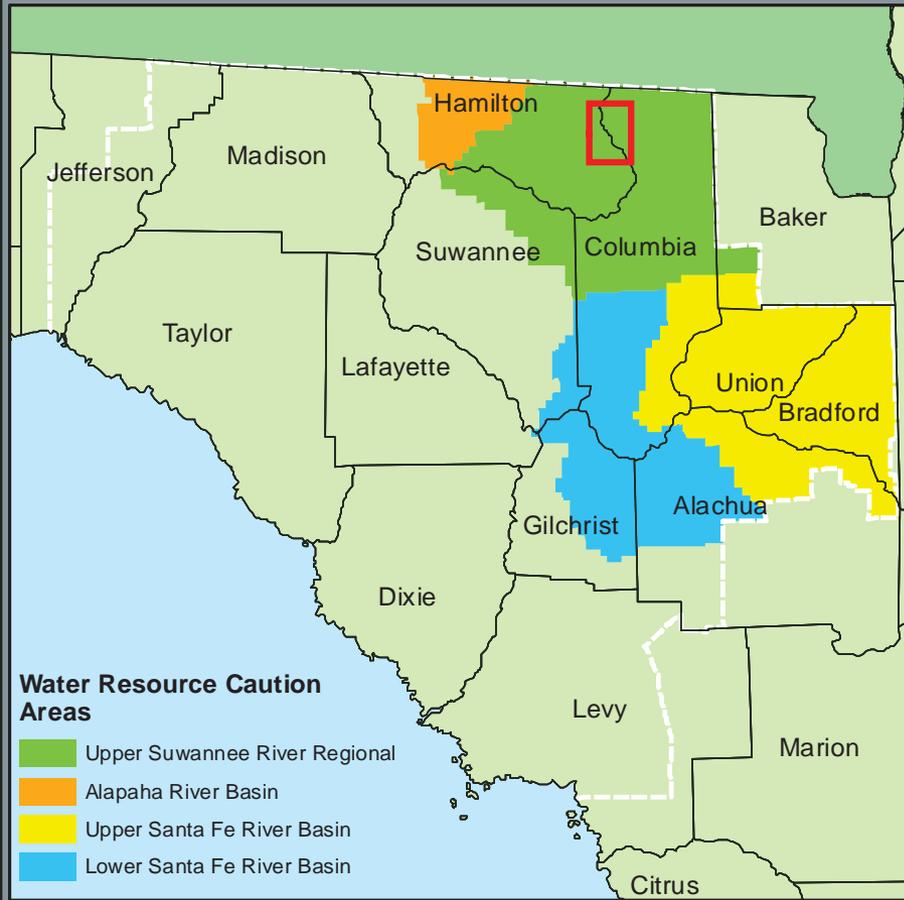
- (i) Management Cost: Using metrics data submitted to Dept. of Environmental Protection the District's annual estimated cost of managing the parcel in FY 2014 was \$604 ±.

- (j) Payment in Lieu of Taxes: Based on FY 2014 PILT data the District would save \$234 ± annually.

ANALYSIS: The 55 acres of the Bay Creek surplus parcel is within the parameters of the Governing Board Directive 15-0001 to be surplus.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends the lands committee consider a recommendation for the Governing Board declaring the property surplus. Retain undivided three-fourths interest in mineral and undivided one-half interest in petroleum rights at the time of sale.

Bay Creek Surplus Property Consideration Location Map



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- Project Boundary
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- Conservation Easements
- SRWMD Proposed Acquisition
- State Proposed Acquisition

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations

DATE: November 30, 2015

RE: Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and Commence Negotiations on Lands Owned by Ware Forest, LLC, 160 acres +/- in Jefferson County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize staff to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations with Ware Forest, LLC on 160 acres +/- in Jefferson County.

BACKGROUND

The Ware Forest property was initially brought to our attention by Dr. Cole at the January 2015 Governing Board meeting at Dixie Plantation. Staff was directed to contact Ware Forest's owner to determine their interest in selling the property. At the Governing Board's June meeting representatives of Aucilla/Wacissa River Group requested that the District consider purchasing the property and requested to work with Staff to identify potential financial partners.

Staff has been in discussion with representatives of Aucilla/Wacissa River Group and Tall Timbers Research Station over the past few months and has secured a commitment from Tall Timbers for significant financial and logistical support for the purchase. The Aucilla/Wacissa River Group has provided resolutions from Jefferson County and The City of Monticello in support of protection of the Aucilla River through a purchase of the property.

Ware Forest, LLC has valued the property including all timber at \$558,096.30. Staff has discussed the requirement that District negotiations be based on appraisals and that the purchase will be no more than 90% of the appraised value. The owner is comfortable proceeding with negotiations with the understanding that the District would provide a letter for tax purposes indicating any difference between appraised value and purchase price.

Estimated cost of detailed assessment ranges from \$5,000 to \$9,000.

The Lands Committee approved forwarding this offer to the Governing Board for consideration at the November 13 meeting. Staff is requesting authorization to begin detailed assessment to include an appraisal, appraisal review, and to commence negotiations with Ware Forest, LLC.

Funding for this work is available in the FY 2016 budget and was provided entirely by Florida Forever funding. The program code for the purchase of these vehicles is 2100-16-02.

Akr/pf

Attachments



Research Station & Land Conservancy

13093 Henry Beadel Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312-0918

TEL 850.893.4153
FAX 850.668.7781

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through research, conservation
and education.
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November 3, 2015

Mr. Noah Valenstein
Executive Director
Suwanee River Water Management District

Dear Mr. Valenstein,

As you know, Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy is working to protect the two 80 acre old growth cypress tracts owned by the Ware Timber Company within the Aucilla River. These tracts are of high ecological and social value and we believe clearcutting them would severely impact water resources in the popular Snead Smokehouse area. It is our understanding that the owner of these tracts has expressed an interest to sell them to the District.

Tall Timbers is fully supportive of this approach and we are committed to assisting SRWMD, both financially and logistically, to help the District in acquiring these lands and protect the integrity of the River. Our goal is to help make this a cost-effective purchase for the District. We have already begun fund-raising for this project with positive results.

Protecting the Aucilla River and surrounding lands is key to achieving Tall Timbers' larger regional conservation goals. We greatly value our partnership with SRWMD to protect this region as both our organizations hold significant conservation easements along the Aucilla River. While we believe that this issue before us is both "urgent and important" we are also committed to developing a long-term, scientifically-based strategy for protecting water, wildlife, and wildlands along the Aucilla River and the Greater Red Hills.

Tall Timbers promotes Exemplary Land Stewardship that embraces wise land use, including sustainable timber harvest. This tract, given its importance to the community and its undeniable value to water resources, is one that deserves permanent protection.

Sincerely,

William Palmer
President/CEO
Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy
1093 Henry Beadel Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312

A RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF THE AUCILLA RIVER AND ITS ENVIRONS BY RESOLVING A THREAT FROM PROPOSED CUTTING OF OLD-GROWTH CYPRESS IN OR NEAR THE RIVER

WHEREAS, the Aucilla River, especially the upper portion of the River located wholly within Jefferson County, in which County also is located the City of Monticello, is a most magnificent part of the wonder of God's creation, appreciated by many for its beauty, recreational enjoyment, watershed and ecosystem protection and integrity, and ecotourism economic contribution;

WHEREAS, this portion of the River is under threat from proposed logging of old-growth cypress trees which must remain uncut and undisturbed for the continued health, beauty, recreational enjoyment, and ecotourism of the River, its aquatic life, wildlife, and water quality;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District is entrusted and tasked by law with the duty and responsibility to protect the water resources within its boundaries, including all of the Aucilla River;

WHEREAS, the District holds lands or interests both directly upstream and directly downstream of the site proposed for removal of the old-growth cypress and thus is particularly committed via these interests to the area proposed for cypress removal remaining uncut, intact, and undisturbed;

WHEREAS, the cutting of said cypress would cause tremendous damage to the River and related ecosystems, both short-term and long-term, including degradation of water quality, fish

kills, impeding of vessel and recreational access, and obliteration of breathtaking scenic vistas;

WHEREAS, if these trees are cut, due to the growth rate of cypress, no one alive today will ever again see this area in its present magnificence;

WHEREAS, the trees proposed for removal are not part of a planted, upland, managed forest, with a relatively short growth cycle, but, instead, are naturally occurring, many located within the River itself, this portion of the Aucilla being extremely wide and vegetated with cypress and related flora;

WHEREAS, it is hard to imagine any action of the District that would be more in fulfillment of its mission and duty than the prevention of the removal of cypress from the River and its adjacent environs, and the resulting maintenance of the integrity of this marvelous riverine ecosystem;

WHEREAS, there is a very strong position that the area proposed for cypress removal maybe under the control by the people of the State of Florida as sovereign land, lying below the ordinary high water line of the Aucilla River, and thus already not available for cypress removal by special, private interests;

WHEREAS, the people of Florida, via the recent adoption of Amendment 1 to the State Constitution (the supreme law of the State), have clearly spoken to dedicate substantial funds to the acquisition and preservation of environmentally sensitive and recreational lands;

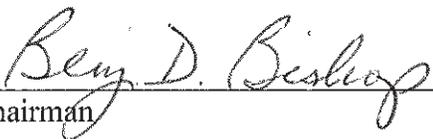
WHEREAS, there is no better opportunity to use such funds, or other funds available to the District, than the opportunity presented by this proposed removal of Aucilla River cypress; and

WHEREAS, conservation groups, environmental groups, citizen groups, and individual citizens stand ready to cooperate with public agencies such as the District to safeguard the

integrity of the Aucilla and its environs by achieving a result that prevents the removal of the cypress and the logging of this area;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, urges the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, the GOVERNING BOARD of the District, and personnel of the District put forth the maximum effort to resolve this threat to the Aucilla, by purchase of the claims or interests of those proposing removal of the cypress and placing the same in public ownership or in a perpetual conservation easement that preserves the cypress, by working with conservation /environmental/citizen groups, or by whatever other legal means available.

ADOPTED by the JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, this 19th day of May, 2015.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of Court

City of Monticello

CITY COUNCIL

George Evans
Group 1

May 6, 2015

Tom Vogelgesang
Group 2, Mayor

Governing Board Members
Suwannee River Water Management District
c/o Ms. Ann Shortelle, Executive Director
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, FL 32060

Julie Conley
Group 3

John Jones
Group 4

RE: Monticello City Council Resolution 2015-08

Gerrold Austin
Group 5, Vice-Mayor

Dear Members:

Emily Anderson
City Clerk/Treasurer

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution 2015-08 adopted by the Monticello City Council on May 5, 2015 regarding a threat from proposed cutting of old-growth cypress in or near the Aucilla River in Jefferson County, Florida.

Steve Wingate
City Manager

If I can be of any assistance or provide further information on behalf of the Monticello City Council, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Emily Anderson
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Resolution No. 2015-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA,
REQUESTING THAT THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF THE AUCILLA RIVER AND ITS ENVIRONS BY
RESOLVING A THREAT FROM PROPOSED CUTTING OF OLD-GROWTH CYPRESS IN
OR NEAR THE RIVER

WHEREAS, the Aucilla River, especially the upper portion of the River located wholly within Jefferson County, in which County also is located the City of Monticello, is a most magnificent part of the wonder of God's creation, appreciated by many for its beauty, recreational enjoyment, watershed and ecosystem protection and integrity, and ecotourism economic contribution;

WHEREAS, this portion of the River is under threat from proposed logging of old-growth cypress trees which must remain uncut and undisturbed for the continued health, beauty, recreational enjoyment, and ecotourism of the River, its aquatic life, wildlife, and water quality;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District is entrusted and tasked by law with the duty and responsibility to protect the water resources within its boundaries, including all of the Aucilla River;

WHEREAS, the District holds lands or interests both directly upstream and directly downstream of the site proposed for removal of the old-growth cypress and thus is particularly committed via these interests to the area proposed for cypress removal remaining uncut, intact, and undisturbed;

WHEREAS, the cutting of said cypress would cause tremendous damage to the River and related ecosystems, both short-term and long-term, including degradation of water quality, fish kills, impeding of vessel and recreational access, and obliteration of breathtaking scenic vistas;

WHEREAS, if these trees are cut, due to the growth rate of cypress, no one alive today will ever again see this area in its present magnificence;

WHEREAS, the trees proposed for removal are not part of a planted, upland, managed forest, with a relatively short growth cycle, but, instead, are naturally occurring, many located within the River itself, this portion of the Aucilla being extremely wide and vegetated with cypress and related flora;

WHEREAS, it is hard to imagine any action of the District that would be more in fulfillment of its mission and duty than the prevention of the removal of cypress from the River and its adjacent environs, and the resulting maintenance of the integrity of this marvelous riverine ecosystem;

WHEREAS, there is a very strong position that the area proposed for cypress removal is owned by the people of the State of Florida as sovereign land, lying below the ordinary high water line of the Aucilla River, and thus already not available for cypress removal by special, private interests;

WHEREAS, the people of Florida, via the recent adoption of Amendment 1 to the State Constitution (the supreme law of the State), have clearly spoken to dedicate substantial funds to the acquisition and preservation of environmentally sensitive and recreational lands;

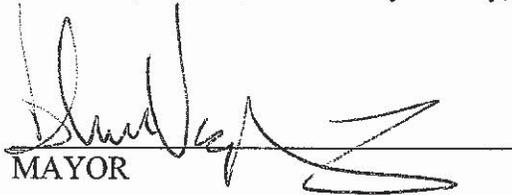
WHEREAS, there is no better opportunity to use such funds, or other funds available to the District, than the opportunity presented by this proposed removal of Aucilla River cypress;
and

WHEREAS, conservation groups, environmental groups, citizen groups, and individual citizens stand ready to cooperate with public agencies such as the District to safeguard the

integrity of the Aucilla and its environs by achieving a result that prevents the removal of the cypress and the logging of this area;

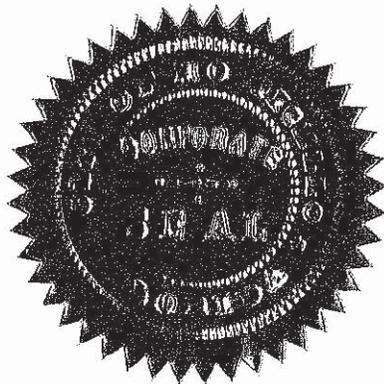
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF MONTICELLO urges that the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, the GOVERNING BOARD of the District, and personnel of the District put forth the maximum effort to resolve this threat to the Aucilla, by assertion of sovereign land ownership of the area proposed for logging, by purchase of the claims or interests of those proposing removal of the cypress and placing the same in public ownership or in a perpetual conservation easement that preserves the cypress, by working with conservation/environmental/citizen groups, or by whatever other means available.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Monticello, Florida, this 5th day of May, 2015.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK



From: Julie Conley [<mailto:jcedc@embarqmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 10:45 AM

To: 'Thomas, Hill'

Cc: 'Arogeti, Jonathan'

Subject: Jefferson County / Aucilla River issues

Thomas:

As you know, I spoke with Jonathan yesterday regarding the Aucilla River and concerns over the proposed harvesting of old growth cypress at the river's edge. The subject parcels are owned by Ware Forest, Inc., a Georgia corporation. It is our understanding that Ware has a contract to supply cypress timber to a log home manufacturer in the Valdosta area, and intends to harvest timber from the Aucilla tracts to fulfill the contract.

To see the proximity of the parcels to the Aucilla River, and to understand our concerns relating to wetland and surface water impacts and wildlife and ecosystem protection, please go to the Jefferson County Property Appraiser's website www.jeffersonpa.net and do a record search for the following parcels:

15-2N-6E-0000-0020-0000

10-2N-6E-0000-0020-0000

Also note that Ware Forest, Inc., lacks legal access to the parcels. However, an individual purporting to represent the company has begun negotiations (or, at least, conversations) with property owners in the Aucilla Shores neighborhood, in an attempt to gain access. The Neighborhood Association has not made a decision on granting access, use and repair of their private road system, etc.

In the event Ware is successful in acquiring access and, in fact, intends to harvest the timber, we want to make certain the operation is fully permitted and performed pursuant to Florida DEP, Water Management District and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers standards.

A group of local citizens has recently formed a non-profit corporation in an effort to raise awareness of this and other issues relating to preservation of our river systems. The group is known as the Aucilla/Wacissa Riverkeeper, Inc., and I am writing this on their behalf. However, I also have a strong interest in this issue as the Executive Director of the Jefferson County Economic Development Council, which considers eco-tourism one of the targeted industry sectors in our community. Additionally, I am an elected official with the City of Monticello and represent the City on the Tourist Development Council.

There are others in our community who can provide additional information about this matter and would be glad to discuss it with you further. For now, we just want to make you, and others in Congresswoman Graham's office, aware of the situation, and ask for your suggestions on making sure the integrity of this environmentally sensitive area is preserved. Interested parties, including other land owners, are trying to find an amicable resolution that would avoid the harvesting of cypress, and we will keep you advised.

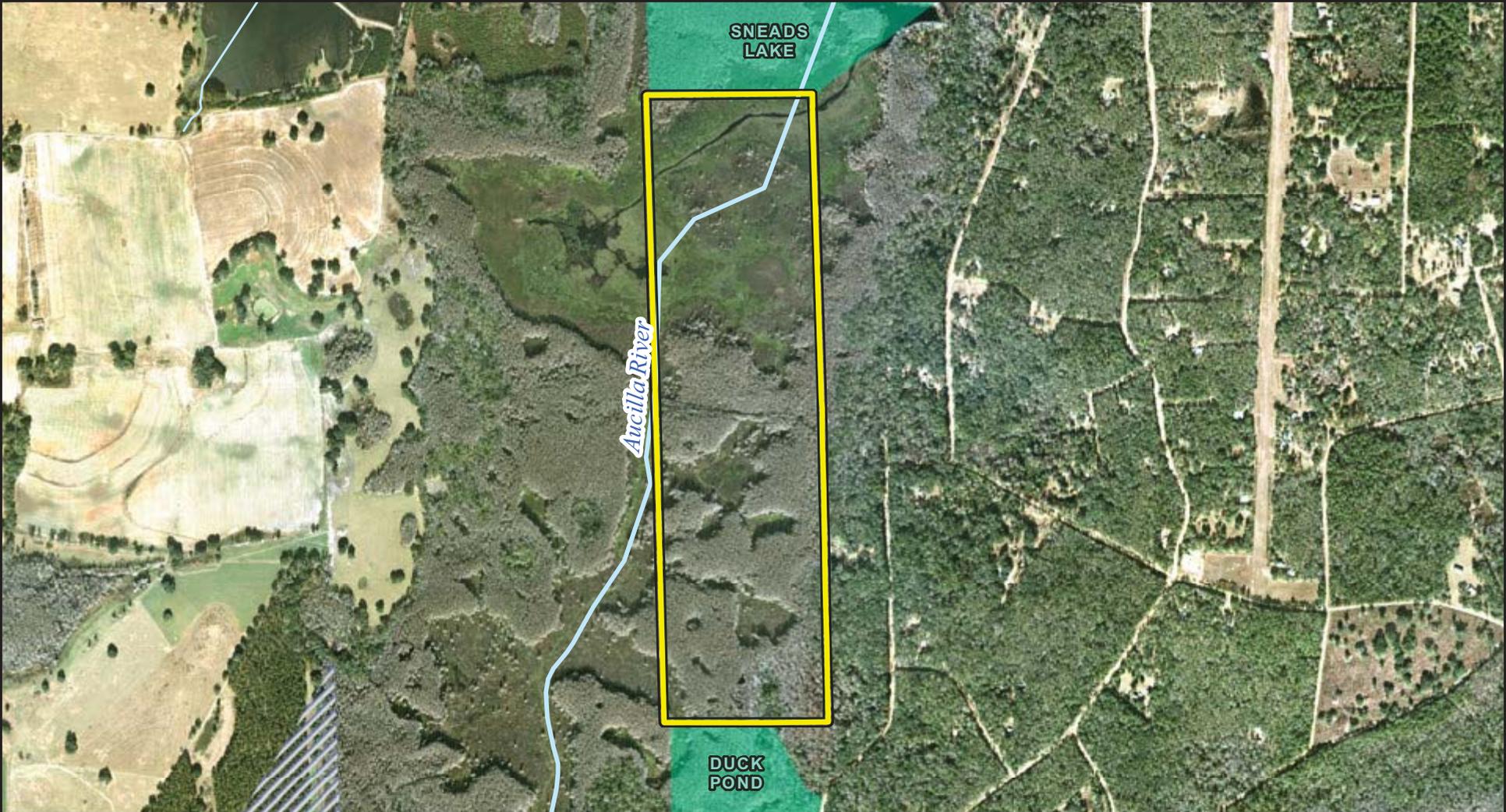
Thank you for your help on this issue, and for all you do for the people of the 2nd Congressional District. Please give my regards to Congresswoman Graham.

Julie S. Conley, Executive Director
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Ware Forest, LLC (Sneads Smokehouse Cypress Tract), Jefferson County

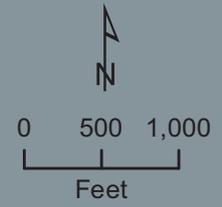
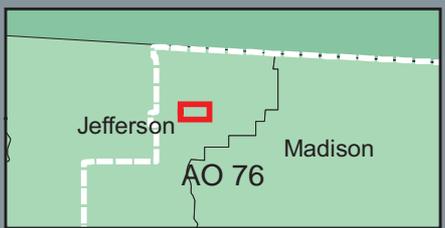
Owners Valuation

| | | | <u>Tons</u> | | <u>\$/Ton</u> | | <u>Total \$</u> |
|--|-------------|-----------|---------------|--|---------------|-------|----------------------|
| | hpwd | 3% | 441.4 | | \$ 4.50 | | \$ 1,986.30 |
| | hpalwd | 0% | 66.3 | | \$ 10.50 | | \$ 696.15 |
| | cyptop | 6% | 940 | | \$ 6.50 | | \$ 6,110.00 |
| | cypmulch | 8% | 1155.8 | | \$ 8.50 | | \$ 9,824.30 |
| | cypcns | 19% | 2748.8 | | \$ 18.60 | | \$ 51,127.68 |
| | cyplog | 65% | 9395.1 | | \$ 42.60 | | \$ 400,231.26 |
| | leave trees | | <u>-241.7</u> | | \$ 29.29 | | \$ (7,079.39) |
| | | | 14,505.70 | | | | \$ 462,896.30 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Land | 160 acres | | | \$595 | | \$95,200 |
| | | | | | | total | \$ 558,096.30 |

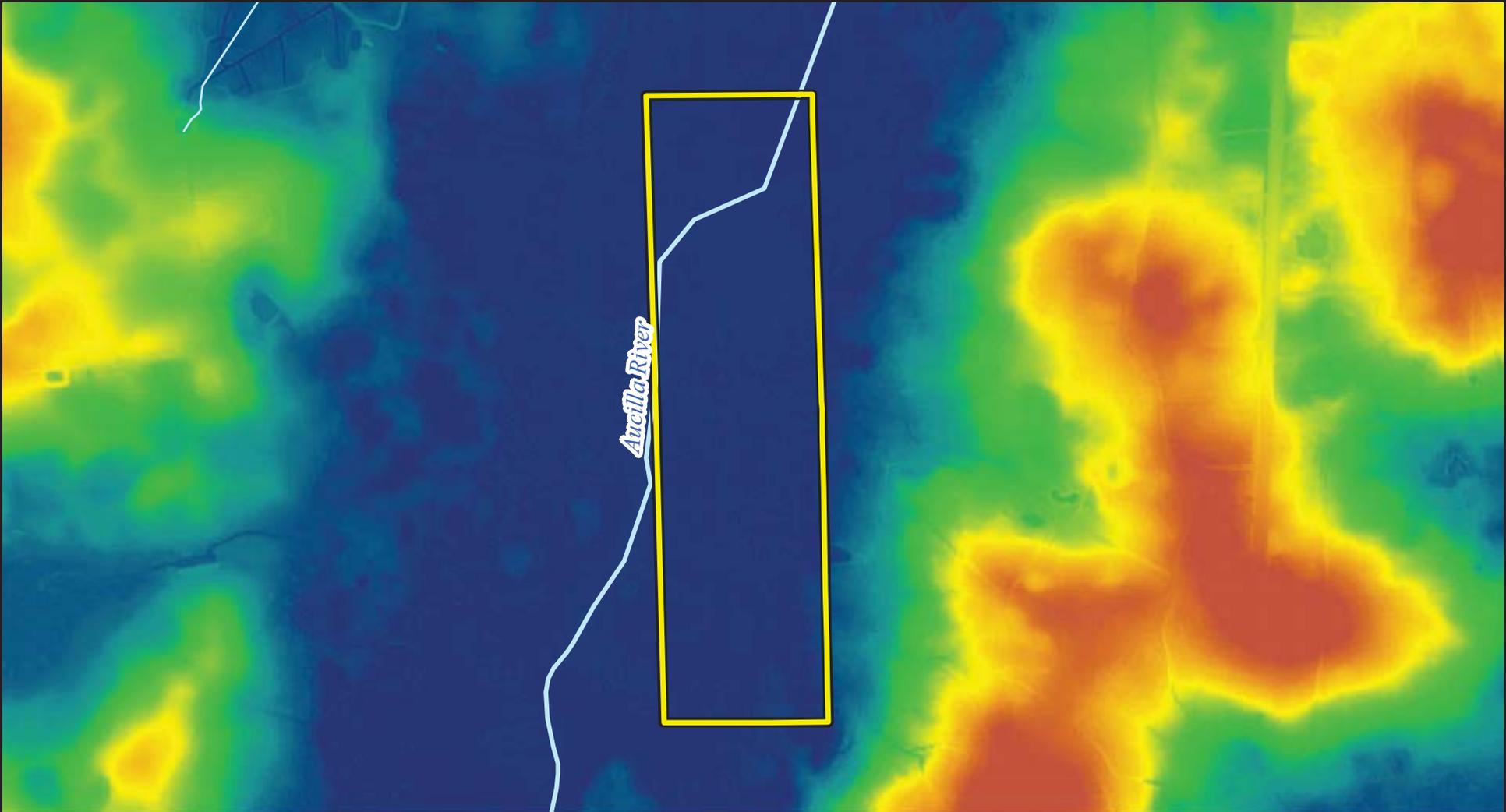


Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer Property Overview

-  Project Boundary - 160 acres +/-
-  Rivers and Streams
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  State Proposed Acquisitions



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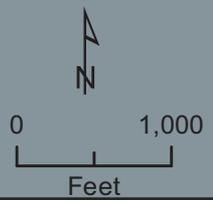
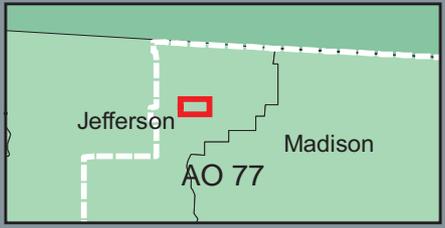
Aucilla River

-  Project Boundary
-  Rivers and Streams
- Land Surface Elevation
 -  High : 188'
 - Low : 67'

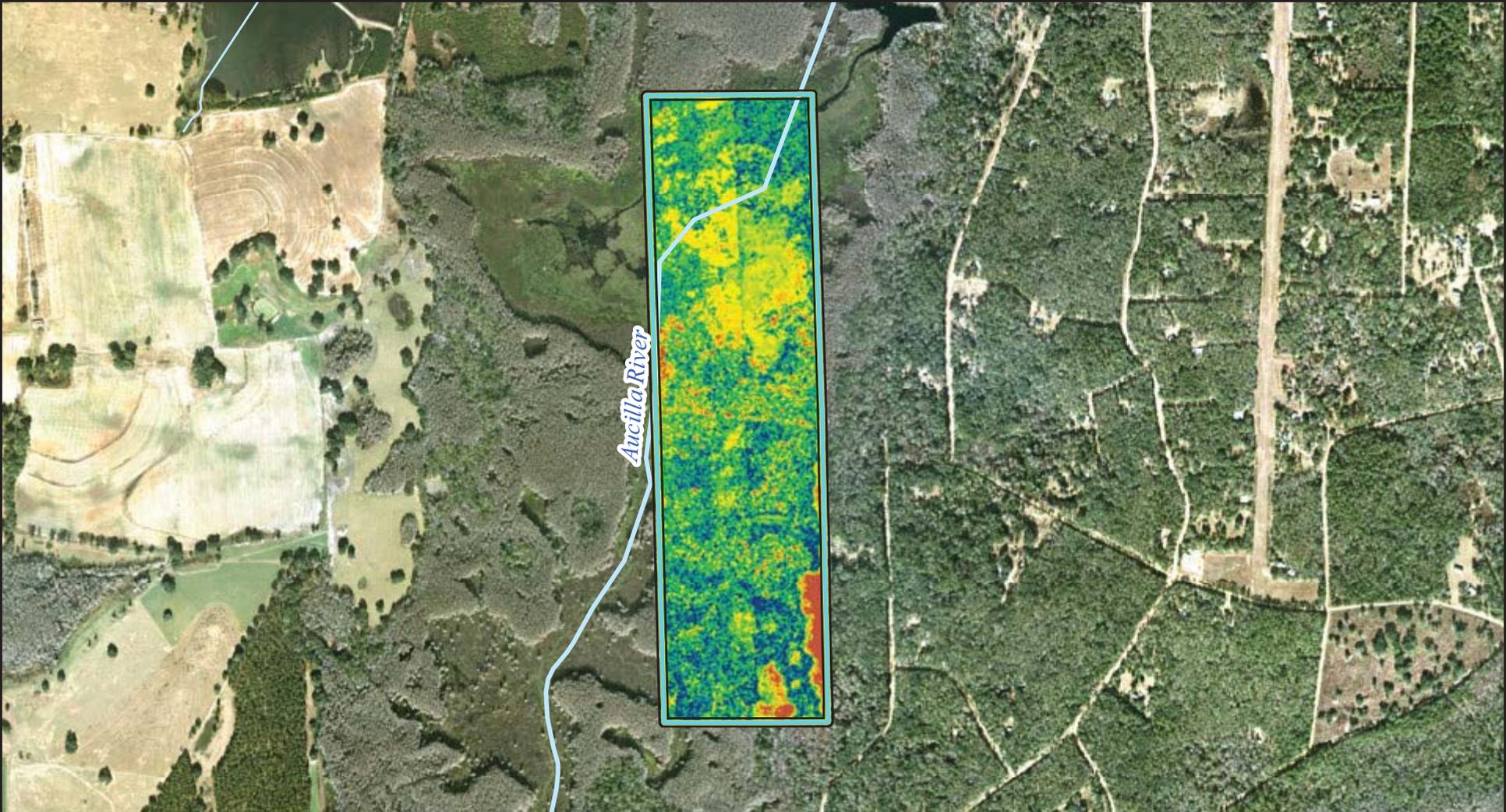
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Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer LiDAR Overview



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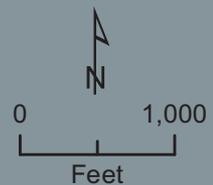


-  Project Boundary
-  Rivers and Streams
- Land Surface Elevation
-  High : 85'
- Low : 77'

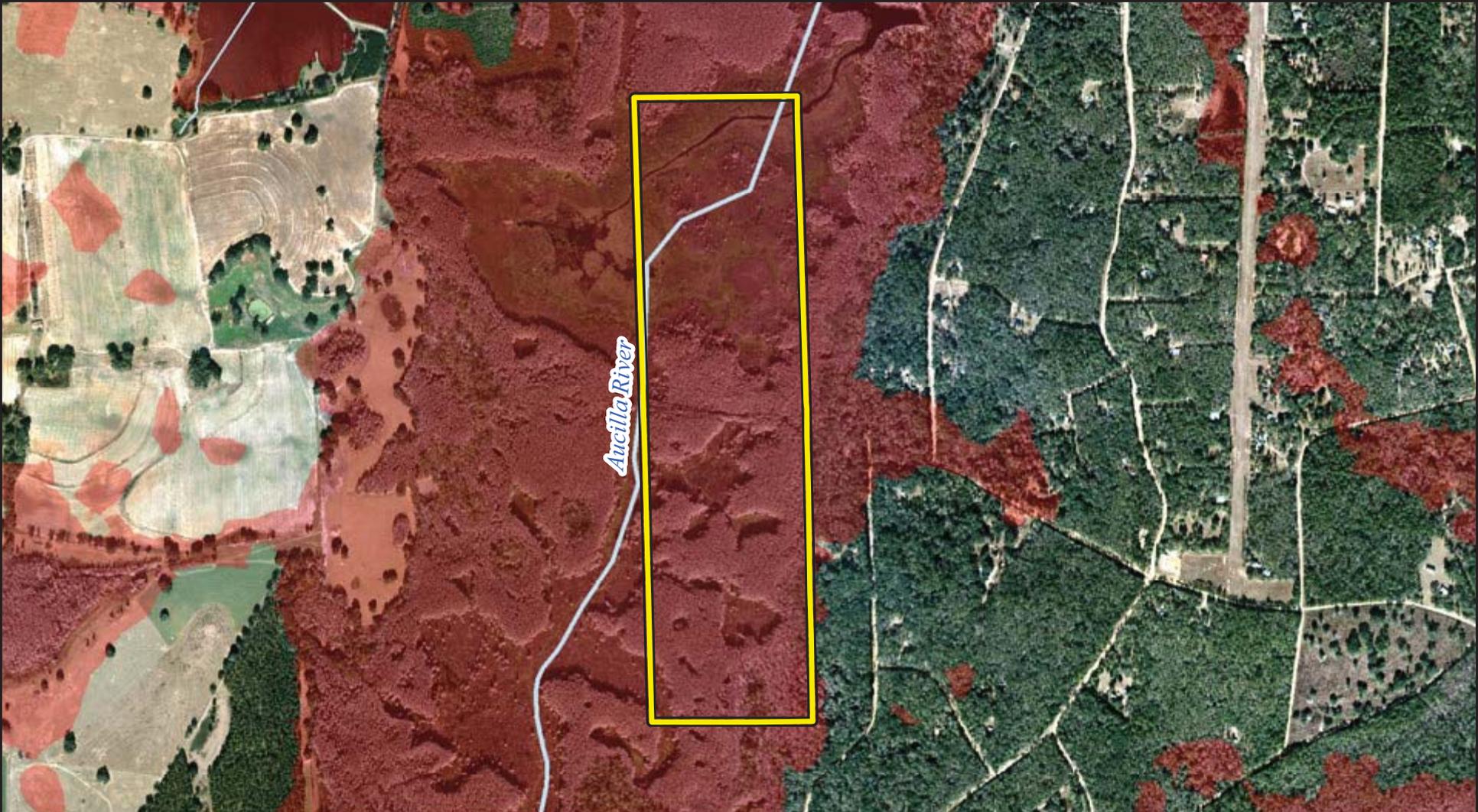
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Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer LiDAR DEM Property

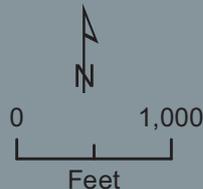
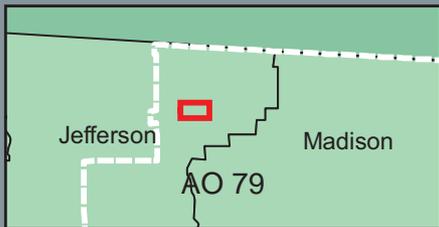


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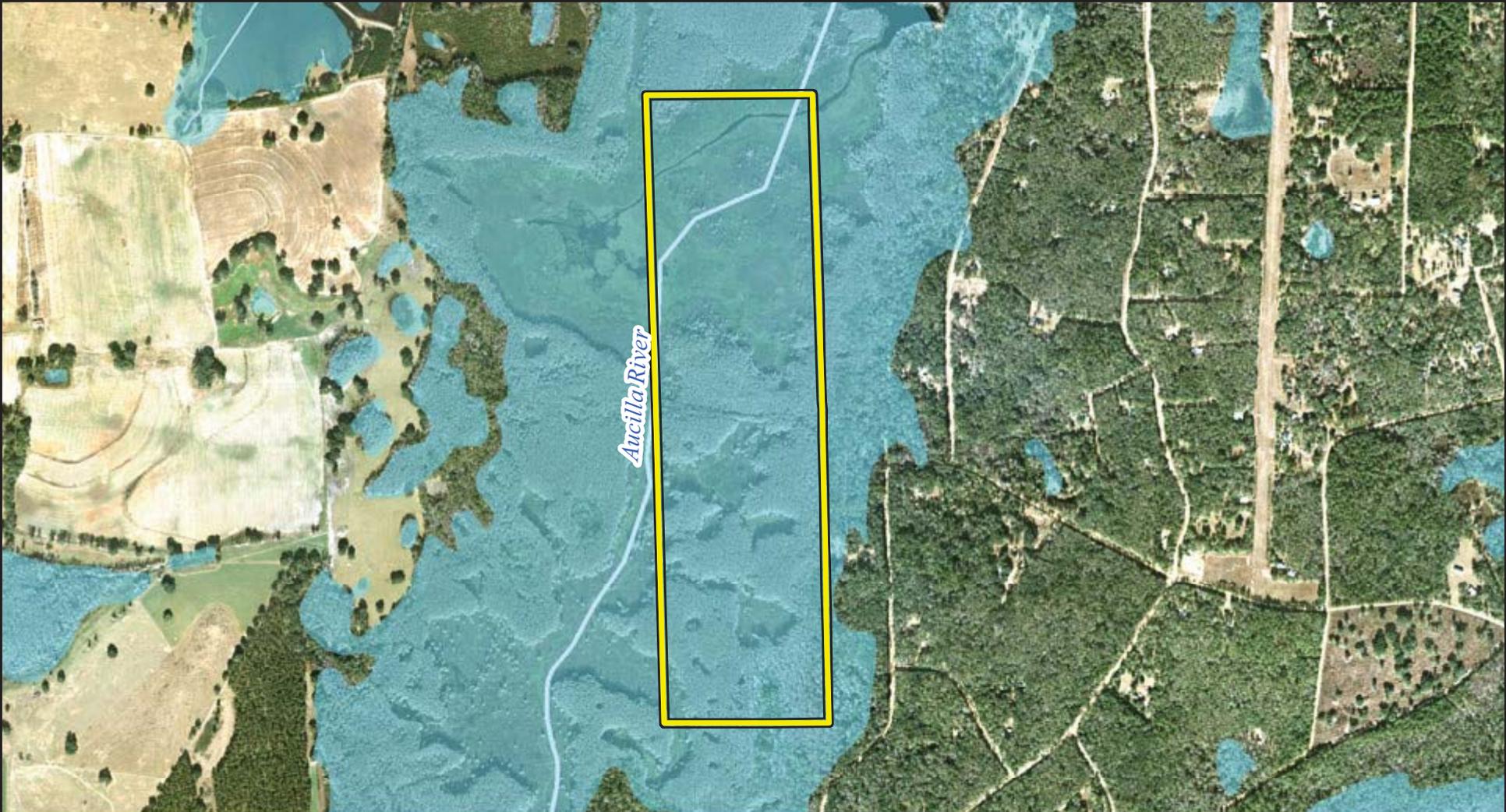


Ware Forest, LLC Property Offer Floodplain Protection

-  Project Boundary
-  Floodplain Protection - 100%
-  Rivers and Streams



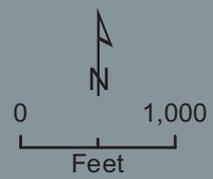
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**Ware Forest, LLC
Property Offer
Surface Water Protection**



-  Project Boundary
-  Surface Water Protection 100%
-  Rivers and Streams



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations
DATE: November 30, 2015
RE: Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Genesis Timber, for the Steinhatchee Springs #15 Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Genesis Timber for the Steinhatchee Springs #15 Timber Sale.

BACKGROUND

On November 2, the District issued an Invitation to Bid (15/16-005AO) for timber located on 196 acres of the Steinhatchee Springs Tract in Lafayette County, Florida. The timber offered for sale is 24 year old planted slash pine. The harvest plan of the sale is to reduce the density of the pines to approximately 50-60 sq. ft. of basal area per acre. This will reduce the number of diseased or suppressed trees and allow the healthiest trees to grow. Reduction of pine density will also improve habitat by allowing more sunlight penetration to the forest floor, enhancing production of natural understory.

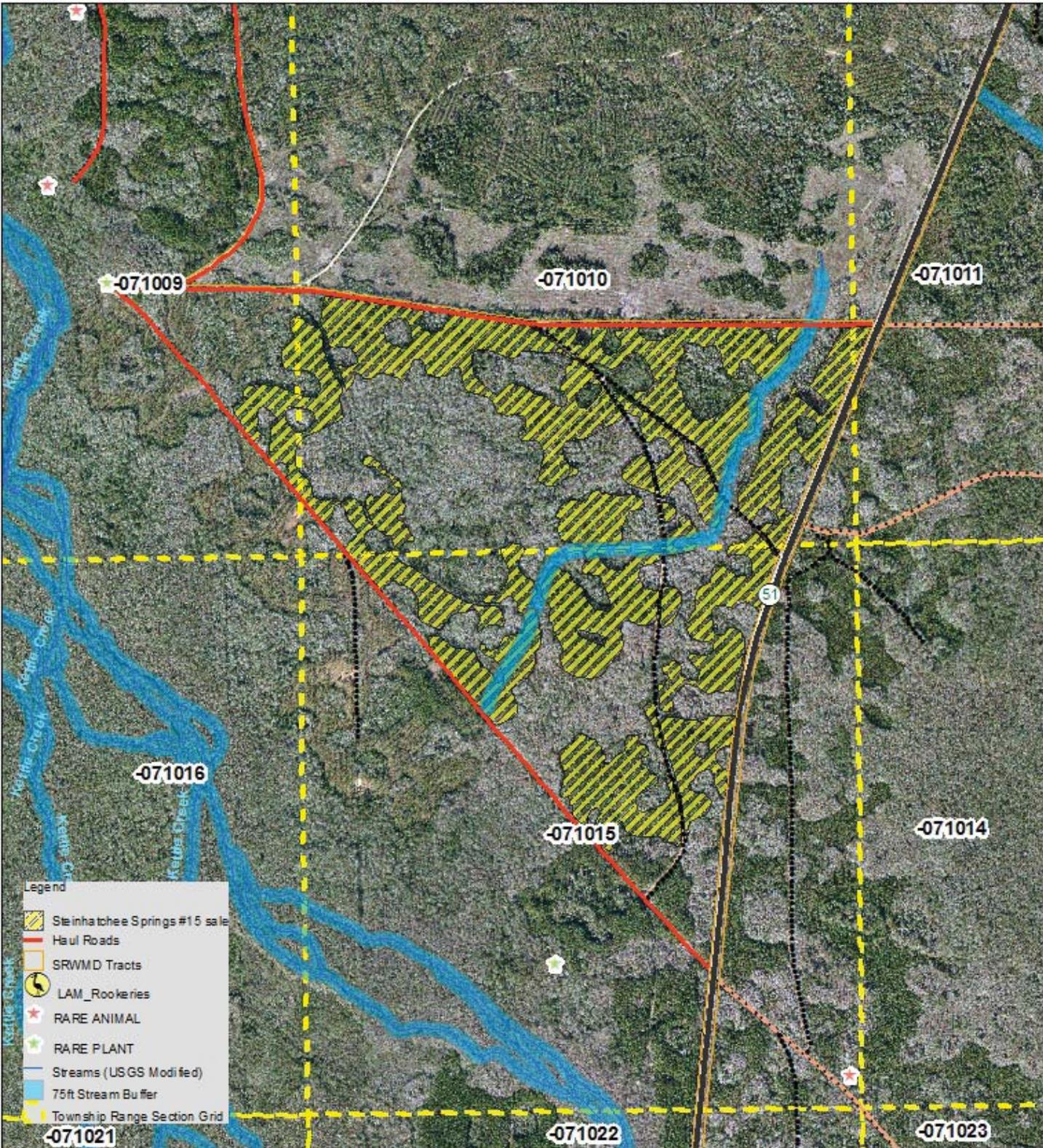
The bids for the sale were received on November 20, 2015. Bids were received from the following companies. The total revenue estimates are based on the advertised volumes of pine topwood, pine pulpwood and pine chip-n-saw.

| Bidder | City | Bid Calculation Revenue |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Genesis Timber | Madison | \$117,473 |
| Williams Timber | Perry | \$116,216 |
| North Fl. Timber Dealers | Lake City | \$106,382 |
| John A. Cruce | Perry | \$101,750 |

Genesis bid \$12.16/ton for topwood, \$15.67/ton for pulpwood, \$24.17/ton for chip-n-saw, and \$5.00 for hardwood pulpwood.

Since this is an operator select sale, with no prior timber marking, estimates of value are more general. Historically, the District has received \$600 to \$850 per acre for this type of sale. Staff estimates the potential value for this sale at \$650 per acre or a total of \$127,400 since most of the harvest will be pulpwood.

RGH/pf



SR 16 Steinhatchee Springs #15 Timber Sale Specifications Map

Lafayette County

196 acres



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations
DATE: November 30, 2015
RE: Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Suwannee Timber Management, LLC, for the Steinhatchee Springs #16 Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Suwannee Timber Management, LLC for the Steinhatchee Springs #16 Timber Sale.

BACKGROUND

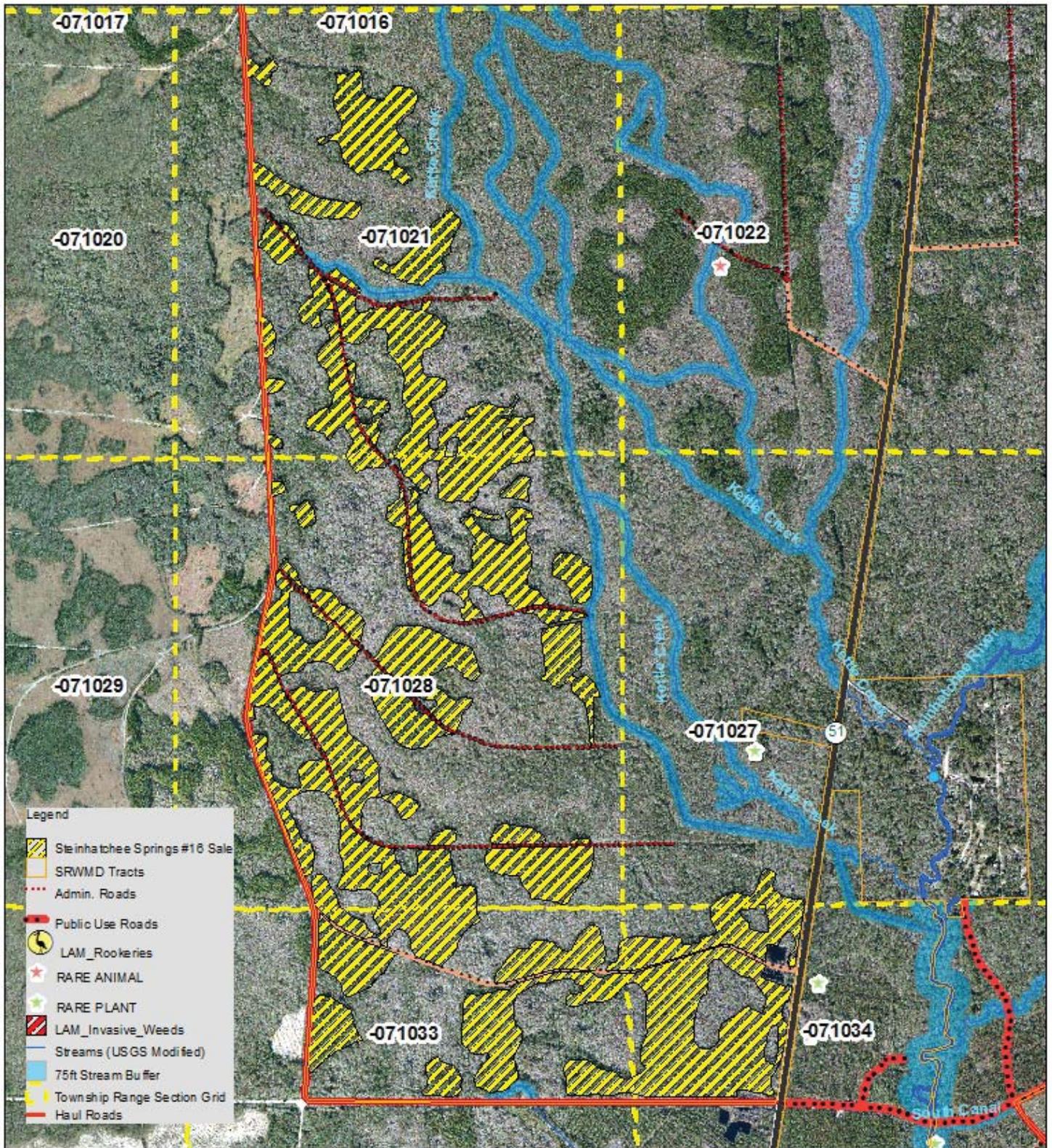
On November 2, the District issued an Invitation to Bid (15/16-006AO) for timber located on 422 acres of the Steinhatchee Springs Tract in Lafayette County, Florida. The timber offered for sale is 24 year old planted slash pine. The harvest plan of the sale is to reduce the density of the pines to approximately 50-60 sq. ft. of basal area per acre. This will reduce the number of diseased or suppressed trees and allow the healthiest trees to grow. Reduction of pine density will also improve habitat by allowing more sunlight penetration to the forest floor, enhancing production of natural understory.

The bids for the sale were received on November 20, 2015. Bids were received from the following companies. The total revenue estimates are based on the advertised volumes of pine topwood and pulpwood and pine chip-n-saw.

| Bidder | City | Bid Calculation Revenue |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Suwannee Timber | Cross City | \$449,400 |
| Genesis Timber | Madison | \$422,876 |
| Williams Timber | Perry | \$414,336 |
| North Fl. Timber Dealers | Lake City | \$367,816 |
| John A. Cruce | Perry | \$349,600 |

Suwannee Timber's bid was \$14.25/ton for topwood, \$17.25/ton for pulpwood, \$27.00/ton for chip-n-saw. Since this is an operator select sale, with no prior timber marking, estimates of value are more general. Historically, the District has received \$600 to \$850 per acre for this type of first thinning sale. Staff estimates the potential value for this sale at \$775 per acre or a total of \$327,050 since the growth estimates project a moderate percentage of chip-n-saw will be harvested with the pulpwood.

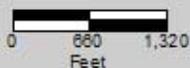
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TO: Governing Board
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DATE: November 30, 2015
RE: 2015 Annual Land Management Report

The Land Management Report is the annual overview of management objectives and activities conducted on fee-simple title lands held by the Governing Board. The report is used by the District during the Land Management Review Team which is required by 373.591 Florida Statute. It is also a requirement of the Florida Forever Work Plan. The report summarizes objectives of the approved 2011 Land Management Plan and generally follows its organizational format addressing key topics that provide information as to whether District lands are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and in accordance with land management objectives.

The report indicates an ongoing effort by District's land management program staff to include and participating in water resource related projects on District lands. It provides details and accomplishments on natural community resource projects which are designed to maintain or improve natural communities, forest resources, rare species, cultural and historical resources, and aesthetic and visual resources. It addresses social and economic management goals and activities which are key components of the land management program and include public use, communications and fiscal responsibility.

WVM/pf
Attachment

Suwannee River Water Management District

November 2015

2015 Land Management Report

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Live Oak, FL 32060
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WATER FOR NATURE
WATER FOR PEOPLE



2015 Land Management Report
Suwannee River Water Management District

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2015 Land Management Report is an annual overview of management objectives and activities conducted on fee-simple title lands held by the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (hereafter District or SRWMD). The report is used by the District during the Land Management Review Team which is required by Florida Statute 373.591. The report summarizes objectives of the approved 2011 Land Management Plan and generally follows its organizational format addressing key topics that provide information as to whether District lands are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and in accordance with land management objectives.

The report indicates an ongoing effort by District’s land management program staff to include and participating in water resource related projects on District lands. It provides details and accomplishments on natural community resource projects which are designed to maintain or improve natural communities, forest resources, rare species, cultural and historical resources, and aesthetic and visual resources. It addresses social and economic management goals and activities which are key components of the land management program and include public use, communications and fiscal responsibility.

INTRODUCTION

The District jurisdictional boundary includes approximately 7,640 square miles across all or part of 15 north-central Florida counties.

The District holds fee-simple title to approximately 160,203 acres in addition to approximately 126,821 acres of conservation easements (3.3% and 2.6% of the District’s land area, respectively) as of September 30, 2015.

District management of these lands provides water resource benefits including:

- Preserving floodplain areas to maintain storage capacity, attenuate floodwaters, and prevent inappropriate development,
- Preventing contamination by maintaining low intensity land uses within the floodplain and high recharge areas,
- Preserving and/or restoring spring areas to maintain or improve ground and surface water,
- Preserving and/or restoring natural communities throughout the area to support or enhance populations of wetland-dependent native species, and
- Providing buffer zones to more intense land uses to protect water quality.

The majority of the parcels are “conservation” lands that are located along rivers and streams, headwaters, and recharge areas. The District also purchases parcels for specific water resource projects such as wellfields, flood storage, water management, aquifer recharge and water resource development, water supply development and preservation. These “project” lands are managed for the specific purposes as identified in the acquisition.

The District Land Management Plan (DLMP) articulates the goals of the Governing Board that guide the management of all fee title lands held by the District. Lands titled to the Board are managed under a multiple-use policy that emphasizes:

- Water resources protection and management,
- Maintenance and restoration of the land’s natural state and condition, and
- Provisions for public access and recreation opportunities on those lands.

The following four goals are outlined in the DLMP:

- Resource Protection,
- Public Use,
- Communications, and
- Fiscal Responsibility.

The purpose of this land management report is to document activities implemented in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 on District-owned lands.

OBJECTIVES OF THE 2011 DISTRICT LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Resource Protection

Water Resources

1. Water Resource Objectives

- Minimize structural floodplain management on District-managed conservation lands.
- Maintain ground and surface water quantity and quality during land management activities by using enhanced Silviculture Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- Restore hydrologic regimes to the Desired Future Condition (DFC) where possible.
- Maintain water management structures so they achieve their intended function.
- Develop and maintain water resource projects on the lands to improve water quality and enhance water supply.*

Natural Community Resources

1. Soils, Topography, Ground Cover and Natural Community Objectives

- Minimize soil degradation (erosion, compaction).
- Manage and/or restore historic natural communities for a given site to DFC standards to the extent practicable.
- Reduce degradation of the existing native groundcover.
- Monitor the grass, herbaceous and shrub layers to detect if the resource falls within the DFC standard acceptable range.
- Reintroduce or supplement current native ground covers with local stock where needed to achieve ecosystem functions.
- Update and maintain current reference data.

2. Forest Resource Objectives

- Manage for natural community heterogeneity to attain a multi-aged and vertically diverse forest, including retaining dominant and/or old growth trees and snags.
- Maintain the dominant and co-dominant tree species within the DFC acceptable parameter range.
- Reforest within DFC standards using techniques that minimize damage to other natural resources.
- Ensure that commercial harvests provide the maximum financial returns that are possible with the consistent attainment of primary natural resource values.
- Maintain an accurate and current forest resource inventory.

3. Rare Species Resource Objectives

- Protect and manage biodiversity on District lands.
- Track rare species locations, status, and use Rare Species Best Management Practices.
- Maintain and/or increase existing rare and imperiled species populations on District lands.

4. Cultural and Historic Resource Objectives

- Protect and prevent negative impacts to cultural and historical resources during all activities.
- Document location of significant cultural and historical resources on District-owned lands and share information with the Division of Historic Resources within the Florida Department of State.
- Monitor the condition of cultural and historical resources on District-managed lands.

5. Aesthetic and Visual Resource Objectives

- Maintain or enhance overall visual quality of District lands.
- Minimize or mitigate short-term negative appearances of land management activities.

6. Public Use Objectives*

- Provide as many opportunities for resource-based recreation compatible with water resource protection as possible.
- Protect health and safety of visitors.
- Use cooperating agencies and volunteers whenever possible.

7. Communications Objectives

- Maintain and update the District Land Management Plan as needed with a major plan update scheduled for 2021.
- Conduct the Land Management Review Team process and report to the Governing Board.
- Develop and implement communication tools to enhance public recreational use.

8. Fiscal Responsibility Objectives

- Protect and manage resources on District lands in an efficient manner within the limits of the annual operating budget.
- Revenues generated from land management will be from operations conducted to achieve resource objectives.
- The District will implement the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program for eligible counties in accordance with statutory directives.

*Objectives from April 9, 2013, Governing Board Workshop.

SRWMD FY 2015 REPORT OF LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

I. RESOURCE PROTECTION

Goal – to protect, enhance and/or restore natural, archaeological, and historical resources on lands owned by the District.

Water Resources

District lands provide unique water resource opportunities because of their proximity to major rivers and their tributaries. At the tract level, there may be opportunities to impact altered water flows and water retention capacities to allow more natural buffering characteristics of the floodplain, such as flood attenuation, to be enhanced and provide protection to the receiving water body. At the site level, many facilities such as river access points, hydrologic facilities and roads require review, construction and maintenance to function in the floodplain without adverse water resource impacts. The objective of facilities' design is to make them transparent to high- and low-flow conditions within the floodplain.

Natural community and facility projects are generally implemented using silviculture BMPs as a minimum standard for implementation. Silvicultural practices, natural community restoration projects, hydrological improvements and road maintenance operations are planned to protect or enhance water resources.

Specific Governing Board approved water resource projects may be initiated for flood control, water storage, water management, conservation and protection of water resources, aquifer recharge, water resource and water supply development. These projects typically require engineered solutions and have project-specific goals and management. In many cases, the water resource benefits are designed to extend beyond the tract.

Active Water Resource Projects

- *Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project*
In support of the project District staff removed debris, applied herbicide and generally maintained approximately 210 culverts in the Mallory Swamp tract that provided surface waters to the project. Overall District staff maintained 220 of the 300 culverts in the Mallory Swamp tract including replacing one damaged culvert.
- *Otter Springs Restoration Project*
Otter Springs is a second magnitude spring that has been the center of public use for years from the affiliated campground. Over the years, sediment has eroded into the spring vent and run. Work completed in FY 2015 included the removal of 700 cubic yards of sediment from the main vent and spring pool. Efforts continue into FY 2016 to install access stairs, complete erosion control measures and other public use improvements to protect the spring.

- *Silviculture Water Yield Research Project*
This project is part of a statewide effort to advance the understanding of the impact of forest management practices on water yield, and whether this water is held in surficial systems or makes it way to the aquifer. The project, within SRWMD, has five plots on District-owned lands near the Little River Tract, one plot on adjacent private land and six plots near the Gainesville wellfield on private land and Gainesville Regional Utilities land. Collection of data on surficial water status and vegetation characteristics continued this year. This project will run through 2019.

Water Projects in Planning and Design

- *West Ridge Water Resource Development Project*
The District has coordinated with Camp Blanding to purchase lands as part of the “military base buffering” initiative. The lands are being analyzed for water resource development opportunities including localized flood protection and aquifer recharge to the Upper Floridian aquifer. An additional 2,007 acres was acquired for this project.

Natural Community Resources

1. Soils, Topography and Natural Community and Groundcover

The District plans and implements land management operations to maintain and enhance natural resources. The District uses existing Desired Future Conditions (DFC) standards as a guide to plan, implement and track natural community management activities. These DFCs detail plant community structure, representative plant species, average hydrologic regime, and the frequency that fire is required to maintain the plant community. By using DFCs, the District determines if management activities are needed to “restore or maintain the natural condition” as directed by statute.

District lands that meet the DFC structural standards are maintained by natural processes (flooding events) or “passive” management. Most floodplains and wetlands are in this category. Communities that do not meet standards may receive “active” management (installation of hydrologic structures, prescribed fire, timber harvest, and reforestation) to move the community towards the defined community standards. Most uplands and transitional areas are in this category.

Active Natural Communities Projects

- *Prescribed Fire*
Many of Florida’s natural plant communities were historically influenced by lightning-ignited fires. Of those fire-adapted natural communities, the District’s prescribed fire program targets sandhills, upland pine, scrubby flatwoods, mesic flatwoods and wet flatwoods communities for maintenance and restoration

purposes. Combined, these targeted communities make up approximately 59,879 acres or 71% of the total acres that were historically influenced by fire.

The remaining 29% of fire-influenced communities on District lands consist of wetland natural communities such as shrub bogs, depression marshes and dome swamps. These communities are not actively targeted for prescribed burning. Fire is allowed to spread into these areas from adjacent communities that are being burned, but only when the risk is minimal for long-term smoke-management problems, mortality to wetland vegetation and prolonged organic soil consumption. When necessary, containment firelines are installed and maintained in such a manner as to avoid adverse impacts to wetlands and water resources.

Within the five targeted natural communities, the District focuses most of its efforts on designated core areas. Factors used to distinguish many of these core areas include:

- 1) Areas have a history of successful prescribed burns;
- 2) Vegetation within these areas can easily be burned without other inputs such as mechanical or chemical treatments;
- 3) Areas have undergone management activities that require the use of prescribed fire for continued maintenance or to complete a management prescription.

The District uses DFCs to determine the Natural Fire Return Interval (NFRI) for each community. These intervals are derived from information provided by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI). These intervals are the rotation or the number of years that occur between each scheduled prescribed burn. The District’s goal is to increase the number of targeted core areas that are within their NFRI (Table 1).

Table 2 provides natural community acreage information for all non-targeted and targeted cores areas. Acreage for targeted core areas is further separated to identify NFRI status. For areas out of their NFRI, information is also provided to help identify some of the factors affecting this status.

Table 1. Fire Return Interval and Burn Acreages on District lands

| | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| % Targeted Core Areas within Natural Fire Return Interval | 53% | 59% | 66% | 47% | 36% |
| Acres Planned* | 12,750 | 11,800 | 12,000 | 16,000 | 10,500 |
| Acres Burned | 8,919 | 13,581 | 12,277 | 7,212 | 11,742 |

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Acres Burned That Met Objective | 8,088 | 12,996 | 11,843 | 6,529 | 11,691 |
| Wildfire Acres | 25 | 0 | 11 | 457 | 5,535 |

*2015 planned acreage were not met because wet weather conditions limited burning opportunities.

Table 2. Acres of fire-maintained natural communities by classification.

| SRWMD Fire-Maintained Communities | Acres | % of total |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>Total Fire-Maintained Natural Communities</i> | 83,932 | |
| Targeted Communities | 59,879 | 71 |
| Non-Targeted Communities | 24,053 | 29 |
| | | |
| <i>Total Targeted Core Areas</i> | 50,011 | |
| Acres in NFRI* (end of 2015) | 26,571 | 53 |
| Acres out of NFRI (end of 2015) | 23,440 | 47 |
| | | |
| <i>Total Acres Out Of NFRI</i> | 23,440 | |
| Acres where pine density is too thick to safely burn | 5,931 | 25 |
| Acres where stand age is too young to safely burn** | 7,409 | 31 |
| Acres within the Mallory Swamp Tract | 5,576 | 24 |
| Remaining Acreage | 4,770 | 20 |

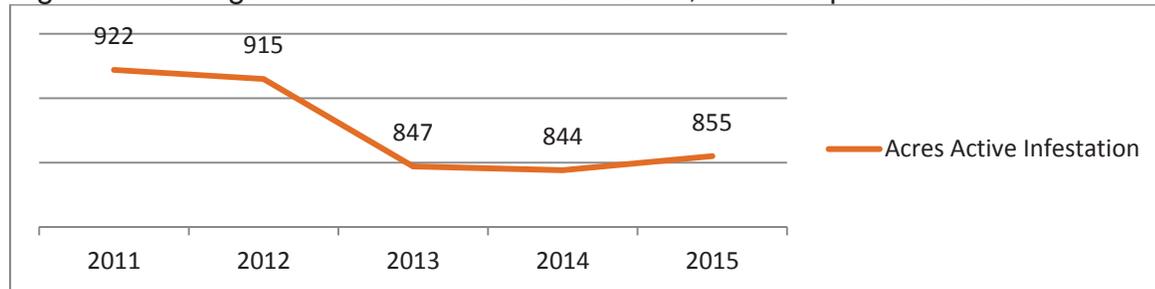
*NFRI is Natural Fire Return Interval

**Applies only to slash pine

- *Non-native, Invasive Plant Control*

54 infestations were monitored and 115 infestations were treated with herbicides during FY 2015. Total infestation acreage increased in FY 2015 (Figure 1). Acreage increases were due to existing infestations increasing in size as well as the addition of new infestations. Decreases in infestation acreage also occurred and resulted from the removal of infestations due to land disposal actions as well as 8 infestations being reclassified as "Inactive". Active infestations are reclassified inactive when no remaining living plants are observed at/or within close proximity of the infestation for 4 consecutive years.

Figure 1. Acreage trend line of active non-native, invasive plant infestations.



2. Forest Resources

- *Reforestation*

Tree Planting

Table 4 indicates tree-planting activities on four tracts in FY 2015. Tracts were planted with locally-sourced, longleaf pine seedlings. The seedlings were planted by hand in 12-foot wide rows. The areas planted were portions of past sandhill restorations that either failed or did not meet DFCs.

Planting was monitored to ensure the seedlings were planted to District standards and that the seedlings, per acre, were within 10% of the prescribed rate.

Table 4. Reforestation of pine seedlings (December 2014 – January 2015).

| Tract | Dominant Natural Communities Planted | Pine Seedlings | Scheduled Seedlings/acre | Acres |
|----------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Adams | Scrubby Flatwoods & Upland Pine Forest | Containerized Longleaf | 750 | 39 |
| Ruth Springs | Sandhill | | 750 | 39 |
| 47 Bridge | Sandhill | | 750 | 24 |
| Peacock Slough | Sandhill | | 750 | 49 |
| | | | TOTAL | 151 |

- *Timber Harvests*

The District harvests timber resources to promote conditions that more closely resemble natural forests. Seven sales were offered; (Table 5) six harvests were thinnings of pine plantations and one was a salvage operation due to wildfire at the Devils Hammock tract.

The District has initiated the use of “operator select” first thinnings. In these sales the trees are not marked in advance. The logger works under the supervision of the District to implement the sale. This approach, if it proves to be

acceptable, will save money and allow the District to sell timber faster and reduce the acres that do not meet current stocking standards for the natural community faster. This trial approach led to a significant increase in acres harvested from the previous two years.

Timber harvest objectives include:

- o Reducing overstory stocking to meet desired levels for the natural community,
- o Improving forest health by removing suppressed and diseased trees, and
- o Reducing species not native to the natural community, if commercially viable.

Planning, advertising, contract oversight, timber sale security and financial reconciliation are part of this timber sale process.

Table 5. Acres of timber harvest and revenue as percent of reported sources.

| | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| # Acres Timber Sold | 1,071 | 731 | 267 | 1,074 | 1,096 |
| Total Value as a Percent of Published Florida Market Rate for Pine Products (source: FL. Land Steward Newsletters) | 117% | 105% | 117% | 114% | 98% |

- *Vegetation Management with Herbicides*
Herbicides are applied to create conditions consistent with the natural community desired future conditions and to help with general land management activities. Two hundred forty-nine (249) acres were chemically treated in 2015. Herbicide applications were done to release planted pine stands from hardwood encroachment facilitate the use of prescribed fire and to control vegetation encroachment around water control structures.
- *Little River Tract Upland Pine Restoration Multi-Year Project*
This is a joint project with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the National Wild Turkey Federation. The District received multi-year grant funding to reduce mesic oaks on about 473 acres of upland pine plantation. The first activity in FY 2014 was a timber harvest to reduce pine density and the amount of mesic oaks present on the sandhill community. In FY 2015, 106 acres of hardwood re-sprout were treated with herbicides and 319 acres were prescribed burned.

This area is also being used for the Silviculture Water Yield Project. Soil moisture probes measure water use by various densities and species of trees.

- *Forest Resource Inventory*
Data was collected on 964 inventory plots in FY 2015. The data from these plots quantify the acres that achieve the community goals, and also provide data for areas that may be improved using timber harvest.

3. Rare Species Resources

The District has procedures for identifying and avoiding detrimental impacts to imperiled species on its lands. Rare species are documented on District lands by surveys and opportunistic observations. Species locations and rare species BMP information are maintained within a geodatabase.

To lower the potential for negative impacts on existing species occurrences, District staff consults the rare species GIS layer file and rare species BMPs before planning and conducting management activities. If potential impacts are identified, staff will delineate occurrence areas to avoid or adjust management activities to prevent potential conflicts.

No specific surveys were conducted in FY 2015.

4. Cultural and Historical Resources

District lands have been reviewed for cultural and historical resources by a professional archaeologist. One hundred sixty nine (169) known sites were found in the Florida Master Site Files of the Florida Department of State. Archaeological review determined that 23 sites should be classified as significant cultural sites due to the reported description of the site in the master site files.

The District plans to inspect the 23 significant cultural resource sites, while working on other projects in the vicinity, in order to monitor and document any potential impacts by looting or other activities in the past year (Table 6). Two significant sites at the Suwannee Sprayfield tract have been removed from the list, since the tract was disposed to the Suwannee Water and Sewer District. Two sites have no land access and was not been inspected. Inspections are conducted to monitor these resources and identify if any are being negatively impacted beyond the two sites impacted prior to District implementing inspections in 2011.

Table 6. Status of significant cultural resources sites.

| Measures | 2015 |
|---|-------------|
| Number of 23 known significant cultural-resources sites inspected | 21 |
| Number of 23 known sites damaged since last inspection | 0 |

The District follows “Protocol for Managing Cultural and Historical Resources on Suwannee River Water Management District Lands” to avoid damaging these resources. The most likely areas for cultural resources, based on the known sites, are classified “High Probability Zones” and are included as a GIS layer for planning purposes.

5. Aesthetic and Visual Resources

The consideration of the visual or aesthetic resources while managing property is a key component of the land management program. Every aspect from signs and facilities design to managing contractors and the public has visual impacts.

Key management strategies are to review every activity implemented on the land and try to minimize short-term negative perceptions. Strategies included timing of the operation, minimizing debris or litter, utilizing timber that has been harvested, and in some cases, placing signs to explain the activity.

II. PUBLIC USE

Goal – to provide opportunities for high quality, compatible resource-based recreation and education programs to meet the public’s needs while protecting water resources.

District lands provide many resource-based recreational opportunities. Of the 160,203 acres owned by the District, over 97% are open to the public for recreation. Planning for public uses and facilities takes into account the sensitivity of the site, the proximity of similar recreational opportunities, the time and financial requirements to provide the use, and public demand for the particular use. The District’s Public Use Guide lists allowable recreational uses approved by the Governing Board by tract, including uses that require a Special Use Authorization (SUA).

Recreation Resources

The District has developed facility standards that detail recreational facility, road and trail, sign and kiosk, and fence design, construction and maintenance procedures. These standards ensure that facilities provide a safe, aesthetically pleasing, outdoor environment for the public that can be effectively maintained (Table 7), and minimizes potential impacts to water resources. District staff inspects public-use facilities, and schedules maintenance required to ensure the longevity and continued safe use.

Table 7. Public-use facilities*

| Facility | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| # Trailheads | 30 | 29 | 30 | 26 | 26 |
| # Docks & Boat Ramps | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 |
| # Hand & Canoe Launch Sites | 19 | 19 | 19 | 27 | 27 |
| # Picnic Areas | 21 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 16 |
| # Interpretive Sites | 10 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 9 |
| # Restrooms | 15 | 15 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| # Miles Trails | 237 | 226 | 242 | 203 | 190 |
| # Miles Driving Trails** | 325 | 313 | 310 | 310 | 345 |

*Recreation facilities in GIS were reviewed and updated during the recreation guide upgrades on the web site. The review process allows staff to evaluate the facilities for changes or upgrades of use.

**Driving trails are drivable surfaces owned by the District or other entities that may or may not be maintain by the District.

Recreation Maintenance

- The Steinhatchee River tracts and Devil's Hammock tract were closed in August 2015 due to flooding and the issuance of special use authorizations for the 47 Bridge tract were suspended in September 2015.
- The Mallory Swamp ATV trail planned reroute has been completed to utilize maintained roads and add an additional trail head near the McCall's Chapel Road entrance. Implementation will occur in FY 2016.
- Suwannee Bicycle Association continues to make minor adjustments to the bicycle trails in the White Springs area.
- The Florida Trail Association continues to make reroutes. The trail was moved off Foley Timber & Land Property to various road county roads that brought the trail in from the north along of the Mt. Gilead Road (Madison County) thus removing the trail from the Natural Well Branch tract at the Fulford Bridge.
- *Special Use Authorizations*
Members of the public may apply for a Special Use Authorization (SUA) to engage in those recreational opportunities requiring special authorization as listed in the public use guide. Examples include ATV use, night-time access or persons with disabilities. An SUA may also be issued for opportunities not listed in the Public Use Guide; examples include research and data collection, placement of bee hives and nuisance hog removal.

An SUA serves as an agreement between the District and user; it details terms, conditions, liability protection and time frame of the proposed use. The District issues SUAs and reserves the right to refuse anyone an SUA if the proposed use threatens water resources, public safety or other natural resources on District lands.

Table 8. The number and types of Special Use Authorizations issued.

| Recreation | Temporary Ingress and Egress | Mallory Swamp ATV Trail | Non-Recreational * | Goose Pasture Camping | Total |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 423 | 25 | 11 | 15 | 99 | 573 |

*Non-Recreational SUAs issued during the fiscal year include research and data collection, competitions, hog removal and apiary leases.

- *Hunting and Fishing*
The District's goal for public hunting is to provide high-quality hunting opportunities. The District meets annually with the Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission (FWC) to review opportunities for public hunting on District lands. Public hunting on District lands is offered through management agreements with FWC and the US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. Fishing is allowed on District tracts subject to FWC fishing regulations (Table 9).

Table 9. Hunting and fishing access.

| | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| # acres open to public hunting | 104,945 | 105,019 | 105,131 | 105,016 | 96,444 |
| # fishing access locations | 107 | 103 | 101 | 130 | 102 |

In FY 2015 the acreage of available hunting lands was slightly reduced however the District is coordinating with FWC to open additional lands to hunting such as the 695-acre Withlacoochee Quail Farms Tract.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Goal – to coordinate with public and private stakeholders in the management of District lands.

The District encourages participation from outside agencies, organizations and private citizens when developing management plans for the lands under its stewardship. However, District lands and facilities and other communication opportunities likely provide greater visibility of land management activities to the general public. Public inquiries are addressed by visiting the District or contacting District staff by phone, mail, email, or the website.

- *District Land Management Plan*
The DLMP articulates the Governing Board goals and objectives that guide the management of all fee lands held by the District. The Board approved the DLMP in April 2011.

No revisions were made to the DLMP in FY 2015.

- *Land Management Review Team*
To ensure that the District is meeting its land management goals, the Excellence in Land Management Program (ELM) was established. This program quantifies the input of the Land Management Review Team (LMRT) to determine whether land management is meeting the objectives of the DLMP. Statutorily, the LMRT must evaluate:
 - 1) Whether District lands are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired, and

- 2) If the management practices, including public access, are in compliance with the management plan.

District staff conducted a Land Management Review Team meeting and tour in FY 2015. The reviews focused on activities that were conducted in FY 2014. Areas of review included water resources, natural resource management, public use and facilities on representative areas. The LMRT was asked to score whether the District was achieving its objectives using the following scores:

- 0 – not meeting objectives;
- 1 – meeting objectives; and
- 2 – exceeding objectives.

The review of District managed land was in the Aucilla, Econfina and Wacissa River basins. This area encompasses 24,190 acres of fee lands and 11,962 acres of Conservation Easement lands. This inspection was held on April 22, 2015.

Nine objectives of the DLMP were scored during the inspection ranging from a low score of 1.28 for rare species resources to a high score of 1.86 for public use. Water resource objectives were scored 1.47. The overall average score was 1.53 signifying that the management activities were both meeting and exceeding the Governing Board's objectives. The overall average score of 1.53 was slightly higher than last year's LMRT.

The scores for "managed for purposes acquired" were higher (1.85 compared to 1.65) than last year. The score for "in accordance with Management Plan" was also slightly higher (1.68 compared to 1.58) than last year. Questions and responses to the statutory component of this review are summarized in Table 10.

Table 10. Questionnaire responses from the District's LMRT meeting.

| Question 1 # of Responses | Are District lands being managed in a manner consistent with the purpose for which they were acquired, including public access? |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | SRWMD is not in compliance. |
| 4 | SRWMD compliance is adequate and acceptable. |
| 16 | SRWMD exceeds compliance regularly. |
| Question 2 # of Responses | Does SRWMD land management implement the goals identified in the District Land Management Plan? |
| 0 | SRWMD is not in compliance. |
| 8 | SRWMD compliance is adequate and acceptable. |
| 12 | SRWMD exceeds compliance regularly. |

- *Communication Initiatives*

- The District “Recreation Guide” revision and update was completed in the summer 2015. The web site has both static and dynamic maps.
 - Land Management staff provides images and text for District’s social media outreach efforts including Facebook and Twitter.
 - Staff is using the “Important Notices” feature on the District web page to provide information to the public regarding flooding and tract closures, and management activities that may affect public use.
 - Staff has begun to update and revise kiosk panels on District lands to be transparent with the recreation guide on the web.
- *Regional Resource Group Participation*
District staff participates in regional groups in order to understand issues that affect District lands and their management, and also to provide input to other managers of recreation and natural resources regarding water resource issues.
 - North Florida Prescribed Fire Council
 - San Pedro Bay Landowners Association
 - FWC - Invasive Plant Management Section’s Weed Control Project
 - USFS/Florida Trail Association Florida National Scenic Trail
 - Suwannee Bicycle Association
 - UF Conserved Forest Ecosystem: Outreach and Research Cooperative
 - FWC Wildlife Management Areas and Management Plan
 - Fire Adapted Communities, Baker County

IV. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Goal – to protect resources and manage District lands in an efficient manner within the District’s annual budget.

District staff minimizes the costs associated with land management by contracting with the private sector, partnering with other land management agencies and organizations, and submitting proposals for land management grant funding.

- *Facility Construction and Maintenance*
In FY 2014 the District reduced road coverage, revised management practices and added a progressive review and approval process for general road maintenance. The culmination of this effort was a new general road maintenance plan that centers on a three year rotation for all roads deemed necessary for public access. Road maintenance completed in FY 2015 is the first year of the three year rotation. The District completed approximately 96.4 miles of general road maintenance at Mallory Swamp, Steinhatchee Springs, Steinhatchee Falls, Mt. Gilead, Little River, Cabbage Grove, Goose Pasture, and Jones Mill Creek tracts.

Boundary Line Marking and Painting

The District has a five year rotation plan to mark and paint District land boundaries. The District has approximately 1,000 miles of boundary lines. One hundred forty-two (142) miles was marked or painted.

- *Cooperative Management Agreements*

The District enters into cooperative management agreements and/or leases with government agencies to reduce the cost of management to the District (Table 11), while providing similar management and protection and public access.

Table 11 Agencies managing District lands.

| Managing Agency | Tracts | Acres |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| <i>No Cost Management Agreements</i> | | |
| Alachua County | 1 | 120 |
| Columbia County | 2 | 139 |
| Department of Environmental Protection | 9 | 1,980 |
| Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission | 2 | 869 |
| Gilchrist County | 1 | 507 |
| Hamilton County | 3 | 16 |
| Jefferson County | 1 | 22 |
| Levy County | 1 | 4,214 |
| University of Florida | 2 | 738 |
| US Fish and Wildlife Service | 4 | 1,655 |
| No Cost Management Total Acres: | | 10,260 |
| <i>Shared Revenue Agreements</i> | | |
| Florida Forest Service | 13 | 12,963 |
| Shared Revenue Total Acres | | 12,963 |
| Total All | | 23,223 |

The Twin Rivers State Forest is managed by the Florida Forest Service (FFS). In FY 2015, there were state expenses of \$133,471, which were reimbursed by the District, and there were no private contracts.

The District has a Cooperative Management Agreement with FFS for lands not under lease at Twin Rivers. This agreement is used primarily to allow FFS to manage and conduct fire-line installation and prescribe fires on District lands. This agreement reduces District costs since the FFS rate for prescribed burning is less than the District's private contractor's rates. During FY 2015, 304 acres were burned under this agreement. Approximately \$3,344 was saved by utilizing FFS for these services.

Public hunting is provided on 104,945 acres of District-owned lands in cooperation with FWC and USFWS. These agencies manage hunting dates and limits and provide law enforcement at no cost to the District. No fees for hunting are charged by the District.

The District has agreements with private and public entities to provide trail maintenance for 70% of the bike, horse and multi-use trails on District lands. These trails are maintained at no cost to the District and available for use by the general public.

- *Grant Applications and Awards*

The District pursues grants to help reduce the cost of natural community management, Table 12:

- The Wild Turkey Cost-Share Program Grant, administered by FWC and National Wild Turkey Federation, for the 5-year Little River tract upland restoration is in its second year. One hundred six (106) acres were herbicide to limit hardwood sprouting and prepare for longleaf pine reforestation. Three hundred nineteen (319) acres were prescribed burned successfully in FY 2015. Burn results were improved as a result of the reduced mesic oak component from phase 1. Total maximum grant funds requested for reimbursement of expenses from the program were \$94,500.
- The District was awarded \$20,000 by a joint National Wild Turkey Federation and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Cost-Share Program. This grant is intended to help fund FY 2016 aerial burning operations on approximately 3,000 acres on the Mallory Swamp WMA
- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Invasive Plant Management Section paid contractors approximately \$20,000 to treat 64 acres of invasive plant infestations on the District owned Falmouth Spring and Branford Bend tracts.

- *Revenues and Expenditures*

The District has opportunities to generate revenues while implementing its natural resource management activities. Timber sales generate the vast majority of revenue from land management activities, Table 12.

In FY 2015, the District sold an estimated 50,000 tons of pine timber in 7 sales on 1,071 acres. These sales were thinnings of pine plantations and a salvage operation due to wildfire. Total gross revenues are estimated (since all sales have not been completed as of October 1, 2015) to be \$1,023,000.

Expenditures in the land management program are divided into categories for budgeting as follows, Table 13:

- Natural Resource Management – includes water resource projects, reforestation, timber sales, and protected species management.

- Invasive Plant Management - Includes the costs associated with invasive plant treatments including hiring private contractors and staff time/field supplies needed to conduct in-house treatments.
- Prescribed Fire – includes FFS and private contractor costs for prescribed burning and fire-line establishment and maintenance.
- Public Use – includes expenses for maintaining site-based and dispersed recreation activities, developing new sites, signs, maps, brochures, and sanitation.
- Facility Management – includes costs for maintaining roads, hydrologic structures, boundaries and gates.
- Administration and Planning - includes expenses for planning, GIS, training, real-estate activities, management plans and reviews, interagency coordination and Payment in Lieu of Taxes.

Table 12. Land resources revenues.

| Category | FY 2015 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Timber | \$637,763 |
| Land Use | \$250 |
| FWC | \$5,100 |
| State Appropriation (Operations) | \$454,065 |
| General Fund/Reserves. | \$393,111 |
| Total | \$1,490,289 |

Table 13. Land resources expenditures.

| Category | FY 2015 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Natural Resource Mgt. | \$179,453 |
| Exotic Invasive Mgt. | \$25,607 |
| Prescribed Fire | \$317,071 |
| Public Use | \$225,763 |
| Facility Mgt. | \$214,998 |
| Administration and Planning* | \$527,397 |
| Total | \$1,490,289 |

*Includes Payments in Lieu of Taxes, inspecting and reporting on Conservation Easements on 126,482 acres, and non-native invasive plant control monitoring

- *Payments in Lieu of Taxes*
When the District purchases lands in fee simple (all ownership rights), the lands are taken off the county ad valorem tax roll. The Legislature established a

payment in lieu of taxes program in 1992 to reimburse local governments for the loss of revenue. To qualify for this program, the county must have a population of less than 150,000. Payments were made to counties in the amount of \$311,971.

- *Surplus Lands*
Disposing of lands that are not needed for water-resource protection allows the District to redirect these funds to higher value, water-resource lands.

Table 14. Surplus lands sold or conveyed.

| Closing Date | Tract | County | Transaction | Acres | Price |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 10/31/2014 | Cuba Bay | Madison | Exchange - Out | 22 | \$34,650 |
| 10/31/2014 | Chitty Bend West | Madison | Exchange - Out | 121 | \$254,100 |
| 10/31/2014 | Chitty Bend East | Hamilton | Exchange - Out | 20 | \$48,000 |
| 10/31/2014 | Jennings Bluff | Hamilton | Exchange - Out | 23.35 | \$56,971 |
| 10/31/2014 | Hunter Creek Parcel 1 | Hamilton | Exchange - Out | 36 | \$56,110 |
| 10/31/2014 | Hunter Creek Parcel 2 | Hamilton | Exchange - Out | 60 | \$90,000 |
| 10/31/2014 | Hunter Creek Parcel 3 | Hamilton | Exchange - Out | 23 | \$36,800 |
| 10/31/2014 | Blue Sink West | Suwannee | Exchange - Out | 39 | \$92,200 |
| 11/18/2014 | Lake City Wellfield | Columbia | Conveyed to Municipality | 16.25 | \$0 |
| 11/26/2014 | Perry Sprayfield | Taylor | Conveyed to Municipality | 248.5 | \$0 |
| 6/23/2015 | Holly Point Lot 23 | Hamilton | Exchange - Out | 0.86 | \$15,000 |
| | | | | | |
| Conveyed or Exchanged | | | | 610 | 0 |
| Total Sold | | | | 0 | \$0 |

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APPENDIX A

SRWMD STATUTORY SUMMARY

Checked November 17, 2015

Land Acquisition and Management

Ch. 373.139(2) Acquisition of real property.

- “Flood control
- Water storage
- Water management
- Conservation and protection of water resources
- Aquifer recharge
- Water resource and water supply development
- Preservation of wetlands, streams and lakes.”

Ch. 373.1391 Management of real property.

- (1a) “Managed and maintained, to the extent practicable, in such a way as to ensure a balance between public access, general public recreational purposes, and the restoration of their natural state and condition. Except when prohibited by a covenant or condition in s. 373.056(2), lands owned, managed, and controlled by the district may be used for multiple purposes including, but not limited to, agriculture, silviculture, and water supply, as well as boating and other recreational uses.”
- (b) “Whenever practicable, such lands shall be open to the general public for recreational uses. General public recreational purposes shall include, but not be limited to, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, swimming, camping, hiking, canoeing, boating, diving, birding, sailing, jogging, and other related outdoor activities to the maximum extent possible considering the environmental sensitivity and suitability of those lands. These public lands shall be evaluated for their resource value for the purpose of establishing which parcels, in whole or in part, annually or seasonally, would be conducive to general public recreational purposes. Such findings shall be included in management plans which are developed for such public lands.”
- (5) “The following additional uses of lands acquired pursuant to the Florida Forever program and other state-funded land purchase program shall be authorized, upon a finding by the governing board, if they meet the criteria specified in (a) – (e): water resource development projects, water supply development projects, stormwater management projects, linear facilities, and sustainable agriculture and forestry. Such additional uses are authorized where:
- (a) Not inconsistent with the management plan for such lands;
 - (b) Compatible with the ecosystem and resource values of such lands;
 - (c) The proposed use is appropriately located on such lands and where due consideration is given to the use of other available lands;

- (d) The using entity reasonably compensates the titleholder for such use based upon an appropriate measure of value; and
- (e) The use is consistent with the public interest.”

373.591 Management review teams.

(1) To determine whether conservation, preservation, and recreation lands titled in the names of the water management districts are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and in accordance with land management objectives, the water management districts shall establish land management review teams to conduct periodic management reviews. The land management review teams shall be composed of the following members:

- (a) One individual from the county or local community in which the parcel is located.
- (b) One employee of the water management district.
- (c) A private land manager mutually agreeable to the governmental agency representatives.
- (d) A member of the local soil and water conservation district board of supervisors.
- (e) One individual from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (f) One individual from the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (g) One individual representing a conservation organization.
- (h) One individual from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services’ Florida Forest Service.

(2) The management review team shall use the criteria provided in s. 259.036 in conducting its reviews.

(3) In determining which lands shall be reviewed in any given year, the water management district may prioritize the properties to be reviewed.

(4) If the land management review team finds that the lands reviewed are not being managed in accordance with their management plan, prepared in a manner and form prescribed by the governing board of the district and otherwise meeting the timber resource management requirements of s. 253.036, the land managing agency shall provide a written explanation to the management review team.

(5) Each water management district shall, by October 1 of each year, provide its governing board with a report indicating which properties have been reviewed and the review team’s findings.

Ch. 259.036 Management review teams.

(3) “In conducting a review, the land management review team shall evaluate the extent to which the existing management plan provides sufficient protection to threatened or endangered species, unique or important natural or physical features, geologic or hydrologic functions or archaeological features. The review shall also evaluate the extent to which the land is being managed for the purposes for which it was acquired and the degree to which actual management practices, including public access, are in compliance with the adopted management plan.”

Ch. 253.036 Forest management.

“All land management plans described in s.253.034(5) which are prepared for parcels larger than 1,000 acres shall contain an analysis of the multiple-use potential of the parcel, which analysis shall include the potential of the parcel to generate revenues to enhance the management of the parcel. The lead agency shall prepare the analysis, which shall contain a component or section prepared by a qualified forester which assesses the feasibility of managing timber resources on the parcel for resource conservation and revenue generation purposes through a stewardship ethic that embraces sustainable forest management practices if the lead management agency determines that the timber resource management is not in conflict with the primary management objectives of the parcel.”...”All additional revenues generated through multiple-use management or compatible secondary use management shall be returned to the lead agency responsible for such management and shall be used to pay for management activities on all conservation, preservation and recreation lands under the agency’s jurisdiction. In addition, such revenue shall be segregated in an agency trust fund and shall remain available to the agency in subsequent fiscal years to support land management appropriations.”



November 2015

For additional information please contact
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations
DATE: November 16, 2015
SUBJECT: Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary

District staff and contractors have successfully lowered the water level and are maintaining flow through the water control structure on the pond previously owned by El Rancho No Tengo, Inc., in Columbia County, FL.

District staff has begun implementing the 2016 Forest Inventory.

Contractors have begun construction and maintenance of hydrological improvements and roads in the Northwest Region.

Mowing contractors has begun mowing seasonal roads on District lands.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the District and US Forest Service has been executed by both parties. Construction of the Swift Creek bridge has begun.

Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist made a presentation to the Florida Paddling Rendezvous, Paddle Florida and the Live Oak Kiwanis Club of "The Suwannee River".

General Gun season has begun on District lands in Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Wildlife Management and Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

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

Summary Table FY 2016

| | 2016 Target Acres | Acres Complete |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Suwannee River Water Management District | 11,000 | 0.00 |
| Florida Forest Service burns on Twin Rivers State Forest | 2,000 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | 13,000 | 0.00 |

Timber Sales

- Mill Creek North #4 harvesting started on August 6, 2015. Harvesting was stopped due to lack of quota for sawtimber but resumed on October 13.
- Devils Hammock #1 sale harvesting started on July 23, 2015. The crew had to move off on July 27 due to heavy rains. Staff will extend the contract by the number of days that the logger can not work due to saturated soils. Once the site is dry enough to move back, harvesting will be restarted. A large percentage of the wildfire-burned wood was harvested.
- Cabbage Grove #1 timber sale harvesting is complete.
- Steinhatchee Springs #13 preharvest meeting was held on October 19; harvesting started on November 5.
- Steinhatchee Springs #14 timber sale. A preharvest meeting was held on September 29. It is still too wet to start harvesting.
- Steinhatchee Springs #15 and #16 were advertised on November 2 and bids are due on November 20.

| Tract | Contract | Acres | Tons Harvested | Revenue | Status | Contract End Date |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mill Creek North #4 | 14/15-049 | 211 | 9,446 | \$223,779.23 | Harvest Underway | December 22, 2015 |
| Steinhatchee Springs #12 | 14/15-061 | 78 | 54,056 | \$61,348.27 | Complete | January 6, 2016 |
| Devils Hammock #1 | 14/15-182 | 51 | 169 | \$1,348.00 | Suspended | August 18, 2015 |
| Cabbage Grove #1 | 14/15-196 | 189 | 7,839 | \$186,755.84 | Complete | August 31, 2016 |
| Steinhatchee Springs #13 | 14/15-198 | 241 | | | Harvest Underway | August 30, 2016 |
| Steinhatchee Springs #14 | 14/15-197 | 172 | | | Contract Executed | August 31, 2016 |

Conservation Easement Monitoring

- Loncala, Inc.: (Monteocha Creek, Alapaha River and Santa Fe River) The inspection and report are complete.
- Usher Family Trust - Wind Bend Easement in Levy County: The inspection and report are complete.
- Drummond Pond, LLC - Drummond Pond Easement in Levy County: The inspection is complete and the report is being drafted.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Dickens, Division Director, Administration and Operations

DATE: November 30, 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 | 1,099 | Lafayette | Negotiations are in progress. |
| Rock Bluff Spring Co., LLC | Rock Bluff Springs | 173 | Gilchrist | Appraisals are complete. |
| SRWMD | Sandlin Bay Sale/Exchange to U.S. Forest Service | 2,023 | Columbia | Governing Board Accepted USFS offer to purchase 623 acre fee tract 10/13/2015. |
| Lyme Lafayette Forest Company, LLC | Lyme Timber Company Lafayette Tract Conservation Easement | 6,713 | Lafayette | Water resource development potential deemed insufficient to pursue conservation easement at this time. |
| Tatum Timber and Land, Ltd. | Camp Blanding Buffers – Tatum | 152.19 | Bradford | Offer was not accepted by landowner. Owner may resubmit with their own appraisal. |
| BTG_Pactual MoDOT Tract | Camp Blanding Buffers – BTG Pactual | 630+/- | Bradford | Detailed assessment to begin upon receipt of executed CDA from BTG Pactual. |
| Jerry Coker, etal | Lumber Camp Springs | 37 +/- | Gilchrist | Detailed Assessment Approved 11/12/2015 by Governing Board. |

Authorized for Purchase

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| Rayonier Forest Resources, L. P. | Camp Blanding Buffers - Rayonier | 2,010.05 | Bradford | Closed on 9/22/15 |
| John and Deborah Steffen | Steffen Property | 14 | Bradford | Closed on 9/22/15, Property Conveyed to City of Starke at November 12 th Governing Board Meeting |

Authorized for Exchange

| Tract | Acres | County | Acquired Date | Funding Source | Comments |
|--|-------|---------|---------------|----------------|---|
| Ellaville Exchange for Damascus Peanut Company | 986 | Madison | 12/1/88 | WMLTF | Governing Board approved the exchange agreement with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. |

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Authorized for Surplus

| Tract | Acres | County | Acquired Date | Funding Source | Appraisal Date | Listing Date | Price | Comments |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Alligator Lake | 43 | Columbia | 8/10/2001 | P2000 | | | | Governing Board approved conveyance on 8/13/2013 contingent upon the inter-local agreement with Columbia County. |
| Falmouth North (8 lots) | 6 | Suwannee | 04/1998 | WMLTF | 8/27/2010 | 11/18/10 | Fee entire tract \$34,930 | Listing agreement expired, but available for sale. |
| Timber River | 1 | Madison | 03/1998 | WMLTF | 8/5/2010; Updated 7/30/2014 | 11/18/10 | Fee entire tract \$6,950 | Listing agreement expired, but available for sale. |
| Turtle Spring Surplus Tract | 32 | Lafayette | 5/13/2015 | Florida Forever | 5/24/2015 | N/A | To be determined | Appraisal is complete. Staff to add to Surplus Lands webpage. |
| Branford Bend | 50 | Lafayette | 6/30/2004 | Florida Forever Bonds | To be ordered | N/A | To be determined | Governing Board approved surplus on 8/11/2015. |
| RO Ranch West | 570 | Lafayette | 7/27/2006 | Florida Forever Bonds | To be ordered | N/A | To be determined | Governing Board approved surplus on 8/11/2015. |

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tom Mirti, Interim Director, Water Resource Division

DATE: November 23, 2015

RE: Authorization to Update the Surface Water Improvement and Management Priority List

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize staff to update the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Priority List.

BACKGROUND

In 1987, the Florida Legislature created the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) program as a planning and implementation mechanism to address waterbody needs as a system of connected resources rather than simply as isolated wetlands or water bodies. SWIM was primarily developed to address, on a watershed basis, cumulative anthropogenic impacts on water quality and aquatic habitats. SWIM Plans incorporate comprehensive strategies to both restore and protect watershed resources.

Section 373.453 Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62-43 outline the SWIM process and require that each water management district develop and maintain a list that prioritizes water bodies of regional or statewide significance within the district. Florida Statutes require that the list be reviewed and updated every five years. Over the years, the District's SWIM Priority Water List has changed. The current SWIM Priority list and the date they were approved by the Governing Board are listed below.

1. Suwannee River System - Approved SWIM Plan, January 1992
2. Santa Fe River System - Approved SWIM Plan, March 1996
3. Coastal Rivers System - Approved SWIM Plan, June 1996
4. Alligator Lake System - Approved SWIM Plan, March 1996
5. Aucilla River System - Approved SWIM Plan, April 1991
6. Waccasassa River System - Approved SWIM Plan, June 1996

Staff would like to recommend that the updated SWIM priority list be as follows.

1. Suwannee River System (combines the Suwannee River, Alligator Lake, and Santa Fe River SWIM Plans)
2. Coastal Rivers System (combines the Coastal Rivers, Waccasassa River, and Aucilla River SWIM Plans)

Condensing the existing SWIM plans into two plans will greatly reduce the effort and cost needed to update the six current SWIM plans. Review of the six existing SWIM plans reveals a large degree of duplication from one SWIM plan to the next. Therefore, this is primarily an administrative change rather than a resource-oriented change. The main purpose of updating the current SWIM plans into two SWIM plans is to assess the waterbodies and identify projects that can be implemented cooperatively to address water bodies' issues including in estuarine zones. This will be accomplished with the Suwannee River System and Coastal River System plans.

The Suwannee River System SWIM Plan will address the entire Suwannee River Basin within Florida. This includes the Withlacoochee, Alapaha, Santa Fe and Suwannee Rivers.

The Coastal Rivers System SWIM Plan will address the relatively small coastal river basins which include the Waccasassa River, Steinhatchee River, Spring Warrior Creek, Fenholloway River, Econfina River and Aucilla River.

The SWIM Priority List process involves the following steps.

1. Request comments concerning the updating of the SWIM Priority List from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Economic Opportunity, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and local governments.
2. The comments received will be reviewed and responses developed if needed.
3. Staff will request the Governing Board to approve the SWIM Priority List for submittal to DEP.
4. Submit a request to DEP to approve the SWIM Priority List as being consistent with the intent and provisions 62-43.030 F.A.C and 373.453, F.S.

GH/dd

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Tim Sagul, P.E., Division Director, Resource Management
DATE: November 27, 2015
RE: Authorization to Modify Lafayette County's RIVER Grant Scope of Work

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to modify Lafayette County's 2014 RIVER Grant scope of work back to their original request.

BACKGROUND

On March 12, 2014, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with 11 cooperators as part of the 2014 RIVER Grant cost share program. One of the approved projects was the County Road 416 Flood Abatement Project in Lafayette County for \$100,000. The original scope was to repair the concrete lined ditch adjacent to County Road 416. At the request of Lafayette County, the Governing Board, at their August 8, 2014 meeting, authorized the scope of work be modified to removing sediment that was deposited on private property when the ditch washed out. Since then, the County has determined that the private property owners are not concerned with the sediment, so they want to return to their original scope of repairing the concrete lined ditch.

Funds were included in the FY2015 budget under code 53-6-930-0-2400-02-04.

BCK/tm

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Tim Sagul, P.E., Division Director, Resource Management
DATE: November 27, 2015
RE: Contract with AMEC Foster Wheeler for FEMA FY2014 Risk MAP Services

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with AMEC Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed \$464,568, for FEMA FY2014 PPC RiskMAP Services.

BACKGROUND

The District has been a Cooperative Technical Partner (CTP) with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for over a decade. As a CTP, the District receives funding from FEMA through the RiskMAP program to hire engineering firms who help local governments update and improve their floodplain maps, and help increase the public's flood hazard awareness. This program directly supports the District's core mission of reducing flood vulnerability.

On September 9, 2014, the Governing Board approved AMEC Foster Wheeler as a qualified engineering firm to provide Product Production Consultant (PPC) services for FEMA FY2014 through FY2019 RiskMap projects. The primary job of the PPC firm is to develop the hydrology and hydraulic models needed to create or update maps. One firm is selected each FEMA fiscal year based on their previous work experience, knowledge of a particular geographical region and work load. The FY2014 Mapping Activity Statement (MAS) provides funding to complete the Withlacoochee Watershed mapping currently underway and to start new mapping activities in the Waccasassa Watershed. All mapping rates are established and approved by FEMA. The firm will invoice the District as they complete the work and FEMA will reimburse the District by direct deposit within days of submitting the invoices.

Funds were included in the FY2015 budget under code 56-2-586-0-1300-14-00.

BCK/tm

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Tim Sagul, P.E., Division Director, Resource Management
DATE: November 27, 2015
RE: Contract with ATKINS for FEMA FY2014 PMC Risk MAP Services

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract with ATKINS for an amount not-to-exceed \$162,371, for FEMA FY2014 PMC RiskMAP Services.

BACKGROUND

The District has been a Cooperative Technical Partner (CTP) with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for over a decade. As a CTP, the District receives funding from FEMA through the RiskMAP program to hire engineering firms who help local governments update and improve their floodplain maps, and help increase the public's flood hazard awareness. This program directly supports the District's core mission of reducing flood vulnerability.

On September 9, 2014, the Governing Board approved ATKINS as a qualified engineering firm to provide Program Management Consultant (PMC) services for FEMA FY2014 through FY2019 RiskMap projects. The PMC firm will provide quality assurance and quality control, and public outreach for all projects for FY2014 through FY2019. The FY2014 Mapping Activity Statement (MAS) provides funding to complete mapping currently underway in the Withlacoochee Watershed and start new mapping activities in the Waccasassa Watershed. The mapping rates are established and approved by FEMA. The firm will invoice the District as they complete the work and FEMA will reimburse the District by direct deposit within days of submitting invoices.

Funds were included in the FY2015 budget under code 56-2-586-0-1300-14-00.

BCK/tm

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Tim Sagul, P.E., Division Director, Resource Management
DATE: November 27, 2015
RE: Authorization to Repair the Hill Dam

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts as needed to repair the Hill Dam for an amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.

BACKGROUND

The District recently obtained ownership of the Hill Dam in Columbia County, Florida, which has an improperly constructed primary spillway. A comparison of the alternatives indicates that repairing the dam with a similarly constructed, properly compacted primary spillway is the best option. The District will contract with geotechnical engineers and contractors on an as needed basis to repair the dam by replacing the primary spillway and remove all trees and brush. Staff will advertise an Invitation to Bid (ITB) around January 1, 2016.

BCK/tm

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: November 27, 2015

RE: Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-221844-2, with a 0.0825 mgd Increase in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 0.9718 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Uses at the Sleepy Creek Lands Farm Project, Levy County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Water Use Permit number 2-075-221844-2 with seventeen standard conditions and nine special limiting conditions, to Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC in Levy County.

This is a modification of an existing agricultural water use. It also transfers the last part of the Andrews Nursery land sale to Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC. The modification adds approximately 1,036 acres, 2,000 head of cattle, and 2,000 head of swine to an existing 35,672-acre project. In total, the project will consist of approximately 2,000 swine, 7,000 cattle, and 608 acres of irrigated pasture. The water demands for livestock on the additional project acreage were determined using industry standards and the proposed barn cleaning schedule. This modification resulted in a 0.0825 mgd increase in allocation from the previous project sequence, from 0.8893 mgd to 0.9718 mgd in 1-in-10 year drought conditions. However, the change in use from nursery to livestock on the additional acreage resulted in a 0.6439 mgd reduction in permitted water use in the region.

In total, 20 of the 34 project wells will be monitored using telemetry once constructed or placed into operation. Lower quality water sources for cattle and swine watering do exist on the project as wetland systems; however, to reduce the damage to wetland vegetation and nutrient loading caused by livestock, a groundwater allocation was provided for this purpose. Interference with adjacent legal water uses or harm to water resources as a result of this additional water use is not expected. The project area is not located within a Water Resource Caution Area.

Staff has determined that the application is complete and the proposed withdrawals will not contribute to a violation of MFLs adopted in Chapters 62-42 and 40B-8, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The application also satisfies the conditions for issuance in Chapters 62-42 and 40B-2, F.A.C.

WZ/tm

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
 30-Nov-2015
 APPLICATION #: 2-075-221844-2

Owner: Mike Rogers
 Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC
 14875 Bayview Ave.
 Aurora, Ontario, CA L4G3G-8
 (905) 841-0336

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Agent: Rick Moyer
 15045 NW 141st Court
 Williston, FL 32696
 (352) 528-1287

Vivian Bielski
 Andreyev Engineering, Inc.
 3740 54th Avenue North
 St. Petersburg, FL 33714
 (727) 527-5735

Compliance Contact: Not Applicable

Project Name: Sleepy Creek Lands Farm
County: Levy

Located in WRCA: No
Objectors: No

Authorization Statement:
 The permittee is authorized to withdraw 0.8137 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of a pasture/ clover rotation, and 0.1581 mgd of groundwater for livestock use.

Recommendation: Approval
Reviewers: Tim Sagul; 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) |
| 0.9718 | 0.0000 | -0.6439 |

Recommended Permit Duration and Compliance Reporting: Permit expiring 4/24/3024, consistent with the duration of 2-075-221844-1

USE STATUS: This is a modification of an existing agricultural water use to add project acreage and livestock

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project extends from south of Chiefland, FL to Otter Creek, FL, between US19 and US27 along SR24 in Levy County, and consists of two sites: the 35,672-acre East Project Site originally permitted under 2-075-221844-1 (2-14-00014), and the new 1,036-acre West Project Site located on the west side of CR347. Permit 2-075-221844-1 authorized the use of groundwater for agricultural irrigation of 608 acres of pasture and watering of 5,000 head of cattle on the East Project Site. This sequence is a transfer of a portion of permit 2-88-00003 through the modification of permit 2-075-221844-1, because the permits are located proximate to each other. The modification adds approximately 2,000 head of cattle and 2,000 head of swine on the West Project Site, increasing the allocation of permit 221844 by 0.0825 mgd, but reducing the water use 0.6439 mgd from the nursery irrigation previously permitted on permit 2-88-00003.

The "new water" calculation above reflects the reduction in permitted water use associated with the southern portion of the previous Andrews Nursery project to the livestock water use on the Sleepy Creek Lands Farm West site.

The permittee has elected SRWMD telemetry to comply with the water use reporting requirements of special condition 18. In total, 20 of the 34 project wells will be monitored once constructed or placed into operation.

Water Use Description:

Several pivots will traverse wetland systems as authorized by subsection 373.406(2), F.S., and supplemental irrigation was not allocated for wetland areas greater than 0.5 acre.

The GIS-Based Water Resources and Agricultural Permitting and Planning System (GWRAPPS) was used to determine the average 18 inches/ year of supplemental irrigation requirement for a pasture/ clover rotation given the variety of soil types and water tables across the project.

The following industry standards were used in the livestock water demand calculations:

15 gallons/day/cow (0.1056 mgd)

4 gallons/day/pig (0.008 mgd)

3600 gallons per day/ 200 swine - cooling water (0.036 mgd)

The 8500 gallons/day water demand for swine breeding barn washing was based on eleven 4-hour washings and one 8-hour washing of the barns per year at a 1,000 gpm application rate.

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), F.A.C.

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

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

No. Project withdrawals were modeled and showed a simulated Upper Floridan aquifer drawdown of less than 0.5 foot at the project boundary. Therefore, groundwater withdrawals at this project are not expected to interfere with any presently existing legal uses of water.

Will this use be consistent with the public interest?

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

Yes. Use of water for agricultural purposes 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. The use is such a quantity as is necessary for economic and efficient use. The permittee will implement the following water conservation measures for the East Project Site: Removing end-guns from pivot irrigation systems, checking irrigation system weekly for leaks and repairing as needed, performing efficiency testing of irrigation systems every five years, using UF-IFAS/NRCS-approved irrigation scheduling methods, using a weather station to manage irrigation systems, employing operational pump shutdown safeties in the event of irrigation system failure, planting conservation tillage in target areas, equipping watering troughs with float switches to prevent over filling, and irrigating at night when possible.

The permittee will implement the following water conservation measures for the West Project Site: equipping watering troughs with float switches to prevent over filling, locating swine cooling facilities in areas less prone to run-off when possible, scraping barns for cleaning rather than washing with groundwater when possible, and implementing FDACS Best Management Practices (BMPs) for livestock grazing.

**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 amounts.

**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. Lower quality water sources for cattle/ swine watering do exist on the project as wetland systems; however, to reduce the damage to wetland vegetation and nutrient loading caused by livestock, a groundwater allocation was provided for this purpose.

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

No. The permittee acknowledges that the east-west ditch located in the central part of the West Project Site could discharge surface water during periods of excessive rainfall, and is taking precautionary measures (fencing to prevent access by livestock, rotation of swine holding pens, and BMP implementation) to minimize the possibility of nutrients from the livestock operation from reaching this ditch.

**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 points were modeled and showed a maximum simulated surficial aquifer drawdown of less than 0.5 foot under West Project Site wetlands. Additionally, District staff evaluated several West Project Site wetlands and given the significant reduction in groundwater withdrawals at this site, harm to natural systems is not expected to occur for the duration of the permit.

**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 a violation of MFLs adopted in Chapters 62-42 and 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 pursuant to subsection 373.223(4), F.S.

WITHDRAWAL POINT INFORMATION:

Site Name: East Project Site (formerly 2-14-00014.001)

| Wells Detail | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| District ID | Station Name | Casing Diameter (inches) | Capacity (GPM) | Source Name | Status | Use Type |
| 118954 | Cow Well 11 | 4 | 100 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 119329 | Well 7 | 10 | 1000 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 119696 | Green-Gray House Well | 4 | 100 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 119697 | Well 3 | 8 | 1000 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 119698 | Well 9 | 12 | 3000 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 119699 | Cow Well 16 | 4 | 100 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 119700 | Cow Well 14 | 4 | 100 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 120073 | Horse Stable Well | 6 | 400 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 120074 | Bull Pen Well | 6 | 400 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 120075 | Cow Well 12 | 4 | 100 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 120076 | Cow Well 15 | 4 | 100 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 120484 | Well 4 | 12 | 1000 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 120485 | Well 6 | 10 | 1000 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 120486 | Cow Well 17 | 4 | 100 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 120819 | Pond Well | 6 | 400 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 120832 | Well 2 | 12 | 1000 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 120833 | Well 5 | 10 | 1000 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 120834 | Cow Well 13 | 4 | 100 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 121185 | Well 1 | 12 | 1000 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |
| 121187 | Cow Well 10 | 4 | 100 | UFA | Proposed | Agricultural |

Site Name: West Project Site

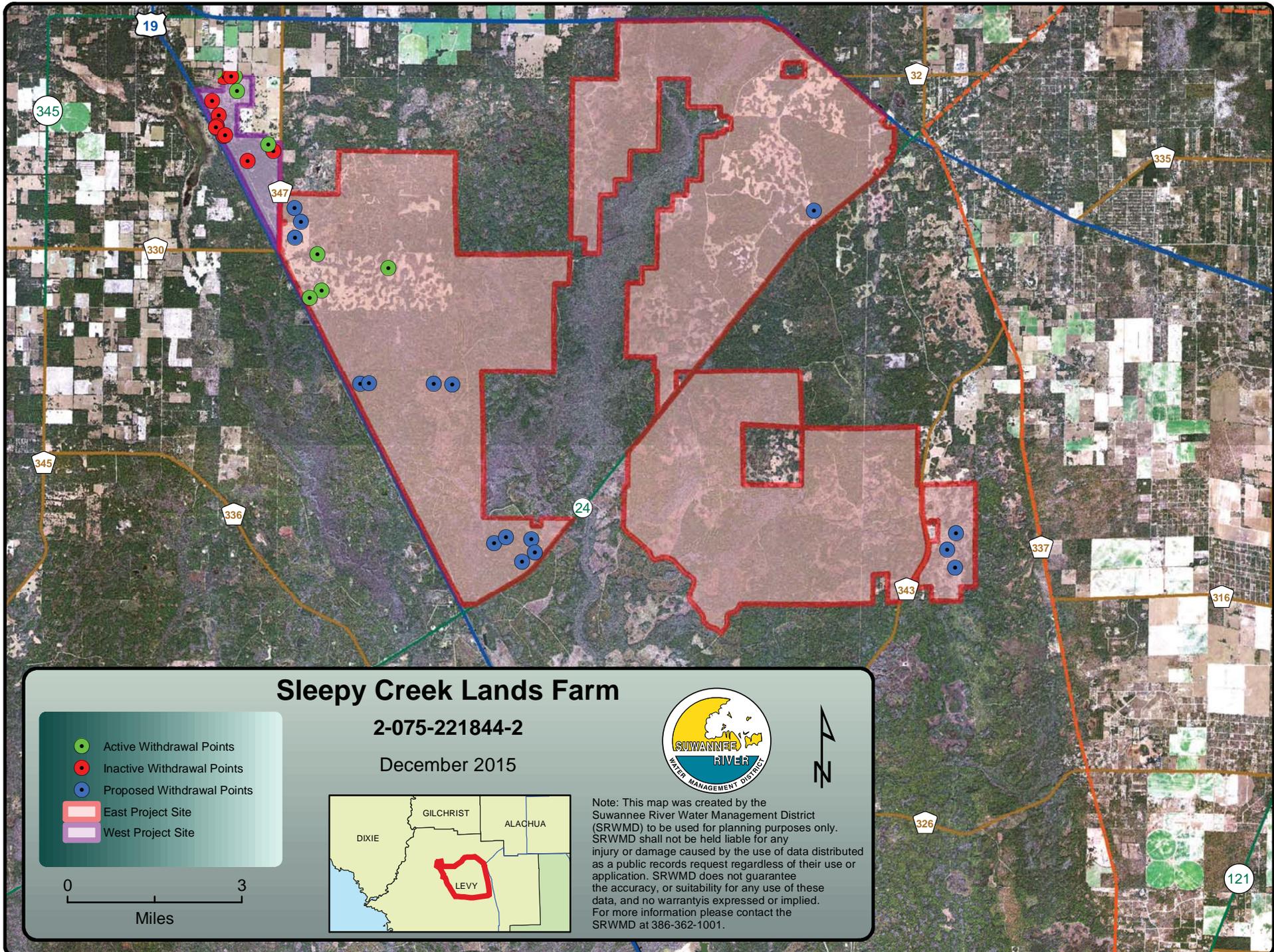
| Wells Detail | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| District ID | Station Name | Casing Diameter (inches) | Capacity (GPM) | Source Name | Status | Use Type |
| 118872 | #36 Eagle Well | 10 | 1000 | UFA | Inactive | Agricultural |
| 118876 | #39 Cucumber Well | 10 | 1000 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 119272 | #40 Eagle Well | 8 | 500 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 119634 | #58 Acorn Well | 10 | 50 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 119639 | #43 Acorn Well | 8 | 800 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 120407 | #59 Eagle Well | 8 | 500 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 120761 | #38 Eagle Well | 8 | 500 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 120762 | #37 Acorn Well | 8 | 500 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 121125 | #56 Clyatt Well | 12 | 1000 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 121126 | #41 Clyatt Well | 12 | 1000 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 121477 | #42 Clyatt Well | 12 | 1000 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 121481 | #44 347 Well | 8 | 500 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 123028 | Entrance Road | 4 | 50 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |
| 123029 | Pig Well | 8 | 800 | UFA | Active | Agricultural |

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 **4/24/2034**. 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 (**2-075-221844-2**).
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 not utilize the conservation easement located in Section 33, Township 12 South, Range 16 East or the conservation easement located in Section 04, Township 13 South, Range 16 East for agricultural activities.
20. The permittee is not authorized to irrigate using pivot end guns.
21. On an average annual basis, the permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.8137 MGD of groundwater for irrigation of a pasture/ clover rotation. The maximum daily allocation is only authorized in 1-in-10 year drought conditions.
22. The Permittee's water use shall be consistent with the MFL prevention or recovery strategy developed for any water body from which this permitted water use directly or indirectly withdraws or diverts water, pursuant to subsection 40B-2.301(2)(h), F.A.C.
23. The permittee shall implement the nutrient management plan submitted on April 4, 2014, and modified on April 24, 2014, for the East Project Site (2-075-221844-1 project boundary); and implement the nutrient management plan submitted on November 12, 2015, and modified on November 19, 2015, for the West Project Site.
24. The permittee shall obtain District authorization prior to conducting agricultural activities not exempt as set forth in subsection 373.406(2), F.S., within jurisdictional wetlands located on this project.
25. The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.1581 MGD of groundwater for livestock use. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis.
26. The permittee shall cap all inactive wells in a watertight manner until placed into use.



Sleepy Creek Lands Farm

2-075-221844-2

December 2015



- Active Withdrawal Points
- Inactive Withdrawal Points
- Proposed Withdrawal Points
- East Project Site
- West Project Site



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
 FROM: Tim Sagul, P.E., Division Director, Resource Management
 DATE: November 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 October 2015 and program totals from January 2012 to October 2015.

| October 2015 | Exemption Requests | Noticed Generals | Generals | 10-2 Self Certifications | Individuals | Conceptuals | Total |
|---|--------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Applications received | 6 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 17 |
| Permits issued | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| Inspections | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total permits issued from January 2012 to October 2015 | 203 | 168 | 206 | 117 | 139 | 10 | 843 |

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

| File Number | Project Name | County | Issue Date |
|------------------|---|----------|------------|
| ERP-001-205218-2 | City of Alachua Operations Center and Warehouse | Alachua | 10/30/2015 |
| ERP-023-207499-7 | SW Real Terrace Extension | Columbia | 10/16/2015 |
| ERP-001-209757-8 | Arbor Greens Phase 4, Unit 1 | Alachua | 10/21/2015 |
| ERP-047-211688-4 | Senior Premier Living | Hamilton | 10/5/2015 |

Water Use Permitting and Water Well Construction Activities

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

| October 2015 | Received | | Issued |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------|
| Water Use Permits | 5 | | 3 |
| | | | |
| Water well permits issued: 161 | | | |
| Abandoned/Destroyed | 23 | Livestock | 2 |
| Agricultural Irrigation | 5 | Monitor | 19 |
| Aquaculture | 0 | Nursery | 0 |
| Climate Control | 0 | Other | 1 |
| Fire Protection | 0 | Public Supply | 1 |
| Garden (Non Commercial) | 0 | Self-supplied Residential | 105 |
| Landscape Irrigation | 3 | Drainage or Injection | 0 |
| Commercial or Industrial | 2 | Remediation Recovery | 0 |

**Rulemaking Schedule
November 2015**

40B-1

General and Procedural Rules - Repeal

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| GB Rule Dev. Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Dev. | N/A |
| GB Proposed Rule Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Send to JAPC/OFARR | 11/10/2015 |
| Notice of Proposed Rule | 11/20/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Change | |
| Mail to DOS | |
| Effective Date | |

40B-3.529

Permitting of Well Construction - Repeal

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|-------------------------|------------|
| GB Rule Dev. Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Dev. | N/A |
| GB Proposed Rule Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Send to JAPC/OFARR | 11/10/2015 |
| Notice of Proposed Rule | 11/20/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Change | |
| Mail to DOS | |
| Effective Date | |

40B-3

Permitting of Well Construction

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| GB Rule Dev. Auth. | 5/14/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Dev. | 5/22/2015 |
| GB Proposed Rule Auth. | 5/14/2015 |
| Public Hearing | 6/18/2015 |
| Send to JAPC/OFARR (Tentative) | 11/30/2015 |
| Notice of Proposed Rule | |
| Notice of Rule Change | |
| Mail to DOS | |
| Effective Date | |

40B-4

Work of the District Permits

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| GB Rule Dev. Auth. | 12/9/2014 |
| Notice of Rule Dev. | |
| GB Proposed Rule Auth. | 12/9/2014 |
| Send to JAPC/OFARR (Tentative) | |
| Notice of Proposed Rule | |
| Notice of Rule Change | |
| Mail to DOS | |
| Effective Date | |

40B-5

Permitting of Artificial Recharge Projects - Repeal

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| GB Rule Dev. Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Dev. | N/A |
| GB Proposed Rule Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Send to JAPC/OFARR | 11/10/2015 |
| Notice of Proposed Rule | 11/20/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Change | |
| Mail to DOS | |
| Effective Date | |

40B-9Water Management Lands Acquisition Procedures -
Repeal

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| GB Rule Dev. Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Dev. | N/A |
| GB Proposed Rule Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Send to JAPC/OFARR | 11/10/2015 |
| Notice of Proposed Rule | 11/20/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Change | |
| Mail to DOS | |
| Effective Date | |

40B-21

Water Shortage Plan - Repeal

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| GB Rule Dev. Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Dev. | N/A |
| GB Proposed Rule Auth. | 11/12/2015 |
| Send to JAPC/OFARR | 11/10/2015 |
| Notice of Proposed Rule | 11/20/2015 |
| Notice of Rule Change | |
| Mail to DOS | |
| Effective Date | |

40B-400

Environmental Resource Permits

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| GB Rule Dev. Auth. | 12/9/2014 |
| Notice of Rule Dev. | |
| GB Proposed Rule Auth. | 12/9/2014 |
| Send to JAPC/OFARR (Tentative) | |
| Notice of Proposed Rule | |
| Public Hearing (if necessary) | |
| Notice of Rule Change | |
| Mail to DOS | |
| Effective Date | |

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: November 27, 2015

RE: Enforcement Status Report

Matters Staff is attempting to gain compliance without enforcement action

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Respondent | Justin M. Fitzhugh |
| Enforcement Number / County | CE05-0046 / Columbia |
| Violation | Non-Functioning Stormwater Management System & Failure to Submit As-Builts |
| Legal Counsel | Brannon, Brown, Haley & Bullock, P.A. |
| Date Sent to Legal | July 1, 2010 |
| Target Date | December 31, 2015 |
| Legal Fees to date | \$2,274 |
| Last Update | October 30, 2015 |

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

Staff inspected the 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. **Construction has been delayed due to the possibility of FDOT needing the property for road improvements. FDOT has recently informed the owner that the road improvements are not in their 5-year plan. The owner has requested construction bids. Upon award of the contract, remediation of the stormwater system will be finished by the end of the year. Staff will monitor construction progress to ensure the pond is constructed and functioning as designed.**

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Respondent | Richard Oldham |
| Enforcement Number / County | CE10-0024 / Bradford |
| Violation | Unpermitted Pond & Deposition of Spoil Material |
| Legal Counsel | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A. |
| Date sent to legal | October 13, 2011 |
| Target Date | December 31, 2015 |
| Legal Fees to date | \$5163.75 |
| Last Update | November 3, 2015 |

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. **Due to lack of resolution, staff contacted Mr. Oldham and he indicated that the bank has foreclosed on the property. A status conference was held on October 26. The judge gave Mr. Oldham 90 days to bring the project into compliance. Staff will work with counsel and the mortgage company to bring this site into compliance.**

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Respondent | Cannon Creek Airpark |
| Enforcement Number / County | CE05-0031/ Columbia |
| Violation | Unpermitted Construction |
| Legal Counsel | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A. |
| Date sent to legal | February 2006 |
| Target Date | Ongoing |
| Legal Fees to date | \$7,048.50 |
| Last Update | September 29, 2015 |

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. **The stormwater issues**

associated with this project are anticipated to be corrected by the work associated with the Columbia County Ichetucknee Headwaters Stormwater Improvement project that recently received funding from FDEP. Staff will continue to update this report as the process unfolds.

Matters the Governing Board has directed staff to take enforcement

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Respondent | Charlie Hicks, Jr. |
| Enforcement Number / County | CE07-0087 / Madison County |
| Violation | Unpermitted Construction in Floodway |
| Legal Counsel | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A. |
| Date sent to legal | October 30, 2008 |
| Target Date | Ongoing |
| Legal Fees to date | \$25,508.03 |
| Last Update | October 29, 2015 |

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 set the sale for the week of April 27, 2015. The sale was cancelled and will be reset due to a misunderstanding about whether the District or the mortgage company is to receive the proceeds of the sale. The Madison County **Sheriff's office has cancelled the December 1, 2015 sale date and will be resetting it at a later date.**

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Respondent | EI Rancho No Tengo, Inc. |
| Enforcement Number / County | CE05-0017 / Columbia |
| Violation | Unpermitted Construction |
| Legal Counsel | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A. |
| Date sent to legal | January 2006 |
| Target Date | Ongoing |
| Legal Fees to date | \$307,824.93 |
| Last Update: | October 30, 2015 |

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 EI 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 3rd 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 11th 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, 2014, 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.

On February 27, 2015, the Circuit Court entered an order re-setting the judicial sale for March 25 at 11:00 a.m.

On March 25, 2015 at approximately 10:00 a.m., Mr. Hill filed a Chapter 12 bankruptcy petition. Meanwhile at approximately 11:00 a.m. the Circuit court clerk conducts the judicial sale as ordered. Mr. Hill does not appear. The District is the successful high bidder and the clerk files Certificate of Sale. On March 26, 2015, Mr. Hill files a Notice of Bankruptcy with the Circuit Court. On March 27, 2015, the District filed a Motion for Relief from Stay with the Bankruptcy court. On March 30, 2015, the Bankruptcy Court files an order for hearing on this motion and sets the hearing for April 20, 2015. On April 20, 2015, the motion for relief from the stay was heard by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Paul M. Glenn. On April 27, 2015 Judge Glenn granted the District's motion but also terminated the bankruptcy stay retroactively to the date Mr. Hill filed his petition. The effect of the retroactive termination of the stay is that the March 25, 2015 clerk's sale is now valid and unaffected by the stay. Further, Judge Glenn ordered that for 180 days after the date of his order, nothing filed by Mr. Hill in the bankruptcy court would create an automatic stay. This means that if there are any more filings in the bankruptcy court, they will not affect or delay the foreclosure case.

On June 30, 2015, the First District Court of Appeals issued its order affirming the actions of the District in foreclosing the lien of its judgments.

On July 17, 2015, the trial court held a hearing on Mr. Hill's objections to the judicial sale.

On July 21, 2015, the court filed its order overruling Mr. Hill's objections and authorizing and directing the clerk to file a certificate of title transferring title to the subject property to the District.

On July 23, 2015, the clerk filed its certificate of title transferring title to the subject property to the District.

On August 3, the District retained an engineer, Del Bottcher, Ph.D. P.E., to give a professional opinion on the proper rate of pumping to "pump down" the impoundment without doing any damage to the "down stream" properties.

On Aug 4, 2015, the District received the opinion from Mr. Bottcher giving his recommended rate of pumping. Thereafter the District began pumping down the impoundment.

On Aug. 25, 2015, Mr. Hill filed a petition for review with the Florida Supreme Court, seeking to have the Florida Supreme Court review the decision of the First District Court of Appeals. On Aug. 26, 2015, the Florida Supreme Court entered its order denying such review. **Pump down of the impoundment is continuing.**

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Plaintiff | Jeffrey L. Hill, Sr. and Linda P. Hill |
| Enforcement Number / County | CE11-0045 / Columbia |
| Violation | NA |
| Legal Counsel | SRWMD Insurance Legal Counsel |
| Date sent to legal | August 2011 |
| Target Date | Ongoing |
| Legal Fees to date | \$9,608.50 (direct cost). \$50,000.00 (approximate costs incurred to date to the insurance company. The District will only be responsible for a \$10,000 deductible due at the close of the case). |
| Last Update | September 29, 2015 |

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. On March 3, Insurance Counsel rechecked the Court's docket and it appears that the Plaintiffs did in fact timely file the required proof, but failed to serve Insurance Counsel with a copy. Judge Parker ruled that Plaintiffs will be given a rehearing on the District's motion for final summary judgment ("MSJ"). The hearing was set for April 14, 2015, but was cancelled after Mr. Hill filed a Notice of Removal with the bankruptcy court on April 13, 2015. On May 4, 2015, insurance counsel filed a motion with the bankruptcy court to remand the Hills' lawsuit back to state court. Also, at the same time, insurance counsel asked the bankruptcy court to award the District its costs and fees associated with having to file the motion to remand.

On July 24, 2015, the Bankruptcy court entered its order granting the District motion to abstain and remanded the case back to the Circuit Court for Columbia County.

A hearing on the District's motion for summary judgment that was scheduled for October 22, 2015 was rescheduled until December 1, 2015.

A new "flooding" case has been filed against the District as a result of the pump-down beginning in August. This case is in the preliminary stages.

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| Respondent | Jeffrey Hill / Haight Ashbury Subdivision |
| Enforcement Number / County | CE04-0003 / Columbia |
| Violation | Not Built in Accordance with Permitted Plans |
| Legal Counsel | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A. |
| Date sent to legal | May 2006 |
| Target Date | November 30, 2015 |
| Legal Fees to date | \$13,209 |
| Last Update | August 28, 2015 |

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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. Staff met with Columbia County on March 20, 2015 and agreed with the County's approach to resolving this issue. Columbia County returned the ILA and is ready to move forward. **The ILA has been signed and work is set to be completed in 60 to 90 days.**

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| Respondent | Jeffrey Hill / Smithfield Estates-Phase 1 |
| Enforcement Number / County | CE04-0025 / Columbia |
| Violation | Not Built in Accordance with Permitted Plans |
| Legal Counsel | Davis, Schnitker, Reeves and Browning, P.A. |
| Date sent to legal | May 2006 |
| Target Date | November 30, 2015 |
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Noah Valenstein, Executive Director
DATE: November 23, 2015
RE: Approval of Fiscal Year 2017 Preliminary Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2017 Budget of \$33,676,525 authorize the Executive Director to make as recommended by the Office of the Governor or the Florida Department of Environmental Protection adjustments and corrections, and submit the Standard Format Preliminary Budget to the Governor's Office and Legislature by January 15, 2015.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.535, Florida Statutes, requires the water management districts to submit a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year for legislative review by January 15. The preliminary budget must be submitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of each legislative committee and subcommittee having substantive or fiscal jurisdiction over water management districts.

Staff has coordinated development of the preliminary budget with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Governor's Office.

In developing the preliminary budget, staff focused on an operational expenditure approach that will accomplish core mission strategic priorities. The preliminary budget also includes use of reserve fund balance for Governing Board priorities. The preliminary fund balance use schedule has been adjusted to reflect the anticipated use of fund balance amounts and fund designation adjustments based on Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54.

The preliminary budget revenue portfolio maintains the current millage rate of 0.4104, seeks to use state revenue for regulatory programs and statutory responsibilities, use reserves to fund strategic program and project priorities, and minimize the use of district carried-forward revenue.

Revenue and expenditure summary charts and the projected utilization of fund balance table follow this memorandum. The attachments show the revenue and expenditure budgets by category.

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Attachments

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PROGRAM BY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

Fiscal Years 2012 - 13, 2013 - 14, 2014 - 15, 2015 - 16, 2016 - 17

PRELIMINARY BUDGET - Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017

ALL PROGRAMS

| | Fiscal Year 2012-13 (Actual-Audited) | Fiscal Year 2013-14 (Actual - Audited) | Fiscal Year 2014-15 (Amended Budget) | Fiscal Year 2015-16 (Amended Budget) | Fiscal Year 2016-17 (Preliminary Budget) | Difference in \$ (Preliminary - Amended) | % of Change (Preliminary - Amended) |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring | \$ 5,772,043 | \$ 5,643,288 | \$ 9,604,731 | \$ 9,766,227 | \$ 9,366,767 | \$ 161,496 | 1.7% |
| 2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works | \$ 805,834 | \$ 2,854,740 | \$ 31,080,834 | \$ 29,824,385 | \$ 18,598,083 | \$ (1,256,449) | -4.0% |
| 3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works | \$ 2,209,325 | \$ 2,040,987 | \$ 2,700,631 | \$ 2,613,661 | \$ 2,588,537 | \$ (86,970) | -3.2% |
| 4.0 Regulation | \$ 1,169,514 | \$ 1,182,630 | \$ 1,278,446 | \$ 1,319,098 | \$ 1,323,845 | \$ 40,652 | 3.2% |
| 5.0 Outreach | \$ 164,767 | \$ 186,015 | \$ 250,483 | \$ 245,483 | \$ 252,431 | \$ (5,000) | -2.0% |
| 6.0 District Management and Administration | \$ 2,114,414 | \$ 1,563,020 | \$ 1,572,356 | \$ 1,505,816 | \$ 1,546,863 | \$ (66,540) | -4.2% |
| TOTAL | \$ 12,235,897 | \$ 13,470,680 | \$ 46,487,481 | \$ 45,274,670 | \$ 33,676,525 | \$ (1,212,812) | -2.6% |

| | Fiscal Year 2012-13 (Actual-Audited) | Fiscal Year 2013-14 (Actual - Audited) | Fiscal Year 2014-15 (Amended Budget) | Fiscal Year 2015-16 (Amended Budget) | Fiscal Year 2016-17 (Preliminary Budget) | Difference in \$ (Preliminary - Amended) | % of Change (Preliminary - Amended) |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| Salaries and Benefits | \$ 4,525,100 | \$ 5,056,640 | \$ 5,784,598 | \$ 5,875,056 | \$ 6,047,222 | \$ 90,458 | 1.6% |
| Other Personal Services | \$ - | \$ 195,757 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | - |
| Contracted Services | \$ 4,532,123 | \$ 4,995,948 | \$ 27,764,881 | \$ 29,785,879 | \$ 19,030,591 | \$ 2,020,998 | 7.3% |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 1,901,878 | \$ 1,418,252 | \$ 1,716,389 | \$ 1,744,239 | \$ 1,653,743 | \$ 27,850 | 1.6% |
| Operating Capital Outlay | \$ 101,788 | \$ 310,321 | \$ 501,700 | \$ 241,000 | \$ 216,000 | \$ (260,700) | -52.0% |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | \$ 49,439 | \$ 390,447 | \$ 5,370,465 | \$ 900,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ (4,470,465) | -83.2% |
| Interagency Expenditures (Cooperative Funding) | \$ 1,125,569 | \$ 1,103,315 | \$ 5,349,448 | \$ 6,728,496 | \$ 6,628,970 | \$ 1,379,048 | 25.8% |
| Debt | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | - |
| Reserves - Emergency Response | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | - |
| TOTAL | \$ 12,235,897 | \$ 13,470,680 | \$ 46,487,481 | \$ 45,274,670 | \$ 33,676,525 | \$ (1,212,812) | -2.6% |

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017

| | District Revenues | Fund Balance | Debt | Local Revenues | State Revenues | Federal Revenues | TOTAL |
|--|-------------------|---------------|------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Salaries and Benefits | \$ 3,557,276 | \$ 1,059,440 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 944,006 | \$ - | \$ 5,560,722 |
| Other Personal Services | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Contracted Services | \$ 2,043,077 | \$ 6,494,451 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7,634,563 | \$ 2,817,000 | \$ 18,989,091 |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 960,148 | \$ 460,280 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 233,315 | \$ - | \$ 1,653,743 |
| Operating Capital Outlay | \$ 172,200 | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11,800 | \$ - | \$ 204,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | \$ - | \$ 100,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 100,000 |
| Interagency Expenditures (Cooperative Funding) | \$ 134,000 | \$ 3,864,170 | \$ - | \$ 105,600 | \$ 2,525,200 | \$ - | \$ 6,628,970 |
| Debt | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Reserves - Emergency Response | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,866,701 | \$ 11,998,341 | \$ - | \$ 105,600 | \$ 11,348,884 | \$ 2,817,000 | \$ 33,136,525 |

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Noah Valenstein, Executive Director

THRU: Carlos D. Herd, P.G., Director, Water Supply

DATE: November 23, 2015

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

No meeting was scheduled for the month of November. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2015. An update will be provided at the January 2016 Board meeting.

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: Noah Valenstein, Executive Director
DATE: November 23, 2015
RE: District's Weekly Activity Reports

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

Please feel free to contact staff prior to the Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

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Attachments



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for Oct. 26 - Nov.1, 2015

Executive/ Management

- Noah Valenstein attended the Annual Farm Bureau Meeting in Ponte Vedra.
- Steve Minnis attended the Taylor County Legislative Delegation meeting in Perry.
- Carlo Herd participated on a panel at the Annual Farm Bureau Meeting in Ponte Vedra.
- Noah Valenstein and Steve Minnis met with the Editorial staff from the Gainesville Sun.

Water Resources

- Tom Mirti met with the contractor for the Monitor Well Network Improvement Project in Orlando.
- Tom Mirti, Paul Buchanan and Bebe Willis met with Goethe State Forest staff in Levy County for potential siting of wells for Monitor Well Network Improvement Project and moisture status for upcoming LIDAR flights.
- Paul Buchanan and Bebe Willis attended an ESRI Open Data workshop (ArcGIS Online Data service) in Brooksville.
- Tom Mirti, Tara Rodgers and Trey Grubbs met with Florida Geological Survey staff at District to coordinate the Alapaha dye trace study.
- Patrick Webster, Scott Gregor, David Dickens and Glenn Horvath meet with Columbia County to discuss their submission potential RIVER application.
- Brian Kauffman participated as an Advisory Board Member to FAMU's Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department.
- Brian Kauffman participated in the quarterly Silver Jackets meeting with the Army Corps of Engineer and the Florida Department of Emergency Management to discuss improved flood forecasting and public information.

Water Supply

- Noah Valenstein, Carlos Herd, Trey Grubbs and Tommy Kiger attended North Florida Regional Water Supply meeting at the Florida Gateway Collage.
- Jamie Bell, Stefani Leavitt, and Geraldine Klarenberg gave a presentation to the University of Florida's chapter of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) regarding the District (history and core mission) and what their jobs entail.
- Glenn Horvath and Justin Garland met with three dairies to sign cost share contracts and discuss future cost share opportunities.

Resource Management

- Dave Dickens and Bill Mckinstry attended the Ichetucknee Springshed Water Quality Improvement Project construction kick-off meeting in Lake City.

Communications

- Abby Johnson addressed inquiries from ***The Observer*** regarding the JTC chicken farm permit.
- Steve Minnis and Abby Johnson addressed inquiries from ***Politico*** regarding the prospective Cattle Lease on District Lands.
- Abby Johnson participated in the bi-weekly communications conference call with DEP. Bill McKinstry addressed inquiries from the Cedar Key News regarding the access to the Lukens Property.

Announcements for the week of November 9

- The District will be closed on November 11 in observation of Veteran's Day.
- The Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for November 12 in Cedar Key at 9:00 a.m..
- The District Lands Committee is scheduled for November 13 in Cedar Key at 9:00 a.m. With the Human Resources Committee meeting immediate afterwards.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for November 2-8, 2015

Executive/ Management

- Steve Minnis attended the 4th Legislative Interim Committee Week in Tallahassee.
- Noah Valenstein and Steve Minnis met with various Senators and Representatives regarding District confirmations and other District matters.
- Steve Minnis, Carlos Herd and Tom Mirti attended the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee Meeting at the request of the Staff Director.
- Noah Valenstein and Glenn Horvath participated in a conference call with DACS and DEP regarding the Suwannee BMAP.

Water Resources

- Tom Mirti, Glenn Horvath and Marc Minno participated in a Restoration Strategy conference call with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation staff.
- Tara Rodgers, Darlene Saindon and Brian Sparks attended YSI EXO2 training in Apopka.

Water Supply

- Glenn Horvath and Justin Garland met with Tom Yeager of UF's Department of Environmental Horticulture to discuss the District's nursery cost- share program.
- Glenn Horvath and Justin Garland met with 3 dairies to discuss the agriculture cost - share program and existing sign cost- share contracts.

Resource Management

- Brian Kauffman discussed the FEMA map changes with the Dixie County Board of County Commissioners and received their acceptance of the preliminary maps.
- Mike Fuller participated in a conference call with staff from DEP and the other WMDs regarding Cumulative Impact Assessments of wetlands.

Communications

- Steve Minnis addressed several inquiries from "*Politico*" regarding the Steinhatchee Springs – Cattle Lease Tract Invitation to Bid.
- Steve Minnis addressed several inquiries for "*Cedar Key News*" regarding the Lukens Tract.
- Abby Johnson addressed public records requests from "*Politic*" and "*Cedar Key News*".
- Abby Johnson published an article, "Prescribed burn planned at Mallory Swamp, November and December."

Announcements for the week of November 16

- The 5th Legislative Interim Committee Week is scheduled for November 16th.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for November 9-15, 2015

Executive/ Management

- Noah Valenstein and Steve Minnis met with White Springs Councilmember Helen Miller regarding water resource and economic development proposed initiatives.
- Noah Valenstein and Abby Johnson gave a “Meet and Greet” presentation to the City of Live Oak City Council.

Water Resources

- Tom Mirti and Glenn Horvath participated in the Coastal Managers Forum.
- Darlene Saindon and Tara Rodgers conducted a workshop for 6th graders at Ichetucknee State Park.

Resource Management

- Brian Kauffman gave a presentation on aquifer levels to the 70 employees of Tri County Electric Cooperative at their annual safety day held on Veterans Day.

Communications

- Abby Johnson and Dave Dickens provided a phone interview for WUFT news regarding the benefits of prescribed fire.
- Abby Johnson represented the District at the Suwannee River League of Cities meeting in White Springs.
- Steve Minnis address inquiries from the Cheifland Citizen, Cedar Key Beacon and Cedar Key News regarding the Lukens Tract.

Announcements for the week of November 23

- The District will be closed on November 26 and 27 in observance Thanksgiving Holiday.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for November 16-22, 2015

Executive/ Management

- Steve Minnis attended the 5th Legislative Interim Committee Week in Tallahassee.
- Noah Valenstein and Steve Minnis met with various Senators and Representatives regarding confirmation and District matters.
- Steve Minnis participated on the OPB/DEP/WMD Legislative Coordination conference call.

Water Resources

- Glenn Horvath attended the Gulf Consortium Meeting in Amelia Island.
- Tom Mirti, Mark Minno and Glenn Horvath met with Environmental Science Associates to develop scope of work for SWIM Plans and Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund Restoration Strategy.
- Tom Mirti, Mark Minno and Glenn Horvath met with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to review procedures associated with a District grant.
- Tom Mirti, Glenn Horvath, Drew Tuten, Tara Rodgers, Deborah Parker and Tyler Schaper met with Verizon and BB Smart to discuss monitoring options with cell phones.
- Paul Buchanan and Bebe Willis attended "Shrug GIS" conference in Tallahassee.

Water Supply

- Carlos Herd and Warren Zwanka attended the Florida Geoscience Workgroup meeting in Tallahassee.

Resource Management

- Tim Sagul attended the North Central Florida Water Well Association's monthly meeting in Alachua.
- Tim Sagul and Tommy Kiger participated in the SWERP Phase 2 conference call with staff from DEP and the other WMDs.

Communications

- Abby Johnson responded to inquiries from the Florida Specifier regarding the Levy Blue project.
- Abby Johnson responded to inquiries from the Gainesville Sun regarding a possible petition for the JTC chicken farm.
- Abby Johnson participated on the monthly REDI conference call.

Announcements for the week of November 30

- The 6th Legislative Interim Committee Week is scheduled for November 30th.