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**Senate confirms SRWMD board members, director**

LIVE OAK, FLA, February 19, 2016 — The Florida Senate confirmed the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Executive Director, Noah Valenstein, as well as governing board members Kevin Brown, Richard Schwab and Bradley Williams on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Valenstein was selected by the Governing Board search committee to lead the District in September of 2015. Most recently, Valenstein was the environmental policy coordinator for Governor Rick Scott's Office of Policy and Budget. He comes to the District as an experienced advocate for natural resources. He's a Florida native and graduated from both the University of Florida and Florida State University College of Law.

Kevin Brown was reappointed to the board for a term beginning March 25, 2015 and ending March 1, 2019. Brown represents the Santa Fe and Waccasassa River Basins. Brown is a Florida native and a graduate of the University of Florida. He has extensive experience in finance, real estate and soil science.

Schwab and Williams were appointed by the Governor on April 13, 2015 with terms ending March 1, 2019. Schwab represents the Coastal Rivers Basin and Williams represents the Aucilla River Basin. Schwab is the procurement manager for M.A. Rigoni, a family business. Williams is the owner and president of Williams Timber, Inc. Both Williams and Schwab are native Floridians and active in their communities.

The remaining governing board members are Donald J. Quincey, Jr., chairman, Alphonas Alexander, vice chairman; Virginia H. Johns, secretary/treasurer; Gary Jones and Virginia Sanchez.

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