

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

March 12, 2019
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 No. 6 - Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2019 Board, Workshop, and Audit Committee Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 10 - Approval of January 2019 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 11 - Acceptance of the Inspector General Audit Report #19-01 from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A., Inspector General
 - Agenda Item No. 13 - Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule to Amend Rule 40B-2.051, F.A.C., and File the Rule Amendments and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received
6. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2019 Board, Workshop, and Audit Committee Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Presentation of Hydrologic Conditions by Fay Baird, Senior Hydrologist, Water Resource Division
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL
Tom Reeves

8. Update on Legal Activities / Enforcement Status Report

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director

Legislative and Governmental Affairs

9. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

Office of Finance

- BCS Page 3 10. Approval of January 2019 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 12 11. Acceptance of the Inspector General Audit Report #19-01 from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A., Inspector General – **Recommend Consent**

Office of Information Technology

No Items

Resource Management

- BCS Page 21 12. Permitting Summary Report
- BCS Page 24 13. Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule to Amend Rule 40B-2.051, F.A.C., and File the Rule Amendments and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 27 14. Approval of Final Order 19-0002 for General Works of the District Permit Application Number ERP-029-214825-8, Hawkins Project, Dixie County
- BCS Page 40 15. Approval of Final Order 19-0003 for General Works of the District Permit Application Number WOD-075-233361-2, Belair Boathouse Rebuild, Levy County
- BCS Page 52 16. Approval of new Water Use Permit 2-041-233899-1, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1056 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Mathis Project, Gilchrist County

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- BCS Page 63 17. Authorization to Amend an Agreement with the City of Alachua

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES
Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director

Land Management Program

- WLR Page 1 18. District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary

Water Resources Program

- WLR Page 5 19. Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

Water Supply / MFL Programs

No Items

If any person decides to appeal any decision with respect to any action considered at the above referenced meeting and hearing, such person may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made to include testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

March 12, 2019
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

- Withlacoochee/Alapaha Water Quality Review
- Water Use Estimation for Water Supply Planning Discussion
- Mallory Swamp Road and Hydrological Facility Maintenance Discussion

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
February 12, 2019

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Bradley Williams		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Sec./Treas.	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.		X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Kevin W. Brown		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Alphonas Alexander	Vice Chair		X
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X	
At Large	Gary Jones		X	
At Large	Charles Keith		X	

Governing Board Legal Counsel

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

Leadership Team

Position	Name	Present	Not Present
Executive Director	Hugh Thomas	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tom Mirti	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Guests:

Chuck Brannan, State Representative – District 10	Staz Gunter, Representative Chuck Brannan
Hunter Anderson, U.S. Senator Rick Scott	Gary Hollis, U.S. Senator Rick Scott
Will Kendrick, Congressman Neal Dunn	Matthew Deas, U.S. Senate
Kortney Wesley, Congressman Lawson	Rudy Maloy, Congressman Lawson
Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua Commissioner	Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Clint Pittman, Columbia County	Alston Kelley, Madison County Commissioner
Darryl Muse, City of Valdosta	Kevin Kirby, Columbia County
Jim Maher, FDEP	Morgan Westberry, FDEP
Julie Espy, FDEP	Greg Strong, FDEP
Connie Cole, State Floodplain Mgmt. Office	Bob Vincent, FDOH
Kerry Waldron, FDOH	Mary Beth Litrico, FDACS
Glenn Horvath, FDACS	Thomas Potter, Suwannee Riverkeepers
John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers	Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy	Joan Douglas, Southeast RCAP
Greg Bailey, NFPS	Dallas Smith, NFPS

Kristin Rubin, Our Santa Fe River
Michael Roth, Our Santa Fe River
Jamie Wachter, Suwannee Democrat
Merrillee M. Jipson, Rum 138
Steven Scott, Friends of Rum Island
Kevin Wright, Lakeland Sands
Mary Gavin, SERCAP
Jeff Hill
Georgia Schmitz
James McBrayer

Staff:

Warren Zwanka
Ben Glass
Jon Wood
Tilda Musgrove
Kris Esklin
Pam Shaw
Leroy Marshall

Chris Wynn, FWC
Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River
Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
Caleb McDow, Crosby & Associates, Inc.
Ross Ambrose, AAA Porta-Serve
Robert Hawkins, Bob's River Place
Craig Varn, Manson Bolves & Varn
Arthur McMillan
Steve Gladin
Evelyn Davis

Stefanie Weeks
Lindsey Garland
Patrick Webster
Fay Baird
Darlene Valez
Gwen Lord

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

Updates:

Business and Community Services

- Agenda Item No. 15 - District-Permitted Wetland Impacts and Mitigation 2018 Report to Local Governments

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Chris Wynn, FWC – Invited Board to FWC Commission Meeting.
- Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe Springs – Springs concerns.
- Jeff Hill, Equipment repossession concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - January 8, 2019 Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - Approval of December 2018 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-218706-2, for Agriculture Use, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-220600-2, for Agriculture Use, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 23 - Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with North Florida Timber Dealers Inc. for the Steinhatchee Falls #1 Timber Sale

MOTION WAS MADE BY QUINCEY, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2019 Governing Board Meeting, Workshop Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations – City of Valdosta Utilities Department Presentation
Darryl Muse, City of Valdosta Utilities Department, provided a powerpoint regarding the Wastewater system in Valdosta.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board regarding the presentation:

John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers James McBrayer, Hamilton County Resident
Bob Vincent, FDEP Arthur McMillan, Hamilton County Resident
Merrillee M. Jipson, Rum 138

- Fay Baird gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Brown and Hill cases.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Legislative and Government Program

Agenda Item No. 9 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Office of Finance

Agenda Item No. 10 – Approval of December 2018 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Office of Information Technology

Agenda Item No. 11 – Authorization to Purchase an Additional Storage Area Network. Jon Wood, Chief Information Officer, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY QUINCEY, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 12 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Denial of Environmental Resource Permit Application ERP-029-214825-8, Hawkins Project, Dixie County. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, asked for this item to be continued until the March 2019 Board meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THIS RECOMMENDATION TO MARCH 2019 BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of Variance Request for General Works of the District Permit Application Number ERP-023-204199-2, Rum Island Springs Park Improvements, Columbia County. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

Kevin Kirby, Columbia County	Clint Pittman, Columbia County
Greg Bailey, NFPS	Merrilee M. Jipson, Rum 138
Michael Roth, Our Santa Fe River	Ross Abrose, AAA Porta-Serve
Steven Scott, Friends of Rum Island	

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY BROWN TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Johns announced a break for lunch. Mr. Schwab and Mr. Quincey left the Board meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 15 – District-Permitted Wetland Impacts and Mitigation 2018 Report to Local Governments – Updated. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-220905-3, for Agriculture Use, Levy County. Stefani Weeks, WUP/WWC Program Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-218706-2, for Agriculture Use, Levy County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-220600-2, for Agriculture Use, Levy County. Approved on Consent.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 19 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Amend Contract Number 17/18-006 with Perpetual Contracting, Inc., for Services on Middle Suwannee Project. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Approval to Enter into Agreement with One Agricultural Producer to Implement Precision Agriculture Practices. Ben Glass, Community Affairs Manager, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES

Land Management Program

Agenda Item No. 21 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 22 - Approval to Amend the Aucilla Land Partners Exchange Conservation Easement owned by Aucilla Land Partners, LLC. Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with North Florida Timber Dealers Inc, for the Steinhatchee Falls #1 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Water Resources Program

Agenda Item No. 24 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Supply / MFL Programs

No Items.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 25 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 2:06 p.m.

Consolidated Annual Report Discussion

Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, provided a powerpoint to the Board on the Consolidated Annual Report.

Workshop adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

AUDIT COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING

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February 12, 2019
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 2:19 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Don Quincey		X
Virginia Johns	X	
Richard Schwab		X
Virginia Sanchez	X	
Gary Jones	X	

CHAIR JOHNS SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND APPOINTED MRS. SANCHEZ AND MR. JOHNS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE FOR THIS MEETING.

Attendees

John Ingram, Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A. (via conference call) Richard Powell, Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A. (via conference call)

Staff

Hugh Thomas Lisa Cheshire
Robin Lamm Pam Shaw
Jon Wood

2. Public Comment. No public comments were received.

3. Discussion Items:

- Acceptance of the Inspector General Audit Reports #19-01 from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A., Inspector General. John Ingram and Richard Law, Law, Redd & Crona, presented this report to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO SENT TO FULL BOARD FOR ACCEPTANCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Announcements: None

5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Katie Kelly, Legislative and Governmental Affairs Chief

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: March 1, 2019

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 ongoing.
SRWMD	Sandlin Bay Sale/Exchange to U.S. Forest Service	2,023	Columbia	USFS reissuing request for appraisals.
Jerry Coker, Etal.	Lumber Camp Springs	37 +/-	Gilchrist	Title issue regarding access being resolved. Landowners evaluating access alternatives with Gilchrist County.
Tim Walker, Etal.	Tim Walker Conservation Easement	90 +/-	Lafayette	Appraisal required.
Bob Chastain, Etal	Chastain Tract	7	Columbia	Detailed Assessment Approved 09-11-2018.
James Moses	Moses Exchange	10-20	Hamilton and Suwannee	Detailed Assessment Approved 09-11-2018.
Citizen's State Bank	Steinhatchee Falls Donation Addition	5+	Taylor	Environmental Assessment, Surety, and Title Work underway.

Authorized for Surplus

Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Price	Comments
Falmouth North (8 lots)	6	Suwannee	4/1998	WMLTF	8/27/10	To be determined by appraisal update.	Appraisal update required.
Timber River	1	Madison	3/1998	WMLTF	8/5/10; Updated 7/30/14	To be determined by appraisal update.	Appraisal update required.
Turtle Spring Surplus Tract	32	Lafayette	5/13/2015	Florida Forever	5/24/15	To be determined by appraisal update.	Suspended until further review.
Bay Creek	55	Columbia	2/1/1988	Save Our Rivers	N/A	To be determined by appraisal.	Suspended until further review.

Authorized for Surplus

Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding Source	Appraisal Date	Price	Comments
Branford Bend	50	Suwannee	6/30/2004	Florida Forever	N/A	To be determined by appraisal.	Suspended until further review.
RO Ranch West	570	Lafayette	7/27/2006	Florida Forever	N/A	To be determined by appraisal.	Appraisal required.
RO Ranch Equestrian Area	707	Lafayette	7/27/2006	Florida Forever	N/A	To be determined by appraisal.	Appraisal required.
Columbia County Surplus	78 +/-	Columbia	7/2015	Enforcement Action	TBD	To be determined by appraisal.	Title Commitment complete.

Easement Requests

Name	Type	County	Tract	Comments
Berneice Knight	Access	Levy	Manatee South	Survey, legal description, appraisal, and payment required.

Proposed Property Offers

Tract	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
Aucilla Hills	759.79	Jefferson	9/11/2018	Dependent on configurations	Fee or Easement	Not Recommended per Staff Review Team.
Cooley	100	Jefferson	10/22/2018	Surface Water Protection and Floodplains 90% and Uplands 60% of Appraised Value	Easement	Governing Board Did Not Approve 2.11.18.
Hodges	750	Levy	10/4/2018	\$1,000/ac	Fee	Not Recommended per Staff Review Team 11.15.2018.
Howell	309.12	Gilchrist	8/23/2018	\$2,000/ac	Easement	Waiting on Property Owner.
Long Pond	1467.23	Levy	9/18/2018	\$5,947,500	Fee	Reconfiguration under consideration per Lands Committee 11.13.2018.
Oak Hammock	1	Gilchrist	10/22/2018	\$4,500	Fee	Not Recommended per Staff Review Team 11.15.2018.
Poole Burnham	5	Suwannee	3/2/2018	\$5,000	Fee	Not Recommended per Staff Review Team 1.10.2019.

KK/tm

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: March 1, 2019

RE: Approval of January 2019 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the January 2019 Financial Report and confirm the expenditures of the District.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.553(1), Florida Statutes, 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.

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Attachments

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Cash Report
January 2019**

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Interest Rate %	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$0.00		\$18,373.93
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$0.00		\$35,000.00
First Federal Depository	\$218.90	0.02%	\$888,004.49
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$74,157.23</u>	2.02%	<u>\$43,324,283.20</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$74,376.13</u></u>		<u><u>\$44,265,661.62</u></u>

*SPIA is part of the Florida Treasury Investment Pool

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds
For the Month ending January 31, 2019
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 1/31/2019	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 5,715,938	\$ 4,586,391	\$ (1,129,547)	80.2%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 56,967,463	\$ 5,261,152	\$ (51,706,311)	9.2%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 310,000	\$ 253,460	\$ (56,540)	81.8%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 150,000	\$ 56,778	\$ (93,222)	37.9%
Other	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 584,580	\$ (415,420)	58.5%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 6,816,967	\$ 310,057	\$ (6,506,910)	4.5%
Total Sources	\$ 70,960,368	\$ 11,052,418	\$ (59,907,950)	15.6%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 10,279,861	\$ 871,775	\$ 3,167,904	\$ 6,240,181	8%	39%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 52,489,529	\$ 2,858,938	\$ 25,986,522	\$ 23,644,068	5%	55%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 4,947,220	\$ 735,547	\$ 1,518,212	\$ 2,693,461	15%	46%
Regulation	\$ 1,472,442	\$ 386,747	\$ 23,821	\$ 1,061,873	26%	28%
Outreach	\$ 233,763	\$ 82,412	\$ -	\$ 151,351	35%	35%
Management and Administration	\$ 1,537,553	\$ 486,011	\$ 41,975	\$ 1,009,568	32%	34%
Total Uses	\$ 70,960,368	\$ 5,421,431	\$ 30,738,434	\$ 34,800,503	8%	51%

¹ Actual Fund Balance used is recorded at the end of the fiscal year. This amount represents Fund Balance used for the Monitor Well Improvement Program and the AG and RIVER Cost-Share Programs

² Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders and contracts.

³ Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This financial statement is prepared as of January 31, 2019 and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 1/31/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND Report Recap -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	5,481,209	0	7,175,938
LOCAL REVENUES	91,600	0	91,600
STATE REVENUES	5,123,790	0	51,942,863
FEDERAL REVENUES	45,761	0	4,933,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	310,057	0	6,816,967
TOTAL REVENUES	11,052,417	0	70,960,368
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,881,589	0	6,292,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,581,763	9,097,345	29,621,819
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	290,753	161,794	1,520,899
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	27,677	126,581	368,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	6,523	8,000	1,050,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	633,126	21,344,715	32,107,606
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,421,431	30,738,435	70,960,368
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	5,630,986	(30,738,435)	0
<u>FUND 01 - GENERAL FUND</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	4,839,647	0	5,207,719
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,004,972	0	2,740,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	152,000
TOTAL REVENUES	6,844,619	0	8,099,719
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,471,264	0	4,966,397
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	120,342	489,863	1,055,909
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	129,332	61,915	954,333
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	23,876	2,661	172,580
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	155,759	538,514	950,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,900,573	1,092,953	8,099,719
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,944,046	(1,092,953)	0
<u>FUND 05 - MIDDLE SUWANNEE</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	40,139	0	250,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	40,139	0	250,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	40,139	56,926	250,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	40,139	56,926	250,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(56,926)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 1/31/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 06 - SPRINGS GRANTS</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	152,000
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	617,491	0	43,302,400
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	617,491	0	43,454,400
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,191,094	3,750,313	16,182,300
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	984	2,838	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	337,299	18,047,770	27,272,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,529,377	21,800,921	43,454,400
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(911,886) *	(21,800,921)	0
<i>* Expenditures to be covered by FDEP Grants</i>			
<u>FUND 07 - LOCAL REVENUE</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	91,600	0	91,600
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	91,600	0	91,600
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	91,600	91,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	91,600	91,600
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	91,600	(91,600)	0
<u>FUND 08 - WMLTF - SPRINGS</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	1,206	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,260	0	150,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	3,466	0	150,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,627	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	194,676	150,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,627	194,676	150,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	839	(194,676)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 1/31/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 09 - MONITOR WELL</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	613	0	115,000
TOTAL REVENUES	613	0	115,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	4,760	100,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	613	0	15,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	613	4,760	115,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(4,760)	0
<u>FUND 10 - LAND CONSERVATION - FLORIDA FOREVER & P2000</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	788	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	187	0	300,000
TOTAL REVENUES	975	0	300,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	975	0	45,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	2,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	252,500
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	975	0	300,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<u>FUND 12 - DOT ETDM</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	249	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	5,335
TOTAL REVENUES	249	0	5,335
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	5,335
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	5,335
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	249	0	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 1/31/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 13 - LAND MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	584,378	0	1,816,219
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,041,894	0	2,326,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	40,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,197,382
TOTAL REVENUES	2,626,272	0	5,379,720
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	219,238	0	667,664
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	348,354	1,271,759	2,542,291
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	157,632	86,016	523,066
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,800	123,920	195,464
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	6,523	8,000	797,500
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	28,517	653,735
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	735,547	1,518,212	5,379,720
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,890,725	(1,518,212)	0
<u>FUND 19 - FDOT MITIGATION</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	2,941	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	73,583	0	161,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	100,000
TOTAL REVENUES	76,524	0	261,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	76,524	212,780	261,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	11,025	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	76,524	223,805	261,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(223,805)	0
<u>FUND 20 - MINIMUM FLOWS AND MINIMUM WATER LEVELS (MFL)</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	196,669	0	1,891,604
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	196,669	0	1,891,604
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	186,406	0	637,604
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	8,071	468,758	1,059,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,192	0	20,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	160,000	175,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	196,669	628,758	1,891,604
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(628,758)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 1/31/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 29 - SUWANNEE RIVER PARTNERSHIP (SRP)</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	6,403	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	22,847	0	34,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	119,000
TOTAL REVENUES	29,250	0	153,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	29,250	117,750	147,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	29,250	117,750	153,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(117,750)	0
<u>FUND 33 - PCS MITIGATION - LAND ACQUISITION</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	45,596	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	45,596	0	0
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	45,596	0	0
<u>FUND 51 - DISTRICT AG COST-SHARE</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	198,440	0	2,180,579
TOTAL REVENUES	198,440	0	2,180,579
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	198,440	309,354	2,160,579
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	20,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	198,440	309,354	2,180,579
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(309,354)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 1/31/2019

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>FUND 53 - DISTRICT RIVER COST-SHARE</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	110,818	0	2,647,671
TOTAL REVENUES	110,818	0	2,647,671
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	110,818	2,165,888	2,647,671
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	110,818	2,165,888	2,647,671
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(2,165,888)	0
<u>FUND 56 - FEMA</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	45,761	0	4,593,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	45,761	0	4,593,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	45,761	1,503,020	4,593,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	45,761	1,503,020	4,593,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(1,503,020)	0
<u>FUND 60 - REIMBURSABLE GRANTS</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	123,935	0	1,087,740
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	300,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	123,935	0	1,387,740
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,054	0	15,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	552,063	1,029,811	1,372,740
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	554,117	1,029,811	1,387,740
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(430,182) *	(1,029,811)	0

* Expenditures to be covered by FDOT LAP Grants

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: March 1, 2019

RE: Acceptance of the Inspector General Audit Report #19-01 from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A., Inspector General

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board accept the Inspector General Audit Report #19-01 from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, Inspector General.

BACKGROUND

Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A. prepared the following Inspector General Audit Reports per the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Internal Audit Work Plan including:

- Report #19-01, dated January 15, 2019 - Follow-up Report on District Corrective Actions Regarding Prior Internal Audit Findings

Staff provided support to Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe during the audit process.

Jon Ingram with Law, Redd, Crona & Monroe presented by teleconference the Inspector General Audit Report #19-01 to the Audit Committee at its February 12, 2019 meeting. The Audit Committee voted to accept the report to be sent to the Governing Board for acceptance.

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Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON DISTRICT CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
REGARDING
PRIOR INTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS**

REPORT #19-01

January 15, 2019



Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A.

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Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants

Governing Board
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, Florida 32060

Pursuant to Section 20.055(8)(c)4., Florida Statutes, and the District's internal audit activity charter, as the District's Inspector General we are reporting on the status of the Suwannee River Water Management District corrective actions taken on our prior internal audit findings and recommendations disclosed during the period October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Richard Law, C.P.A. or Jon Ingram, C.P.A.

Sincerely,

Law Redd Crona & Munroe P.A.

LAW, REDD, CRONA & MUNROE, P.A.

Tallahassee, Florida

January 15, 2019

FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR INTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

January 15, 2019

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 20.055(8)(c)4., Florida Statutes, and the internal audit activity charter, the District's Inspector General is required to follow up and report on the status of management's corrective actions taken on findings and recommendations disclosed in previous internal audit reports.

During the three-year period of October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2018, we issued 7 internal audit reports, including 2 reports that contained 7 findings and recommendations, as listed in the table shown in the Observations and Recommendations section of this report.

OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

The objective of this follow-up engagement was to determine the status of corrective actions taken by the District to address the findings and recommendations in previous internal audit reports issued during the three year period of October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2018

The scope of our follow-up activities focused on District actions taken to address internal audit findings and recommendations in the following categories:

- 1) Payroll and Related Human Resource Processes (Internal Audit Report No. 16-02)
- 2) Information Technology (IT) Controls (Internal Audit Report No. 17-01)

To achieve our audit objectives, we conducted the following procedures:

- 1) Examined internal audit reports issued during the preceding three-year period to identify the findings, recommendations, and original District management responses thereto.
- 2) Made inquiries of and obtained representations from District management regarding the current status of corrective actions taken to address the prior internal audit findings and recommendations.
- 3) Examined District plans and other documentation relating to management's corrective actions.

Follow-up on Prior Internal Audit Findings and Recommendations

- 4) On a sample basis, tested District compliance with employee new hire and termination processing procedures.
- 5) Conducted other tests as necessary to accomplish our follow-up audit objectives.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Our audit disclosed that the District has made progress in addressing the findings and recommendations disclosed in our internal audit reports issued during the three previous fiscal years. For a list of the prior internal audit findings and the results of our follow-up on each finding, please see the following table.

Internal Audit Findings 10/1/2015 – 9/30/2018 Corrective Action Status		
Report	Finding	Status at June 2018
16-02 Payroll and Related Human Resources Processes	Finding 1: Segregation of Duties	Corrected
	Finding 2: Termination Checklists	Corrected
	Finding 3: Deduction Documentation	Corrected
	Finding 4: Completeness of I-9 Documentation	Corrected
17-01 IT Controls	Finding 1: Administrator Account	Corrective Action in Progress
	Finding 2: Removal of Former Employee Access	Corrected
	Finding 3: Other IT Control Findings	Corrective Action in Progress

As shown above, the District is still in the process of addressing some of the previously reported internal audit findings. The current status of the items in progress is described in the following paragraphs.

1) Periodic Re-performance of Employee Background Screening

For employees holding positions with sensitive responsibilities or high-level access to assets or information, re-performance of employee background screening on a periodic basis can assist management in timely detecting and responding to situations or events that may be relevant to the employee's continued trustworthiness in performing sensitive or critical responsibilities. Periodic screening also reminds employees of the importance and sensitivity of the position they hold.

In our internal audit report No. 17-01, dated May 4, 2017, we noted that the District was in the process of evaluating procedures to enhance background screening such as periodic re-screening of employees in sensitive positions.

Our current audit disclosed that the District has identified sensitive positions and the Human Resources (HR) Administrator has made recommendations with regard to periodic re-screening of employees in sensitive positions. The District is in the process of updating all policies and plans to incorporate background re-screening during the 9/30/19 fiscal year.

Upon our audit inquiry, District management indicated that no IT personnel were identified as working in sensitive positions. Because key IT personnel often need elevated access privileges to perform their duties, we recommend District management consider designating their positions as sensitive and include them within the scope of periodic background re-screening.

Recommendation:

The District should proceed with plans to implement periodic background re-screening for persons working in sensitive positions and consider designating IT personnel with high-level access privileges as sensitive positions.

Management's Response:

The District HR Administrator reviewed background re-screening for sensitive positions from the other Water Management Districts. Based on this review, the District will implement a process for periodic background re-screening, for sensitive positions, including IT personnel with high-level access privileges.

Follow-up on Prior Internal Audit Findings and Recommendations

2) IT Controls

The District was still in the process of addressing IT control-related findings and recommendations noted in our internal audit report No. 17-01, dated May 4, 2017, in the areas of protecting administrator login accounts, IT disaster recovery planning, IT risk assessment, and security incident response planning. We are not disclosing specific details of the issues in this report to avoid the possibility of compromising security over District data and IT resources. However, we have communicated the specific details to District management.

Recommendation:

District management should continue working toward addressing the IT control issues as resources permit.

Management's Response:

The District will continue to implement and budget for the IT control-related issues identified in this internal audit report and report No. 17-01.

CONCLUSION

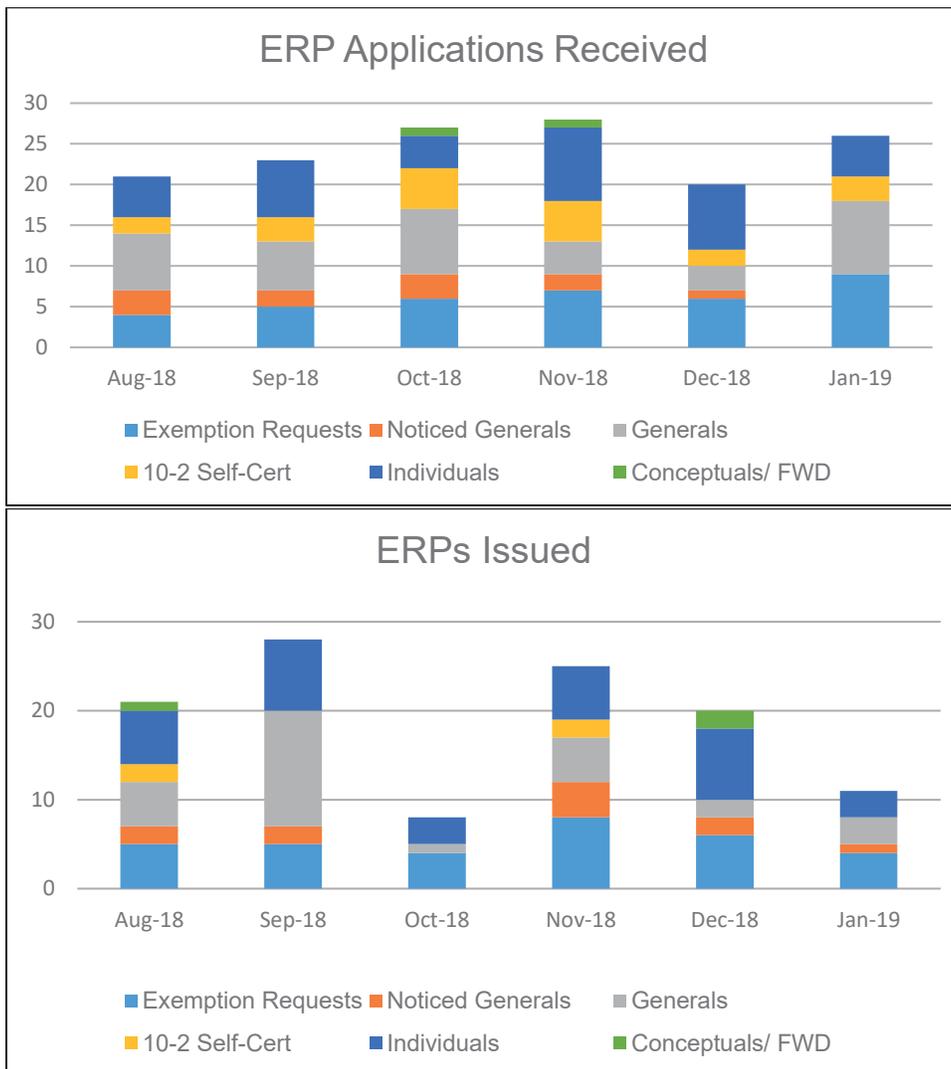
As discussed above, District management is making progress in addressing the observations and recommendations from our prior internal audit report Nos. 16-02 and 17-01 but some issues remain unresolved. We recommend that management review each issue in this report, determine the cost benefit of the recommendation, and take appropriate action.

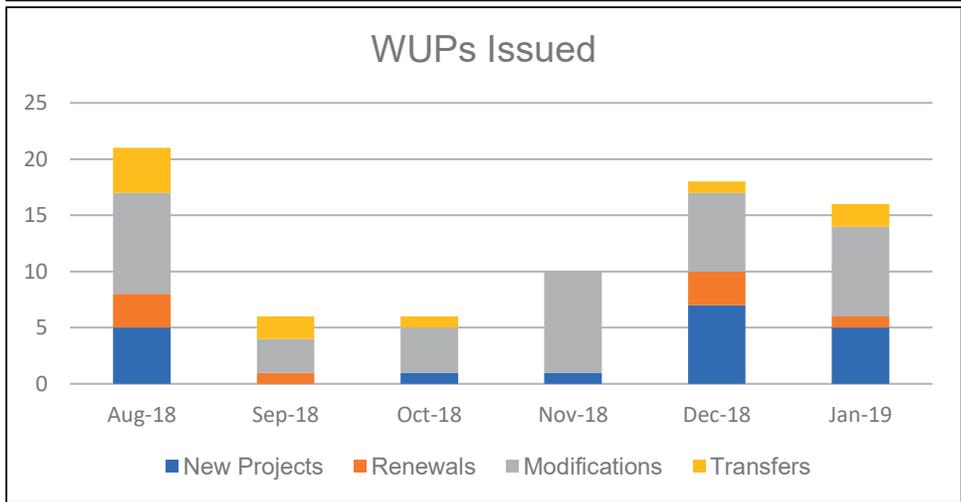
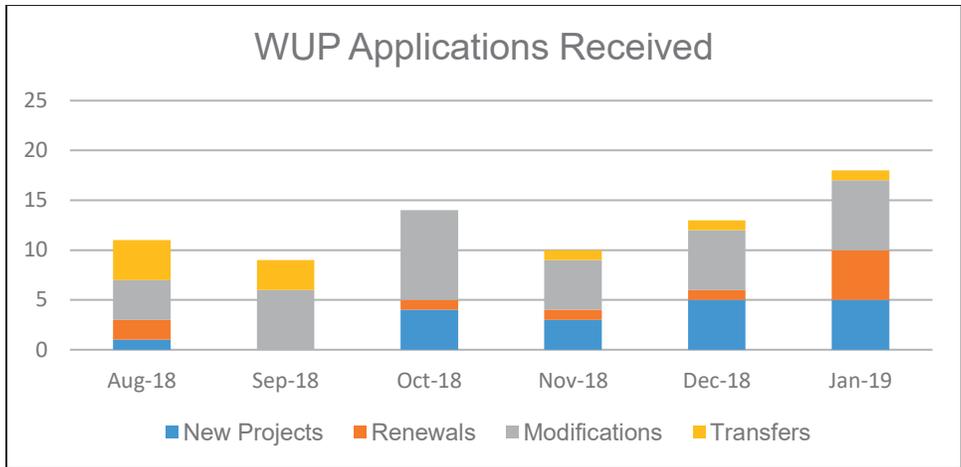
We wish to thank District management and staff for their helpfulness and cooperation in this endeavor. If there are any questions regarding our observations or recommendations, please feel free to call Richard Law, C.P.A. or Jon Ingram, C.P.A.

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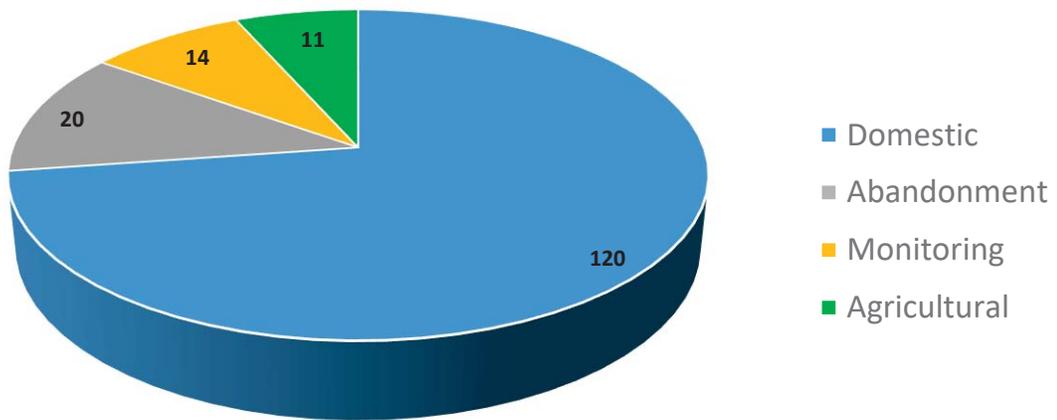
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Warren Zwanka, P.G., Division Director, Resource Management
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: March 1, 2019
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued Jan-19



**40B-3 (Amendments)
Water Well Permitting**

GB Rule Dev. Auth.	Dec 2018	GB Rule Dev. Auth.	
Notice of Rule Dev.		Notice of Rule Dev.	
GB Proposed Rule Auth.		GB Proposed Rule Auth.	
Public Workshop		Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule		Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change		Notice of Rule Change	
Mail to DOS		Mail to DOS	
Effective Date		Effective Date	

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, Division Director, Resource Management

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: March 1, 2019

RE: Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule to Amend Rule 40B-2.051, F.A.C., and File the Rule Amendments and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize staff to:

- 1. Publish a Notice of Rule Development to amend Rule 40B-2.051, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), to add Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)-approved aquifer recharge projects to activities exempt from Chapter 40B-2, F.A.C. permitting;**
- 2. Publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for amendments to Rule 40B-2.051, F.A.C.;**
- 3. File the proposed rule amendments and any changes that do not change the intent of the rulemaking with the Department of State if no objections are received; and**
- 4. Authorize the Executive Director to certify that a violation of the amended rule would not be a minor violation pursuant to Section 120.695, Florida Statutes (F.S.).**

BACKGROUND

Rule 40B-2.051, F.A.C., sets forth activities that are exempt from the requirements of the permitting of water use. This rule amendment clarifies rule language related to the allowable days of dewatering that are exempt and includes FDEP-authorized aquifer recharge projects as exempt activities to remove regulation that is duplicative of the requirements of Chapter 62-528, F.A.C. (Underground Injection Control).

None of the proposed rule amendments will result in a rule that a violation of which would be considered to be a minor violation, and for which a notice of noncompliance must be the first enforcement action taken against a person or business subject to regulation. This minor violation assessment is required for all new and amended rules pursuant to subparagraph 120.695(2)(c)3., F.S. The proposed Notice of Rule Development is attached.

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NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT OF RULEMAKING

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS Suwannee River Water Management District

RULE NOS: RULE TITLES:
40B-2.051 Exemptions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rulemaking is to clarify rule language related to dewatering activities and to remove duplicative permitting by exempting withdrawals or diversions of groundwater or surface water for aquifer recharge projects authorized by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Water Use Permitting Exemptions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.219 FS.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting SRWMD at (386)362-1001 or (800)226-1066 (FL only). THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Warren Zwanka, P.G., Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, (386)362-1001 or (800)226-1066 (FL only).

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

40B-2.051 Exemptions.

The following activities are exempt from the requirements of obtaining water use permits specified in Rule 40B-4.041, FAC. No permit is required for:

- (1) through (2) No Change
- (3) Withdrawals made for dewatering activities for a total period not to exceed 180 consecutive days;
- (4) No Change
- (5) Withdrawals or diversions of groundwater or surface water authorized by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Chapter 62-528, F.A.C. (2017) for aquifer recharge, Chapter 62-780, F.A.C. (2017) for aquifer remediation, or Chapter 403, F.S. (2018) for environmental control.~~Groundwater remediation authorized by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Chapter 403, F.S., and Title 62, F.A.C.~~

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.219 FS. History—New 10-1-82, Amended 5-1-83, 1-6-10, [DATE].

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, P.G., Division Director, Resource Management

DATE: March 1, 2019

RE: Approval of Final Order 19-0002 for General Works of the District Permit Application Number ERP-029-214825-8, Hawkins Project, Dixie County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board grant a variance from the requirements of subsection 40B-4.3030(13), Florida Administrative Code, prohibiting construction, additions or reconstruction in the 75-foot buffer adjacent to the Suwannee River to Robert Hawkins, through the issuance of Final Order 19-0002.

BACKGROUND

Subsection 40B-4.3030(13), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), (Conditions for Issuance of Works of the district Permits), provides that no construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of a water. A variance from this rule has been requested by Robert Hawkins to allow existing, previously unpermitted structures within the 75-foot buffer of the Suwannee River to remain.

A hardship exists due to the need for existing structures to be located in the 75-foot buffer to operate a recreational attraction. To meet the intent of the rule, the applicant proposes to implement bank stabilization, increase the limits of the calculated setback to 203 feet for a portion of the riverbank, and restrict current and future development to a specified area.

Staff recommends that the variance request be approved. Upon approval of the variance, the applicant will complete their application for an Individual Environmental Resource Permit for the construction.

MAD/tm
Attachments

INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT
AND STATE LANDS APPROVAL TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
12-Mar-2019
APPLICATION #: ERP-029-214825-8

Applicant: Robert Hawkins
Bob's River Place
2878 NE Highway 340
Branford, FL 32008-8967
(352) 542-7363

Owner: Robert Hawkins
Bob's River Place
2878 NE Highway 340
Branford, FL 32008-8967
(352) 542-7363

Agent: Kevin Wright
Southern Oaks Engineering, LLC
9226 97th Lane
Live Oak, FL 32060
(229) 560-8083

Adam Collins
Adam Collins Engineering, Inc
12558 Bass Rd
Live Oak, FL 32060-6653
(850) 888-2326

Project Name: Hawkins Project

Project Acreage: 36.92

County: Dixie

STR:

Section(s):	Township(s):	Range(s):
16	8S	14E

Receiving Water Body:

Name	Class
Suwannee River	III Fresh, OFW

Authority: 18-21.005(1)(d) and 62-330.020(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

Interested Parties: Yes

Objectors: Yes

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize a variance from subsection 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C.

Reviewers: Warren Zwanka, Leroy Marshall; Mary Diaz; Tim Beach; Ashley Stefanik

Project Location

The project is located adjacent to the Suwannee River in Township 08 South, Range 14 East, Section 16, Dixie County.

Project Description

The applicant has requested a variance to section 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., which requires a 75-foot buffer of the river, in order to allow existing, previously unpermitted structures within the 75-foot buffer of the Suwannee River to remain. The rule states in part, "No construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of water, except for one deck per parcel located at the top of the bank no larger than 200 ft² and a boardwalk no wider than five feet to provide reasonable pedestrian access to water dependent structures such as docks."

The variance is requested pursuant to Section 120.542, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which states:

"Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when the application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver."

A hardship exists due to the need for existing structures to be located in the 75-foot buffer to operate a recreational attraction. To meet the intent of the rule, the applicant proposes to implement bank stabilization, increase the limits of the calculated setback to 203 feet for a portion of the river bank, and restrict current and future development to a specified area.

The District published a notice regarding the project in the Florida Administrative Register on February 22, 2019. To date, no objections to the project have been received.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

IN RE:

Robert Hawkins

PETITIONER,

ORDER No. 19-0002

v.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,**

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE

The Suwannee River Water Management District (“District”) received a petition on February 11, 2019 from Robert Hawkins. (“Petitioner”), seeking a variance from Florida Administrative Code (“Fla. Admin. Code”) rule 40B-4.3030(13). Petitioner seeks this variance to retain structures constructed for a recreational area, within a Work of the District in Township 08 South, Range 14 East, Section 16 Dixie County.

PROCEDURE AND ALLEGATIONS

1. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 120.542, Petitioner seeks a variance from Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) for application number ERP-029-214825-8.
2. The Petition for Variance was received on February 11, 2019. A true copy of the Petition for Variance is attached to this Order as Exhibit “A”.

3. District caused a notice to be published in the Florida Administrative Register (“FAR”) on February 22, 2019, informing the public that the District had received the Petition for Variance and providing an opportunity to comment or object within fourteen days of the date of publication in the FAR. A true copy of the notice is attached to this Order as Exhibit “B”.

4. District received no comments or objections to the petition.

5. Petitioner’s address is 2878 NE Highway 340, Branford, FL, 32008, and the property affected by this order is described as the following Dixie County parcel identification number: 16-08-14-0000-6875-0000.

PETITIONER REQUEST

6. Petitioner seeks to obtain a variance to Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) for existing structures to remain. Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) states in part, “No construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of a water, except for one deck per parcel located at the top of the bank no larger than 200 square feet and a boardwalk no wider than five feet to provide reasonable pedestrian access to water dependent structures such as docks.”

APPLICABLE LAW

7. The variance is requested pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 120.542, which provides that:

Variations and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, “substantial hardship” means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver.

8. Petitioner is required to demonstrate that (1) the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means and (2) that application of Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) would create a substantial hardship or would violate the principles of fairness.

9. The purpose of Chapter 373 of the Florida Statutes is to prevent harm to the water resources of the state. To achieve this purpose, District is authorized to require permits for the construction of structures within a Works of the District. To obtain a permit under Chapter 373, an applicant must provide reasonable assurance that the construction will not obstruct the free flow of waters of rivers and streams within the District. *See*, Fla. Stat. § 373.086 (Providing for works of the district).

10. Florida Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030 became effective as District rule on September 25, 1985, and the most recent amendment became effective on October 14, 2013.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11. The Petitioner has demonstrated that a hardship would be created by requiring the Petitioner to comply with Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) due to the need for existing structures to be located in the 75-foot buffer to operate a recreational attraction. The Petitioner has also demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute has been achieved by the implementation of bank stabilization, increasing the limits of the calculated setback to 203 feet, and the restriction of current and future development to a specified area. Therefore, the Petitioner has met the requirements for a variance under Fla. Stat. § 120.542.

12. District concludes that the request for variance from Fla. Admin. Code 40B-4.3030(13) should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

14. The Petition for Variance from Fla. Admin. Code 40B-4.3030(13) is GRANTED.

15. A copy of this order shall be recorded in the public records of Dixie County.

DONE AND ORDERED this _____ day of _____ 2019

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Virginia Johns
Chair

(Official Seal)

ATTEST: _____
Richard Schwab
Secretary Treasurer

RENDERED on this _____ day of _____ 2019.

Warren Zwanka
District Clerk

Copies furnished to: ERP-029-214825-8
 Tommy Reeves
 Robert Hawkins

Exhibit A

February 28, 2019
Suwannee River
Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, FL 32060

(a) Petition for variance from Ch 40B-4, Florida Administrative Code

Subject: Hawkins Project ERP-029-214825-8, Dixie County

(b) Petitioner: Robert Hawkins
2878 NE HWY 340
Branford, FL 32008
352-542-7363
suwanneeriverbob@gmail.com

(c) Agent: Adam Collins
Adam Collins Engineering, Inc.
12558 Bass Road
Live Oak, FL 32060
386-320-7400
adam@collinseng.com

(d) The applicable portion of the rule in which the variance is requested is 40B-4.3030(13).

(e) The citation to the statute the rule is implementing:

40B-4.3030(13) States, "No construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of a water...."

(f) Type of variance requested:

The type of action requested is a permanent variance from rule 40B-4.3030(13) that will allow existing structures that have not been permitted or grandfathered to remain.

(g) Facts that demonstrate hardship:

The activities that occur on the property generate income that enables the attraction to remain open and serving its patrons. Removal of these structures would greatly reduce the current function of the attraction, therefore, greatly decreasing its income generating ability.

(h) The reason the variance or waiver requested would serve the purpose of the underlying statute:

The activities that occur and the various amenities that populate the area within the 75 ft setback have existed for many years. Except for bank protection measures and a future access to the River, no other construction in the setback is proposed as part of this variance. The intent is to mostly maintain the area in its current state.

The reasons the variance requested would serve the purpose of the underlying statute is stated below:

1. The erosion of the riverbank that naturally occurs during flood events shall be mitigated with permanent armoring of the bank. The initial armoring will be constructed at locations identified on the submitted site plan for ERP-029-214825-8. Additional armoring may be needed depending on the frequency and severity of future floods. See the permanent waiver request below [Section (i) number 14] for future armoring at "to be determined" locations in the setback.
2. A new calculated setback of 203 ft from the top of bank shall be established on the property. This will increase the minimum setback by 270% and serve to keep any future development further from the top of bank. The new 203 ft setback will begin at the north property boundary and extend approximately 1200 ft southwest, parallel to the bank. Then it shall turn 90 degrees to travel southeast and terminate at the existing 75 ft setback. The setback for the remainder of the parcel as one travels southwest, parallel to the bank, shall remain 75 ft. The existing structures that have not been permitted or grandfathered that will now fall within the new setback shall remain.
3. The areas within the new setback as described in item 2 above shall be kept in a natural, undisturbed state except where it is currently developed and a proposed 10' wide path that perpendicularly intersects a portion of the 75 ft setback and extends to the top of bank. This path is meant to serve patrons that float down river and need to exit the river. The developed portion of the setback begins where the setback widens from 75 ft to 203 ft and extends northeast, parallel to the bank, for 600 ft.

(i) Permanent waiver/variance requested

It is our request that a permanent waiver or variance be granted for the following:

1. (2) Cemented Rock water features
2. (6) wood decks
3. (1) Log rolling apparatus with 2 wood decks
4. (1) Elevated wood deck
5. (2) treehouse decks
6. (4) Wood benches
7. (3) Open air showers with adjacent wood deck and (1) water fountain
8. (5) Fixed wooden picnic tables with (2) adjacent fixed BBQ grills
9. (1) Concrete and sandbag flume
10. (1) Sand Volleyball court with sandbag perimeter, entry flume, and exit flume
11. Various single stacked sandbags for erosion control.
12. Sandbags along the perimeter of the water filled play area.
13. Sandbags beside flume.
14. Proposed armoring of bank for erosion mitigation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Hammer

3/1/19

Exhibit B

Notice of Variances and Waivers

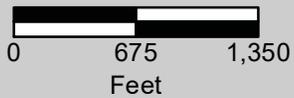
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Suwannee River Water Management District

RULE NO.: 40B-4.3030, F.A.C.

RULE TITLE: Conditions for Issuance of Works of the District Permits

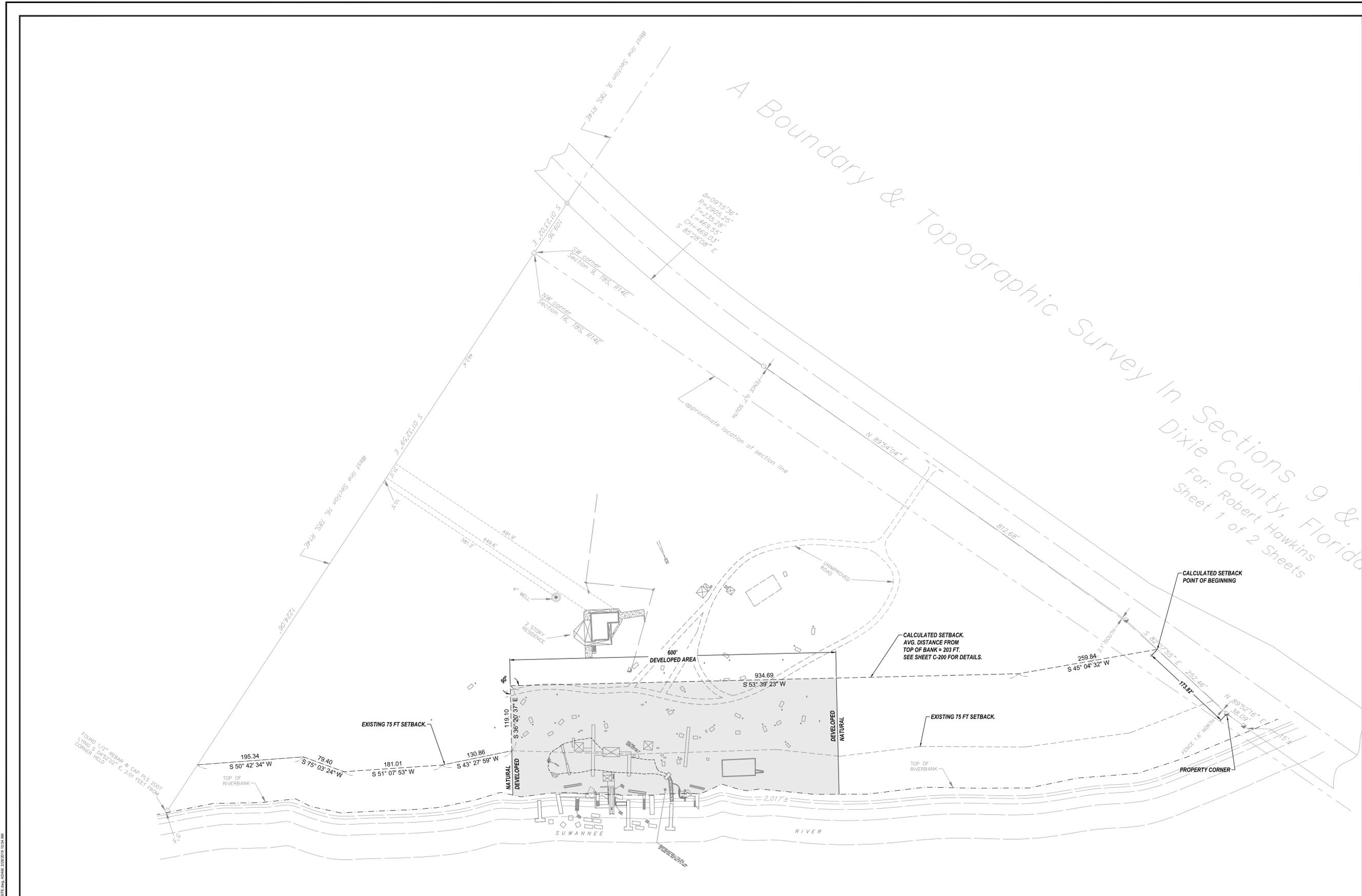
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2019, the Suwannee River Water Management District received a petition for a variance from Robert Hawkins, 2878 NW Highway 340, Branford, FL. Pursuant to Section 120.542, F.S., Petitioner is seeking a variance from section 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., which provides that no construction, additions or reconstructions shall occur in the front 75-foot area immediately adjacent to and including to normally recognized bank of a water. The applicant is requesting to retain structures constructed for a recreational area. The project is located in Section 16, Township 8S, Range 14E, in Dixie County and has been assigned permit number ERP-029-214825-8, Hawkins Project. A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Tilda Musgrove, Business Resource Specialist, Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 in Florida only.



Hawkin's Project
 ERP-029-214825-8
 March 2019



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 CORNER HELD


OVERALL SITE PLAN
 SCALE: 1" = 80'

NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE



PREPARED BY
ROBERT HAWKINS
 2878 NE 340 HWY
 BRANFORD, FL 32008

PREPARED BY

ADAM COLLINS
 ENGINEERING INC.
 CA# 31729 - P: 386.320.7400 - WWW.COLLINSENG.COM

PROJECT
BOB'S RIVER PLACE

SHEET
OVERALL SITE PLAN

DATE	2019.02.08
DRAWN	JBP
DESIGNED	JBP
CHECKED	ATC
JOB No.	18062

SHEET
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A Boundary & Topographic Survey In Sections 9 & 16
 Dixie County, Florida
 For: Robert Hawkins
 Sheet 1 of 2 Sheets

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, P.G., Division Director, Resource Management

DATE: March 1, 2019

RE: Approval of Final Order 19-0003 for General Works of the District Permit Application Number WOD-075-233361-2, Belair Boathouse Rebuild, Levy County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board grant a variance from the requirements of subsection 40B-4.3030(13), Florida Administrative Code, prohibiting construction, additions or reconstruction in the 75-foot buffer adjacent to the Suwannee River to Robert Belair, through the issuance of Final Order 19-0003.

BACKGROUND

Subsection 40B-4.3030(13), Florida Administrative Code (Conditions for Issuance of Works of the District Permits), provides that no construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of a water. A variance from this rule has been requested by Robert Belair to allow an approximately 256 ft² addition to the upper level of the existing house above the 100-year flood elevation, but within the 75-foot buffer of the Suwannee River.

A hardship exists due to no remaining building space on the property between the existing building (already within the 75 feet setback from the river), the 25-foot county buffer, and location of the existing septic. To meet the intent of the rule, the applicant proposes to remove 144 ft² of the existing porch, remove a 16 ft² wood-fired smoker and 36 ft² burn pit, and plant additional vegetation on the riverbank.

Staff recommends that the variance request be approved. Upon approval of the variance, the applicant will complete their application for a General Works of the District Permit for the construction.

MAD/tm
Attachments

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT
TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
12-Mar-2019
APPLICATION #: WOD-075-233361-2

Applicant: Robert Gene Belair
3211 Hidden Lake Dr
Winter Garden, FL 34787-5426
(321) 231-2778

Owner: Robert Gene Belair
3211 Hidden Lake Dr
Winter Garden, FL 34787-5426
(321) 231-2778

Project Name: Belair Boathouse Rebuild

Project Acreage: 2.04

County: Levy

STR:

Section(s):	Township(s):	Range(s):
32	12S	13E

Receiving Water Body:

Name	Class
Suwannee River	III Fresh, OFW

Authority: 40B-4.3010(3), F.A.C. and 18-21.005(1)(c), F.A.C.

Interested Parties: No

Objectors: No

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize a variance from subsection 40B-4.3030(13), Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.).

Reviewers: Leroy Marshall; Mary Diaz; Tim Beach; Ashley Stefanik

Project Location

The project is located adjacent to the Suwannee River in Township 12 South, Range 13 East, Section 32 in Levy County.

Project Description

The applicant has requested a variance to section 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., which requires a 75-foot buffer of the river, in order to construct a 256 ft² addition to the upper level of the existing house. The rule states in part, "No construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of water, except for one deck per parcel located at the top of the bank no larger than 200 ft² and a boardwalk no wider than five feet to provide reasonable pedestrian access to water dependent structures such as docks."

The variance is requested pursuant to Section 120.542, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which states:

"Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when the application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver."

A hardship exists due to no remaining building space on the property between the existing building (already within the 75-foot setback from the river), the 25-foot county buffer, and positioning of the existing septic. To meet the intent of the rule, the applicant proposes to remove 144 ft² of the existing porch, remove a 16 ft² wood-fired smoker and 36 ft² burn pit, and plant additional vegetation on the riverbank.

The house addition will be designed to meet current Works of the District flood criteria as set forth in section 40B-4.3030(4), F.A.C, requiring the lowest horizontal structural member to be at least one foot above the 100-year flood/ one-percent annual chance flood elevation. The District published a notice regarding the project in the Florida Administrative Register on February 21, 2019. To date, no objections to the project have been received.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

IN RE:

Robert Belair

PETITIONER,

ORDER No. 19-0003

v.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,**

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE

The Suwannee River Water Management District (“District”) received a petition on February 6, 2019 from Robert Belair. (“Petitioner”), seeking a variance from Florida Administrative Code (“Fla. Admin. Code”) rule 40B-4.3030(13). Petitioner seeks this variance for a proposed house addition, within a Work of the District in Township 12 South, Range 13 East, Section 32 Levy County.

PROCEDURE AND ALLEGATIONS

1. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 120.542, Petitioner seeks a variance from Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) for file number WOD-075-233361-2.
2. The Petition for Variance was received on February 6, 2019. A true copy of the Petition for Variance is attached to this Order as Exhibit “A”.
3. District caused a notice to be published in the Florida Administrative Register (“FAR”) on February 21, 2019, informing the public that the District had received the Petition

for Variance and providing an opportunity to comment or object within fourteen days of the date of publication in the FAR. A true copy of the notice is attached to this Order as Exhibit "B".

4. District received no comments or objections to the petition.

5. Petitioner's address is 3211 Hidden Lake Dr, Winter Garden, FL, 34787 and the property affected by this order is described as the following Levy County parcel identification number: 0778200000.

PETITIONER REQUEST

6. Petitioner seeks to obtain a variance to Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) for a proposed house addition requiring a Works of the District Permit. Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) states in part, "No construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of a water, except for one deck per parcel located at the top of the bank no larger than 200 square feet and a boardwalk no wider than five feet to provide reasonable pedestrian access to water dependent structures such as docks."

APPLICABLE LAW

7. The variance is requested pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 120.542, which provides that:

Variations and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver.

8. Petitioner is required to demonstrate that (1) the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means and (2) that application of Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) would create a substantial hardship or would violate the principles of fairness.

9. The purpose of Chapter 373 of the Florida Statutes is to prevent harm to the water resources of the state. To achieve this purpose, District is authorized to require permits for the construction of structures within a Works of the District. To obtain a permit under Chapter 373, an applicant must provide reasonable assurance that the construction will not obstruct the free flow of waters of rivers and streams within the District. *See*, Fla. Stat. § 373.086 (Providing for works of the district).

10. Florida Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030 became effective as District rule on September 25, 1985, and the most recent amendment became effective on October 14, 2013.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11. The Petitioner has demonstrated that a hardship would be created by requiring the Petitioner to comply with Fla. Admin. Code rule 40B-4.3030(13) due to no remaining building space on the property between the existing building (already within the 75 feet setback from the river), the 25-foot county buffer, and location of the existing septic. The Petitioner has also demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute has been achieved by the compensating removal of existing structures and the planting of additional vegetation on the riverbank. Therefore, the Petitioner has met the requirements for a variance under Fla. Stat. § 120.542.

12. District concludes that the request for variance from Fla. Admin. Code 40B-4.3030(13) should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

13. The Petition for Variance from Fla. Admin. Code 40B-4.3030(13) is GRANTED for the purpose of the house addition and shall remain in effect for perpetuity. The project shall be constructed in accordance with all other Fla. Admin. Code requirements.

14. A copy of this order shall be recorded in the public records of Levy County.

DONE AND ORDERED this ____ day of _____ 2019

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Virginia Johns
Chair

(Official Seal)

ATTEST: _____
Richard Schwab
Secretary Treasurer

RENDERED on this ____ day of _____ 2019.

Warren Zwanka
District Clerk

Copies furnished to: WOD-075-233361-2
Tommy Reeves
Robert Belair

EXHIBIT A

DATE February 4, 2019

Suwannee River
Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, FL 32060

(a) **Petition for variance from Ch 40B-4, Florida Administrative Code**

Subject: Belair WOD-075-233361-1PROJECT NAME, ERP #, COUNTY

(b) Petitioner: Robert G. Belair

Owner

15649 NW 46 Lane

Chiefland Florida 32626

321-231-2778

R.G.Belair@Outlook.com or Robert.belair@disney.com

(c) Agent:

NAME

COMPANY

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE/FAX NUMBERS

E-MAIL (OPTIONAL)

(d) The applicable portion of the rule: The portion of the rule that applies to this requested variance is 40B-4.3030(13)

(e) The citation to the statute the rule is implementing: The citation to the statute the rule is implementing is 40B-4.3030(13) (No construction, additions or reconstructions shall occur in the front 75 feet area immediately adjacent to and including to normally recognized bank of a water)

(f) Type of variance requested: The type of action requested is for a variance of rule 40B-4.3030(13). This would allow us to replace the a preexisting ground

level structure of 400 sq. ft., a 16 sq. ft. wood fired smoker, and a 36 sq. ft. burn pit, and construct an elevated, screen enclosed porch, and roof equaling 256 sq.ft. By removing the ground level structures we would be reducing non-pervious area by 196 sq. ft. which will allow unobstructed flow of flood waters. The existing house is within the 75 foot set back, and the elevated porch would align with the house.

(g) Facts that demonstrate hardship: The existing house is within the 75 foot set back. There is a septic leach field located on the side of the house, between the roadway and river front side of the house, precluding us from constructing the porch further back from the front of the house. Levy County has already provided a side set back variance and issued a building permit based on engineered drawings.

(h) The reason the variance or waiver requested would serve the purpose of the underlying statute: The elevated porch will be above the flood plain allowing flood level waters to flow freely through the area.

(i) **Permanent waiver/variance requested**

It is our wish that a permanent waiver or variance be granted for the following:

- (1) 40B-4.3030(13) (No construction, additions or reconstructions shall occur in the front 75 feet area immediately adjacent to and including to normally recognized bank of a water) Thus a permanent variance is

requested to Construct an elevated deck and roof that will be tied into,
but not extend beyond the existing residential structure.

Please take into consideration the above request for a variance.

Approval of the request would allow us to improve the property and
reduce the impairment of the Suwannee River during flood level
waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Robert and Betty Belair

Exhibit B

Notice of Variances and Waivers

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Suwannee River Water Management District

RULE NO.: 40B-4.3030, F.A.C.

RULE TITLE: Conditions for Issuance of Works of the District Permits

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 6, 2019, the Suwannee River Water Management District received a petition for a variance from Robert Belair, 3211 Hidden Lake Dr., Winter Garden, FL. Pursuant to Section 120.542, F.S., Petitioner is seeking a variance from paragraph 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., which provides that no construction, additions or reconstructions shall occur in the front 75 feet area immediately adjacent to and including to normally recognized bank of a water. The applicant is requesting to construct a 256 ft² addition to their existing home. The project is located in Section 32, Township 12S, Range 13E, in Levy County and has been assigned permit number WOD-075-233361-2, Belair Boathouse Rebuild. A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Tilda Musgrove, Business Resource Specialist, Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 in Florida only.



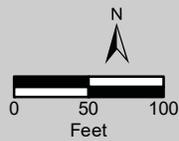
Belair Boathouse Rebuild

WOD-075-233361-2

March 2019



Belair Property



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, P.G., Division Director, Resource Management

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: March 1, 2019

RE: Approval of new Water Use Permit 2-041-233899-1, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1056 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Mathis Project, Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Water Use Permit number 2-041-233899-1 with seventeen standard conditions and nine special limiting conditions, to Emily Sessions, in Gilchrist County.

BACKGROUND

This application is for a new agricultural water use that received the attached objection citing unsuitable soils for irrigation. The notice of receipt was published in the Gilchrist County Journal on February 7, 2019, and the objection was received on February 13, 2019. Applications that receive a substantive objection require Governing Board approval.

This project consists of approximately 80 controlled and 57 irrigated acres and is located approximately five miles southwest of Bell in Gilchrist County. Groundwater from one well will be used to irrigate corn, peanuts, green beans, or rye through center pivots. Groundwater from the same well will also be used to provide the livestock watering requirements of approximately 160 head of beef cattle. Supplemental irrigation models were used to determine the 0.1056 mgd 1-in-10-year drought allocation.

The single 8-inch diameter irrigation well will be monitored through electrical consumption. Groundwater withdrawals at this project are not expected to interfere with any presently existing legal uses of water; no lower quality water sources are available for use.

Staff has determined the proposed withdrawals are in accordance with Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs) and MFL recovery strategies pursuant to Chapters 62-42, 40B-8, and Emergency Rule 40BER17-01, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The application is complete and satisfies the conditions for issuance in Chapter 40B-2, F.A.C.

SW/tm

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
31-Jan-2019
APPLICATION #: 2-041-233899-1

Owner: Emily Sessions
3430 SW 47th Court
Bell, FL 32619
(352) 463-1423

Applicant: Emily Sessions
3430 SW 47th Court
Bell, FL 32619
(352) 463-1423

Agent: Kelly Philman
6510 US 129
Bell, FL 32619
(386) 935-4499

Compliance Contact: Mace Bauer
6510 US 129
Bell, FL 32619
(386) 590-7701

Project Name: Mathis
County: Gilchrist

Located in WRCA: No
Objectors: No

Authorization Statement:

The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.1032 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of green beans/ peanuts/ rye, a maximum of 0.0985 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of corn/ green beans/ rye, a maximum of 0.0794 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of corn/ rye, or a maximum of 0.0569 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of peanuts/ rye. The permittee is also authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.0024 mgd for livestock use.

Recommendation: Approval

Reviewers: Stefani Weeks; Matthew Cantrell; Warren Zwanka

WATER USE SUMMARY:

Allocation Summary		
Average Daily Rate (Million Gallons Per Day)	Freeze Protection (Million Gallons Per Year)	Allocation Change (Million Gallons Per Day)
0.1056	0.0000	0.1056

Recommended Permit Duration and Compliance Reporting: 20-year permit duration

USE STATUS: This is a new agricultural water use.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is located 1.5 miles west of CR-341 on CR-232, approximately five miles southwest of Bell in Gilchrist County; and consists of 80 controlled and 57 irrigated acres. Groundwater from one well will be used to irrigate corn, green beans, peanuts, and rye through a center pivot. Groundwater from the same well will be used to provide the livestock watering requirements of approximately 160 head of beef cattle.

The permittee has elected to provide SRWMD electrical consumption to comply with the water use reporting requirement of special condition 18.

WATER USE CALCULATIONS:

The livestock watering requirements were calculated based on the industry standard 15 gallons per cow per day for the cattle populations provided.

The District's WUPAR model was used to determine the 15.61 inches/ year supplemental irrigation requirement for corn.

The GIS-Based Water Resources and Agricultural Permitting and Planning System (GWRAPPS) was used to determine the following supplemental irrigation requirements:
Green Beans grown from March 10 to June 1: 10.92 inches/ year
Peanuts grown from March 25 to October 31: 10.30 inches/ year
Green Beans grown from August 1 to October 15: 4.51 inches/ year
Rye grown from October 15 to February 28: 3.11 inches/ year

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. The withdrawal points were modeled and showed a maximum simulated drawdown of approximately 1.2 feet at the project boundary, which is likely the result of the model's application of lower aquifer transmissivity values beyond the Waccasassa Flats region to adjacent areas. 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. The 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. Water use consistent with the aforementioned supplemental irrigation models and industry standards is economic and efficient. The permittee will implement the following water conservation measures for the agricultural uses: fixing leaks as needed, retrofitting the pivot with new sprinklers and regulators, efficiency testing the pivot to ensure that a 80% distribution uniformity will be maintained, utilizing buried pipe to reduce the risk of damage leading to leaks, using UF-IFAS and NRCS-approved methods and soil moisture probes for scheduling irrigation, operating with a pump safety shutdown in the event of an irrigation system malfunction, using conservation tillage and cover crops to increase soil health and soil water holding capacity, and when feasible irrigating only at night and when the wind is less than 5 mph.

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

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

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

Yes. Staff determined the Upper Floridan aquifer is capable of producing the requested 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. The lowest quality water source that is suitable for the purpose and that is technically, environmentally, and economically feasible is being utilized.

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

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

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

No. Project withdrawals were modeled and showed a simulated Upper Floridan aquifer drawdown of less than 1.2 feet at the project's boundaries. There are no wetlands on or proximate to the project, therefore, staff determined the use will not cause harm to the water resources of the area.

**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 are in accordance with MFLs and MFL recovery strategies pursuant to Chapters 62-42 and 40B-8, F.A.C.; and Emergency Rule 40BER17-01. Additionally, cumulative reductions in flow from the reduced allocation were evaluated at the Outstanding Florida Springs (OFS) and no measurable reductions were recorded. No OFS has an estimated cumulative flow decline of 9.9%.

**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: Mathis

Well Details						
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
135511	Mathis Well	8	--	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Proposed	Agricultural

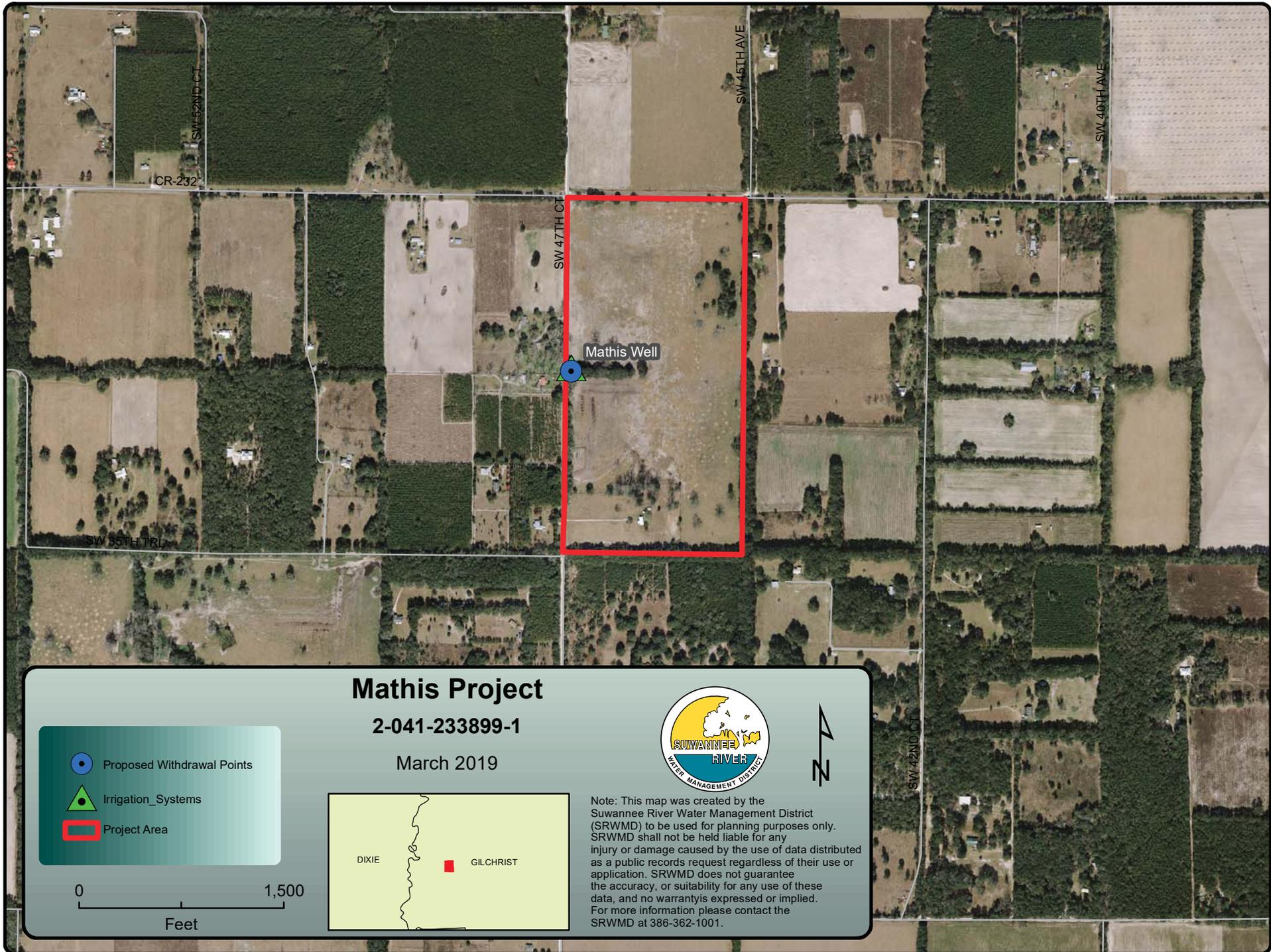
Conditions

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 rule 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 rule 40B-2.331, F.A.C., are applicable to permit modifications.
7. This permit shall expire on **1/31/2039**. The permittee must submit the appropriate application form incorporated and the required fee to the District pursuant to rule 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 (**2-041-233899-1**).

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. Monthly reports shall include volume pumped by each well of inside diameter eight inches or greater at land surface and shall be delivered within the following month in an approved District format. The permittee may opt for a standardized SRWMD automated monitoring system to fulfill this requirement.
19. The permittee shall implement and/or maintain the conservation practices selected in the Water Conservation Plan submitted to the District. Any new practices selected shall be implemented within one year from the date of permit issuance. Practices that involve scheduling methods or maintenance shall be documented. Documentation for implementation and/or maintenance shall be maintained on all practices and available upon request.
20. The permittee'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.
21. The permittee shall ensure that the irrigation systems will water target areas only under field operations. Irrigation of non-target areas (roads, woods, structures, etc.) is prohibited.
22. The permittee agrees to participate in a Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) program and allow access to the Project Site for the purpose of conducting a MIL evaluation at least once every five years.
23. Following the effective date of the re-evaluated Minimum Flows and Levels adopted pursuant to subsection 62-42.300(1)(e), F.A.C., this permit is subject to modification during the term of the permit, upon reasonable notice by the District to the permittee, to achieve compliance with any approved MFL recovery or prevention strategy for the Lower Santa Fe River, Ichetucknee River, and Associated Priority Springs. Nothing herein shall be construed to alter the District's authority to modify a permit under circumstances not addressed in this condition.
24. The permittee shall install and maintain no less than one backflow prevention device when fertigating and no less than two backflow prevention devices when chemigating on all wells or surface water pumps connected to the irrigation system. The backflow prevention device(s) shall be installed between the water source and the injection point.

25. The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.1032 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of green beans/ peanuts/ rye, a maximum of 0.0985 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of corn/ green beans/ rye, a maximum of 0.0794 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of corn/ rye, or a maximum of 0.0569 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of peanuts/ rye. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis and the maximum allocation is only authorized in 1-in-10 year drought conditions.
26. The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.0024 mgd for livestock use. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis.



Mathis Project

2-041-233899-1

March 2019



-  Proposed Withdrawal Points
-  Irrigation_Systems
-  Project Area



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.

ATTACHMENT A

830 NE SR 47
Trenton, FL 32693
February 8, 2019

Suwannee River Water Management District

Attn: Resource Management

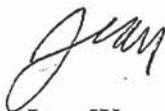
Re: 2 041 233899 1 Emily Sessions

I object to the proposed Water Use Permit since the property T 9S Range 14E Section 23, Gilchrist County is located on deep drained sand and unsuited for cropping use.

(Source Gilchrist County Soil Survey book 1992, USDA) The land is located in area of Penny-Otela soils. Actually most of Gilchrist county is unsuited for irrigation due to soil types, or wetlands. SRWMD needs to realize much of Gilchrist is suited for permanent pasture or forestry use.

As an example: we had about 1 inch of rain weekend of Feb 2 and 3, by Feb. 6 property north of me about 2 miles , at SR 47 and CR 340 , was irrigating including spraying CR 340,

Sincerely,



Jean Wonser

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Deputy Executive Director
DATE: February 15, 2019
RE: Authorization for the Executive Director to Amend an Agreement with the City of Alachua to Move Funding Related to a Previously Approved RIVER and Springs Cost Share Project for an Amount not to Exceed \$184,590.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to amend an existing agreement 16/17-182 with the City of Alachua to move funding from the Land Acquisition Task to the Construction and Maintenance Task related to the Mill Creek Sink Water Quality Improvement Project from the FY 16/17 RIVER and Springs Grant programs, for an amount not to exceed \$184,590.

BACKGROUND

In August 2016, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to enter an agreement with the City of Alachua (City) for one of the projects approved under the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Local Government RIVER Cost-Share program. The City was awarded \$400,000.00 in funding for the Mill Creek Sink Water Quality Improvement Project which included design, land acquisition and construction services. The following year, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved additional funding of \$1,000,000 for the same project under the Springs Grant Program. Based on this additional funding the original grant agreement between the City of Alachua and the District was amended to include the additional funding from DEP, therefore, expanding the project funding to a total of \$1,400,000.

In the amended agreement between the City of Alachua and the District, the land acquisition task was approved with \$696,665. After conducting consulting services and negotiating the purchase price, the City of Alachua has determined that there will be a surplus of \$184,590 available in the land acquisition task item.

After evaluation of the results of the geotechnical work conducted on the project site, it was determined that there is the potential for ground settling and sinkhole formation within the project limits. Therefore, the City has asked to move the \$184,590 of surplus money under the land acquisition task be used for additional construction and maintenance funding. This will provide the City the resources to design a stormwater treatment facility that maximizes the highest water quality benefit and maintain the system properly.

Ultimately the total budget amount provided by the District and the DEP for the Mill Creek Sink Water Quality Improvement Project will not change.

Funds are included in the FY 2019 budget under code: 53-6-930-7-2300-35-01.

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Attachment

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bill McKinstry, Office Chief, Land Management
THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources
DATE: February 28, 2019
SUBJECT: District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary

- Timber harvests are complete at Mattair Springs and Ft. White Wellfield tracts.
- Goose Pasture Campground was closed due to wet conditions and vandalism; District contractors are working to repair the damage.
- District staff completed maintenance and gate improvements on Santa Fe River Ranch Tract.
- District staff installed a walk-through beside the gate at Mud Swamp to allow easier public access.
- District contractors are conducting fuel reduction mowing on the 47 Bridge and Steinhatchee Falls tracts.
- District contractors conducted prescribed burns at Withlacoochee Quail Farms, Cuba Bay, Turner Bridge, Woods Ferry and Steinhatchee Springs tracts.
- District staff completed conservation easement monitoring on the Cedar Hammock and Otter Creek conservation easements.
- District contractors removed a large tree at Suwannee Springs that had fallen across the walkway during recent flooding.
- District contractors are repairing roads in Mallory Swamp.
- Harvesting on the TRSF Ellaville #15 timber sale is 90% complete. However, harvesting is currently suspended due to extremely wet conditions.
- TRSF staff replaced the vandal-damaged plexiglass on the kiosk at Anderson Springs.
- Interpretive materials and a map were added to the new kiosk on the Withlacoochee Tract.
- The annual forest inventory on the Mill Creek South Tract is ongoing. TRSF staff installed 69 forest inventory plots during this reporting period.
- The annual survey for all known archeological sites on TRSF has commenced. Twenty-eight sites were visited, evaluated, and photographed during this reporting period.
- The attached report summarizes the status of current District and TRSF activities for the preceding month. District staff will address any items of interest to the Board or provide information to Board members upon request.

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Vegetation Management Projects:

The following work was completed during the report period. 146 additional acres of woods mowing were completed on various tracts throughout the District. This vegetation management work was done for fuel reduction and natural community restoration purposes.

Activity Table - Vegetation Management (12/4/2018 - 1/10/2019)

	ACTIVITY	ACRES		MILES	
		Planned	Completed	Planned	Completed
FISCAL YEAR 2019	Herbicide	200	0	0	0
	Roller Chop	1,115	102	0	0
	Woods Mow	1,335	713	0	0
	Ditch Mow	0	0	43	0

Prescribed Fire Program:

- Contractors conducting prescribed burns on District lands this year include B&B Dugger (B&B), Natural Resource Planning Services (NRPS), Schmidt Reforestation Services (SRS), and Wildland Fire Services (WFS). Also included in this report are the acres the Florida Forest Services burns on Twin Rivers State Forest (FFS TRSF). When available, the Florida Forest Service (FFS COOP) will also provide a crew to burn additional acres on both District tracts and Twin Rivers State Forest.
- The following table provides information of the Prescribed Burn Program through February 14, 2019. During the reporting period District contractors and cooperators burned 1,659 acres and the Florida Forest Service burned 435 acres on Twin Rivers State Forest.

Summary Table FY 2019

	2019 Target Acres	Acres Complete
SRWMD	8,000	1,659
FFS TRSF	2,500	435
TOTAL	10,500	2,094

FY 2019 Activity Table (1/11/2019 – 2/14/2019)

TRACT	COUNTY	B&B	NRPS	WFS	SRS	FFS COOP	TOTAL SRWMD Acres	TOTAL FFS Acres	Wildfire Acres
Woods Ferry	Suwannee			99.5			99.5		
Withlacoochee Quail Farm	Madison	171.9					171.9		
Turner Bridge	Hamilton			152.1			152.1		
Steinhatchee Springs	Lafayette					137.1	137.1		
R.O. Ranch	Lafayette						0.0		0.2
Goose Pasture	Jefferson				106.9		106.9		
Cuba Bay	Madison	262.2					262.2		
Cabbage Grove	Taylor	303.0					303.0		
Cabbage Creek	Taylor	426.7					426.7		
Deese	Hamilton						0.0	7.0	
Chitty Bend East	Hamilton						0.0	53.1	
Sullivan	Madison						0.0	62.4	
Ellaville	Madison						0.0	130.5	
Anderson Springs	Suwannee						0.0	182.4	
<i>Sub-total for Period</i>		1,163.8	0.0	251.6	106.9	137.1	1,659	435.4	0.2
<i>Previous Acres Burned</i>		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Acres		1,163.8	0.0	251.6	106.9	137.1	1,659	435.4	0.2

Invasive Plant Monitoring Program

Since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019, 8 invasive plant infestations have been monitored, of which 7 have been treated with herbicides. No additional work was done during the reporting period.

Conservation Easement Monitoring

- Completed field inspection for the Otter Creek Conservation Easement
- Completed field inspection for the Cedar Hammock Conservation Easement

Timber Sales

- White Springs #1: Harvesting is complete. Sale will be finalized after roads are repaired by the buyer.

Sale	Contract	Acres	Tons Harvested	Revenue	Status	Contract End Date
White Springs #1	16/17-228	94	7,313	\$125,181.66	Harvest Complete	December 19, 2018
Ellaville #15	17/18-026	256			Harvest Inactive	March 30, 2019
Christian Chipping #1	17/18-220	121			Harvest Inactive	June 19, 2019
Fort White Wellfield #1	18/19-028	62	4,758	\$108,293.85	Harvest Complete	November 7, 2019
Mattair Springs #5	18/19-034	86	4928	\$51,404.17	Harvest Complete	December 2, 2019
Little River #4	18/19-042	24			Harvest Inactive	December 19, 2019
Osteen #1	18/19-043	33			Harvest Active	December 19, 2019
Roline #1	18/19-051	160			Harvest Inactive	January 14, 2020
Withlacoochee #3	18/19-072	283			Harvest Inactive	January 14, 2020
Cabbage Creek #1	18/19-068	373			Harvest Inactive	January 15, 2020
Steinhatchee Falls #1					Contract Pending	

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Darlene Velez, Water Resources Office Chief

THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director Water and Land Resources

DATE: February 28, 2019

RE: Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

BACKGROUND

In September 2012, the District began a program of water use monitoring for agricultural water use reporting on wells of 8" diameter or greater. Where possible, agricultural water use is estimated using monthly power consumption records provided by the electrical power provider. Estimation by power use is the most cost-effective method of water use reporting. To date, farmer agreements authorizing the District to receive power usage reports directly from the cooperatives are in effect on 657 (124.2 MGD) monitoring points.

Not all withdrawal points are suitable for estimation using power consumption. Diesel-powered pumps and complex interconnected irrigation systems still require direct methods of monitoring. The District employs telemetry to conduct water use monitoring on diesel-power systems. There are currently 294 (53.4 MGD) telemetry systems installed by the District for this purpose.

Some withdrawal points have very limited use and are monitored by individual site visits, typically less than 0.05 MGD each. There are currently 378 (28.7 MGD) limited use monitoring points in the District. Some users monitor their own water use and report that data to the District. There are currently three (0.4 MGD) self-monitored points.

To date, the District has permitted 1,663 (240.2 MGD) irrigation wells which include a water use monitoring condition, of which 1,365 (211.6 MGD) wells are active, i.e., the wells have been drilled already. Of the 1,365 active wells, 1,332 (206.7 MGD) are being monitored as of February 21st, roughly 97.6% of existing active wells (97.7% of allocation) with water use permit monitoring conditions.

Of the remaining estimated 33 (4.9 MGD) active stations that currently will require water use monitoring, four (0.6 MGD) are diesel- or gas-powered systems requiring District telemetry, 24 (3.8 MGD) are electric systems, and five (0.5 MGD) systems still require identification. There are 287 (28.6 MGD) proposed stations (that is, the wells are yet to be drilled); 70 (4.7 MGD) are expected to be diesel or gas, 169 (20.1 MGD) are expected to be electric, and 48 (3.9 MGD) are yet to be determined.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: February 28, 2019
RE: District's Weekly Activity Reports

Attached are the weekly District activity reports.

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

HT/rl
Attachments



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for January, 20 - 26, 2019

Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas and Kevin Flavin attended a meeting held by the City of Alachua regarding flooding issues in Turkey Creek and to consider remedies.
- Hugh Thomas met with Bobby Crosby, Gilchrist County Administrator, to discuss water quality priorities in Trenton.

Legislative and Community Affairs

- Steve Minnis attended the Nature Coast Regional Water Authority Meeting in Fanning Springs.
- Katie Kelly and Ben Glass coordinated legislative visits for the Future Farmers of America state officers. Staff also attended Legislative Committee meetings as necessary.

Finance

- No reporting activity.

Land Management

- No reporting activity.

Resource Management

- Stefani Weeks attended the Interagency Ag Team Meeting at the District office.
- Sara Zybell participated as a judge in the Columbia County Science Fair at Florida Gateway College.

Water Resources

- No reporting activity.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- John Good and Louis Mantini attended and spoke to the Santa Fe Lake Dwellers Association in Melrose.
- Tom Mirti and Lindsey Garland attended the Our Santa Fe River Meeting in Fort White.

Water Supply

- No reporting activity.

Hydrological Data

- No reporting activity.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Justin Garland attended the Hamilton County Field Corn and Soybean Meeting held at the Hamilton County Extension Office.
- Steve Minnis, Bob Heeke, Justin Garland, and Ben Glass participated in a meeting with Alachua Conservation Trust and the Florida Springs Institute to discuss the Accelerating Suwannee River Springs Restoration through Partnerships for Silviculture and Rural Land Conservation and Management Incentives Springs Project in High Springs.
- Steve Minnis and Patrick Webster met with representatives from Columbia County concerning a project they are requesting to be funded.
- Steve Minnis, Patrick Webster, and Gwen Lord met with FDOT representative regarding Title VI issues.

Communications

- Weekly Top Performing Post

Post Details

Suwannee River Water Management District is in Suwannee Springs, Florida.
Published by Lindsey Garland [?] · January 24 at 3:28 PM · 🌐

The high river levels significantly impacted Suwannee Springs. A large tree is blocking the walkway and sand has washed up on the stairs. Our land management staff are working on clearing the paths and opening the springs as soon as possible.






Performance for Your Post

3,058 People Reached

159 Reactions, Comments & Shares

58 Like	42 On Post	16 On Shares
1 Haha	0 On Post	1 On Shares
37 Wow	25 On Post	12 On Shares
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Announcements for the week of February 3 – 9, 2019

- The next Interim Committee Week will be held February 4th – 9th in Tallahassee.
- The District will hold its monthly Governing Board Meeting and Workshop on February 12th at the District Office beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Audit Committee will meet immediately after the workshop.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for Jan. 27 – Feb. 2, 2019

Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas participated in a coordination meeting with staff from FDEP and the SJRMWD at District Headquarters.

Legislative and Community Affairs

- No reporting activity.

Finance

- Finance Team worked with the District's accounting software consultant on enhancements to accounting system functionality and end of calendar year tax reporting.

Land Management

- District staff completed maintenance and gate improvements on Santa Fe River Ranch tract.
- District staff installed a walk-through beside the gate at Mud Swamp to allow easier public access.
- Ryan Sims attend the Southeastern Society of America Foresters annual meeting in Mobile, AL.
- District contractors conducted a fuel reduction mowing the 47 Bridge and Steinhatchee Falls tracts.
- District contractor began repairing roads in Mallory Swamp.

Resource Management

- Ashley Stefanik, Chrissy Carr, and Stephanie Armstrong attended the ERP Coordination teleconference with all WMD's and FDEP.

Water Resources

- No reporting activity.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- John Good and Dave Christian participated in a coordination meeting with staff from FDEP and the SJRMWD at District Headquarters.

Water Supply

- No reporting activity.

Hydrological Data

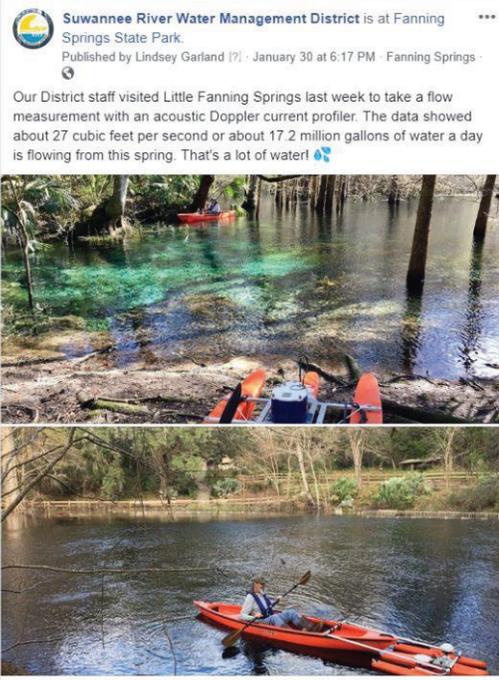
- No reporting activity.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Kris Eskelin attended a High Springs Phase A1 site meeting at High Springs City Hall.
- Kevin Flavin attended the Manure Lunch regarding the FDEP NE District Programs in High Springs.
- Patrick Webster performed a site visit to Edwards Bottomlands to check on the plantings after the rains, and then to perform maintenance and planting with assistance from Chrissy Carr and Stephanie Armstrong.
- Patrick Webster chaired a Preapplication meeting with the City of Alachua to discuss progress issues related to the Mill Creek Sink Water Quality Improvement Project.
- Patrick Webster attended a Bi-Weekly Progress Meeting on the CR 241 FDOT LAP Project in Providence, Florida.
- Justin Garland attended the Suwannee Cares Planning meeting with representatives from FDACS, IFAS, and Farm Bureau to discuss planning and logistics of the annual event held at the research center on May 2nd at 6pm.

Communications

- Weekly Top Performing Post



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Performance for Your Post

3,566 People Reached

288 Reactions, Comments & Shares

195 Like	114 On Post	81 On Shares
23 Love	15 On Post	8 On Shares
14 Wow	11 On Post	3 On Shares
24 Comments	14 On Post	10 On Shares
32 Shares	32 On Post	0 On Shares

502 Post Clicks

156 Photo Views	0 Link Clicks	346 Other Clicks
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Announcements for the week of February 10 - 16, 2019

- February 11, 2019 begins the Legislative Interim Committee Week Four in Tallahassee.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for February 3 - 9, 2019

Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas and Justin Garland attended the Florida Farm Bureau Advisory Committee Conference in Haines City.
- Hugh Thomas attended the Working Forest Partners Meeting in Tallahassee.

Legislative and Community Affairs

- Katie Kelly participated in Interim Legislative Committee Week 4 meetings in Tallahassee.

Finance

- No reporting activity.

Land Management

- District contractors continue fuel reduction mowing at the 47 Bridge and Steinhatchee Falls tracts.
- District contractors conducted prescribed burns at the Withlacoochee Quail Farms, Cuba Bay, Turner Bridge, Woods Ferry, and Steinhatchee Springs tracts.
- District staff completed conservation easement monitoring on the Cedar Hammock and Otter Creek Conservation Easements.
- District contractors removed large tree at Suwannee Springs that had fallen across the walkway during recent flooding.
- District contractors are working at Goose Pasture Campground to repair vandalism damage.
- District contractors are continuing road repairs at Mallory Swamp.

Resource Management

- Sara Zybell participated as a judge for the Alachua County Science Fair at Santa Fe Community College, in Gainesville.
- Warren Zwanka, Chrissy Carr, and Stefani Weeks attended the FDEP and FDOH, Florida Ground Water Association Quarterly Water Well Coordination Meeting in Tallahassee.

Water Resources

- Tom Mirti, Alex Blankenship, and Darlene Velez participated at the Santa Fe River and Springs Scientific Working Group Meeting in High Springs.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- John Good provided a “Water Update” regarding Water Supply and MFLs at the Suwannee Valley Agricultural Outlook Conference held at the UF/IFAS NFREC– Suwannee Valley in Live Oak.
- John Good and Robbie McKinney participated in a conference call with the FWC regarding initiation of fish habitat efforts for future MFL development or refinement.
- John Good, Robbie McKinney, Louis Mantini, Dave Christian, and Greg Trotter met with manatee specialists from the FWC regarding potential habitat and winter thermal refuge requirements on the Santa Fe system.

Water Supply

- No reporting activity.

Hydrological Data

- No reporting activity.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Tom Mirti, Steve Minnis, Amy Brown, John Good, and Patrick Webster held a conference call with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding a potential project for Alligator Creek in Bradford County.
- Steve Minnis, Pat Webster, Warren Zwanka, Chrissy Carr, Ashley Stefanik, and Kris Eskelin met with Columbia County staff and the County’s consultants regarding the Rum Island Improvement Project.
- Justin Garland and Matthew Cantrell attended the Cover Crops & Soil and Health Field Day in Monticello.
- Darrell Smith and Ben Glass attended the Suwannee Valley Ag Outlook Conference 2019 at UF/IFAS NFREC in Live Oak.
- Darrell Smith and Ben Glass attended the Mayo Fertilizer Grower Meeting in Lake City.
- Matthew Cantrell attended the UF Career Fair in Gainesville.
- Patrick Webster, Bob Heeke, Justin Garland, and Ben Glass met with Joe Cohn, FDEP, to discuss Accelerating Suwannee as well as other potential springs projects.

Communications

- Weekly Top Performing Post

Suwannee River Water Management District is 🥳 feeling adventurous at Big And Little Shoals Park.
Published by Lindsey Garland (?) · February 5 at 4:01 PM · White Springs · 🌐

#TrailTuesday Take a hike on Woodpecker Trail at Little Shoals on this beautiful day 🌳🌿

Enjoy hiking down a paved trail or be more adventurous and hike one of the many non-paved trails! Which do you prefer? #FloridaHikingTrailMonth





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617 People Reached **89** Engagements [Boost Post](#)

👤 Mary Owen Stokes, Gary E. Robertson and 31 others 7 Comments 4 Shares

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Performance for Your Post

617 People Reached

46 Likes, Comments & Shares 📊

34 Likes	33 On Post	1 On Shares
8 Comments	8 On Post	0 On Shares
4 Shares	4 On Post	0 On Shares

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Announcements for the week of February 17 - 23, 2019

- February 19, 2019 begins the Legislative Interim Committee Week 6 in Tallahassee.



Weekly Activity Report to Governing Board for February 10 - 16, 2019

Executive / Management

- Virginia Sanchez, Hugh Thomas, and Steve Minnis meet with Campbell Global representatives to discuss modifications to the California Swamp Conservation Easements.
- Hugh Thomas attended the 2019 Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame Ceremony in Tampa.
- Hugh Thomas and Chrissy Carr conducted a site visit regarding a flooding concern in Bradford County.

Legislative and Community Affairs

- Katie Kelly attended and participated in the 5th Legislative Interim Committee Week in Tallahassee.

Finance

- No reporting activity.

Land Management

- District contractors are continuing road repairs on Mallory Swamp Road.
- Timber harvest contractors begin work at the Osteen tract.
- District contractors continued fuel reduction mowing on 47 Bridge and Steinhatchee Falls tracts.
- District contractors conducted prescribed burns on Jones Mill Creek, Cabbage Grove, and Steinhatchee Springs tracts.

Resource Management

- No reporting activity.

Water Resources

- No reporting activity.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- No reporting activity.

Water Supply

- No reporting activity.

Hydrological Data

- No reporting activity.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Justin Garland attended a Natural Resource Leadership Institute program at McGhee Farm in Alachua.
- Patrick Webster attended a Bi-Weekly Progress Meeting on the CR 241 FDOT LAP Project in Providence.

Communications

- Weekly Top Performing Post

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from the Suwannee River Water Management District. The post is a video with a blue background and white text that reads "NEW WEBSITE COMING MARCH 1". The post has 425 people reached, 134 3-second video views, and 10 likes, comments, and shares. The performance metrics are as follows:

Performance for Your Post		
425 People Reached		
134 3-Second Video Views		
10 Likes, Comments & Shares		
7 Likes	6 On Post	1 On Shares
0 Comments	0 On Post	0 On Shares
3 Shares	3 On Post	0 On Shares
22 Post Clicks		
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At the bottom of the screenshot, there are buttons for "Create Post With Video" and "Boost Post".

Announcements for the week of February 24 – March 2, 2019

- No announcements.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: February 28, 2019
RE: Springs Protection Awareness Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board proclaim April 2019 as Springs Protection Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND

In recent years, the Florida legislature has supported rule language that highlights the importance of Florida's springs and natural resources by declaring the month of April as Springs Protection Awareness month.

The District contains over 300 documented springs, including the highest concentration of freshwater springs in Florida, and the highest concentration of first-magnitude springs in the United States. The District is defined by world-renowned springs, including the highest concentration of springs in Florida and the highest concentration of first-magnitude springs in the United States.

Springs provide habitat for wildlife and plant species, as well as natural, recreational, and economic value. Recreational use of springs supports ecotourism in the region providing opportunities for swimming, fishing, diving, kayaking and canoeing, and wildlife viewing. Recreational use of springs supports ecotourism in the region providing opportunities for swimming, fishing, diving, kayaking and canoeing, and wildlife viewing. The estimated total economic benefits associated with recreational use (due to direct spending, supply chain activity and income re-spending) supported over 1,000 full and part-time jobs and generated \$94 million annually in economic output. Springs in the District are vulnerable to increased nutrient loading and declining flows. The long-term preservation of this international resource is a major priority for the District, and this objective has recently been underscored by the Legislature which designated 14 springs and springs groups within the District as Outstanding Florida Springs.

Increasing public awareness of the District's ongoing work to protect springs is a key part of accomplishing the District mission.

HT/kcp
Attachment

Proclamation

Suwannee River Water Management District
Live Oak, Florida

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the environment, economy, and citizens of, and visitors to, this state, and

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in the world, which supports more than 700 natural springs, giving this state the world's highest concentration of springs, and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Water Management District has the highest concentration of springs in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge more than eight billion gallons of water each day, which is essential for sustaining spring runs and associated receiving water bodies, and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Water Management District has the highest concentration of first magnitude springs in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Water Management District has fourteen Outstanding Florida Springs, and

WHEREAS, groundwater in the Suwannee River Water Management District is the primary source for public, agricultural, business and industrial use and vital to Florida's economy, and

WHEREAS, springs are a natural resource that must be protected, as they reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife and listed species, and

WHEREAS, springs provide important recreation resources and opportunities that are enjoyed by citizens and visitors alike,

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Water Management District has the Heartland Springs Initiative with a strategic goal to ensure springs have an adequate flow and good water quality to sustain healthy biological communities, and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis is recommending \$50 million dollars for springs protection and restoration in his 2019-2020 "Bold Vision For A Brighter Future" Recommended Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby proclaims April 2019 as Springs Protection Awareness Month, and all levels of government are encouraged to support springs protection, restoration, and preservation awareness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH 2019, A.D.

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

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ATTEST

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: February 27, 2019
RE: Water Conservation Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board proclaim April 2019 as Water Conservation Month.

BACKGROUND

Declaring April as Water Conservation Month will mark the 21st year of this important recognition. Many local governments, water management districts, and other entities have demonstrated their support by adopting resolutions or proclamations designating Water Conservation Month in their communities.

The District's recent support of the North Florida Regional Water Resource Initiative further upholds its commitment to Water Conservation and highlighting its importance in the Suwannee Valley and North Florida region. The initiative totaled a water savings of up to 12.34 million gallons per day in the Suwannee Valley and 23.1 million gallons of water per day in St. Johns Water Management District which is expected to benefit the Suwannee region as well.

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

Therefore, staff recommends the Governing Board proclaim April 2019 as Water Conservation Month.

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Attachment

Proclamation

Suwannee River Water Management District
Live Oak, Florida

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

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

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

WHEREAS, water conservation is a District strategic priority; and

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby proclaims April 2019 as Water Conservation Month. Additionally, the District respectfully calls upon each local government, resident, visitor, and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water conservation measures and becoming more aware of the need to conserve water.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2019, A.D.

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BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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