

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

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March 8, 2022
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 - February 8, 2022, Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 10 - Recission of Acceptance of Grant Funding for Acquisition of the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract, Madison County
 - Agenda Item No. 13 - January 2022 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 15 - Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2022-2026 – Revised
 - Agenda Item No. 18 – Amendment to Contract 20/21-117 with Moore Communications
 - Agenda Item No. 28 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-061.008 with Environmental Consulting and Technology Inc.

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6. February 8, 2022, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes -
Recommend Consent
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations – United States Army Corp of Engineers Presentation

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL
Tom Reeves

8. Update on Legal Activities

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director

Administration

- BCS Page 1 9. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report
- BCS Page 4 10. Recission of Acceptance of Grant Funding for Acquisition of the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract, Madison County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 5 11. Request for Qualifications 21/22-11 Facilities Construction Projects
- BCS Page 6 12. Surplus Vehicle and Acquisition of a Replacement Vehicle

Finance

- BCS Page 7 13. January 2022 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**

Resource Management

- BCS Page 12 14. Permitting Summary Report
- BCS Page 15 15. Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2022-2026 - Revised – **Recommend Consent**

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS
Katelyn Potter, Division Director

Outreach and Operations

- OPS Page 1 16. Springs Protection Awareness Month Proclamation
- OPS Page 3 17. Water Conservation Month Proclamation
- OPS Page 5 18. Amendment to Contract 20/21-117 with Moore Communications – **Recommend Consent**

Land Management

- OPS Page 6 19. District Land Management and Twin Rivers State Forest Activity Summary
- OPS Page 10 20. Contract with Earth Balance for Groundcover Restoration Services

Hydrologic Data Services

- OPS Page 11 21. Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

WATER RESOURCES
Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

22. Agriculture and Environmental Projects Update

Definitions:

- "Lobbies" is defined as seeking to influence a district policy or procurement decision or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a district official or employee. (112.3261(1)(b), Florida Statutes [F.S.]

- "Lobbyist" is a person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. (112.3215(1)(h), F.S.)

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

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

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

AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

March 8, 2022
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

- District Facilities Discussion

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MINUTES OF
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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February 8, 2022
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Dr. George Cole		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair		X
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry K. Thompson		X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	William Lloyd		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Larry Sessions		X	
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X	
At Large	Harry Smith		X	
At Large	Vacant		-	-

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	Tim Alexander	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Amy Brown	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

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

Addition:

Governing Board Legal Counsel: *Consideration of Offer to Settle District's Claims for Attorney's Fees and Costs in FLORIDA DEFENDERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INC., et al., v. DISTRICT, Case No. 2021-107, In the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Suwannee County, Florida.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE ADDITION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment. None

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - January 11, 2022, Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - Temporary Construction Easement for Florida Department of Transportation, Jefferson and Taylor Counties
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Right of First Refusal on Carter Estate Conservation Easement, Columbia County
- Agenda Item No. 14- December 2021 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Acceptance of the Updated 2022 Florida Forever Work Plan
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc., for the Cuba Bay #3 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Contract 20/21-086 Amendment with North Florida Holsteins, L.C., Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.014 with HSW Consulting LLC
- Agenda Item No. 30 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.011 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6- January 11, 2022, Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes.
Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney, Hydrologist IV, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None
- C. Service Recognition – Pam Shaw and Kelly Wooley were recognized for five years of service. Hugh Thomas also recognized Tom Mirti on his upcoming retirement from the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Update

ADDITION:

Consideration of Offer to Settle District's Claims for Attorney's Fees and Costs in FLORIDA DEFENDERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INC., et al., v. DISTRICT, Case No. 2021-107, In the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Suwannee County, Florida. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY SESSION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Temporary Construction Easement for Florida Department of Transportation, Jefferson and Taylor Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Right of First Refusal on Carter Estate Conservation Easement, Columbia County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Resolution 2022-01, Final Exchange for Timber River Parcel, Riverbend Estates, Madison and Dixie Counties. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – R. O. Ranch Update. Mr. Schroeder updated the Board on this item.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 14 – December 2021 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 15 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 16 – 2022 Consolidated Annual Report. Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this report to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 17 – 2022 Communications Plan Presentation. Mrs. Potter and Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this powerpoint to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Acceptance of the Updated 2022 Florida Forever Work Plan. Approved on Consent.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 19 - 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. 20 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc., for the Cuba Bay #3 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 21 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Contract with H2O Mobile Lab for Field Support Services. Tara Rodgers, Chief, Office of Hydrologic Data Services, presented this item to the Board. Ms. Rodgers announced the updated budget code for this project is 09-2-586-2-1200-36-01.

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

WATER RESOURCES

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 23 – Governing Board Directive Number GBD22-0001, Agricultural Cost-Share Program Update. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE WORD “OFFICERS” ADDED TO SECTION 8.0, NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT SECTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-064.006 with Wetland Solutions Inc. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

Chris Keller, Wetland Solutions Inc., and Chad Wisdom, Cedar Key Water and Sewer District, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Progression Plan to Complete the Country Club Road Dam Project. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Board.

Eric Falkenberry, Gannett Fleming, and Jeff Hill provided comments to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SESSIONS, SECONDED BY COLE TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO OBTAIN AND APPRAISAL ON SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, TO INCLUDE THE 0.39 ACRE “TRIANGLE” NORTHWEST OF THE DAM PARCEL AND TO PROCEED WITH DISPOSITION OF SOUTHERN PARCEL AND “TRIANGLE” AND TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF ALTERNATIVE 6 AND BEGIN THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE DAM ON THE NORTHERN PROPERTY (54.96 +/- ACRES). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-078.005 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 27 – Amend Contract 20/21-086 with North Florida Holsteins, L.C. Approved on Consent.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 28 – Minimum Flows and Minimum Levels Update. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.014 with HSW Consulting LLC. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.011 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 31 – Water Supply Update. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided an update to the Board.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 32 – SWIM Plan Overview. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources, provided an overview to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 33 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities. Mr. Reeves updated the Board on the Jeff Hill Appeals court case.

Agenda Item No. 34 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 35 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP**

Workshop began at 1:04 p.m.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels Peer Review Process

Mr. King provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding the process of the minimum flows and minimum water levels peer review process.

Workshop adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: February 25, 2022
RE: Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

Attached for your information is the Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report.

SS/tm
Attachments

LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION ACTIVITY REPORT

Property Offers							
Owner	Tract	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
	Gilchrist Lyme	17,854	Gilchrist	03.2019	Exchange acreage dependent on configuration/ Sandlin Bay 2,023 acre (USFS)	Conservation Easement	Tabled by Lands Committee (LC) 6.11.2019. Offeror has contract for sale of property. On hold.
Approved for Detailed Assessment							
Owner	Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
McB-Pinehatchee	Steinhatchee North/ RO Ranch West-Equestrian	2950/1,277	Lafayette		Exchange	Exchange - Fee for Fee	Approved by Governing Board (GB)11.12.2019. Final exchange offer approved by GB 4.13.21. Request for GB approval of contract by GB 9.14.2021 for survey approved to obtain a metes and bounds/sketch for McB property. 12.14.21 Survey has commenced, Exchange agreement being reviewed by District legal counsel. McB-Pinehatchee is reviewing the exchange agreement as of 12.28.21. Survey complete. Exchange agreement remains under review by McB-Pinehatchee.
Hickman	Alapaha Point	39.8	Hamilton	08.21.19	\$159,200	Fee	Final recommendation approved by LC 10.12.21. Final acquisition Resolution on 11.9.21 GB agenda. Documents delivered to District legal counsel's office for closing. 11.15.21. Closing delayed until January 2022 at Sellers request. Seller requested to terminate transaction. Agreed to pay title search expenses incurred. File to be closed.
Michael and Freda Shaw	Shaw Conservation Easement Exchange	1,099	Lafayette			Conservation Easement	Negotiations ongoing.
Crosby Lake	Crosby Lake	1,380	Bradford		TBD	Fee	Approved for detailed assessment and negotiations 12.8.2020. Staff proceeding with discussions and project assessment including Bradford County and the City of Starke. Staff met with Offeror on 2.25.21 for update on status and timelines. Staff met with County and City staff 3.8.21. Joint meeting scheduled for 6.17.2021. Interlocal agreement being developed between Bradford County, City of Starke and SRWMD. Phase 1 ESA report received. Second appraisal received February 2022. Owner agreed to terminate further negotiations, could not agree on a price after receipt of appraisals.
Camp and Abel	Camp and Abel	266	Hamilton	09.23.20	\$948,000	Fee	Approved for detailed assessment and negotiations 12.8.20. Property being tasked to NFLT for negotiation and assessment. Transaction will be processed in house and not contracted. ESA Phase 1 ordered.
Pfleiger	Riverbend Estates	1.1	Dixie	03.20.20	\$11,000/Possible exchange	Fee	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed assessment and negotiations. Approved by LC on 6.9.20. Approved by GB on 7.14.20. In discussions with Offeror to exchange for Timber River parcel in Madison County. Offeror has tentatively agreed to exchange. Draft contract submitted to Counsel for review on 3.3.21. Awaiting additional guidance from Counsel regarding appraisals. Contract revised and submitted to Pfleiger. Staff will order an ESA Phase 1 and appraisal of the Riverbend property; Pfleiger will order an appraisal on the District land in Timber River. Signed contract received from Pfleiger to be submitted for GB Chair signature. Satisfactory Phase 1 ESA was received. Appraisal in process. Final exchange approved by LC 1.11.22. . Approved by GB 2.8.22. Will proceed to closing.
Alachua Conservation Trust	Santa Fe Springs (ACT) a/k/a Zow, Graham Springs	282	Columbia		\$139,041	Conservation Easement	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed analysis and negotiations approved by LC on 12.12.2019. Approved by GB on 1.14.20. Due diligence documentation submitted by ACT and being reviewed. Drafting CE to prepare for closing after Springs Grant Funding released. Funded on Springs Grant list. Staff beginning process to finalize transaction including completion of CE terms. Draft CE submitted to ACT for review 12.9.2020. ACT comments received and being reviewed. Internal review complete. CE submitted for legal review 3.3.21. Legal comments received. Revised CE submitted to ACT for review on 6.9.21. Final revisions being made to CE language; expect completion before 7.31.21. Additional revisions submitted after conference with ACT; being reviewed internally. Terms of CE have been agreed to. Moving towards final closing.
Florida Department of Transportation	Quail Heights	40.63	Columbia		\$651,105	Fee	Staff review on 8.8.19 recommended purchase in partnership with FDOT. Approved by LC on 2.11.20. Approved by GB 3.10.20. Submitted for Springs Grant funding but not obtained for FY 20. Property acquired by FDOT on 9.10.20. LC approved contribution to acquisition costs 11.10.20. GB approved on consent agenda 12.8.20. FDOT contract completed. Resolution for acquisition on GB agenda 5.11.21 and was approved. Final revisions and resolution of all contingencies complete and satisfied. Funds will be distributed to FDOT before 6.1.21. Agreement with FDOT executed. Funds referred after due diligence. Staff is working on obtaining appropriate surveys and negotiating agreement with Columbia County. Interlocal agreement being drafted with Columbia County. Survey received from Columbia County. Determining next steps for completion of transaction.
Harpo Holdings, LLC	Rio Lindo Conservation Easement	313	Gilchrist	10.2.20	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed assessments and negotiations was approve by GB agenda 1.12.21. CE terms being negotiated and under review by District Legal Counsel. CE terms in ongoing negotiations. CE terms agreed to. Seller is obtaining appraisal.
Lasky	Lasky	351.74	Gilchrist	11.2020	\$855,000	Fee	Approved for detailed assessment and negotiation by GB 4.13.21. Phase 1 ESA report received. No issues noted. Appraisal complete. Negotiations underway with owner. Offer submitted to owner 1.18.22. Potential agreed price of \$770,000 subject to GB approval.
R.L. Henderson	Telford Springs	94	Suwannee	12.2020	\$1,135,000	Fee	Submitted to LC 3.9.21 as a Springs Restoration program acquisition. Approved by LC. Board agenda 4.13.21, approved as part of Spring Restoration Grant application. Submitted as a Springs Grant project. Springs Grant award notice released 11.9.21. Discussions underway with Seller and Alachua Conservation Trust for moving forward to complete transaction.
Adams	Adams Tract	231.1	Madison	08.2020	TBD	Fee	Submitted to LC 3.9.21 as a Springs Restoration program acquisition. Approved by LC. Board agenda 4.13.21, approved as part of Spring Restoration Grant application. Submitted as a Springs Grant project. Springs Grant award notice released 11.9.21. LC approved direct submission of final transaction to GB on 11.9.21. Staff negotiating final items for closing transaction. District legal counsel is reviewing various related agreements. GB rejected the proposed final resolution on 12.14.21. Item tentatively closed pending further communication from the sellers. Tall Timbers continuing discussion with owner and FDEP. Request for release of grant being submitted to Board on 3.8.22.
Rayonier	Lake Sampson (Rayonier)	30+/-	Bradford	District Initiated	TBD	Fee	Submitted to LC on 5.11.21 to be funded through FDEP grant; acquisition if AWS project related. Approved by LC. On GB Agenda for 6.8.21 and was approved. TWA opened with NFLT for negotiations with Rayonier.

Proposed for Surplus

Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding	Appraisal Date	Price	Comments
None pending.							

Authorized for Surplus

Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding	Appraisal Date	Price	Comments
Forest Woodlands	11	Gilchrist	10.11.1996	Save Our Rivers	TBD	To be determined by appraisal.	Staff recommended for surplus. Approved by Lands Committee (LC) on 10.10.19. Approved by Governing Board (GB) 11.12.19. Will be offered to adjacent property owners.
Santa Fe Oasis	1	Gilchrist	4.28.1998	Save Our Rivers	TBD	TBD by appraisal update.	Approved by LC on 4.14.20. Approved by GB 5.12.20. Offered for sale to adjacent owners, two offers received. Approved by LC 8.11.20 to accept highest offer. Withdrawn from GB on 9.8.20. Being resubmitted to LC for its 9.21.20 meeting for staff recommendation to reject all offers and offer for sale to the general public. GB approved LC recommendation on 10.13.20. All bids rejected and property will be offered for sale to the general public. Staff is trying to obtain a review appraisal to reconcile disparate appraisals received and determine minimum price for bids. Awaiting legal guidance on establishing minimum price for public notice of intent to sell.
Suwannee Run Shores	1.175	Dixie	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	TBD	To be determined by appraisal.	Staff recommended for surplus. Approved by LC 7.9.19. Approved by GB 8.13.19. Adjacent Property owners notified, responses/bids with appraisals due 4.15.20. No responses received, will be posted on website and offer for sale to general public.
Three Rivers Estates	1	Columbia	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	N/A	TBD by appraisal update.	Staff recommended for surplus. Approved by LC 7.9.19. Approved by GB 8.8.19. Adjacent Property owners notified, responses/bids with appraisals due 4.15.20. Two offers received, highest offer approved by LC 6.9.20. On GB agenda for 7.14.20 and approved. Contract being drafted.
Turtle Spring Surplus Tract	32	Lafayette	5.13.2015	Florida Forever	5.24.2015	TBD by appraisal update.	Suspended until further review. Attempting to verify final surplus status/approval by GB.
Newberry Wellfield	58.66	Alachua	1.11.2000	P-2000	N/A	\$0	3.9.21 LC recommended surplus and conveyance to the City of Newberry with specified conditions. Approved by GB 4.13.21. Conveyance documents being drafted for legal review. Conveyance on hold pending resolution of issues relating to timber operations by the District. Timber operations underway. Once complete, transaction will be closed.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: February 25, 2022

RE: Recission of Acceptance of Grant Funding for Acquisition of the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract, Madison County

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind the previous action of the Board accepting Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Restoration Grant funding for the acquisition of the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract located in Madison County.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on December 14, 2021, the Board approved a staff recommendation to accept Springs Restoration Grant funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in the amount of \$2,200,000 for the acquisition of the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract located in Madison County. At the same meeting, the Board considered the final approval of the staff recommendation for the acquisition of the parcel. The Board rejected the staff recommendation with the proviso that additional negotiations could continue if the owner was so inclined. Staff have received no further contact regarding the acquisition from the owner or the owner's representative.

FDEP has been informed of the status and is considering other alternatives for the funding, including a potential direct contract with a private, non-profit organization which would acquire the property. Staff recommends the Board rescind the acceptance of the grant funds associated with the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract located in Madison County.

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Attachments
File #2020-013

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: February 25, 2022
RE: Request for Qualifications 21/22-11 Facilities Construction Projects

RECOMMENDATION

District staff recommends the Governing Board approve the list of qualified general contractors and authorize the Executive Director to enter contracts with two firms.

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2022, Suwannee River Water Management District (District) published a request for qualifications (RFQ) for facilities construction projects. The RFQ was advertised and published on the District's website and the vender bid system. The purpose of the RFQ is to pre-qualify and contract with firms capable of providing general construction services for small projects (each project not to exceed \$200,000) to complete facilities construction projects in an economical and efficient manner. Contracts for projects not exceeding \$200,000 will be awarded to the contractors using the task work assignment (TWA) process. TWAs exceeding \$50,000 will be brought to the Governing Board for approval in accordance with Governing Board Directives. Contracts will be for an initial term of three years, with the option of renewing the agreements for up to two additional one-year periods

The District will use competitive solicitations when appropriate to acquire more specific expertise or where the cost exceeds \$200,000.

The qualification packages were due and opened on February 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. There were four (4) submittals. On February 25, 2022, District staff held a selection committee meeting. The members of the selection committee ranked each firm 1 through 4. Staff is recommending that the District enter negotiations with the top two firms listed below, and if unable to reach agreeable terms with either one of the top two, enter into negotiations with the third. District staff is recommending the Governing Board approve the list of firms the selection committee recommended and authorize the Executive Director to contract with the firms.

General Construction Firm Name	Primary Office Location	Ranking
Gray Construction Services, Inc.	Trenton, FL	1
Gateway Contracting, Inc.	Jacksonville, FL	2
Maddox Construction Company	Chiefland, FL	3
D-Mar General Contracting	Clearwater, FL	4

Funding for this recommendation is included in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget under various account codes. The account code will be determined by the individual project.

SS/tm

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: February 25, 2022
RE: Surplus Vehicle and Acquisition of a Replacement Vehicle

RECOMMENDATION

District staff recommends the Governing Board declare asset number 3711 as surplus, authorize the Executive Director to accept the full insurance payout for the vehicle and to utilize those funds for the acquisition of a replacement vehicle.

BACKGROUND

On January 27, 2022, two members of District staff were involved in a motor vehicle accident. The vehicle involved in the accident, a 2019 Ford Escape, was declared a total loss by the insurance carrier and will be disposed of by the insurance carrier. District staff is recommending the Governing Board to declare the vehicle as surplus so it can be removed from the District's Capital Assets Database.

The vehicle's value was determined to be \$28,825. The deductible for the auto insurance is \$1,000. The District will receive funds in the amount of \$27,825.

Staff is recommending the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to accept the insurance proceeds in the amount of \$27,825. The funds received will be used to off-set the cost of a replacement vehicle.

District staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to apply the funds towards the acquisition of a replacement vehicle. Additional funds, if required, for the procurement of the replacement vehicle are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Final Budget.

Funding for this recommendation is included in the FY 2022 budget under account code 13-4905-6-3600.

SS/tm

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: February 25, 2022

RE: January 2022 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the January 2022 Financial Report and confirm the expenditures of the District.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.553(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the delegation of authority by the Governing Board to the Executive Director to disburse District funds, providing certification is made to the Board at the next regular meeting that such disbursement is proper, in order, and within budgetary limits. In compliance with the statutory provisions in Chapter 373, F.S., the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District has directed staff to prepare a Financial Report as attached.

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Attachments

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Cash Report
January 2022**

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Interest Rate %	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$0.00		\$500.00
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$0.00		\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00		\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$49.88	0.00%	\$1,111,236.68
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$28,114.94</u>	0.75%	<u>\$43,816,573.72</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$28,164.82</u></u>		<u><u>\$44,963,310.40</u></u>

*SPIA is part of the Treasury Investment Pool administered by Florida Department of Financial Services.

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds
For the Month ending January 31, 2022
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 1/31/2022	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 6,233,836	\$ 5,359,204	\$ (874,632)	86.0%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 40,025,263	\$ 2,042,037	\$ (37,983,226)	5.1%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 118,952	\$ (11,048)	91.5%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 163,000	\$ 71,244	\$ (91,756)	43.7%
Other	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 348,829	\$ (651,171)	34.9%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 12,090,274	\$ 245,720	\$ (11,844,554)	2.0%
Total Sources	\$ 59,642,373	\$ 8,185,985	\$ (51,456,388)	13.7%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 12,132,696	\$ 1,466,980	\$ 5,464,197	\$ 5,201,519	12%	57%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 37,432,257	\$ 2,269,775	\$ 20,953,142	\$ 14,209,340	6%	62%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 6,260,432	\$ 831,264	\$ 1,449,644	\$ 3,979,524	13%	36%
Regulation	\$ 1,902,609	\$ 392,823	\$ 50,269	\$ 1,459,517	21%	23%
Outreach	\$ 195,233	\$ 60,103	\$ -	\$ 135,130	31%	31%
Management and Administration	\$ 1,719,146	\$ 505,646	\$ 131,240	\$ 1,082,260	29%	37%
Total Uses	\$ 59,642,373	\$ 5,526,591	\$ 28,048,492	\$ 26,067,290	9%	56%

¹ Actual Fund Balance used is recorded at the end of the fiscal year. This amount represents Fund Balance used for the Agricultural and RIVER Cost-Share, Regional Water Resource Development, and Project Effectiveness Metrics 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, 2022 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 1/31/2022

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>Report Recap -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	5,898,228	0	7,526,836
LOCAL REVENUES	16,480	0	86,480
STATE REVENUES	1,654,185	0	35,980,783
FEDERAL REVENUES	371,372	0	3,958,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	245,720	0	12,090,274
TOTAL REVENUES	8,185,985	0	59,642,373
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,909,648	0	6,923,044
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,087,212	13,418,087	20,845,400
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	401,916	150,785	1,903,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,430	82,633	313,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	148,589	5,251,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,125,385	14,248,399	24,406,385
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,526,591	28,048,493	59,642,373
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	2,659,394	(28,048,493)	0
<u>General Fund -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	5,517,703	0	5,300,069
LOCAL REVENUES	16,480	0	86,480
STATE REVENUES	0	0	2,740,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,789,672
TOTAL REVENUES	5,534,183	0	9,916,221
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,420,282	0	5,297,558
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	90,353	444,348	2,228,502
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	170,811	71,687	1,057,573
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	31,295	200,608
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	284,485	337,970	1,131,980
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,965,931	885,300	9,916,221
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,568,252	(885,300)	0
<u>Land Management Operations -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	348,595	0	2,151,767
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	2,290,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	40,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	2,323,546
TOTAL REVENUES	348,595	0	6,805,432
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	231,031	0	827,736
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	373,775	1,280,780	3,129,898
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	228,443	74,178	773,927
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,430	51,338	112,436
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	148,589	1,251,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	71,150	710,435
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	835,679	1,626,035	6,805,432
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(487,084) *	(1,626,035)	0

* To be reimbursed by Appropriations

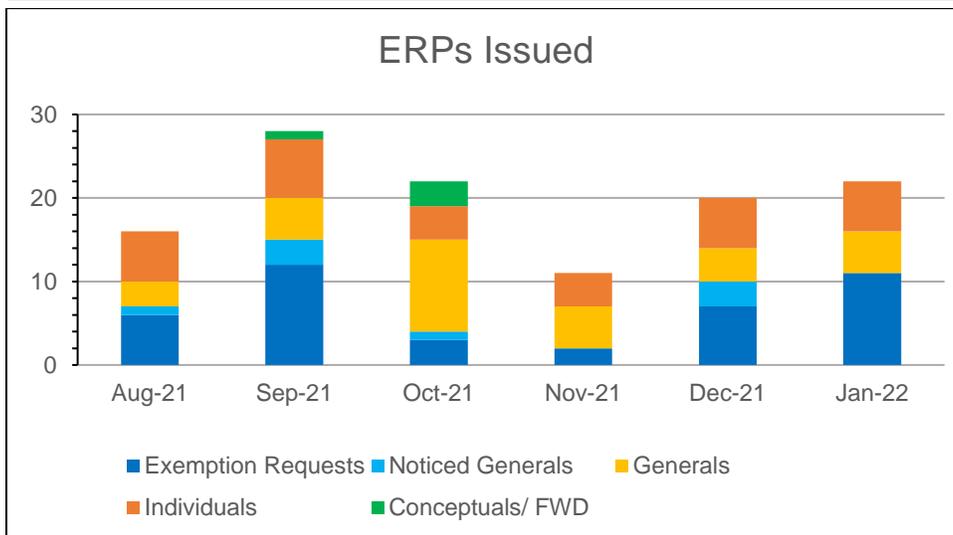
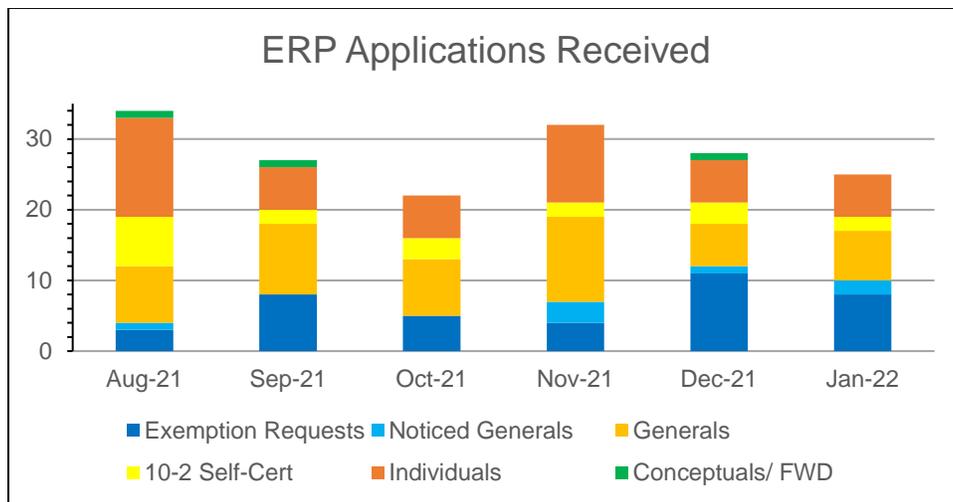
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 1/31/2022

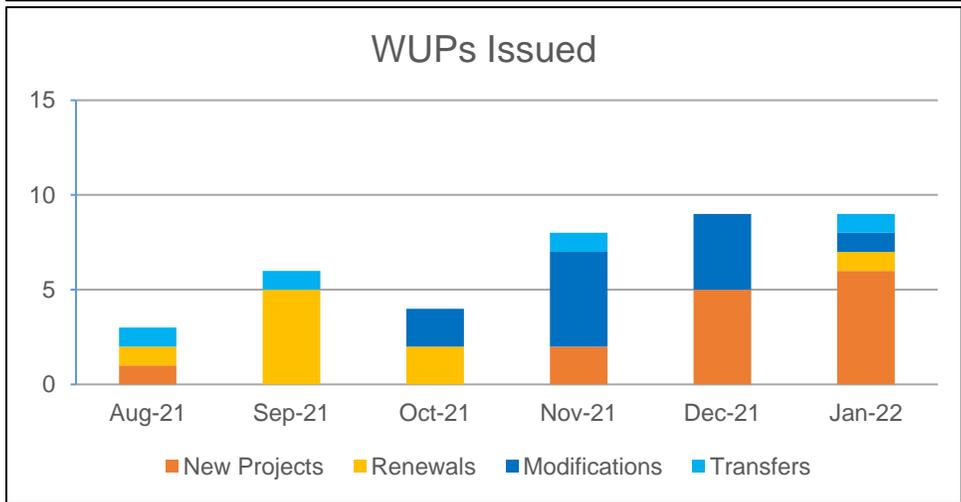
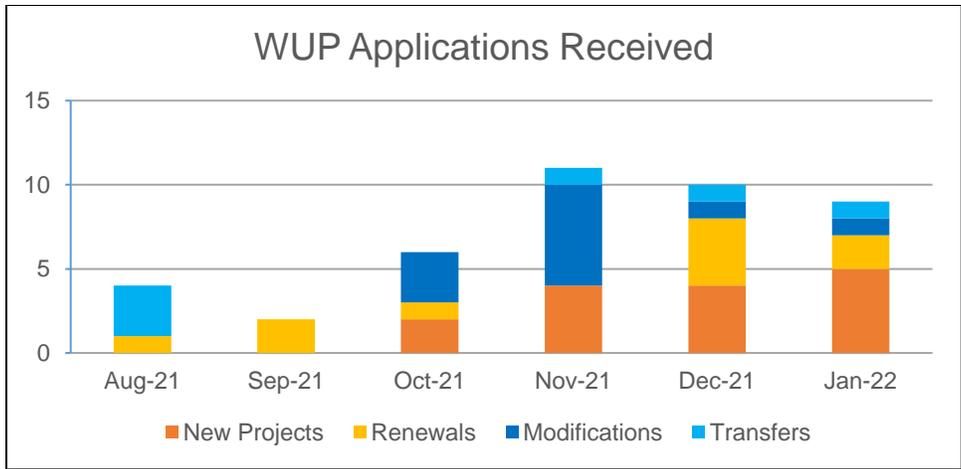
	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>District Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	244,366	0	5,653,970
TOTAL REVENUES	244,366	0	5,653,970
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	240,166	1,811,781	2,050,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	55	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	4,200	1,968,666	3,573,970
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	244,366	3,780,502	5,653,970
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(3,780,502)	0
<u>State Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	31,930	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,654,185	0	30,950,664
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	1,354	0	2,323,086
TOTAL REVENUES	1,687,469	0	33,273,750
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	253,961	0	781,750
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	995,725	5,732,987	9,484,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,661	4,865	36,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	4,000,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	828,750	11,860,563	18,972,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,081,097	17,598,415	33,273,750
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(393,628) *	(17,598,415)	0
	<i>* To be reimbursed by State Grants</i>		
<u>Federal Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	75,000
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	371,372	0	3,918,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	371,372	0	3,993,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	4,375	0	16,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	387,194	4,148,190	3,953,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	7,950	10,050	18,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	399,519	4,158,240	3,993,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(28,147) *	(4,158,240)	0
	<i>* To be reimbursed by Federal Grants</i>		

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

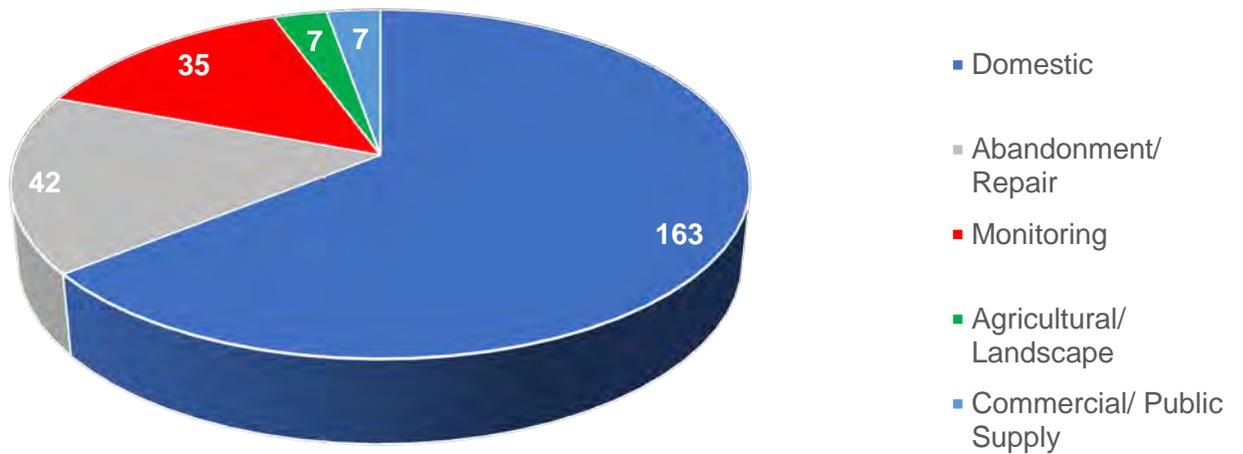
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: February 25, 2022
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued January 2022



40B-1.1010 Pt. of Entry into Proceedings

GB Authorized Rulemaking	6/8/2021
Notice of Rule Development	7/20/2021
Public Workshop	N/A
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
File with DOS	
Repealed	

40B-0, FAC Exceptions to Ch. 28, FAC

GB Authorized Rulemaking	
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-8.121 Lakes Alto and Santa Fe MFLs

GB Authorized Rulemaking	12/14/2021
Notice of Rule Development	12/27/2021
Public Workshop	12/16/2021
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-8.121 Lake Hampton MFL

GB Authorized Rulemaking	1/11/2022
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	1/26/2022
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

GB Authorized Rulemaking	
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

GB Authorized Rulemaking	
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

Compliance Agreements:

Item No. 137017 – Greist wetland fill, approximately 0.43 acres impacted. Respondent to remove fill before 4/4/2022 in lieu of penalty.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Ashley Stefanik, Chief, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: February 25, 2022
RE: Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2022-2026 - Revised

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the revised Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2022-2026.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.4137, Florida Statutes, identifies an environmental mitigation process for transportation projects. The statute requires that mitigation for transportation projects be accomplished through regional, long-term planning instead of on a project-by-project basis. The statute also requires that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) fund the mitigation and the District carry out the plans.

Each year, FDOT submits a work plan to the District that identifies environmental impacts from planned transportation projects. District staff develop a mitigation plan for each project that secures all state and federal permits for the impacts and streamlines staff review of the permit application once submitted. All projects and their mitigation strategies are contained in the mitigation plan, which is updated each year for approval by the District's Governing Board.

In this year's plan, FDOT has proposed two new County Road 18 trail segment projects in the 2022- 2026 planning period that may use mitigation credits from the Edwards Bottomland (EBL) Mitigation Area. The 2022-2026 plan was accepted by the Governing Board in January but, upon review by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, staff has revised the plan to include more specifics about the EBL project.

The plan can be viewed on the District website at www.MySuwanneeRiver.com/about.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Troy Roberts, Communications and Outreach Manager, Office of Communications and Outreach

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: February 28, 2022

RE: Springs Protection Awareness Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

Proclamation of April 2022 as Springs Protection Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND

The District contains over 450 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 14 of the 30 Outstanding Florida Springs as identified by the Legislature.

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, canoeing, and wildlife viewing. The estimated total economic benefits associated with recreational use (due to direct spending, supply chain activity, and income re-spending) support over 1,000 full and part-time jobs and generates \$9.4 million annually in economic output¹. These international resources are a major priority for the District.

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

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

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Attachment

¹Borisova, Tatiana; Hodges, Alan W.; Stevens, Thomas J. "Economic Contributions and Ecosystem Services of Springs in the Lower Suwannee and Santa Fe River Basins of North-Central Florida." University of Florida, Food and Resource Economics Department. May 29, 2014. pp 3.

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 450 natural springs, giving this state the world's highest concentration of springs, and

WHEREAS, the 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, the 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.

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby proclaims April 2022 as Springs Protection Awareness Month, and all levels of government are encouraged to support springs protection, restoration, and preservation awareness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF MARCH 2022, A.D.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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LARRY SESSIONS
HARRY SMITH
LARRY THOMPSON**

ATTEST

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Troy Roberts, Communications and Outreach Manager, Office of
Communications and Outreach

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: February 28, 2022

RE: Water Conservation Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

Proclamation of April 2022 as Water Conservation Month.

BACKGROUND

Declaring April as Water Conservation Month will mark the 24th 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 strategic focus on community partnerships and water resource project implementation, dedication to improved efficiencies and conservation, and sustainable management of District water resources illustrate its commitment to water conservation and its vitality to the Suwannee River Valley.

As part of the effort, the District encourages local communities to issue a commitment to water conservation and offers outreach tools for communities to share with their constituents.

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 2022 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 2022 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 8th DAY OF MARCH 2022, A.D.
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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ATTEST

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Troy Roberts, Communications and Outreach Manager, Office of Communications and Outreach

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: February 28, 2022

RE: Amendment to Contract 20/21-117 with Moore Communications

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Contract 20/21-117 with Moore Communications for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 and extend the contract until June 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND

The District entered into Contract 20/21-117 on April 7, 2021, with Moore Communications for a District Lands Web Map. This project includes the development of a dynamic, map-based website that showcases District public lands and replaces the District's recreation webpages. The website will allow users to search for District lands based on filterable features and access land-specific photos and information based on their selections.

The Governing Board received a presentation regarding the map at the February 2022 Board meeting.

The original contract was for \$50,000 with an original completion date of September 30, 2021. A no-cost amendment extended the end date to March 30, 2022.

This contract amendment allows for additional enhancements, better functionality, and supplementary features that provide a more reliable, enjoyable experience for public consumption. The increased scope of work and the subsequent cost exceeds the Executive Director's signing authority, thereby requiring Governing Board approval.

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 and extend the contract until June 30, 2022.

Funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget under code 13-2586-6-3100-00-00.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: February 28, 2022

RE: District Land Management and Twin Rivers State Forest Activity Summary

BACKGROUND

District staff continues new Gopher tortoise monitoring efforts on various tracts.

District staff completed timber marking and sale cruising on the Gilchrist Regional Wellfield Tract.

District staff participated in the Florida Department of Environment Protection Florida Forever project reviews.

District hydrologic and road maintenance contractors continue work in the Mallory Swamp Tract, completed maintenance on various tracts in the northwest region, and recently started doing maintenance in the Devils Hammock Tract.

Suwannee Bicycle Association held IDIDARIDE XXVIII in White Springs with 420 participants and 40 volunteers. IDIDARIDE is a 50-mile off-road challenge ride. They rode trails on the District-owned Stephen Foster, White Springs, Gar Pond, Little Shoals, Falling Creek, Barnett, and Big Shoals tracts.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission arrested a suspect for looting a culture resource site on the Rock Bluff Springs Tract.

District recreation contractors completed road mowing in the northwest region and Steinhatchee River tracts and have moved to the northeast region.

District land management staff assisted GIS staff with Lidar surveying questions on the Ichetucknee River.

The attached report summarizes the status of current District and TRSF activities for the preceding month.

Conservation Easement Monitoring: None

Vegetation Management Projects: During the report period, 5.8 additional miles of ditch edge mowing was completed on the Alapaha Bluffs Tract in Hamilton County. 165 acres of woods mowing was also completed on several tracts throughout the District.

In Fiscal Year 2022, vegetation management work will be conducted for fuel reduction, natural community restoration, and wildfire mitigation purposes.

Vegetation Management (10/01/2021 – 02/10/2022)

2022 ACTIVITY	ACRES	ACRES	MILES	MILES
	Planned	Complete	Planned	Complete
Herbicide	283	35	0	0
Roller Chop Uplands	375	0	0	0
Mulching	85	0	0	0
Woods Mowing	690	165.3	0	0
Ditch Edge Mowing	0	0	54	25.6

Invasive Plant Monitoring Program: During the report period, no additional infestations were monitored/treated by District staff.

Invasive Plant Treatments (10/01/2021 – 02/10/2022)

2022 ACTIVITY	INFESTATIONS	INFESTATIONS
	Planned	Complete
Invasive Plant	160	138

Rare Species Monitoring/Surveying Program: During the report period, 12 additional Gopher Tortoise transects were surveyed.

Rare Species Monitoring/Surveying (10/01/2021 – 02/10/2022)

2022 ACTIVITY	LOCATIONS OR TRANSECTS	LOCATIONS OR TRANSECTS
	Planned	Complete
Rare Plant Species Monitoring	150	3
Gopher Tortoise Surveys	100	60

Prescribed Fire Program:

- Contractors conducting prescribed burns on District lands include Attack-One Fire Management Services, B&B Dugger Inc., and Wildlands Services Inc. Also included in this report are the acres the Florida Forest Service (FFS) burns on Twin Rivers State Forest (TRSF). When available, the FFS will provide a crew to burn additional acres on both District tracts and TRSF.
- The following table provides information on the District's Prescribed Fire Program. During the report period, 3,065 additional acres were burned on lands managed by the District and 766 acres were burned on TRSF which is managed by the FFS.

Prescribed Fire Summary Table (10/1/2021 – 02/10/2022)

	2022 TARGET ACRES	ACRES COMPLETED
SRWMD	10,700	4,507.00
FFS TRSF	2,000	766.00
TOTAL	12,700	5,273.00

Timber Sales: Open and Recently Completed Timber Sales

Recently Completed Timber Sales

SALE NAME	COUNTY	ACRES	HARVEST TYPE	REVENUE
Ellaville Chipping 2021	Madison	172	Site-Prep Chipping	\$655.46
Nature Coast Wellfield #2	Levy	110	Clearcut	\$265,991.53

Open Timber Sales

SALE NAME	COUNTY	ACRES	HARVEST TYPE
Cuba Bay #2	Madison	315	Thinning
Steinhatchee Springs #19	Lafayette	330	Thinning
Steinhatchee Springs #20	Lafayette	208	Thinning
Steinhatchee Springs #21	Lafayette	366	Thinning
Seven Bridges #1	Jefferson	224	Thinning
Sandlin Bay #6	Columbia	192	Thinning
Sandlin Bay #7	Columbia	219	Thinning
Sandlin Bay #8	Columbia	233	Thinning
High Springs Wellfield #1	Alachua	239	Thinning
Holton Creek #4	Hamilton	130	Hardwood Removal
Ellaville #21	Madison	140	Clearcut and Chipping
Little River #6	Suwannee	187	Clearcut
Withlacoochee #4	Hamilton	113	Clearcut and Chipping
Cabbage Grove #2	Taylor	222	Thinning
Newberry Wellfield #1	Alachua	52	Thinning and Clearcut

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: February 28, 2022
RE: Contract with Earth Balance for Groundcover Restoration Services

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with Earth Balance, for Groundcover Restoration Services on 110 acres of District lands.

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2022, the District issued an invitation to bid (ITB 21/22-010 OPS) for harvesting and planting approximately 110 acres of native wiregrass (*Aristida stricta*) and associated native understory seed with a Grasslander seeder in the winter of 2022-2023. A 72-acre sandhill site at the Gar Pond Tract in Columbia County and a 36.5-acre upland pine site at the Osteen Tract in Hamilton County will be the primary site locations for the reestablishment of groundcover and will be prepared accordingly for seeding operations. This project will benefit the natural communities by reestablishing native groundcovers and reintroducing fire to the community.

Bid responses were received on February 16, 2022. Bids were received from two companies indicated below. Staff recommends contracting with Earth Balance for Groundcover Restoration Services for an amount not to exceed \$97,900.

Bidder	City	Total Project Cost
Earth Balance	St. Cloud, Florida	\$97,900
Southern Habitats	Greenville, Florida	\$196,790

Earth Balance's per acre rate is \$890.00/ acre.

Funding for this contract is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Tentative Budget under codes: 13-2586-3-3100-02-04 with \$25,000 coming from grant funding provided through Alachua Conservation Trust and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's "Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund".

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Tara Rodgers, Chief, Office of Hydrological Data Services
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: February 28, 2022
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. As of February 8, 2022, the District has permitted 1,837 (261.4 MGD) irrigation wells which include a water use monitoring condition, of which 1,520 (228.6 MGD) wells are active, i.e., the wells have been drilled already. The District is monitoring 1,420 (213.2 MGD) of the 1,520 active wells. The remaining 100 active wells not yet monitored are scheduled for site visits to determine the type of monitoring that will be implemented.

Where possible, agricultural water use is estimated using monthly electric 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, the farmer agreements authorizing the District to receive power usage reports directly from the cooperatives are in effect on 707 (134.2 MGD) monitoring points.

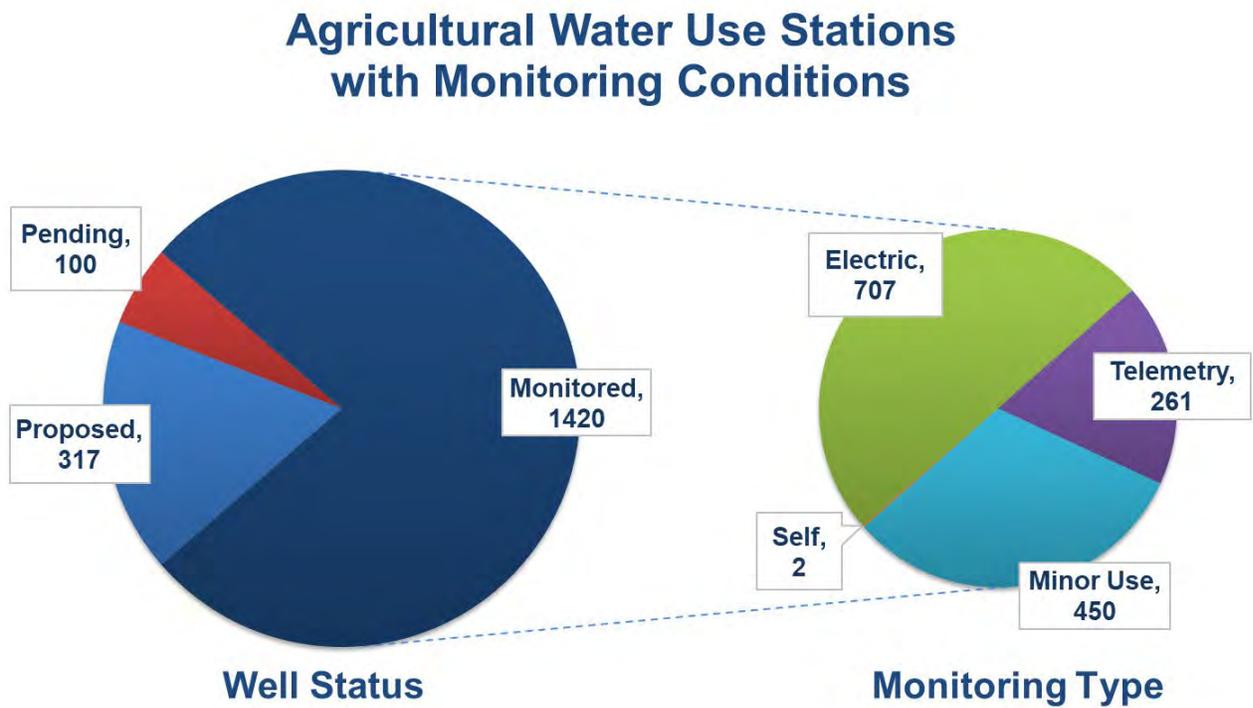
Not all withdrawal points are suitable for estimation using power consumption. Diesel-powered pumps and complex interconnected irrigation systems still require direct methods of monitoring. The District employs telemetry to conduct water use monitoring on diesel-power systems. There are currently 261 (46.3 MGD) telemetry systems installed by the District for this purpose.

Some withdrawal points have very limited use (< 0.05 MGD each) and are monitored for status changes by individual site visits. There are currently 450 (32.4 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 2 (0.28 MGD) self-monitored points.

Since April 2017, the District has consistently had over 92.5% of active wells and permitted allocation being monitored. To date, the District is monitoring approximately 93.4% of existing active wells (93.3% of allocation) with water use permit monitoring conditions.

The attached figure shows the current well status and monitoring type for all wells with water use monitoring conditions (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Graph on the left shows the current status of all permitted wells with a water use monitoring condition. The graph on the right shows the monitoring type for all currently monitored wells.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: February 25, 2022

RE: Contract with 83 Farms, LLC for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Executive Director to enter into an agreement with 83 Farms, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$158,200.

BACKGROUND

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) has provided agricultural cost-share funds along with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as part of the Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) to help agricultural producers implement best management practices. Best management practices help farmers conserve water and improve water quality in the District.

This cost-share project with 83 Farms, LLC is located in Gilchrist, Suwannee, Columbia and Alachua counties on approximately 11,300 acres with a crop rotation of corn, peanuts and rye. It is located in the Eastern Water Supply Planning Area, Suwannee Basin Management Action Plan, Santa Fe Basin Management Action Plan, and the Fanning Manatee, Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth, Devils Ear, and Ichetucknee Springs Priority Focus Areas. The water use permits for 83 Farms are permitted for this crop rotation and are in good standing.

This applicant has applied through the District for parts of FDEP's Precision Agriculture Cost-Share Program including precision soil sampling and variable rate nutrient application. It is estimated that 282,500 pounds of applied nitrogen may be reduced through this project. The applicant has been previously awarded a total of \$135,041.39 over five years in cost-share funding under this program. This proposal, when combined with previous awards, will not exceed the total maximum cost-share amount of \$300,000 over five years allowed under this program.

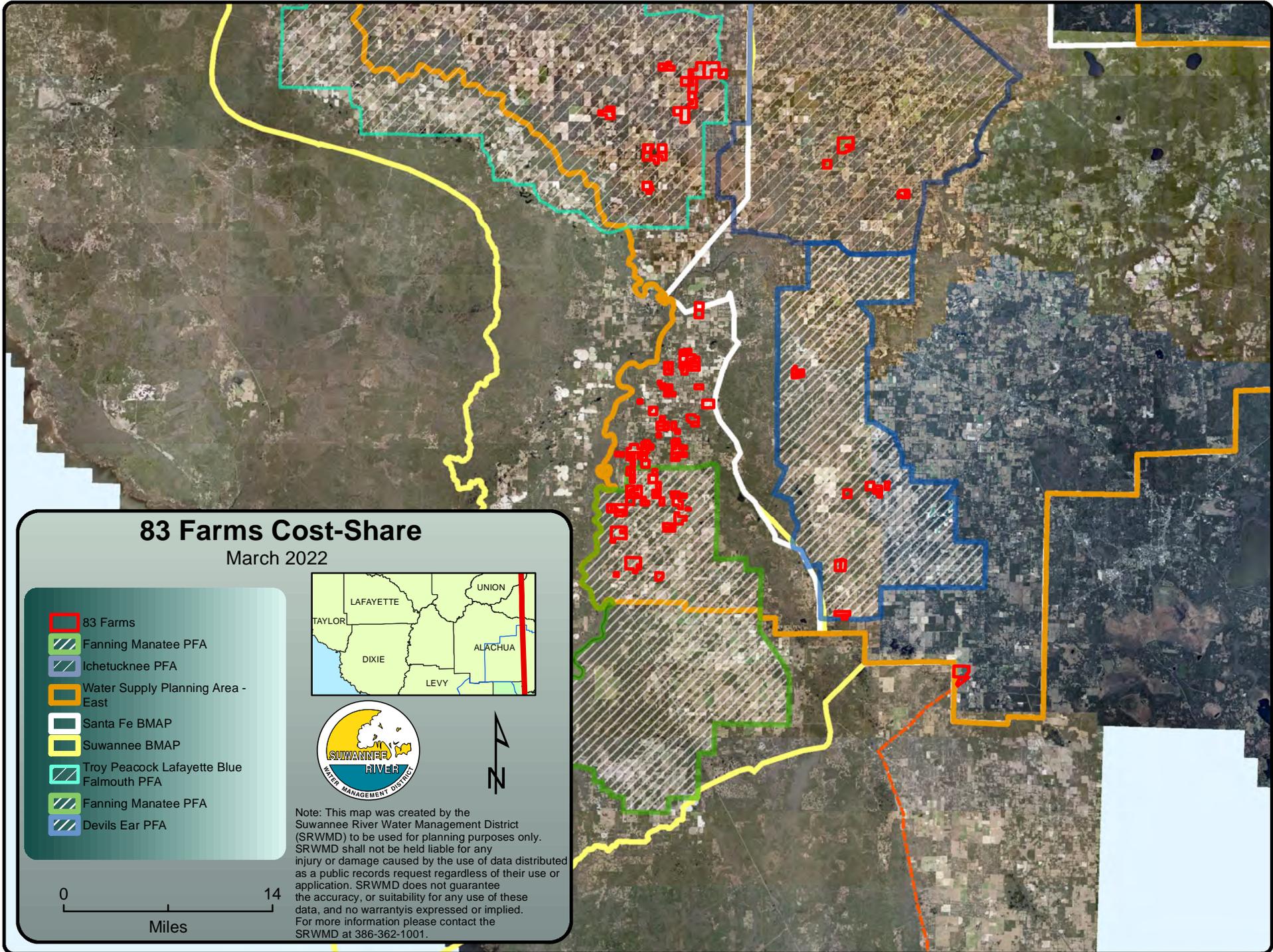
Exhibit A lists the cost share items and funding breakdown for each item. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget under account code 06-2586-7-2400-18-01.

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Exhibit A – Itemized List

Producer	Item	Maximum Cost-Share	Quantity	SRWMD Total	Producer Share
83 Farms, LLC	Grid soil sampling	\$7.00/acre	11,300	\$79,100	\$26,366.67
83 Farms, LLC	Variable rate nutrient application	\$7.00/acre	11,300 ¹	\$79,100	\$26,366.67
Project Totals:				\$158,200	\$52,733.34

¹The program allows this item to be reimbursed twice per year at a maximum of \$7 per acre, however, the service was limited in this circumstance to once per year to adhere with the eligibility requirement for a maximum funding amount of \$300,000 per entity over 5-years.



83 Farms Cost-Share

March 2022

-  83 Farms
-  Fanning Manatee PFA
-  Ichetucknee PFA
-  Water Supply Planning Area - East
-  Santa Fe BMAP
-  Suwannee BMAP
-  Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth PFA
-  Fanning Manatee PFA
-  Devils Ear PFA



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Division of Water Resources

DATE: February 28, 2022

RE: Amendment to Contract #20/21-114 with Dixie County for Cost Share Assistance

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Contract 20/21-114, with Dixie County, for an amount not to exceed \$240,000 and extend the contract until April 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND

The District entered into Contract 20/21-114 on April 6, 2021, with Dixie County to provide cost-share assistance for installing culverts under County Road 351 and Lovie Cannon Road. The culverts will allow stormwater on the east side of County Road 351 to flow to the existing stormwater ditch located on the west side of County Road 351. The existing ditch on the west side of County Road 351 drains directly to Belly Deep Creek, which is the primary drainage feature in western Cross City. The project will improve the stormwater management system near Ruth Rains Middle School and Anderson Elementary to reduce the potential for future flooding impacts. Heavy rain in the summer of 2021 delayed the project.

The original contract was for \$200,000. When the county recently went to bid, the lowest bid was \$262,000. The county has requested the District to increase the contract by \$40,000 and has agreed to provide \$22,000 in in-kind services. When complete, the county will be the operation and maintenance entity and will perform all maintenance.

Due to delays in weather conditions, the county has also requested a contract extension to April 1, 2023. The original contract end date is April 1, 2022.

Funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget under code 53-6930-7-2300-32-11.

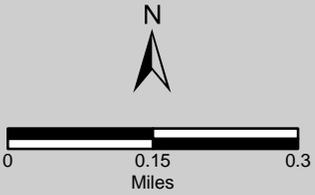
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Source: Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID,

Cross City Flood Management

March 2022



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: February 28, 2022

RE: Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.020 with HSW Consulting LLC

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to approve Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.020 with HSW Consulting LLC to assist the District in an independent scientific peer review of the technical methods used to establish the minimum flows and minimum water levels for the Upper Suwannee River and associated priority springs for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

BACKGROUND

The District and HSW Consulting LLC (HSW) executed Task Work Assignment (TWA) 19/20-009.014 to update the draft minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFL) report for the Upper Suwannee River and associated priority springs. The District voluntarily elects for the draft MFL report and associated technical work to be subjected to an independent scientific peer review. The District requires the assistance of HSW during the peer review process by attending meetings and addressing comments regarding the technical work completed.

The peer-review process for this MFL technical work is expected to last approximately two months and will include up to five public meetings. In the first meeting, District staff will present the MFL technical work to the peer review panel with assistance from HSW and will solicit public comments. Subsequent public meetings are intended to allow for peer reviewer discussion and additional public participation. During this process, peer reviewers and the public are expected to have questions regarding the technical work that may require assistance from HSW to address. This TWA does not include the development of peer review or stakeholder resolution documents to formally respond to peer reviewers or public comments.

Funding for this effort is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget under code 20-2-586-1-1102-18-00 and will be assigned the Upper Suwannee River MFL code 20-2-586-1-1102-3-00.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: February 28, 2022

RE: Task Work Assignment 19/20-061.008 with Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to approve Task Work Assignment 19/20-061.008 with Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc., for technical services to update the minimum levels and hydrologic modeling reports for Cherry Lake for an amount not to exceed \$63,678.

BACKGROUND

The District developed draft minimum lake levels (MFLs) for Cherry Lake in Madison County in 2018, based on work performed by Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (GPI); Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc. (ECT); and District staff. A report titled Minimum Recommended Lake Levels: Cherry Lake, Florida was submitted by GPI in 2018, hereafter referred to as the 2018 MFL Report. To support the recommended MFLs, ECT developed a water budget model as described in a report titled Cherry Lake Water Budget Modeling Technical Report – Draft in September 2017. The District requires the assistance of ECT to revise the 2018 MFL Report and the 2017 Modeling Report and to conduct a status assessment for the updated MFLs.

Since the completion of the draft reports in 2017 and 2018, the District and the St. Johns River Water Management District completed the North Florida Southeast Georgia Groundwater Model. This regional groundwater model allows for the creation of Reference Timeframe (RTF) water levels that are estimates of the Upper Floridan Aquifer water levels without the effects of groundwater pumping. The District will work with ECT to update the 2017 Modeling Report and the 2018 MFL Report for Cherry Lake to include the new RTF analysis results and conduct a status assessment to determine compliance with the updated MFLs.

ECT also identified additional groundwater level data that will be used to improve the hydrologic model for the lake and extend the historic period of record by three decades. This additional modeling work will allow for a more robust and defensible MFL analysis.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget under code 20-2586-1-1102-18-00 and will be assigned the Cherry Lake MFL code 20-2586-1-1102-10-00.

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