

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

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July 11, 2023
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 - June 13, 2023 Governing Board Meeting and Executive Director Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 9 - Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director and Contract Amendment
 - Agenda Item No. 12 - May 2023 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 27 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
 - Agenda Item No. 29 - Memorandum of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis

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6. June 13, 2023 Governing Board Meeting and Executive Director Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - C. Service Recognition – Warren Zwanka (10 Years)

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL
Tom Reeves

8. Update on Legal Activities
9. Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director and Contract Amendment - **Recommend Consent**

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BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director

Administration

- BCS Page 1 10. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report
11. Lab Update

Finance

- BCS Page 4 12. May 2023 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**
BCS Page 9 13. Tentative Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage and Budget
BCS Page 11 14. Resolution Number 2023-03, Release of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 State Appropriations

Resource Management

15. Regulatory Updates
BCS Page 14 16. Permitting Summary Report
BCS Page 17 17. Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-001-216833-4, City of High Springs, Alachua County
BCS Page 26 18. Administrative Complaint and Order, Theresa Davidson, Hamilton County

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS
Katelyn Potter, Division Director

Outreach and Operations

- OPS Page 1 19. Outreach and Communications Activity Summary
20. Web Map Update
OPS Page 3 21. Draft List of Critical Wetlands Discussion
OPS Page 8 22. 2024-2028 Strategic Plan Presentation

Land Management

- OPS Page 9 23. Land Management Update

Hydrologic Data Services

- OPS Page 12 24. Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report
25. Hydrologic Data Monitoring Presentation

WATER RESOURCES
Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director

26. Water Resources Division Updates

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

WR Page 1 27. Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Larry Sessions, Suwannee County -
Recommend Consent

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

No Items

Water Supply

No Items

Water Resources

WR Page 9 28. Interagency Joint Funding Agreement with United States Geological Survey

WR Page 13 29. Memorandum of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District
for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis - **Recommend Consent**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

30. Announcements

31. Governing Board Comments

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

August 8, 2023	9:00 a.m.	Board Meeting Workshop/Committee Meetings
September 12, 2023	3:00 p.m. 5:05 p.m.	Board Meeting First Public Hearing on FY2023-2024 Millage and Budget
September 25, 2023 (Monday)	3:00 p.m. 5:05 p.m.	Workshop and/or Committee Meetings Final Public Hearing on FY2023-2024 Millage and Budget

Workshops and Committee Meetings will begin following the Board Meeting unless otherwise noted.

32. Adjournment

Any member of the public, who wishes to address the Board on any agenda item, or any other topic, must sign up (including the completion of the required speaker forms) with the Executive Director or designee before the time designated for Public Comment. During Public Comment, the Chair shall recognize those persons signed up to speak on agenda items first. To the extent time permits, the Chair shall thereafter recognize those persons signed up to speak on non-agenda items. Unless, leave is given by the Chair, (1) all speakers will be limited to three minutes per topic, (2) any identifiable group of three persons or more shall be required to choose a representative, who shall be limited to five minutes per topic. When recognized by the Chair during Public Comment, a speaker may request to be allowed to make his or her comments at the time the Board considers an agenda item. The Chair may grant or deny such request in the Chair's sole discretion.

Definitions:

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

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

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

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

AGENDA

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

July 11, 2023
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

- Agricultural Cost-Share Best Management Practices Discussion

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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June 13, 2023
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	Vacant		-	-
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: None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Steve Gladin – Woodborough North Subdivision permit application concerns.
- Mike Holton, Friends of Cherry Lake – Cherry Lake Technical Report comments and concerns.
- Nancy Turner – Woodborough North Subdivision concerns.
- Terri Rasmussen - Woodborough North Subdivision concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - May 9, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Tanner Springs (Dixon) Conservation Easement, Hamilton County

- Agenda Item No. 12 - Hodges Conservation Easement, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Crimson Swamp, LLC. Ingress/Egress Easement and Conservation Easement Exchange, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 15 - April 2023 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Statement of Agency Organization and Operations Updates
- Agenda Item No. 23 - Dispersed Recreation Maintenance and Road Mowing Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Amendment
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Corrected Amendment to Contract 21/22-121 with 83 Farms, Suwannee, Alachua, Columbia, and Gilchrist Counties
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-186 with SanRiver Farms, LLC, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-187 with Sanchez Farms, Suwannee, Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie Counties
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-040 with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 30 - Amend Agreement WG050 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Amend the Subrecipient Contract with Columbia County
- Agenda Item No. 31 - Renewal of Contract 16/17-250 with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services
- Agenda Item No. 32 - Corrected Recommendation and Funding Source for Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and WSP Global, Inc.

Mr. Lloyd announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item No. 5, Consent Agenda, which included Agenda Item No. 29 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-040 with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Levy County. The conflict of interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Lloyd for this item. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board Meeting minutes files of the District.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. LLOYD.

Agenda Item No. 6 - May 9, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, 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, Chief, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None
- C. Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, recognized Emily Dicker for five years of service to the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

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

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 – Lab Renovation Update. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, updated the Board on this item.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Tanner Springs (Dixon) Conservation Easement, Hamilton County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Hodges Conservation Easement, Levy County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Crimson Swamp, LLC. Ingress/Egress Easement and Conservation Easement Exchange, Levy County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – California Swamp Conservation Easement Amendment, Dixie County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 15 – April 2023 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Regulatory Updates. Ashley Stefanik, Chief, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance, updated the Board on the Woodborough North Subdivision permit application.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 18 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Communications and Outreach Update. Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations Division, provided an updated to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Statement of Agency Organization and Operations Updates. Approved on Consent.

Land Management

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 – Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Land Management Review Team Report. Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LLOYD, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Dispersed Recreation Maintenance and Road Mowing Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Amendment. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Amendment to Contract 12/13-016 with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 25 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 26 – Corrected Amendment to Contract 21/22-121 with 83 Farms, Suwannee, Alachua, Columbia, and Gilchrist Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Amendment to Contract 20/21-186 with SanRiver Farms, LLC, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Amendment to Contract 20/21-187 with Sanchez Farms, Suwannee, Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Amendment to Contract 21/22-040 with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Levy County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Amend Agreement WG050 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Amend the Subrecipient Contract with Columbia County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Renewal of Contract 16/17-250 with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 32 – Corrected Recommendation and Funding Source for Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and WSP Global, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 33 – Upper and Middle Suwannee MFL Peer Review Summary. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this summary to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 34 – Cherry Lake Technical Report Update. Mr. King provided this update to the Board.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 35 – Surface Water Improvement and Management Presentation. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Supply, presented this item to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 36 – Annual Water Quality Update. Ms. Hetrick provided this update to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 37 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 38 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 39 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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June 13, 2023
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:31 a.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Virginia Johns	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Richard Schwab	X	
Larry Sessions	X	
Larry Thompson	X	

-Board Member Lloyd and Smith also attended the Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None
3. General Discussion

Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director and Contract Discussion.

Members completed evaluation forms and provided positive comments regarding Mr. Thomas performance. The evaluation forms will be made part of Mr. Thomas personnel file. The Committee also discussed Mr. Thomas contract amendment.

MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AND FORWARD MR. THOMAS CONTRACT TO THE JULY 2023 BOARD MEETING FOR APPROVAL ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Announcements. None
5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel
DATE: June 23, 2023
RE: Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director and Contract Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

Approve performance evaluation review of the Executive Director from the Executive Director Evaluation Committee, approve the fourth amendment to the amended employment contract for Executive Director, and amend the salary to be consistent with the salary increase provided for all District employees.

BACKGROUND

The Governing Board appointed Hugh Thomas as Executive Director of the District by contract dated August 8, 2017. Such contract provides at paragraph 10, for the appointment of an Executive Director Evaluation Committee (the Committee) and the yearly evaluation of the Executive Director. The Committee members are Virginia Johns, Charles Keith, Richard Schwab, Larry Sessions, and Larry Thompson.

The Executive Director Evaluation Committee met June 13, 2023. Prior to the meeting, each Committee member completed an evaluation form and addressed the following topics:

- Organization Vision and Planning
- Leadership and Management
- Governing Board Relations and Communications
- Community Relations
- Fiscal Responsibility and Budgetary Adherence
- Core Mission Strategies

As provided in the contract, the Governing Board should consider such Committee evaluation, make whatever changes it deems appropriate, if any, and approve the evaluation. Such approved evaluation shall become part of Mr. Thomas's Executive Director's personnel file.

Governor DeSantis's 2023-2024 Framework for Freedom Budget provided all state employees with a five percent salary increase. This pay adjustment will be available for all current District employees effective the first full pay period of July 2023.

TR/rl
Contract #16/17-244

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: June 30, 2023
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
Approved for Detailed Assessment							
Owner	Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
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. Appraisal ordered. Delayed completion due to flooding. ESA Phase 1 site visit scheduled 5.18. 2022. ESA report received and reported no concerns. Appraisal pending. Appraisal received. Offer being extended to offeror. On March 2023 Board for action. Approved by GB March 2023 meeting. Contract being drafted. Resolution on April 2023 GB Agenda. Resolution approved. In closing pending termination of timber lease.
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. Pending Closing. Closing in process. Closing date pending - likely March 2023. Closing scheduled to be completed April 3, 2023. Closing complete. Closing delayed due to one owner being out of the Country. Awaiting final documentation for 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. Staff met with County representatives 9.13.22 - MOA should be completed by 10.1.22. Still awaiting MOA from County. District has assumed responsibility for MOA anticipate completion by April 2023. Staff is meeting with County on May 18, 2023 to discuss.
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. Resolution on Agenda for 4.12.22. Approved by GB. Seller is clearing up title issues to get contract completed. Seller has received title report. Working on clearing title. Title issue resolved. Contract being prepared. Contract pending legal review and approval. Sellers title agent completing title search. Closing to occur before 9.30.22. Closing delayed due to Sellers not providing all required information to closing agent. Awaiting legal documentation of authority to sell from Offerors. Anticipate closing prior to 10.31.22 Status remains unchanged 11.14.22 Closing anticipated to occur in March. Closing still pending.
Bierman	Luken's tract exchange	1 acre	Levy	8.2021	Exchange	Fee for Fee	10.12.21 LC approved staff moving forward with exchange negotiations. LC recommendation approved by GB 11.11.21. Survey completed for 1 acre parcel District will receive. Exchange agreement being reviewed by District's legal counsel. Revised Agreement being reviewed by Bierman. New 1 acre tract has been created with Property Appraiser and Deed recorded to facilitate trade. Legal description of District land being verified. Contract pending final review and signature. Contract signed. Legal description complete. Resolution on May 2023 GB. Resolution approved. Closing pending.
Waldo Tree Farm, LLC	Waldo Tree Farm	38 +/-	Alachua	5.10.22	TBD based on appraisal	Fee	8.9.22 Lands Committee authorized staff to expend not more than \$5,000 to acquire an appraisal and negotiate a price with the sellers. Recommended acquisition price to be presented to Lands Committee when available for further approval and recommendations to the Governing Board. Quotes pending for appraisal. Appraisal pending. Anticipated completion in February 2023. Appraisal received. Proposed acquisition price being submitted to Lands Committee March 2023. Lands Committee approved acquisition price at March 2023 meeting. On April 2023 GB Agenda. Contract being prepared. ESA Phase 1 being ordered.
Hodges	Hodges	753 +/-	Levy	3.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	5.9.23 Staff recommendation approved by Lands Committee. On June 2023 Governing Board agenda. Discussion of terms of CE in process.
Tanner Springs (Dixon)	Dixon	40 +/-	Hamilton	1.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	5.9.23 Staff recommendation approved by Lands Committee. On June 2023 Governing Board agenda. Discussion of terms of CE in process.

LAND AND DISPOSITION ACTIVITY REPORT
SURPLUS

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: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: June 30, 2023
RE: May 2023 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the May 2023 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.

PS/tm
Attachments

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Cash Report
May 2023**

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	\$1,230.76	0.08%	\$1,630,018.29
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$88,561.12</u>	2.47%	<u>\$43,069,788.08</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$89,791.88</u></u>		<u><u>\$44,735,306.37</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 May 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 5/31/2023	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 6,525,588	\$ 6,370,238	\$ (155,350)	97.6%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 52,029,453	\$ 8,802,294	\$ (43,227,159)	16.9%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 458,825	\$ 328,825	352.9%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 163,000	\$ 186,582	\$ 23,582	114.5%
Other	\$ 1,086,480	\$ 2,361,395	\$ 1,274,915	217.3%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 11,358,880	\$ 857,834	\$ (10,501,046)	7.6%
Total Sources	\$ 71,293,401	\$ 19,037,168	\$ (52,256,233)	26.7%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 12,179,535	\$ 3,892,904	\$ 4,949,712	\$ 3,336,918	32%	73%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 48,736,400	\$ 6,233,005	\$ 32,754,937	\$ 9,748,458	13%	80%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 6,283,343	\$ 2,712,097	\$ 1,131,030	\$ 2,440,216	43%	61%
Regulation	\$ 2,040,044	\$ 998,588	\$ 39,904	\$ 1,001,552	49%	51%
Outreach	\$ 216,027	\$ 150,210	\$ -	\$ 65,817	70%	70%
Management and Administration	\$ 1,838,052	\$ 1,076,448	\$ 79,356	\$ 682,248	59%	63%
Total Uses	\$ 71,293,401	\$ 15,063,252	\$ 38,954,939	\$ 17,275,210	21%	76%

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, contracts, and task work assignments.

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

This financial statement is prepared as of May 31, 2023 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 5/31/2023

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>Report Recap -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	9,377,040	0	7,905,068
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	7,928,613	0	33,901,473
FEDERAL REVENUES	873,681	0	18,127,980
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	857,834	0	11,358,880
TOTAL REVENUES	19,037,168	0	71,293,401
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	4,266,567	0	7,483,656
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,911,330	13,859,380	21,716,230
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,076,697	170,537	2,277,800
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	16,903	49,951	283,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	86,832	324,298	4,766,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	3,704,923	24,550,774	34,766,671
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,063,252	38,954,940	71,293,401
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,973,916	(38,954,940)	0
<u>General Fund -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	7,060,559	0	5,645,906
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,127,486	0	2,740,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	2,018,723
TOTAL REVENUES	9,188,045	0	10,404,629
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	3,279,503	0	5,635,346
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	470,894	604,237	2,378,602
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	700,999	87,934	1,429,573
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	16,083	13,095	170,608
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	77,420	387,060	790,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,544,899	1,092,326	10,404,629
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,643,146	(1,092,326)	0
<u>Land Management Operations -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	2,219,435	0	2,259,162
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,503,596	0	2,291,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	58,791	0	40,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,988,062
TOTAL REVENUES	3,781,822	0	6,578,343
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	564,591	0	959,447
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,561,995	649,637	3,089,398
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	357,185	82,603	776,227
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	820	36,856	112,436
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	86,832	90,626	766,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	144,127	271,308	874,835
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,715,550	1,131,030	6,578,343
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,066,272	(1,131,030)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 5/31/2023

	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	756,022	0	5,033,941
TOTAL REVENUES	756,022	0	5,033,941
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	443,297	1,553,915	2,050,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	312,726	1,536,672	2,953,941
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	756,023	3,090,587	5,033,941
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1)	(3,090,587)	0
<u>State Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	97,047	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	4,297,531	0	28,870,354
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	101,812	0	2,318,154
TOTAL REVENUES	4,496,390	0	31,188,508
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	416,473	0	872,863
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,652,387	8,136,645	9,614,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	15,346	0	36,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	233,672	4,000,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	3,040,860	8,767,524	16,665,645
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,125,066	17,137,841	31,188,508
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,628,676) *	(17,137,841)	0
<i>*To be reimbursed by State Grants</i>			
<u>Federal Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	814,890	0	18,087,980
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	814,890	0	18,087,980
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	5,999	0	16,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	782,757	2,914,947	4,584,230
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	3,167	0	6,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	129,790	13,588,210	13,481,750
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	921,713	16,503,157	18,087,980
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(106,823) *	(16,503,157)	0
<i>*To be reimbursed by Federal Grants</i>			

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Christina Green, Budget Manager, Office of Finance
THRU: Timothy Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: June 30, 2023
RE: Tentative Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage and Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to:

- 1) Set the tentative millage at the rollback rate of 0.3368¹.
- 2) Grant staff authority to adjust the rollback rate if final data changes.
- 3) Approve the Tentative Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget of \$71,634,090.
- 4) Authorize staff to make recommended adjustments and corrections to budget.
- 5) Authorize staff to submit the Standard Format Tentative Budget pursuant to section 373.536(5), Florida Statutes.
- 6) Authorize staff to notify the property appraisers of the District's 15 counties that the District proposes to levy a rollback millage rate.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.536(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires the District on or before July 15 of each year, to submit for consideration by the Governing Board a tentative budget covering its proposed operation and requirements for the ensuing fiscal year.

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tentative Budget is represented as follows:

- Depicts an annual budget of \$71,634,090.
- Separates funds carried forward and reserves.
- Uses fund balance for protecting and preserving water resources.
- Will be submitted for review in accordance with subsection 373.536(5)(d), F.S., by August 1, 2023.

Further refinements of fund allocations and areas of emphasis within the budget may be changed between now and September 12, 2023, as deemed appropriate by the Governing Board, Executive Office of the Governor, and/or the Florida Legislature.

Subsection 200.065(2)(b), F.S., provides that each taxing authority shall advise each county property appraiser in its jurisdiction of its tentative millage rates for publication on Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) notices. The tentative millage rollback rate is 0.3368¹. The final rate will be based on collective certifications by each county within the District to the Department of Revenue. Should any revised or corrected certifications be received prior to August 1, 2023, the

¹ This rate is estimated as of July 1, 2023, and represents incomplete data. This rate will be updated as complete data is reported to the District.

rollback rate and corresponding ad valorem revenue will be adjusted according to these certifications. Any adjustment to the tentative millage will not exceed the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 millage rate of 0.3368. The final adopted millage rate that the Governing Board adopts in September cannot exceed the proposed millage rate without a second mailed notice to property owners.

The District will hold one public hearing on September 12, 2023, at 5:05 p.m. to establish the millage rate and tentatively adopt the FY 2024 budget, and will hold a second public hearing on September 25, 2023, at 5:05 p.m. to establish the millage rate and adopt the FY 2024 budget.

CG/tm

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Christina Green, Budget Manager, Office of Finance

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

DATE: June 30, 2023

RE: Resolution Number 2023-03, Release of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 State Appropriations

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution Number 2023-03, requesting the release of \$9,505,119 in legislative appropriations from the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

BACKGROUND

The Florida Legislature has included funding for the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) in Laws of Florida Chapter 2023-239 General Appropriations Act as follows:

Line Item 1665C	\$2,287,000 for Operations from Land Acquisition Trust Fund
Line Item 1665D	\$453,000 for Environmental Resource Permitting from Land Acquisition Trust Fund
Line Item 1665E	\$352,909 for Payment in Lieu of Taxes from Internal Improvement Trust Fund
Line Item 1665F	\$1,777,210 for Land Management from Land Acquisition Trust Fund
Line Item 1665G	\$1,635,000 for Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels from Land Acquisition Trust Fund
Line Item 1671	\$2,000,000 for Operations from Land Acquisition Trust Fund
Line Item 1689	\$1,000,000 for Facilities Refurbishments from General Revenue Fund

The Legislature directed that these funds be administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and be made available for use by the District. Approval of the recommendation will enable staff to receive funds for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Disbursement of these funds will be made based on a payment schedule agreed upon between the District and the FDEP.

CG/tm
Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-03**

**REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE RELEASE
OF STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

WHEREAS the District requested funds for Operations, for Payment in Lieu of Taxes, for Land Management, for Environmental Resource Permitting, and for Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, Agricultural Cost Share, Data Collection and Monitoring, Facilities Refurbishments; and

WHEREAS Laws of Florida Chapter 2023-239, General Appropriations Act, Specific Appropriations 1665C, 1665D, 1665E, 1665F, 1665G, 1671, 1689 the Florida Legislature appropriated to the Suwannee River Water Management District two million two hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$2,287,000) for Operations from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; four hundred fifty-three thousand dollars (\$453,000) for Environmental Resource Permitting from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; three hundred fifty-two thousand nine hundred and nine dollars (\$352,909) for Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; one million seven hundred seventy-seven thousand two hundred ten dollars (\$1,777,210) for Land Management from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; and one million six hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$1,635,000) for the Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels program from Land Acquisition Trust Fund; \$2,000,000 for Ag Cost Share and Monitoring from Land Acquisition Trust Fund, \$1,000,000 for Facilities Refurbishments from General Revenue, and

WHEREAS these state appropriations are necessary to implement the District's core mission and statutory requirements, and

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

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby requests the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to release, in accordance with a payment schedule to be agreed upon between the District and the Department, for expenditures incurred during Fiscal Year 2023-2024, those funds designated by the Legislature pursuant to Laws of Florida Chapter 2023-239 General Appropriations Act, as listed below:

Line Item 1665C	\$2,287,000 for Operations from Land Acquisition Trust Fund
Line Item 1665D	\$453,000 for Environmental Resource Permitting from Land Acquisition Trust Fund
Line Item 1665E	\$352,909 for Payment in Lieu of Taxes from Internal Improvement Trust Fund
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Line Item 1671	\$2,000,000 for Operations from Land Acquisition Trust Fund
Line Item 1689	\$1,000,000 for Facilities Refurbishments from General Revenue Fund

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-03

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY of JULY 2023.

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

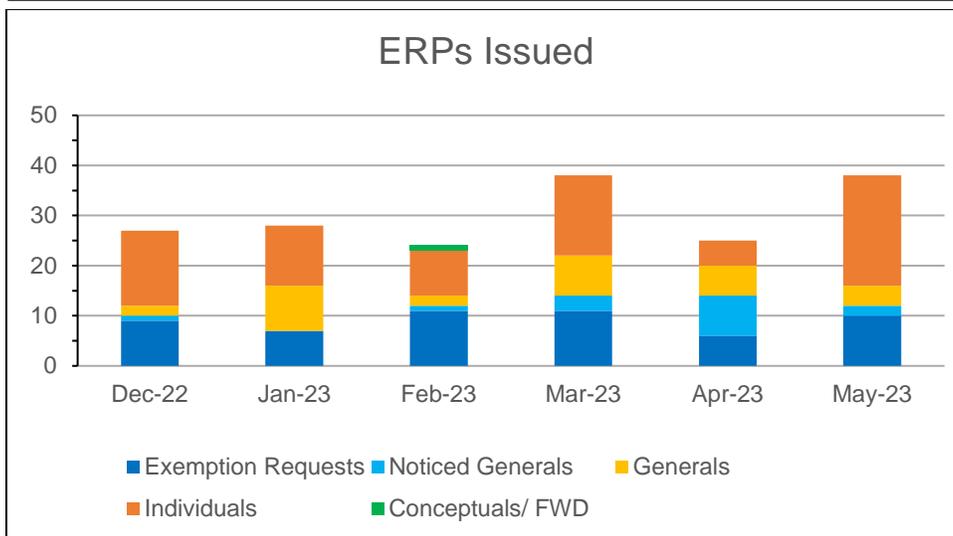
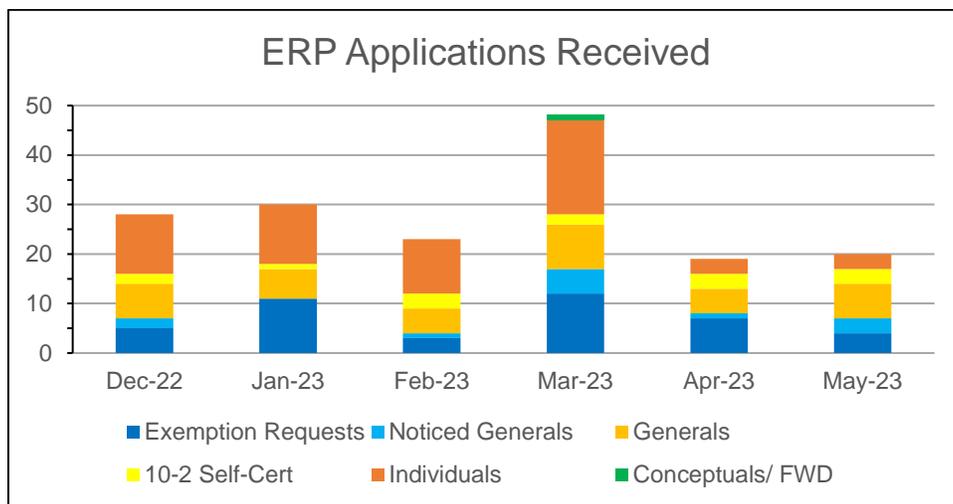
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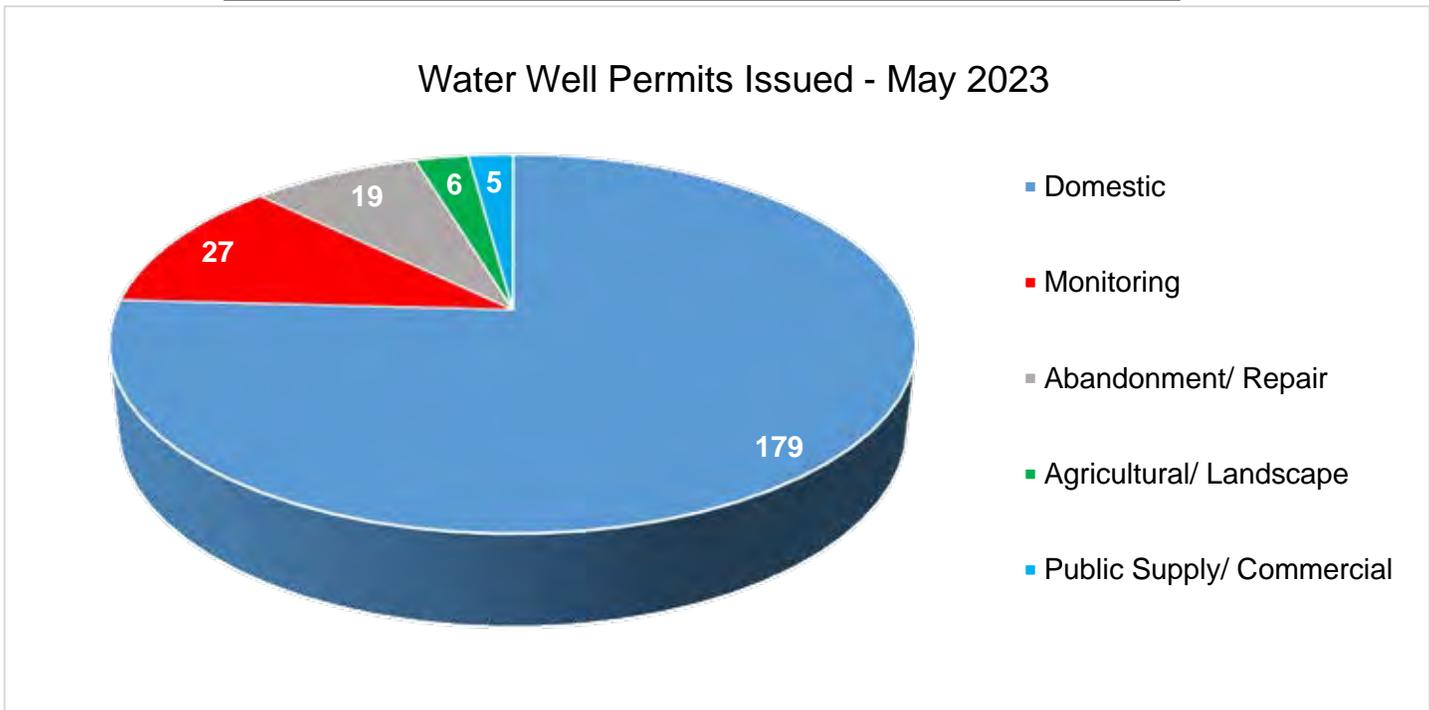
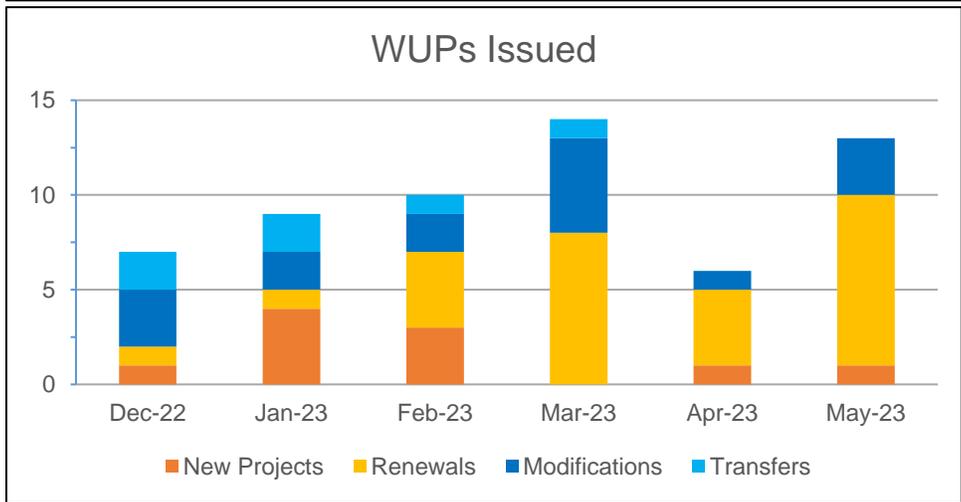
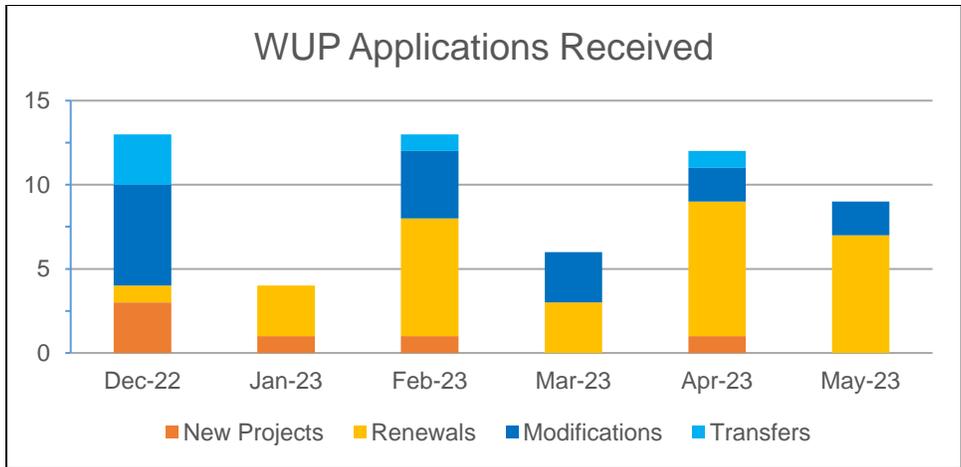
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Warren Zwanka, Director, Division of Resource Management
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: June 30, 2023
RE: Permitting Summary Report





40B-1.1010 Point of Entry into Proceedings

GB Authorized Rulemaking	2/14/2023
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-400.091 ERP Design Storms

GB Authorized Rulemaking	12/8/2020
Notice of Rule Development	12/21/2020
Public Workshop	1/26/2023
Notice of Proposed Rule	5/18/2023
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	6/15/2023
Effective Date	7/4/2023

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

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

ERP/ WUP Compliance Agreements: None to report

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, Director, Division of Resource Management

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

DATE: June 30, 2023

RE: Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-001-216833-4, City of High Springs, Alachua County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve renewal of Water Use Permit 2-001-216833-4 with eighteen standard conditions and nine special limiting conditions to the City of High Springs in Alachua County.

BACKGROUND

This is a renewal of an existing public supply water use permit for the City of High Springs (city), which is located at the intersection of US Highway 27 and US Highway 441 in Alachua County. The city began distribution of public supply water in 1977 with the construction of two wells, wells 1 and 2, which are still in use; and a third well, well three, was drilled last year to meet peak demands. Multiple commercial connections and approximately 6,559 residents are currently supplied by these wells. A 2.8% annual growth rate and 99 gallon per day gross per capita were applied to determine the 1.1178 million gallon per day (mgd) groundwater allocation, a 0.4008 mgd decrease from the previous sequence.

All active wells will be monitored using totalizing flowmeters, totaled monthly, and reported electronically to the District. There have been no reports of interference or observed harm to water resources associated with previous withdrawals at this project. The utility is in proximity to the Lower Santa Fe River and subject to the Lower Santa Fe/ Ichetucknee Minimum Flow and Level Recovery Strategy, therefore the permit duration is limited to five years. Staff has determined that the application is complete and satisfies the conditions for issuance in Chapter 40B-2, F.A.C.

WZ/tm
Attachment

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
26-Jun-2023
APPLICATION NO.: 2-001-216833-4

Owner: Ashley Stathatos
City of High Springs
110 NW 1st Avenue
High Springs, FL 32643
(386) 454-1416

Applicant: Ashley Stathatos
City of High Springs
110 NW 1st Avenue
High Springs, FL 32643
(386) 454-1416

Agent: Not Applicable

Compliance Contact: Bruce Gillingham
City of High Springs
110 NW 1st Avenue
High Springs, FL 32643
(386) 454-1416

Project Name: City of High Springs
County: Alachua

WSPA: Yes
Objectors: No

Authorization Statement:

The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 1.1178 mgd of groundwater for public supply use.

Recommendation: Approval

Reviewers: Pamela Sanders; David King; Warren Zwanka

Allocation Summary		
Average Daily Rate (Million Gallons Per Day)	Freeze Protection (Million Gallons Per Year)	Allocation Change (Million Gallons Per Day)
1.1178	n/a	-0.4008

Permit Expiration: 5-year permit duration, consistent with the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee River MFL regulatory strategy.

ACTION REQUESTED: Permit renewal

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of High Springs was established in 1880 and is located at the intersection of US Highway 27 and US Highway 441 in Alachua County. The City's public utility was established in 1977 with the construction of supply wells 1 and 2, which are co-located at Memorial Park along US Highway 441. Groundwater from these 18-inch diameter wells (Station ID's 3559 and 3560) and a newer 12-inch diameter well (Station ID 140553) is used to supply water to a forecasted 11,268 residents by year 2043, and to an increased number of commercial connections within the service area. Residential water use accounts for approximately 75 percent of the City's water demand.

The City has experienced a higher than normal rate of population growth, with an approximate 3% annual growth observed during the last five years. The University of Florida - Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) does not project this rate of growth for the long term; but, based on population trends provided in the application, staff determined that it is reasonable to expect this growth rate of growth to continue for the duration of this renewal. Therefore, the recommended allocation is based on a 2.8% annual population growth.

The City's Public Works Department maintains roads, water, wastewater and drainage facilities. This includes the water reclamation facility (WRF) located on NW 158th Avenue where the City receives wastewater from residential and commercial customers. In 2022, the water reclamation facility generated 0.22 million gallons per day (mgd) of treated effluent water, which is applied to an on-site spray-field. The City is currently developing an infiltrative wetlands project through the FDEP Springs Project program to provide additional wastewater treatment and enhance aquifer recharge. The infiltrative wetland project will be located adjacent to the WRF and is designed to receive an annual average of 0.48 mgd of treated wastewater flow. Upon completion of the wastewater treatment upgrades and expansion, the estimated recharge to the Upper Floridan aquifer will increase from 0.0611 mgd to 0.1118 mgd, for an increase of 0.0506 mgd of recharge. The City has committed the recharge associated with this project as an offset to the drawdown associated with the permitted groundwater withdrawals, and the permitted allocation is contingent upon the continued operation of the infiltrative wetland project, see Special Condition number 25.

WATER USE CALCULATIONS:

The permitted allocation was based on the historic residential per capita usage (75 gpcd) in addition to the potential additional per capita usage for commercial, landscape, and utility use growth for a total projected gross per capita use of 99 gpcd applied to an annual 2.8% population growth rate over 20 years (a population of 11,268 in year 2043). The reduced allocation is attributed to improved water demand calculations compared to previous estimation methods that were based on well production capacity. The applicant has also improved water conservation efforts including meter replacement. The City will report monthly water use online semiannually using District form EN-50.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:

Staff have determined this application meets the conditions for issuance set forth in section 373.223, Florida Statutes and rule 40B-2.301, Florida Administrative Code. A summary of the staff review is provided below:

Project withdrawals were modeled and showed a simulated maximum Upper Floridan aquifer drawdown of less than 0.5 feet. Therefore, continued groundwater withdrawals at this project are not expected to interfere with any presently existing legal uses of water. The permittee provided a standard water conservation plan for public supply use that includes: posting both indoor and outdoor water conservation information on the website and in customer bills, a water conserving inclining rate structure, an adopted landscape irrigation ordinance consistent with District rules, and an ongoing flow meter replacement program. The current water conservation results in a low 75 gallon per capita residential daily water use.

Staff evaluated wetland and natural systems at the High Springs site. Based on field observations and a review of Natural Resources Conservation Service soil database, staff does not expect this continued use of groundwater to cause harm to crops and other types of vegetation, including wetlands and other surface waters, or cause damage to the habitat of endangered or threatened species at the City or adjacent properties for the duration of the permit. The wetland infiltration project is anticipated to provide water quality and quantity improvements to natural springs in the area, including Santa Fe, Hornsby, Devil's Ear, and Ichetucknee springs. 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 allocation were evaluated at the Outstanding Florida Springs (OFS) and no measurable reductions were recorded. No OFS listed in 40BER17-01 has an estimated cumulative flow decline of 9.9%.

WITHDRAWAL POINT INFORMATION:

Site Name: City of High Springs Water Plant

Well Details					
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
3559	Well No. 1	18	Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Public Supply
3560	Well No. 2	18	Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Public Supply
140553	Well No. 3	12	Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Public Supply

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 **07/11/2028**. 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 **Public Supply**.
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 (**2-001-216833-4**).
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 lowest quality water source, such as reclaimed water or surface water, shall be used in lieu of groundwater at this project when technically, economically, and environmentally feasible.
19. 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.
20. The permittee shall maintain all totalizing flow meters. In case of failure or breakdown of any meter, the District shall be notified in writing within five days of its discovery. A defective meter shall be repaired or replaced within 30 days of its discovery.
21. The permittee shall have all flow meters checked for accuracy once every five years within 30 days of the anniversary date of the issuance of this permit. The meters must be recalibrated if the difference between the actual flow and the meter is greater than five percent
22. The permittee shall notify the District of any change in service area within 30 days of change in boundary.
23. The permittee shall implement and/or maintain the conservation practices selected in the Water Conservation Plan submitted to the District. 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.
24. 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.
25. The applicant shall implement and maintain the wetland infiltration project described in the application information provided on May 9, 2023 (item 2.a,b,c,d), to offset impacts to natural systems and minimum flows and levels.
26. The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 1.1178 mgd of groundwater for public supply use. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis.

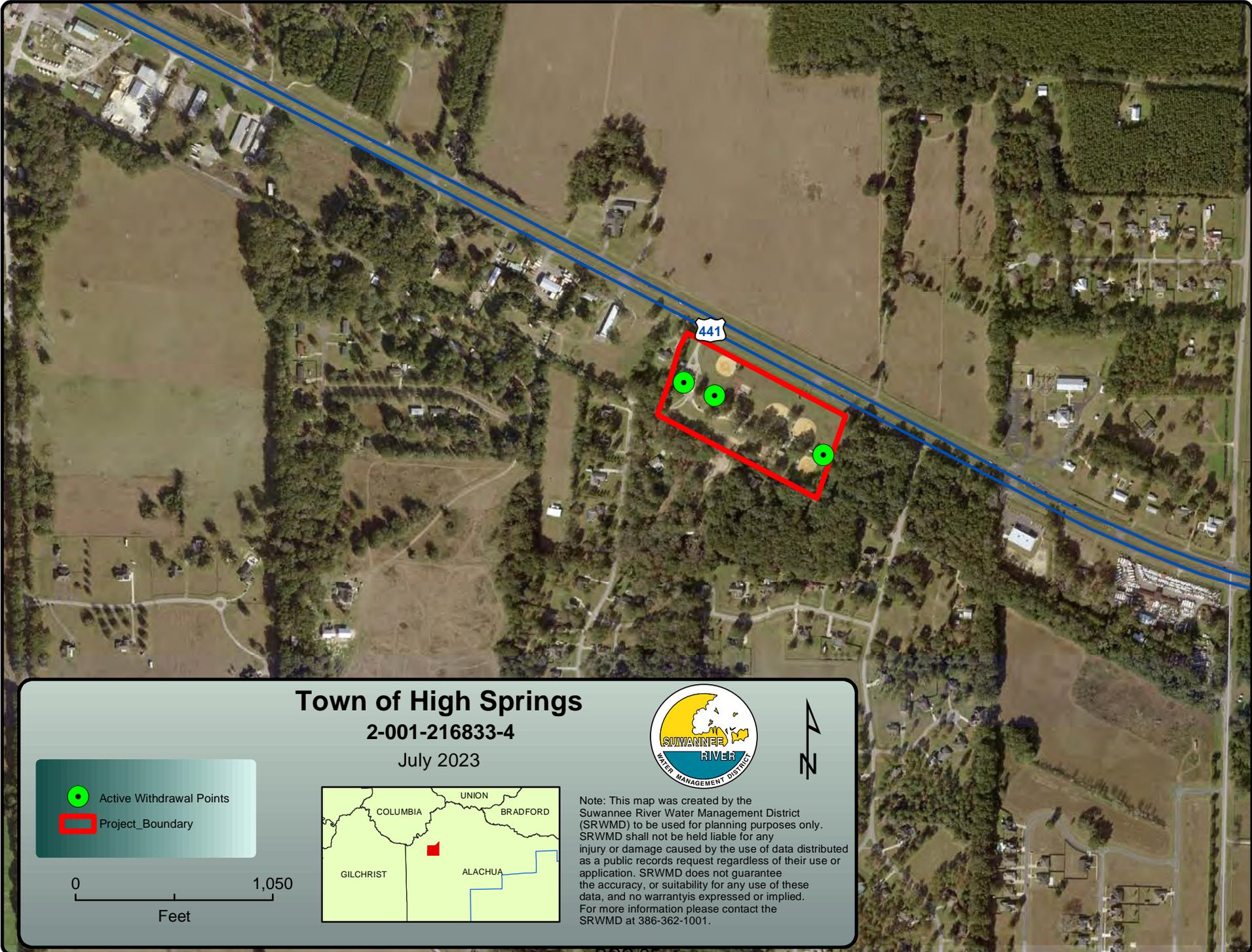
27. Total withdrawal from wells 1 (Station ID 3559), 2 (Station ID 3560) and 3 (Station ID 140553), must be recorded continuously, totaled monthly, and reported to the District at least every six months for the duration of this permit using Water Use Pumpage Report Form (EN-50). The meter reading or quantity withdrawn must be reported in gallons, and should be submitted on-line at <https://permitting.sjrwm.com/srep/#/ep> whenever possible. Reporting is required, even if there is no use.

The reporting dates each year will be as follows:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
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January - June	July 31
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July - December	January 31
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Town of High Springs

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July 2023



 Active Withdrawal Points
 Project_Boundary



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, Director, Division of Resource Management

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

DATE: June 30, 2023

RE: Administrative Complaint and Order, Theresa Davidson, Hamilton County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to serve administrative complaint and order number 144082 to Theresa Davidson for unpermitted clearing within the 75-foot setback and fill within the floodway of the Withlacoochee River in Hamilton County.

BACKGROUND

The District received a complaint of unpermitted clearing and several truckloads of fill on Hamilton County parcel number 4454-000. This parcel is a 75x210-ft. lot located entirely within the Withlacoochee River floodway; with an estimated base flood elevation of 73.3 ft., or approximately 12 ft. above land surface. District staff contacted the landowner, Theresa Davidson, through a Notice of Complaint mailed March 10, 2022, explaining that these activities are violations of rule 40B-4.3030, Florida Administrative Code. District staff have communicated several times with Ms. Davidson and conducted two site inspections since March 2022 (see attached timeline) with no success at negotiating corrective actions. Additionally, during this time period, the complainant and other neighbors have inquired as to the status of the District's actions to bring the property into compliance. Therefore, as set forth in Section D.2. ii. of Governing Board Regulatory and Enforcement Directive 22-0002 (GBD 22-0002), staff is requesting to proceed with enforcement action to address the rule violations through an administrative complaint and order (ACO).

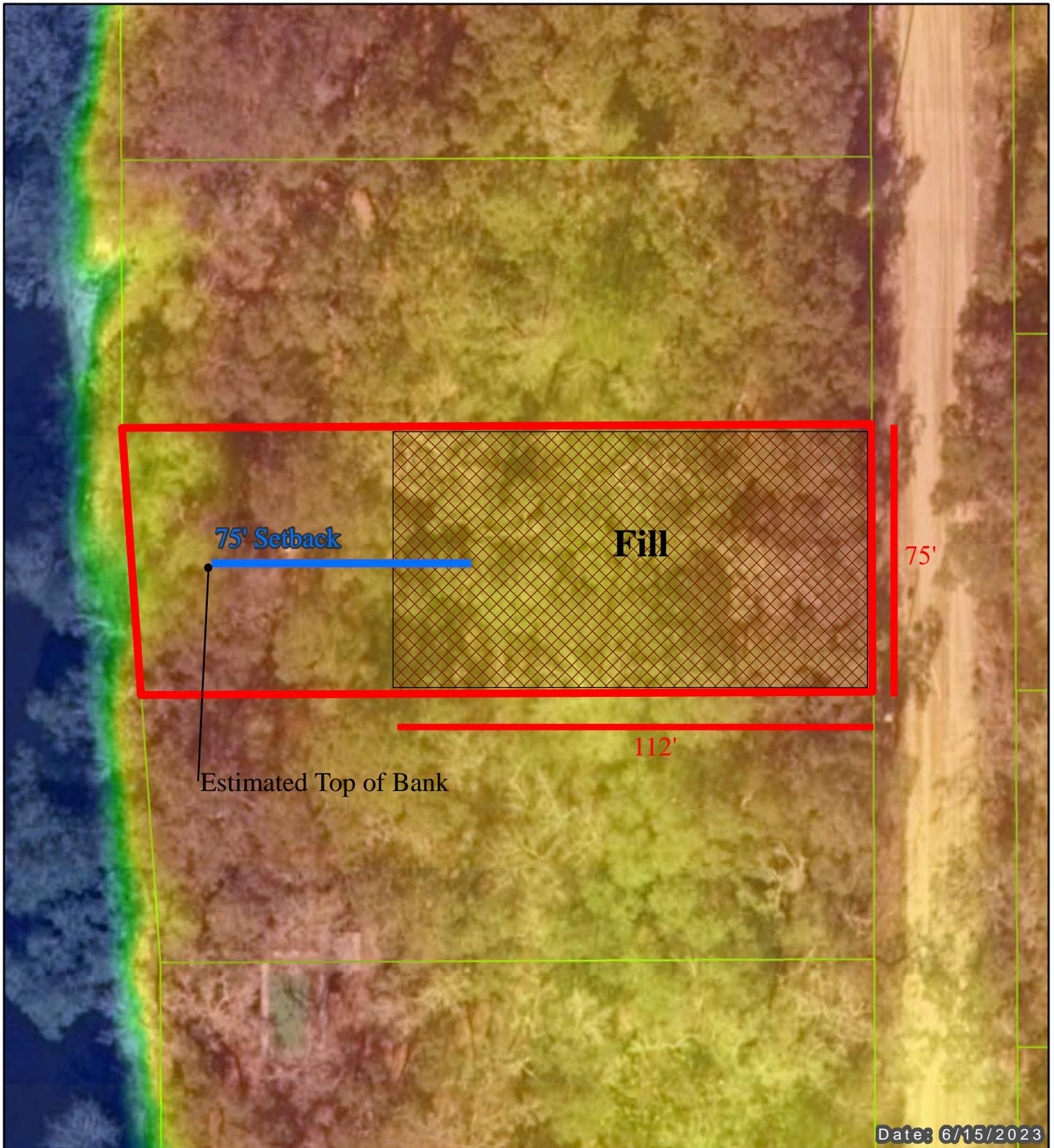
Unless otherwise directed, the ACO will require the removal of all fill material placed within the front 75-foot setback, the removal of all fill material placed outside the 75-foot setback in excess of 50 square feet of cross-sectional floodway obstruction, replanting the cleared 75-foot buffer area with natural recruitment and at least four trees, and access to the property to inspect for compliance. The ACO also includes a \$6,000 penalty determined based on violations that have major potential for adverse impacts to water and related natural resources or public safety and constitute a moderate deviation from District rule requirements (GBD 22-0002 Table 2); and \$1,777.44 for no less than 46 hours of staff costs associated with investigating the violations. Legal fees have not been included in the ACO.

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Attachments

Davidson Timeline

Property Owner: Theresa Davidson P.O. Box 2275 Valrico, FL 33595	Item Name: Davidson Fill Complaint
	Item Number: 144082
	Project Acreage: 0.36 acre
	County: Hamilton

DATE	ACTION
March 8, 2022	Complaint received via email that eight truckloads of dirt was added to the site.
March 10, 2022	Notice of Complaint Letter sent to landowner.
March 14, 2022	Ms. Davidson called about the letter and said she had no idea she was doing anything against the rules. Staff explained the rules and asked to visit the property. Ms. Davidson was apologetic and said staff could visit the property on March 29 without her attendance. Ms. Davidson said she would do whatever she needs to do to comply with District rules.
March 29, 2022	Staff visited the site and noted clearing within the 75-foot setback and fill was brought into the site within the 75-foot setback and the total amount of fill on the site exceeded exemption criteria. Staff called Ms. Davidson during the site visit to explain the excess fill and need for removal.
November 18, 2022	Staff attempted to call Ms. Davidson and sent an email informing her a different staff member is reviewing the project and was asked if the fill has been removed.
November 21, 2022	Staff scheduled a site visit for November 29, 2022.
November 29, 2022	Staff visited the site and determined the fill has not been removed yet.
November 30, 2022	Staff contacted Ms. Davidson to let her know the fill needs to be removed and the vegetation in the 75-foot setback is regrowing and beginning to restore naturally. Ms. Davidson agreed to allow natural restoration and not clear anymore within the setback.
February 20, 2023	Staff emailed Ms. Davidson explaining the fill needed to be removed and natural restoration of the 75-foot setback. Ms. Davidson replied that she did not bring fill in the setback and the fill was just to replace holes from large trees removed.
February 21, 2023	A Notice of Non-compliance was mailed to Ms. Davidson.
March 27, 2023	A second Notice of Non-compliance was mailed via certified mail.
April 6, 2023	Ms. Davidson called staff saying she does not understand why she needs to remove fill from her property. Staff explained again and sent an email with an explanation and a diagram. Staff asked to meet on-site with Ms. Davidson to show her the extent of the fill and asked for her timeliness on the matter. Ms. Davidson explained she lives out of town, is busy, and not able to meet.
May 23, 2023	Staff emailed Ms. Davidson asking to meet her or her representative to try to resolve the matter by all means possible to avoid enforcement and giving a deadline of June 2, 2023. Ms. Davidson stated she was busy again.
June 7, 2023	Staff called Ms. Davidson letting her know the issue needs to be resolved or it will go to Board with a recommendation for enforcement. Staff again explained the 75-foot setback and restrictions on fill within the floodway. Ms. Davidson gave the phone number for the contractor that cleared her property and said she could come for a visit later this week.
June 7, 2023	Staff called the contractor who confirmed that no sizable holes were left after the land clearing that would have required fill and he graded the site to match natural conditions.
June 8, 2023	Staff called Ms. Davidson to schedule a site visit on June 9. She wanted to know if the staff coming out to the site was a millennial. Staff replied that the staff coming to the site would be an engineer and an environmental scientist who is capable of analyzing the amount of fill on the property regardless of age. Ms. Davidson stated no one would be allowed onto the property. Staff replied that if we cannot survey the fill on the property, then there was no need to visit. Ms. Davidson said that staff was harassing her, that she was not going to remove any fill, and she would be contacting her lawyer.



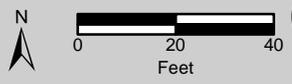
Date: 6/15/2023

Davidson Property - Item 144082

July 2023

Davidson's Property
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Value
High : 66.5841
Low : 41.82



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Troy Roberts, Communications and Outreach Manager
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: June 16, 2023
RE: Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

The following information summarizes outreach and communications activities for the month of May 2023:

Facebook	Twitter	Instagram
Total Posts: 21 Total Reach: 52,977 Total Likes: 896 Total Comments: 96 Total Shares: 239	Total Posts: 23 Total Impressions: 1,665 Total Engagement: 48 Engagement Rate: 2.6 percent	Total Posts: 14 Total Reach: 972 Total Engagement: 144

Press Releases
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 2 – May Governing Board Meeting• May 5 – Discovery Trail in Live Oak• May 10 – AWS Funding Approval• May 12 – Hydrologic Conditions Report• May 16 – Springs Funding Approval• May 22 – Leave No Litter campaign

Media Inquiries / Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 17 – Troy Roberts obtained footage and provided information to WCJB TV 20 for a story on the Otter Springs project ribbon cutting.• May 24 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WUFT regarding the Leave No Litter campaign for Memorial Day.

Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public

- May 1 – Troy Roberts met with staff of the Suwannee County Library to install signage at Heritage Trail.
- May 2 – Troy Roberts attended and helped staff the annual UF-IFAS CARES dinner.
- May 11 – Troy Roberts met with David Barfield from Lonely Fox Photography to discuss ongoing springs photography project as part of phase 2 of the District Lands Web Map.
- May 15 – Troy Roberts and staff met with Atkins to discuss the upcoming Withlacoochee Watershed flood risk review.
- May 17 – Troy Roberts attended a ribbon cutting to finalize a project at Otter Springs.
- May 23 – Troy Roberts met with Tim Wheeler of TREW Media to finalize a TWA for upcoming video work.
- May 31 – Troy Roberts met with SKYE Creative to discuss the ongoing brochure and Permit to Protect projects.

May Photo Highlight:

In May, the District took part in a ribbon cutting for the completion of a project at Otter Springs that will help preserve and protect the spring by removing and replacing septic tanks and constructing an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations
DATE: July 2, 2023
RE: Draft List of Critical Wetlands

FOR INFORMATION

An overview of the draft list of critical wetlands identified pursuant to the requirements of section 373.036, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND

As a result of an amendment to section 373.036, Florida Statutes (F.S.), water management districts, in cooperation with local governments, are required to develop a list of critical wetlands to be submitted annually as part of the Strategic Plan.

The statute outlines the following criteria regarding inclusion on the list:

- § Ecological value of the wetland, as determined by the physical and biological components of the environmental system
- § Effect of the wetland on water quality and flood mitigation
- § Ecosystem restoration value of the wetland
- § Susceptibility of the wetland to development due to its geographical location or natural aesthetics

Due to the potential for projects related to minimum flows and minimum water levels, as well as current development pressure, the District initially focused on the Waccasassa Basin to evaluate critical wetlands but will expand its evaluation to other parts of the District in future years.

Prior to finalizing the list, the District is required to notify property owners of their inclusion on the list. At any time, owners who do not wish to be included may submit a written request for removal. Prior to the meeting, notification letters were also sent to property owners notifying them of their potential inclusion on the list and the intent to discuss the list at the July Governing Board meeting. Additionally, the District coordinated with Gilchrist and Levy counties regarding the parcel list.

Project Timeline

- § June 09, 2023 – Letters sent to project area property owners with the ability to opt out of the list by July 07, 2023, and notification of upcoming Governing Board meetings.
- § July 11, 2023 – Present draft list of critical wetlands at Governing Board meeting as an information item
- § July 13, 2023 – Final letter to be sent to project area property owners notifying them of the August Governing Board action to approve the final list.
- § August 08, 2023 – Present final draft list of critical wetlands as part of the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan for Governing Board approval.

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Suwannee River Water Management District – DRAFT Critical Wetlands Inventory Analysis

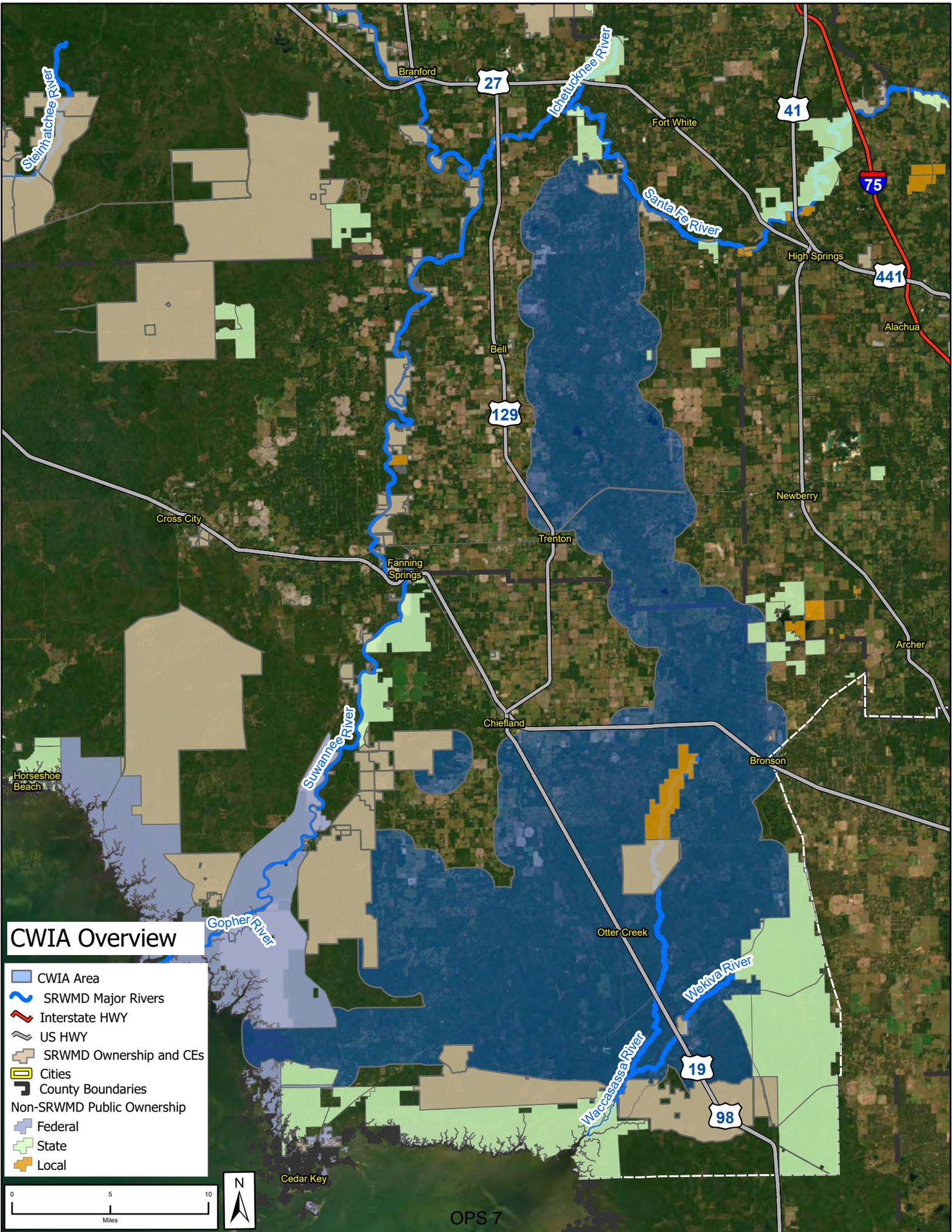
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: July 02, 2023
RE: 2024-2028 Strategic Plan

FOR INFORMATION

Review of the draft 2024-2028 Strategic Plan

BACKGROUND

In lieu of the District developing a water management plan and the water management plan annual report pursuant to section 373.036(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the District has selected the option to develop a five-year strategic plan pursuant to paragraph 373.036(2)(e), F.S. The strategic plan is included in the District's Consolidated Annual Report due March 1, of each calendar year, for submission to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Office of Economic and Demographic Research, and the Department of Environmental Protection, as required by section 373.036(7), F.S.

The District has four areas of responsibility which include water supply, water quality, natural systems, and flood protection. To meet these responsibilities, the District's Strategic Plan establishes priorities and goals for the next five years and identifies strategies to accomplish these goals. An Annual Work Plan Report is also required as an addendum to the five-year strategic plan, which will be brought to the board as an informational item at the end of the fiscal year and will be included as part of the Consolidated Annual Report.

Overall, changes to the 2024-2028 plan were minor with one exception. A list of critical wetlands was developed for inclusion in the plan pursuant to amendments in section 373.036(2), F.S. Approval of the final wetlands list will be included in the final version of the strategic plan at the August 08, 2023 Governing Board meeting.

The 2024-2028 Strategic Plan can be accessed on the District website. The plan is available for public review and comment. Specific actions and expenditures are considered and approved separately from, but in support of the plan. Annual updates are made to the plan based on operational needs or policy changes.

Link - [2024-2028 Strategic Plan](#)

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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: June 12, 2023
 RE: Land Management Update

BACKGROUND

The following information summarizes land management activities for portions of the months of May and June 2023 and the total for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY 2023).

Natural Communities Management: The following tables represent activities which support overall natural community restoration and management across District lands.

Vegetative Management (acres)	FY 2023 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	FY 2023 Total
Herbicide	180	0	0
Roller Chop Uplands	400	0	187
Mallory Swamp Mow/Chop	700	0	1,923
Woods Mowing	2,000	20	1,057
Totals	3,280	0	3,147

Prescribed Fire (acres)	FY 2023 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	FY 2023 Total
SRWMD	7,000	0	4,363
FFS - Twin Rivers State Forest	2,000	0	820
Totals	9,000	0	5,183

Invasive Plant Treatment	FY 2023 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	FY 2023 Total
SRWMD Staff Treat (# Mapped Infestations)	145	40	93
Edwards Bottomland (acres)	44	Planned Summer 2023 (2x)	14
Contractors (acres)	68.9	Planned Summer 2023	68.9
FWC Uplands Program-Grant funded (acres)	53.85	Project Accepted	0
Starke Bypass (acres)	251	Planned Summer 2023	0

Ecological Services Monitoring (Locations)	FY 2023 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	FY 2023 Total
Rare Plants Monitoring	50	24	37
Gopher Tortoise Surveys	3	1	4
Wading Bird Rookeries	5	3	3
Natural Community Mapping (Acres)	1,500	0	0

Timber Harvests	County	Acreage	Type	Status or Revenue
Cuba Bay #2	Madison	315	Thinning	\$276,246.69
Seven Bridges #1	Jefferson	224	Thinning	Inactive
Cabbage Grove #2	Taylor	222	Thinning	\$316,173.20
Gilchrist Wellfield #1	Gilchrist	100	Thinning and Chipping	Inactive
Adams Tract #4	Lafayette	90	Thinning and Clearcut	Inactive
Bell Springs #2	Columbia	43	Thinning and Clearcut	Harvest Complete
Sandlin Bay #9	Columbia	374	Thinning	Active
Dedan Loop #1	Bradford	60	Thinning	Inactive
Devils Hammock #2	Levy	144	Thinning	Inactive
Falling Creek Falls #2	Columbia	42	Thinning and Chipping	Harvest Complete
Steinhatchee Springs #23	Lafayette	250	Thinning	Inactive
Fiscal Year Revenue as of June 12, 2023				\$2,181,381.20
<i>*Estimated for this report only. Official accounting records have not yet been finalized.</i>				

Land Management: The following tables represent tract and land management activities on the District's fee and less-than-fee owned properties.

Conservation Easements	FY 2023 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	FY 2023 Total
Monitor Current Easements	15	Planned Summer 2023	10

Hydrologic & Road Maintenance	FY 2023 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	FY 2023 Total
Culvert Replacements	20	12	20
Road Repairs (miles)	140	9.7	102.2

Tract Maintenance	FY 2023 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	FY 2023 Total
Mowing (miles per mowing cycle 3X per year)	1,746	321.63	749
Site Maintenance (tracts visited monthly)	114	114	114
Enhanced Patrols (hours)	944	42	370.5
Sign Replacements	30	24	28
Boundary Line Painting (miles)	119	0	45

Special Projects: The following information provides a status update on special projects within the Office of Land Management.

Pinehatchee Tract (Steinhatchee Springs Tract addition). TWA is complete. Survey work with WSP Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc is expected to begin during Summer of 2023. All planned road edge clearing has been completed and now a period of rest must occur to allow chopped material to decompose. Road patching and grading will begin during the Summer of 2023.

Rock Bluff: Jones Edmunds has submitted final plans and they have been reviewed by staff and final comments submitted. The septic tank permit has been reviewed by staff.

Aucillia River Access Improvement Project: The project is 90% complete. The contractor is currently installing the vehicle barricades; this is the last item listed in the amended scope of work.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Alejandro Arteaga Garcia, Senior Data Analyst, Hydrologic Data Services Office

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: June 12, 2023

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 8 inches in diameter or greater.

As of June 12, 2023, the District is monitoring 1,566 (233.8 MGD) of a total of 1,677 active permitted wells (247.1 MGD). The remaining 111 active wells not yet monitored are scheduled for site visits to determine the type of monitoring that will be implemented. An additional 261 proposed wells have yet to be drilled.

The District offers three options for monitoring: electric provided by the power company, telemetry on diesel systems, and self-reporting. To date, farmer electric agreements from cooperatives are in effect on 817 (149.7 MGD) monitoring points. The District currently employs telemetry on 288 (49.6 MGD) diesel-powered systems. There are currently 16 (1.2 MGD) self-monitored points.

Additionally, there are currently 445 (33.2 MGD) sites for which monitoring is currently not feasible. Staff visit these sites each year to reevaluate the feasibility of monitoring.

The attached figures show the current well status and monitoring type for all wells with water use monitoring conditions (Figure 1), and the status of flow data collection by source within the District's agricultural monitoring network (Figure 2).

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Agricultural Water Use Stations with Monitoring Conditions

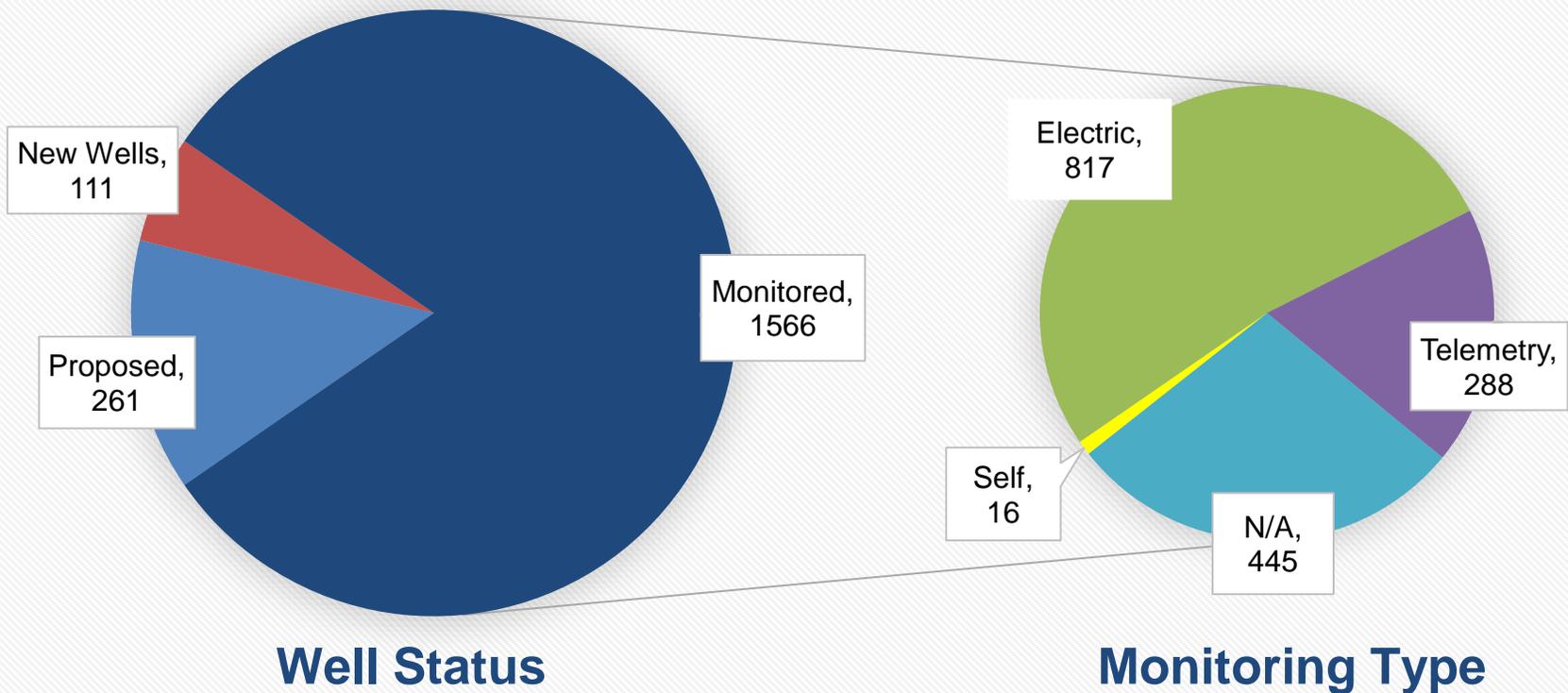
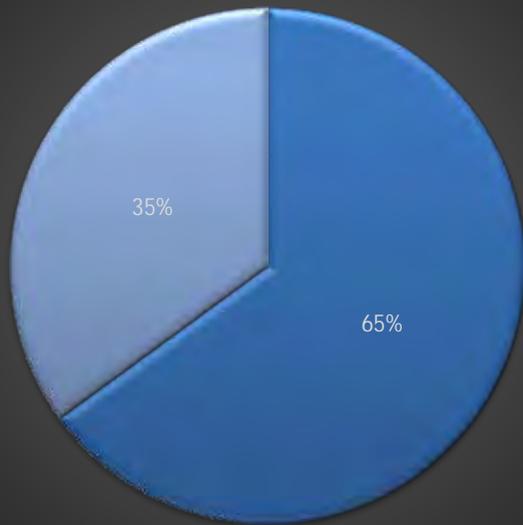


Figure 1. Well status and monitoring type for all wells with water use monitoring conditions as of June 12, 2023.

Flow Data Collection Status



■ Sites with Unique Flow Recorded, 981
■ Sites Needing Flow Information, 529

Flows Recorded by Source

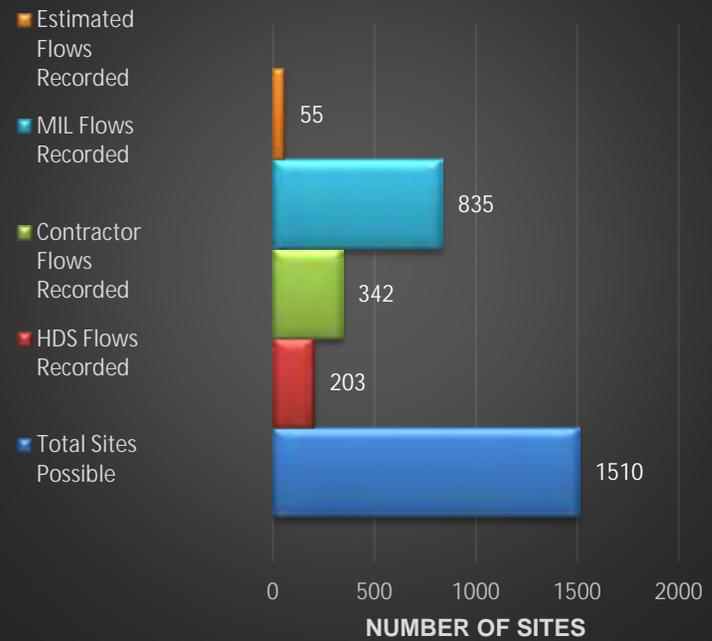


Figure 2. Status of flow data collection by source within the District's agricultural monitoring network as of June 12, 2023.

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: July 2, 2023

RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Larry Sessions, Suwannee County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Larry Sessions to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$770.

BACKGROUND

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

Larry Sessions has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District Agricultural Cost-Share Program to implement grid soil sampling for use across 110 acres of pasture in Suwannee County. This project is located in the Suwannee River Basin Management Action Plan area, and the Eastern Water Supply Planning Area. The associated nutrient reduction estimate for this contract is 2,420 lbs. of nitrogen at land surface and a 154 lb. reduction of nitrogen to groundwater.

This contract does not exceed the total maximum cost-share amount of \$300,000 per producer of District funds.

The District has not previously entered into contract with this producer. Attachment A lists the cost share item and funding breakdown. The producer is a Governing Board member. The Florida Commission on Ethics issued CEO 20-9, which states that there is no violation of ethical laws for a governing board member to participate in District cost share. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Budget.

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Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

District Specifications

The PRODUCER shall not purchase, install, implement or complete the above authorized EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURE PRACTICES prior to the EFFECTIVE DATE of the CONTRACT.

The PRODUCER shall complete the purchase, installation and/or implementation of the authorized EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURE PRACTICES in accordance with the above schedule.

The PRODUCER shall be actively participating in the DISTRICT'S AUTOMATED WATER USE MONITORING PROGRAM prior to reimbursement.

The PRODUCER shall maintain compliance with the associated Water Use Permit(s) for the duration of the contract.

All invoices and payments shall have dates showing when they were invoiced and paid. The dates for all financial transactions must coincide within the contract term to be eligible for reimbursement.

The PRODUCER shall own or have control of the property where the EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES are located for the duration of the CONTRACT.

The PRODUCER has executed and maintains a current FDACS Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with Best Management Practices.

District Terms and Conditions

Grid Soil Sampling

Grid soil sampling allows growers to manage nutrient application in as small a unit as 2.5 acres by having a soil nutrient analysis taken on 2.5-acre grids. Grid sampling can be conducted in straight grids, or alternatively to scientifically delineated zones. Grid-based soil analysis assists growers with applying the needed nutrient in the right amount, at the right time, in the right place, and the right source. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$7/acre/year. Straight grids shall be no larger than 10 acres and no smaller than 2.5 acres. When cost-sharing this item, the applicant must variable rate apply nutrients (see below: Variable Rate Nutrient Application) at least once in the season if the sample analysis recommends a variable rate application. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the sampling map, lab report for the sampling event, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

MEMBER OF GOVERNING BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAVING CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BUSINESS ENTITY APPLYING FOR COST-SHARE GRANT

To: George T. Reeves, Attorney (Suwannee River WMD)

SUMMARY:

Under the unique circumstances presented, members of the Governing Board of a water management district will not have a conflict of interest under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, if their tenants or businesses apply to their agency for reimbursement of irrigation equipment under a cost-share grant program created by the agency. CEO [88-65](#), CEO [12-7](#), and CEO [12-14](#), are referenced.

QUESTION:

Will a member of the governing board of a water management district (WMD) have a prohibited conflict of interest if he or she has a contractual relationship with an agricultural producer that applies for and receives a cost-share grant from the WMD?

Under the unique circumstances presented, this question is answered in the negative.

According to your inquiry, the Governing Board of a water management district (District/WMD) created a grant program in 2012. The grant program allows eligible agricultural producers who control property within the District to purchase approved improvements at their own expense and, subsequent to the purchase, the District will reimburse seventy-five percent of the cost, to a maximum of \$300,000. Approved improvements include retrofitting or modernizing irrigation systems to make them more efficient, saving groundwater in the District. According to you, the upgrades are typically nozzle and end gun changes to irrigation systems, which use less water, and soil moisture probes. In the case of soil moisture probes, the District will also reimburse the service costs of the first few years of monitoring of the probes.

To avail themselves of this program, agricultural producers must submit an application to the District and District staff review the application to ensure the upgrade to be purchased satisfies the goals of the grant program and verify that the agricultural producer is eligible for the grant. Once the staff completes its review, eligible applications are sent to the District's Executive Director or its Governing Board for final approval.¹ Upon that final approval, the District then enters into a contract regarding the reimbursement with the agricultural producer before the agricultural producer makes their purchase and the reimbursement is thereafter issued.

According to you, no eligible applicant has ever been denied reimbursement funding. You state that the District is not placed in the position of prioritizing applications in a competitive environment.

In response to questions from Commission staff, you state that the Governing Board of the District has the authority to change the maximum reimbursement amount and has done so in the

past. For example, in April 2019, the District added alternative water supply projects and added variable frequency drives as purchases eligible for cost-share, both reimbursed at seventy-five percent of the cost. In January 2020, the District began allowing cost-share reimbursement for a fourth, fifth, and sixth year of service agreements, reimbursed at a rate of fifty percent of the cost.

You request this opinion on behalf of two members of the Governing Board of the District. One member is not an agricultural producer, but owns property within the District that the member leases to agricultural producers who may attempt to avail themselves of the grant program during the member's tenure on the Governing Board. The other member has, in the past, and may, in the future, be an officer and/or director in the member's family's agricultural company, which may seek to avail itself of the grant program. You ask whether these two members would have a prohibited conflict of interest if their respective tenants or company received a grant from the District.

Analysis under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, is appropriate. It states:

No public officer or employee of an agency shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity or any agency which is subject to the regulation of, or is doing business with, an agency of which he or she is an officer or employee . . . ; nor shall an officer or employee of an agency have or hold any employment or contractual relationship that will create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his or her private interests and the performance of his or her public duties or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of his or her public duties.

The first clause of this statute would prohibit a public officer from having any contractual relationship with a business entity that is regulated by or does business with his or her agency. The second clause of this statute would prohibit a public officer from having a contractual relationship that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict of interest or would create an impediment to the full and faithful discharge of his or her public duties.

As a predicate to answering your question, we take this opportunity to reaffirm our longstanding interpretation of Section 112.313(7)(a) that an entity is "doing business" with an agency when it has entered into a contract or other legal arrangement under which one party would have a cause of action against the other if a breach or default were to occur. See, e.g., CEO [12-7](#) (citing CEO [88-65](#)).

We found a conflict of interest and declined to apply any exemption in CEO [12-7](#). In that opinion, a city's CRA offered a façade grant that provided up to \$10,000 to allow applicants to improve the exteriors of buildings. We opined that a CRA board member would have a conflict of interest under Section 112.313(7)(a) if his or her business received a façade grant from the CRA. Similarly, in CEO [12-14](#), a city's CRA offered redevelopment incentive grants to allow property owners and lessees to make residential, commercial, and business façade improvements and other improvements. The grant program was administered by the staff of the city's Development Services Department, who could approve the grant applications without a vote from the city council or the CRA, and the grants were processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Once again, we opined that the CRA board member would have a conflict of interest if he or she, individually or through his or her businesses, received the grant offered by the CRA.

However, we find the situation you present to be distinguishable from these prior opinions because of the particular nature of the grant program in the context of a water management district. We find that Section 112.316, Florida Statutes, applies to exempt any conflict of interest for the two WMD board members because the narrow and specific circumstances that form the basis of their

inquiry indicate the public trust is not jeopardized by allowing their businesses or tenants to apply for the cost-share reimbursement grant.

In coming to that conclusion we rely upon all of the following circumstances, the absence of any one of which would result in our finding of a conflict and also our declining to apply Section 112.316 to negate the conflict.

First, we note that, by its nature, a WMD encompasses many, many thousands of acres of agricultural land and many, many farmers who are similarly situated, some of whom very often are members of the governing board of WMDs, no doubt, in great part due to their familiarity with land and agriculture irrigation and related matters. We do not believe it to be the intent of the law to preclude participation by such farmer-WMD board members in programs available to all other farmers in the WMD, especially where, as here, there is no history of denial of participation or lack of funding for any who apply.

Second, we note that the program's history is void of denial of participation or lack of funding because the program has been structured to accept every eligible application, as judged only by objective criteria, rather than discretionary criteria. There are no discretionary criteria by which to judge the applications and, thus, there is no risk that a WMD board member could leverage the application process to achieve a personal benefit not available to similarly-situated applicants.²

Third, we note that the program is not a competitive environment among applicants. The program is budgeted such that there are ample funds to admit all foreseeable applicants in the geographic jurisdiction of the WMD without risking the program's solvency.

Fourth, we recognize that the public benefit from applicants achieving participation in this program is substantial. The program aims to achieve water conservation by making agricultural producers more efficient in their water usage; to preclude landowning WMD board members from participation would materially reduce the water conservation by reducing substantial amounts of acreage from the program.

Lastly, we note the circumstances unique to a program administered by a water management district. Unlike, for example, a situation involving someone who is both an attorney and a local public official, who could practice in many municipalities other than the one on which he sits on the governing board, an agricultural producer who is a member of a WMD board does not have the ability to move his or her real estate outside of the WMD, the boundaries of which encompass many counties.

For all these reasons together and for as long as all these circumstances are present and maintained, we find that Section 112.316 operates to negate any conflict of interest the two WMD board members would otherwise create under Section 112.313(7)(a) if their business or tenants applied for a cost-share reimbursement grant from their agency. If any of the circumstances upon which we rely change, we encourage you to seek a new opinion from us.

Your question is answered accordingly.³

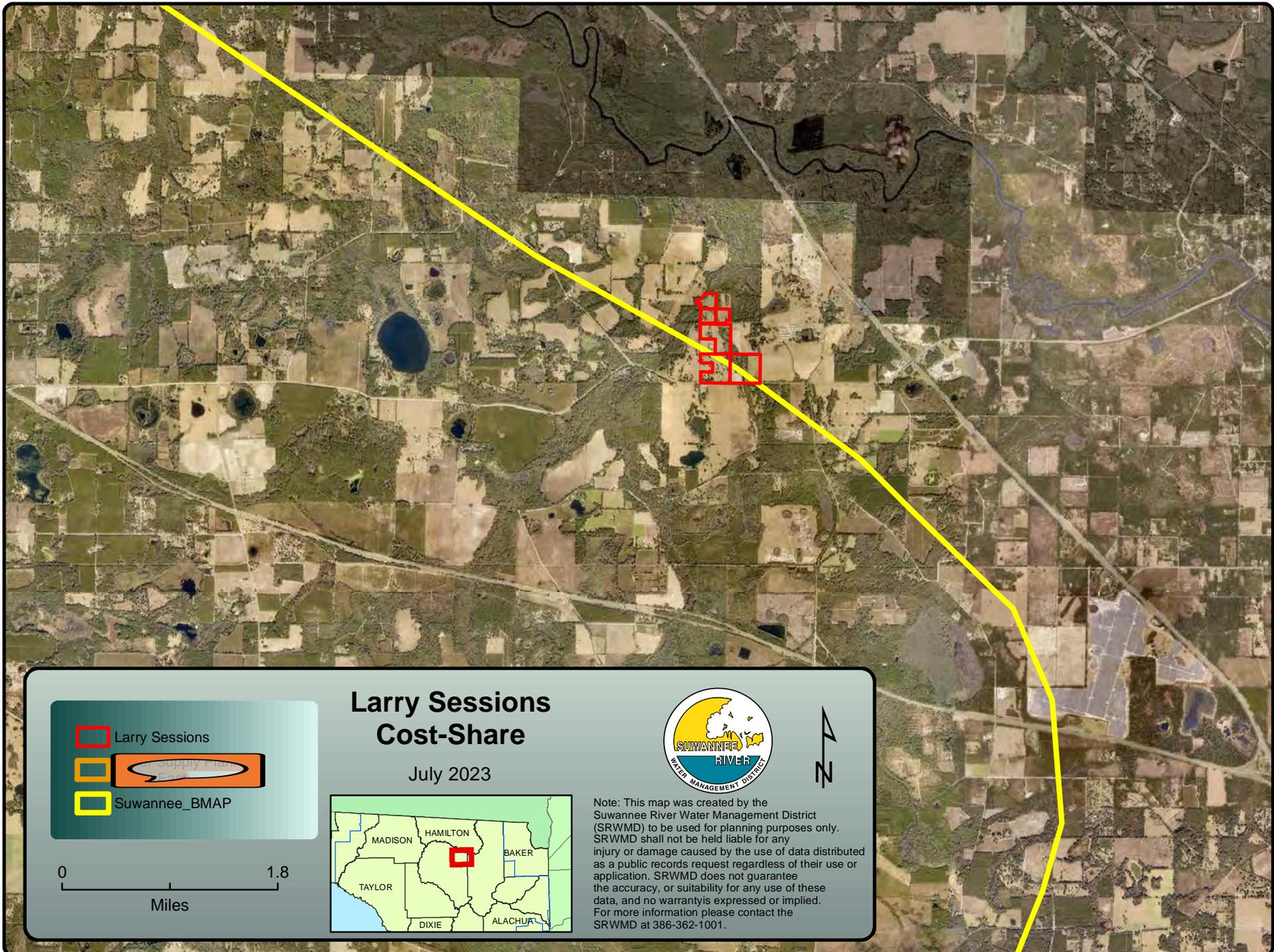
ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on October 23, 2020, and **RENDERED** this 28th day of October, 2020.

Daniel Brady, *Chair*

[1]In response to a Commission staff inquiry, you inform us that, in practice, the Executive Director, who has contracting authority of up to \$30,000, approves the applications and contracts for reimbursement for \$30,000 or less with no review or action by the Governing Board. If the cost-share agreement will require the expenditure of more than \$30,000 of District funds, then it must be approved by the Governing Board.

[2]While the WMD board's decision making in the application process is not discretionary, its involvement in the setting of the terms of the program, such as the reimbursement rates or the maximum reimbursement amount, is entirely discretionary. If the WMD board changes any of the program terms, the board members should no longer rely on this opinion and should seek a new opinion.

[3]The members, however, are subject to the voting conflicts law codified in Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, regarding any vote (measure/matter) that would inure to their special private gain or loss or to that of any person or entity standing in a relationship to the members as listed in the statute. The members are also subject to the prohibition against misusing one's public position found in Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes.



-  Larry Sessions
-  Suwannee_BMAP

Larry Sessions Cost-Share

July 2023



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources
THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources
DATE: June 19, 2023
RE: Interagency Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Interagency Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for water resource data collection services for an amount not to exceed \$1,407,970, with the District contributing \$864,600 of the total agreement amount for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

BACKGROUND

Hydrologic and water quality monitoring are central to the Suwannee River Water Management District's (District) mission, and for decades the mechanism to accomplish this has been through cooperative funding with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) at major surface water stations throughout the District. The USGS maintains gages and sensors at these stations, provides quality assurance, and archives long-term hydrologic data.

This long-term program provides essential information for flood warnings and forecasts through the National Weather Service, floodplain mapping, the determination of minimum flows and minimum water levels groundwater modeling, and drought monitoring. Data obtained through this program are provided in real-time to the public via the USGS national web page, the District's River Levels web page, and the District's automated river level phone service. Real-time data are also provided to the National Weather Service's Southeast River Forecast Center.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY 2024) Interagency Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) with the USGS is for a total amount of \$1,407,970 with the District providing \$864,600 and the USGS contributing \$447,190.

Table 1 (attached) provides a detailed budget showing the cost of each monitoring station and a breakdown of the proposed cooperative funding. The cost increase compared to last year's JFA is a result of anticipated across-the-board increases in USGS costs associated with maintenance and monitoring at each station and the loss of RESTORE funds which previously offset \$54,000.

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2024 Tentative Budget and is contingent upon approval of the FY 2024 Final Budget. This agreement will expire September 30, 2024.

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Attachment

Long-term Streamflow Program with Suwannee River Water Management District for FY 2024

Period of performance: Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024

Station No.	Station Name	Total Cost SW	Total Cost QW	RESTORE	USGS FPS (\$)	SW CMF	QW CMF	SRWMD SW	SRWMD QW	Remarks
TALLAHASSEE RAN										
02315550	SUWANNEE RIVER AT SUWANNEE SPRINGS		\$ 9,080				\$ 2,500		\$ 6,580	Temp/Cond
02315626	ALAPAHA RISE ABV SW 68 DR NR JASPER, FL		\$ 10,840				\$ 2,500		\$ 8,340	Temp/Cond and DCP
02317620	ALAPAHA RIVER NEAR JENNINGS	\$ 18,300				\$ 6,200		\$ 12,100		includes DCP
02317620	ALAPAHA RIVER NEAR JENNINGS		\$ 9,080				\$ 2,500		\$ 6,580	Temp/Cond
02319000	WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NEAR PINETTA	\$ 18,300						\$ 18,300		funded through PCA corp
02319000	WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NEAR PINETTA		\$ 9,080				\$ 2,500		\$ 6,580	Temp/Cond
02319300	WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NEAR MADISON	\$ 1,770						\$ 1,770		3 Mis Qms
02319302	MADISON BLUE SPRING NR BLUE SPRINGS, FL	\$ 26,190				\$ -		\$ 26,190		DCP;Well rating,includes well
02319302	MADISON BLUE SPRING NR BLUE SPRINGS, FL	\$ 3,540						\$ 3,540		add 6 additional measurements, through Nestle
02319302	MADISON BLUE SPRING NR BLUE SPRINGS, FL		\$ 25,930				\$ -		\$ 25,930	Temp, Cond, DO, pH
02319302	MADISON BLUE SPRING NR BLUE SPRINGS, FL		\$ 11,550				\$ -		\$ 11,550	Nitrate
02319394	WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NEAR LEE	\$ 32,510						\$ 32,510		index-velocity site; DCP
02319394	WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NEAR LEE		\$ 9,080				\$ 2,500		\$ 6,580	Temp/Cond
02319800	SUWANNEE RIVER AT DOWLING PARK		\$ 9,080				\$ 2,500		\$ 6,580	Temp/Cond
02319950	BLUE SPRINGS NEAR DELL	\$ 32,510				\$ 10,360		\$ 22,150		index-velocity site; DCP
02319950	BLUE SPRINGS NEAR DELL		\$ 25,930				\$ 5,635		\$ 20,295	Temp, Cond, DO, pH
02319950	BLUE SPRINGS NEAR DELL		\$ 11,550				\$ 4,000		\$ 7,550	Nitrate
02320000	SUWANNEE RIVER AT LURAVILLE		\$ 9,080						\$ 9,080	Temp/Cond
02320500	SUWANNEE RIVER AT BRANFORD		\$ 9,080				\$ 2,500		\$ 6,580	Temp/Cond
02320700	SANTA FE RIVER NEAR GRAHAM	\$ 18,300				\$ 6,200		\$ 12,100		Stage-Q
02321500	SANTA FE RIVER AT WORTHINGTON SPRINGS	\$ 18,300				\$ 6,200		\$ 12,100		Stage-Q
02321500	SANTA FE RIVER AT WORTHINGTON SPRINGS		\$ 9,080				\$ 3,060		\$ 6,020	Temp/Cond
02321898	SANTA FE RIVER AT O'LENO STATE PARK	\$ 18,300				\$ 6,200		\$ 12,100		Stage-Q
02321958	SANTA FE RIVER AT RIVER RISE NR HIGH SPRINGS	\$ 18,300				\$ 6,200		\$ 12,100		Stage-Q
02321958	SANTA FE RIVER AT RIVER RISE NR HIGH SPRINGS		\$ 9,080				\$ 3,060		\$ 6,020	Temp/Cond
02321975	SANTA FE RIVER AT US HWY 441 Near High Springs, FL	\$ 18,300				\$ 4,900		\$ 13,400		Stage-Q
02321975	SANTA FE RIVER AT US HWY 441 Near High Springs, FL		\$ 9,080				\$ 2,400		\$ 6,680	Temp/Cond
02322465	SANTA FE RIVER AT NE 60TH ST. NEAR FORT WHITE, FL	\$ 3,540						\$ 3,540		add 6 additional measurements
02322500	SANTA FE RIVER NEAR FORT WHITE		\$ 9,080				\$ 3,060		\$ 6,020	Temp/Cond
02322688	BLUE HOLE SPRING NR HILDRETH	\$ 18,300				\$ 6,200		\$ 12,100		DCP
02322700	ICHETUCKNEE R @ HWY27 NR HILDRETH		\$ 25,930				\$ 8,560		\$ 17,370	Temp, Cond, DO, pH
02322700	ICHETUCKNEE R @ HWY27 NR HILDRETH		\$ 11,550				\$ 4,000		\$ 7,550	Nitrate
02324000	STEINHATCHEE RIVER NEAR CROSS CITY	\$ 18,300				\$ 6,200		\$ 12,100		DCP
02326526	WACISSA RIVER NEAR WACISSA		\$ 25,930				\$ 8,560		\$ 17,370	Temp, Cond, DO, pH
02326526	WACISSA RIVER NEAR WACISSA		\$ 11,550				\$ 4,000		\$ 7,550	Nitrate
02326526	WACISSA RIVER NEAR WACISSA	\$ 18,300				\$ 11,040		\$ 7,260		Stage-Q
02326526	WACISSA RIVER NEAR WACISSA	\$ 12,600						\$ 12,600		Grass Cutting
02326526	WACISSA RIVER NEAR WACISSA	\$ 3,540						\$ 3,540		6 additional monthly measurements
02326550	AUCILLA RIVER NEAR NUTTAL RISE	\$ 32,510				\$ 940		\$ 31,570		IV
02326550	AUCILLA RIVER NEAR NUTTAL RISE	\$ 6,130						\$ 6,130		NOS Tide Data
02326550	AUCILLA RIVER NEAR NUTTAL RISE		\$ 13,450						\$ 13,450	2 level Temp/SC
02319520	FALMOUTH SPRING AT FALMOUTH	\$ 7,890				\$ 2,500		\$ 5,390		DCP; Stage only
02319520	FALMOUTH SPRING AT FALMOUTH	\$ 7,080				\$ 1,340		\$ 5,740		12 measurements
02319520	FALMOUTH SPRING AT FALMOUTH		\$ 25,930				\$ 5,635		\$ 20,295	EXO2 - Temp, Cond, DO, pH

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02319520	FALMOUTH SPRING AT FALMOUTH		\$ 11,550				\$ 3,940		\$ 7,610	SUNA - Nitrate
02326050	ECOFINA RV AT ECOFINA RV STATE PARK NR PERRY, FL	\$ 32,510				\$ 4,560		\$ 27,950		index-velocity site; DCP
02326050	ECOFINA RV AT ECOFINA RV STATE PARK NR PERRY, FL		\$ 9,080				\$ 4,660		\$ 4,420	1 level Temp/SC
02325543	FENHOLLOWAY RIVER NEAR HAMPTON SPRINGS, FL	\$ 32,510				\$ 4,560		\$ 27,950		index-velocity site; DCP
02325543	FENHOLLOWAY RIVER NEAR HAMPTON SPRINGS, FL		\$ 9,080				\$ 4,660		\$ 4,420	1 level Temp/SC
02324170	STEINHATCHEE RIVER AT STEINHATCHEE, FL.	\$ 32,510				\$ 4,560		\$ 27,950		index-velocity site; DCP
02324170	STEINHATCHEE RIVER AT STEINHATCHEE, FL.		\$ 13,450				\$ 4,660		\$ 8,790	2 level Temp/SC
30230708310140	SUWANNEE RV AB WITHLACOOCHEE RV AT ELLAVILLE, FL		\$ 10,490						\$ 10,490	Temp/Cond
30284708314540	BLUE SPRINGS WELL NEAR MADISON, FL	\$ -								Used for Madison-Blue rating
ORLANDO RAN										
02323566	MANATEE SPRING NR CHIEFLAND	\$ 26,190				\$ 9,760		\$ 16,430		DCP;Well rating,includes well
02323566	MANATEE SPRING NR CHIEFLAND		\$ 25,930				\$ 8,560		\$ 17,370	Temp, Cond, DO, pH
02323566	MANATEE SPRING NR CHIEFLAND		\$ 11,550				\$ 4,000		\$ 7,550	Nitrate
29292108258328	DNR-Manatee Springs State Park Well	\$ -						\$ -		Well used with Manatee Springs Rating
02313700	WACCASASSA RIVER NEAR GULF HAMMOCK	\$ 32,510				\$ 11,040		\$ 21,470		index-vel site; w/ DCP
02313700	WACCASASSA RIVER NEAR GULF HAMMOCK		\$ 25,930						\$ 25,930	EXO2 - Temp, Cond, DO, pH
02323592	SUWANNEE RIVER AB GOPHER RIVER NR SUWANNEE	\$ 32,510				\$ 2,080		\$ 30,430		Index velocity funded through Restore
02323592	SUWANNEE RIVER AB GOPHER RIVER NR SUWANNEE		\$ 13,450						\$ 13,450	2 level Temp/SC
02322800	SANTA FE RIVER NEAR HILDRETH	\$ 32,510				\$ 11,040		\$ 21,470		DCP, index-velocity
02322800	SANTA FE RIVER NEAR HILDRETH		\$ 9,080				\$ 3,060		\$ 6,020	Temp/Cond
02323000	SUWANNEE RIVER NEAR BELL		\$ 9,080						\$ 9,080	Temp/Cond
02323500	SUWANNEE RIVER NEAR WILCOX	\$ 32,510			\$ 15,500			\$ 17,010		index-velocity site; DCP
02323502	FANNING SPRING NR WILCOX	\$ 32,510				\$ 11,040		\$ 21,470		index-velocity site; DCP
02323502	FANNING SPRING NR WILCOX		\$ 25,930				\$ 8,560		\$ 17,370	Temp, Cond, DO, pH
02323502	FANNING SPRING NR WILCOX		\$ 11,550				\$ 4,000		\$ 7,550	Nitrate
02323505	LITTLE FANNING SPRING NR WILCOX	\$ 3,540						\$ 3,540		6 extra measurements
FPS & FDOT										
02315500	SUWANNEE RIVER AT WHITE SPRINGS	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
02315550	SUWANNEE RIVER AT SUWANNEE SPRINGS	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
02319500	SUWANNEE RIVER AT ELLAVILLE	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
02319800	SUWANNEE RIVER AT DOWLING PARK	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
02320000	SUWANNEE RIVER AT LURAVILLE	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
02320500	SUWANNEE RIVER AT BRANFORD	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
02322500	SANTA FE RIVER NEAR FORT WHITE	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
02323000	SUWANNEE RIVER NEAR BELL	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
02326000	ECONFINA NEAR PERRY	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
02326500	AUCILLA RIVER NEAR LAMONT	\$ 18,300								FPS & FDOT
FDEP										
02321000	NEW RIVER NEAR LAKE BUTLER	\$ 18,300								FDEP
02322700	ICHETUCKNEE R @ HWY27 NR HILDRETH	\$ 32,510								FDEP
02320250	TROY SPRING NEAR BRANFORD FLA	\$ 7,890								Stage By FDEP
02320250	TROY SPRING NEAR BRANFORD FLA		\$ 25,930							Temp, Cond, DO, pH By FDEP
02320250	TROY SPRING NEAR BRANFORD FLA		\$ 11,550							Nitrate By FDEP

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	TOTAL	\$ 884,320	\$ 523,650							
	FPS & FDOT				\$ 198,500					
	SRWMD							\$ 494,000	\$ 370,600	
	RESTORE			\$ -						
	Cooperative Matching Funds					\$ 133,120	\$ 115,570			

Surface Water 2024 Ground Water 2024 Water Quality 2024 Total 2024

Totals	\$ 884,320	\$ -		\$ 523,650		\$ 1,407,970
SRWMD	\$ 494,000	\$ -		\$ 370,600		\$ 864,600
Cooperative Matching Funds	\$ 133,120	\$ -		\$ 115,570		\$ 248,690
Federal Priority Stream Gaging & FDOT	\$ 198,500	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 198,500
	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
FDEP	\$ 58,700			\$ 37,480		\$ 96,180

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: June 8, 2023

RE: Memorandum of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to approve a memorandum of agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District to provide surface and groundwater laboratory analyses for an amount not to exceed \$145,600 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

BACKGROUND

The District has operated a network of surface and ground water sites for hydrologic and water quality monitoring since the late 1970s. In January 2014, the District entered into an agreement with the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) that allows the District to utilize SJRWMD's environmental water quality laboratory for routine analyses and a limited number of additional analyses. The District and SJRWMD have renewed this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on an annual basis. The District has benefited from this relationship due to significantly lower costs, a greater number of analytes per sample, and the rigorous quality assurance and control analyses that are incorporated into the SJRWMD laboratory's process. In addition, using SJRWMD's laboratory ensures data comparability across the resources shared by the two districts.

The proposed MOA provides analysis for up to 1,100 samples per year for a total cost not to exceed \$130,000. In addition, the District may also submit up to 130 additional samples per year for new or unforeseen projects or emergency sampling as the need arises, for a total contingency amount not to exceed \$15,600 per year.

Funding for this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tentative Budget and is contingent upon approval of the FY 2024 Final Budget. This agreement will expire September 30, 2024.

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