

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

**GoTo Webinar Link:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5934915711063561824>

**Public Comment Form Link:** [www.MySuwanneeRiver.com/Comments](http://www.MySuwanneeRiver.com/Comments)

Open to Public

October 10, 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 - September 12, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage and Budget Minutes, September 25, 2023 Workshop, Lands Committee Meeting, and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage and Budget Minutes
  - Agenda Item No. 10 - Long Pond Conservation Easement, Levy County
  - Agenda Item No. 11 - Rawson Conservation Easement, Lafayette County
  - Agenda Item No. 12 - Taylor Conservation Easement, Gilchrist County
  - Agenda Item No. 13 - Wright Utility Easement, Taylor County
  - Agenda Item No. 17 - August 2023 Financial Report
  - Agenda Item No. 20 - Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-007-216650-3, City of Starke, Bradford County
  - Agenda Item No. 21 - Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-121-216465-8, Southern Cross Dairy, Suwannee County
  - Agenda Item No. 26 - Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Services for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
  - Agenda Item No. 33 - Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report

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6. September 12, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage and Budget Minutes, September 25, 2023 Workshop, Lands Committee Meeting, and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage and Budget 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 – Kelly Landis (Five Years)

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**  
**Tom Reeves**

8. Update on Legal Activities

**BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director**

*Administration*

- BCS Page 1 9. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report
- BCS Page 4 10. Long Pond Conservation Easement, Levy County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 12 11. Rawson Conservation Easement, Lafayette County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 22 12. Taylor Conservation Easement, Gilchrist County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 31 13. Wright Utility Easement, Taylor County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 34 14. Ellison Utility Easement, Dixie County
- BCS Page 36 15. Governing Board Directive 23-0003, Fraud Policy
- BCS Page 45 16. Governing Board Directive 23-0004, Whistle-Blower's Act

*Finance*

- BCS Page 58 17. August 2023 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**

*Human Resources*

- BCS Page 63 18. Employee Health Care Insurance Coverages for Calendar Year 2024

*Resource Management*

- BCS Page 64 19. Permitting Summary Report
- BCS Page 67 20. Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-007-216650-3, City of Starke, Bradford County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 74 21. Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-121-216465-8, Southern Cross Dairy, Suwannee County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 82 22. Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-023-217754-4, City of Lake City, Columbia County

**OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**  
**Katelyn Potter, Division Director**

*Outreach and Operations*

- OPS Page 1 23. Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

24. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Communications and Outreach Plan Presentation

Land Management

OPS Page 3 25. Land Management Update

OPS Page 6 26. Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Services for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 – **Recommended Consent**

Hydrologic Data Services

OPS Page 7 27. Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

**WATER RESOURCES**

**Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director**

28. Water Resources Division Updates

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

WR Page 1 29. Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

WR Page 2 30. Task Work Assignment for Contract 20/21-069.003 with WSP, Inc.

WR Page 3 31. Task Work Assignment for Contract 20/21-066.004 with AECOM, Inc.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

WR Page 4 32. 2023 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

Water Supply

WR Page 12 33. Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report – **Recommend Consent**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

**Hugh Thomas, Executive Director**

34. Announcements

35. Governing Board Comments

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

November 14, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Board Meeting

Workshop and/or Committee Meetings

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

36. 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**

October 10, 2023  
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

- Investment Discussion
  
- Upper Suwannee Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels Discussion