

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

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May 14, 2024
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Appointment of Larry Sessions to Audit Committee
4. Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair
Amendments Recommended by Staff: None
5. Public Comment
6. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:
 - Agenda Item No. 7 - April 9, 2024 Governing Board Meeting, Workshop, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 11 - Amendment to Contract 22/23-158 with 3D Land and Farm, LLC, Alachua County
 - Agenda Item No. 12 - March 2024 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 13 - Payment in Lieu of Taxes
 - Agenda Item No. 14 - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit
 - Agenda Item No. 16 - Administration of Paid Parental Leave Following the Birth or Adoption of a Child
 - Agenda Item No. 21 - Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
 - Agenda Item No. 24 - Updated Olustee Creek Conservation Ingress/Egress Easement Exchange, Columbia County
 - Agenda Item No. 26 - Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Land Management Review Team Report
 - Agenda Item No. 30 - Memorandum of Agreement Between the Suwannee River Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
7. April 9, 2024 Governing Board Meeting, Workshop, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
8. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - C. Service Recognition: Jon Wood (Retirement)

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL
Tom Reeves

9. Update on Legal Activities

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director

Administration

- BCS Page 1 10. Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition

Agriculture Projects

- BCS Page 8 11. Amendment to Contract 22/23-158 with 3D Land and Farm, LLC, Alachua County - **Recommend Consent**

Finance

- BCS Page 13 12. March 2024 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 18 13. Payment in Lieu of Taxes – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 20 14. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit - **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 21 15. Resolution 2024-03, Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Amendment Number 2024-01

Human Resources

- BCS Page 25 16. Administration of Paid Parental Leave Following the Birth or Adoption of a Child – **Recommend Consent**

Resource Management

- BCS Page 26 17. Permitting Summary Report

Environmental Projects

- BCS Page 29 18. Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report
- BCS Page 31 19. Alternative Water Supply Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- BCS Page 35 20. Springs Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- BCS Page 40 21. Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. – **Recommend Consent**

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS
Katelyn Potter, Division Director

Communications and Outreach

- OPS Page 1 22. Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

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

May 14, 2024
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

- Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget Workshop
- Off-Site Field Tour (Pending River Conditions)

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

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April 9, 2024
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		-	-

Vice-Chair Schwab conducted the Board Meeting with the absence of Chair Johns.

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:

- Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations, read a public comment email received from Paul Still, Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District, regarding concerns in Bradford County. This email is placed in the public record of this Board Meeting.
- Jeff Hill – Concerns regarding payment due to him for crushed pipe on his property.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - March 12, 2024 Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - February 2024 Financial Report

- Agenda Item No. 12 - Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-4.1020, 40B-4.1090, 40B-4.3010, and 40B-4.3030, Florida Administrative Code
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Amendment to Contract 19/20-107, Otter Springs On Site Treatment and Disposal Systems Improvements
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-174 with Michael Wilkerson, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Amendment to Contract 23/24-062 with Lee Peanut Farms, LLC., Madison County
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Melonnuco, LLC., Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 28 - 2024 Suwannee River Basin Surface Water Improvement and Management Plan Update

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - March 12, 2024 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney, Manager, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, introduced Chris Wynn, FFWCC. He also introduced Dale Nanny, and Mike and Nancy Kelly with the Florida Bicycle Association.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Brandon Creasey Administrative Complaint.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 9 – Legislative Update. Tyler Winburn, Coordinator, Office of Legislative and Government Affairs, updated the Board on the 2024 Legislative Session.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 10 – February 2024 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 11 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-4.1020, 40B-4.1090, 40B-4.3010, and 40B-4.3030, Florida Administrative Code. Approved on Consent.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 13 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Engineering and Environmental Services Request for Qualifications. Leroy Marshall, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 15 – Task Work Assignment with WSP for Brooks Sink Phase II. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 - Amendment to Contract 19/20-107, Otter Springs On Site Treatment and Disposal Systems Improvements. Approved on Consent.

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Agenda Item No. 19 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Melonnuco, LLC., Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 20 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Communications Update. Mr. Roberts provided this update to the Board.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 22 – Land Management Update. This update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials. Lorna Ratliff, Chief, Office of Land Management, updated the Board on the Land Management Review Team tour.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, corrected the spreadsheet regarding the Johnny Taylor Property in Gilchrist County. The owner has not withdrawn his offer to the District.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Suwannee Bicycle Association Proclamation. Mrs. Radcliff presented this item to the Board.

Dale Nanny, Suwannee Bicycle Association, provided comments to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SESSION, SECONDED BY KEITH 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

Agenda Item No. 26 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 27 – Cherry Lake MFL Update. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this update to the Board.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 28 – 2024 Suwannee River Basin Surface Water Improvement and Management Plan Update. Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 29 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities. Mr. Thomas requested the Audit Committee also serve on the Auditor Selection Committee including Mr. Sessions as a member of the Auditor Selection Committee.

The Auditor Selection Committee includes Johns, Keith, Schwab, Lloyd, and Sessions.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 31 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOPS**

Workshop began at 10:47 a.m.

Auditor Selection Responsibilities Discussion

Sam McCall, District Inspector General, provided Auditor Selection Committee training to our Board members.

The Auditor Selection Committee includes Mrs. Johns, Mr. Keith, Mr. Schwab, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Sessions.

Workshop adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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April 9, 2024
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:26 a.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Virginia Johns		X
Charles Keith	X	
Richard Schwab	X	
William Lloyd	X	

Vice-Chair Schwab conducted the Audit Committee Meeting with the absence of Chair Johns. Board Members Thompson, Smith, and Sessions also attended the Audit Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment: None

Discussion Items

3. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Administration, introduced Brad Hough, Powell and Jones, CPA, to present the Financial Audit to the Committee for acceptance. Mrs. Shaw requested acceptance of the Audit by the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Announcements. None
5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: May 3, 2024
RE: Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition

RECOMMENDATION

Declare the attached lists of property items as surplus and authorize staff to dispose of these property items in the most cost-effective means as authorized by Chapter 274.05, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND

Due to several factors, which include changes in technology, equipment compatibility concerns, high maintenance costs, and wear and tear over time, various property items owned by the District become functionally obsolete each year. Chapter 274.05 and/or 274.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.), recognizes that property items become functionally obsolete and provides a process for declaring property items as surplus and ok disposition of this surplus property.

This recommendation authorizes staff to dispose of the attached surplus property items by either trading them when new items are purchased, offering them to other governmental units in the District, offering the property to private nonprofit agencies as defined in section 273.01(3) F.S., by auction, or disposing as scrap.

Any remaining electronic equipment will be properly recycled using A1 Assets, a recognized company by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to properly recycle equipment. All computer drives are wiped and re-installed with no data or operating systems present.

BG/tm
Attachment

CERTIFICATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date _____

District property described below has been identified as surplus and is recommended to be disposed of and removed from the District inventory.

Asset #	Description	Serial Number	Age	Cost New	Reason for Determination of Surplus	Current Estimated Value (vehicle only)	Method of Disposal (Transfer/ Sell/Scrap/ Trade In)	Received by
2703	DESK 30X66 W/RETURN & CREDENZA	N/A	21 Yrs	\$1,022.06	End of Life		Scrap	

Acquisition and disposal of property is the responsibility of the District's Property Administrator under the direct supervision of the Office of Administration Chief. The Governing Board must authorize any sale, transfer, exchange, trade in or any other means of disposal of all surplus property.

Recommended By: _____

Approved By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Disposed of through approved means.

Property Administrator

Office of Administration Chief

CERTIFICATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date:

District property described below has been identified as surplus and is recommended to be disposed of and removed from the District inventory.

Asset #	Description	Serial Number	Age	Cost New	Reason for Determination of Surplus	Current Estimated Value (vehicle only)	Method of Disposal (Transfer/Sell/Scrap/Trade In)	Received by
2646	HONDA EM 500SX GENERATOR	ALN3131	22 Yrs	\$2,163.02	End of Life		Donated	
3296	PRESSURE TRANSDUCER (LEVEL SENSOR) SDI12, 0-10M	341366	10 Yrs	\$1,537.58	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	
3395	Aqua TROLL 200 Level Sensor, cables, filters, antifouling kit Aquatroll	392180	9 Yrs	\$2,939.21	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	
3399	Aqua TROLL 100 Level Sensor, cables, filters, antifouling kit Aquatroll	398384	9 Yrs	\$2,243.21	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	
3400	Aqua TROLL 100 Level Sensor, cables, filters, antifouling kit Aquatroll	395992	9 Yrs	\$2,243.21	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	
3401	Aqua TROLL 100 Level Sensor, cables, filters, antifouling kit Aquatroll	398774	9 Yrs	\$2,243.21	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	
3402	Aqua TROLL 100 Level Sensor, cables, filters, antifouling kit Aquatroll	395984	9 Yrs	\$2,243.21	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	
3403	RDI ChannelMaster 600 MkHz Horizontal	22732	9 Yrs	\$11,747.96	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	
3404	RDI ChannelMaster 600 MkHz Horizontal	22733	9 Yrs	\$11,747.95	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	
3410	Ott Pressure Level Sensor SDI12	365019	9 Yrs	\$1,369.63	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	

3413	Ott Pressure Level Sensor SDI12	353562	9 Yrs	\$1,394.23	End of Life		Scrap – Missing Asset Tag	
3648	OTT PLS-C, SDI-12, 10 M Part #63.038.001.9051, Connection Box, PLS Probe Cable 20 Meter	427609	6 Yrs	\$2,121.79	No Longer Works		Scrap –	

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Approved By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

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Property Administrator

Office of Administration Chief

CERTIFICATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date:

District property described below has been identified as surplus and is recommended to be disposed of and removed from the District inventory.

Asset #	Description	Serial Number	Age	Cost New	Reason for Determination of Surplus	Current Estimated Value (vehicle only)	Method of Disposal (Transfer/Sell/Scrap/ Trade In)	Received by
2515	ELECTRIC START GENERATOR	EM5000SXK1	24 Yrs	\$2,284.46	End of Life		Donated	
3428	Exo Optical DO Probe Ti	15B100552	9 Yrs	\$1,960.00	End of Life Unable to Locate Since 2021		Disposed – Missing Asset Tag	
3452	Exo 66 Meter Flying Lead Cable	N/A	9 Yrs	\$1,680.00	End of Life		Deployed in field – No Asset Tag	
3453	Exo 66 Meter Flying Lead Cable	N/A	9 Yrs	\$1,680.00	End of Life		Deployed in field – No Asset Tag	
3454	Exo 66 Meter Flying Lead Cable	N/A	9 Yrs	\$1,680.00	End of Life		Deployed in field – No Asset Tag	
3455	Exo 66 Meter Flying Lead Cable	N/A	9 Yrs	\$1,680.00	End of Life		Deployed in field – No Asset Tag	
3456	Exo 66 Meter Flying Lead Cable	N/A	9 Yrs	\$1,680.00	End of Life		Deployed in field – No Asset Tag	
3457	Exo 66 Meter Flying Lead Cable	N/A	9 Yrs	\$1,680.00	End of Life		Deployed in field – No Asset Tag	
3515	SUNA v2 submersible ultraviolet nitrate analyzer, internal logging option, 60-meter deployment cable, factory option calibration	607	10 Yrs	\$6,660.00	Lost in Shipping July 2022 – Insurance Claim for Lost Asset		Lost in Shipping – No Asset Tag	

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Recommended By: _____

Approved By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Disposed of through approved means.

Property Administrator

Office of Administration Chief

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration

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

DATE: May 3, 2024

RE: Amendment to Contract 22/23-158 with 3D Land and Farm, LLC, Alachua County

RECOMMENDATION

Amend Contract 22/23-158 with 3D Land and Farm, LLC for additional agricultural cost-share funding of \$128,200 for an amended amount not to exceed \$149,040.

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 (BMPs). BMPs help farmers conserve water and improve water quality in the District.

3D Land and Farm, LLC has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District Agricultural Cost-Share Program for a project in Alachua County. The original contract was approved by the Executive Director on September 20, 2023, and contained soil moisture probes and soil moisture probe service agreements. This first amendment is to implement portable fertigation systems, grid soil sampling, and side dressing equipment for use across 1,363 acres of watermelons, blueberries, and cover crops for an amendment cost not to exceed \$128,200 and a total contract amount not to exceed \$149,040. There are two different funding sources that will be used to execute this contract. The amount allocated by each funding source will not exceed \$300,000.

This project is located in the Santa Fe Basin Management Action Plan, and Eastern Water Supply Planning Areas and the Devil's Ear Priority Focus Area. The associated reduction is 47,705 pounds of nitrogen to land surface.

Attachment A lists the amended cost share item and funding breakdown. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget.

SA/tm
Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

PRODUCER 3D Land & Farms
 WATER USE PERMIT 220599, 220598, 219658, 218686, 215630
 BMAP SAFE
 PFA Devils Ear
 COUNTY Alachua

Reimbursable Rates for Cost-Share Equipment and Precision Agriculture Practices

Item	Percent Cost-Share	Maximum Cost-Share per Unit	Producer quote per Unit if provided	No. of Units	Estimated Cost-Share Total	Producer Share	Completion Due Date
LPS0087 Program Agricultural Springs Protection					\$24,000.00		
GBD Portable Fertigation System	75%	\$12,000.00		2	\$24,000.00	\$8,000.00	1 year from effective date
LP6103K Program Precision Ag					\$104,200.00		
Side Dressing Equip.	75%	\$50,000.00		2	\$100,000.00	\$33,333.33	1 year from effective date
Grid Soil Sampling with VRNA	75%	\$7.00		600	\$4,200.00	\$1,399.98	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

Estimated PRODUCER Funds \$42,733.31

DEP Funding \$128,200.00

Amendment Amount \$128,200.00

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

Fertigation Tank System

A fertigation tank system allows the producer to apply fertilizer through their existing irrigation infrastructure. The fertigation system should include a chemical storage tank, injector pump, safety valves, backflow prevention, trailer (for portable units) and associated plumbing. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.

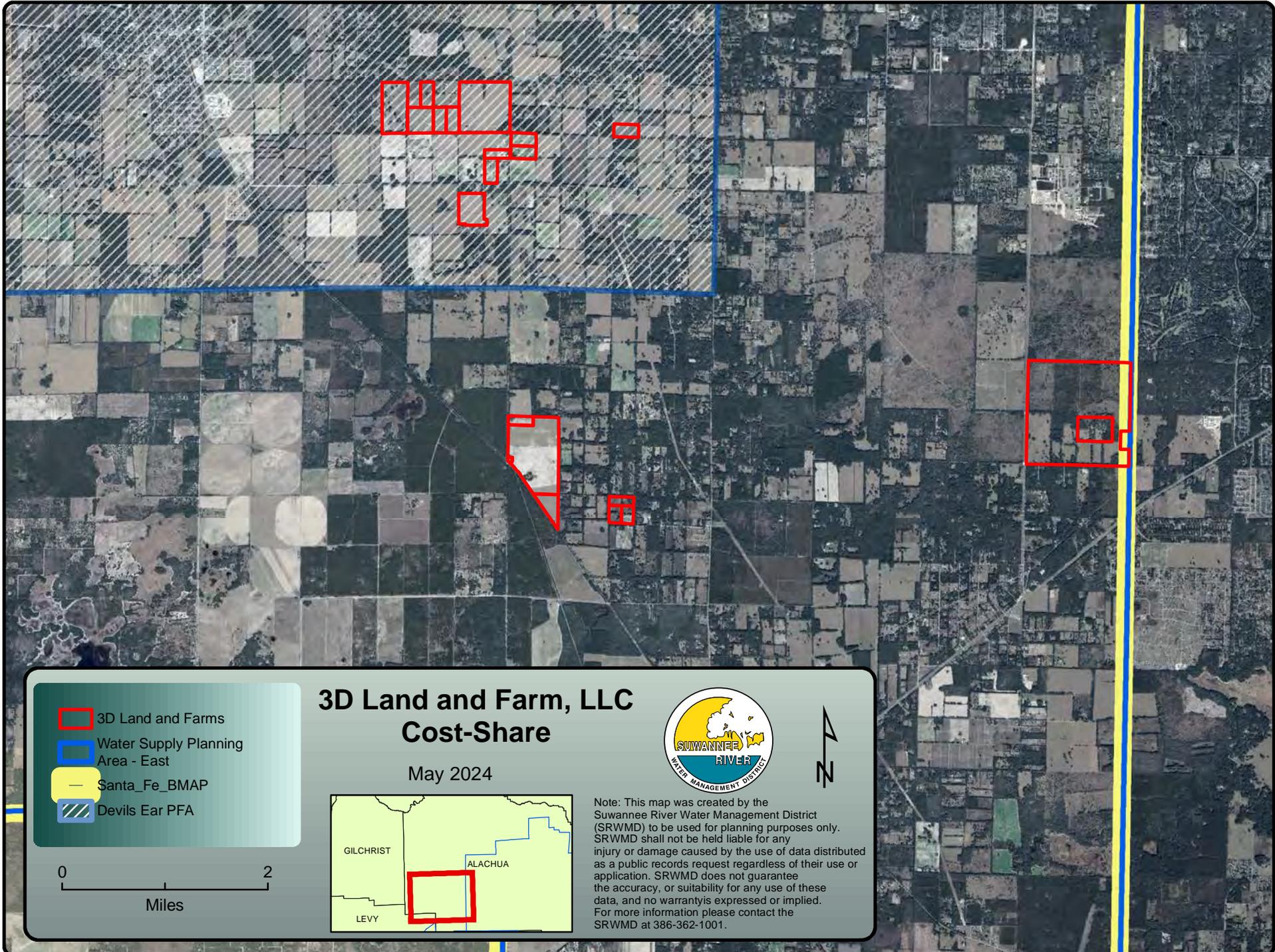
Grid Soil Sampling

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.

ATTACHMENT A

Side Dressing Equipment

Side dressing equipment allows growers to apply nutrients at an optimum placement in the field, either directly in the crop row or banded alongside the crop row, resulting in an overall reduction in nutrient application. This practice assists growers in placing the right source and amount at the right time and place. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$50,000 per implement unless otherwise agreed to by the District. The District must pre-approve equipment to be purchased. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document equipment. For this item, one unit is one piece of side dressing equipment. The \$100,000 per year maximum is waived in the event an implement exceeds that cost.



-  3D Land and Farms
-  Water Supply Planning Area - East
-  Santa_Fe_BMAP
-  Devils Ear PFA

3D Land and Farm, LLC Cost-Share

May 2024



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance

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

DATE: May 3, 2024

RE: March 2023 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the March 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
March 2024**

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Interest Rate %	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$15.70		\$515.70
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$56.22		\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00		\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$945.38		\$701,182.80
First Federal ICS Custodian Account	\$58,950.14		\$16,825,672.19
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$64,453.94</u>	3.24%	<u>\$23,486,385.79</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$124,421.38</u></u>		<u><u>\$41,048,756.48</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 March 31, 2024
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 3/31/2024	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 6,889,956	\$ 6,151,089	\$ (738,867)	89.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 51,272,469	\$ 6,576,224	\$ (44,696,245)	12.8%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 539,187	\$ 409,187	414.8%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 223,000	\$ 184,777	\$ (38,223)	82.9%
Other	\$ 1,390,000	\$ 728,306	\$ (661,694)	52.4%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 11,728,665	\$ 1,237,538	\$ (10,491,127)	10.6%
Total Sources	\$ 71,634,090	\$ 15,417,122	\$ (56,216,968)	21.5%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 12,182,776	\$ 2,777,501	\$ 5,367,528	\$ 4,037,748	23%	67%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 46,444,966	\$ 5,795,663	\$ 35,167,389	\$ 5,481,914	12%	88%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 8,457,072	\$ 2,252,017	\$ 2,904,558	\$ 3,300,497	27%	61%
Regulation	\$ 2,368,342	\$ 799,350	\$ 74,326	\$ 1,494,666	34%	37%
Outreach	\$ 227,719	\$ 129,206	\$ 4,058	\$ 94,455	57%	59%
Management and Administration	\$ 1,953,215	\$ 858,300	\$ 151,832	\$ 943,083	44%	52%
Total Uses	\$ 71,634,090	\$ 12,612,036	\$ 43,669,692	\$ 15,352,362	18%	79%

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 March 31, 2024 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 3/31/2024

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>Report Recap -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	7,603,359	0	8,632,956
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	6,121,817	0	35,994,469
FEDERAL REVENUES	454,408	0	15,278,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	1,237,538	0	11,728,665
TOTAL REVENUES	15,417,122	0	71,634,090
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	3,501,404	0	8,426,206
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,071,655	13,830,641	26,544,876
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	857,479	252,214	2,334,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	110,128	51,609	343,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,033,421	1,139,288	5,816,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	2,037,949	27,395,940	28,169,464
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,612,036	42,669,692	71,634,090
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	2,805,086	(42,669,692)	0
<u>General Fund -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	6,870,527	0	5,135,254
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,551,516	0	4,740,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	3,066,077
TOTAL REVENUES	9,422,043	0	12,941,331
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,713,486	0	6,482,354
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	249,470	813,787	4,019,204
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	555,105	133,783	1,452,457
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	91,383	50,913	226,816
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	94,600	478,659	760,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,704,044	1,477,142	12,941,331
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	5,717,999	(1,477,142)	0
<u>Land Management Operations -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	639,721	0	2,707,020
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	266,049	0	3,691,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	40,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	2,253,933
TOTAL REVENUES	905,770	0	8,692,072
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	417,770	0	1,081,015
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,387,136	1,273,263	3,914,672
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	293,697	114,757	807,543
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	18,745	696	116,228
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	157,898	905,616	1,816,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	18,196	563,418	956,614
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,293,442	2,857,750	8,692,072
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,387,672) *	(2,857,750)	0

* To be covered by State and District Revenue

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 3/31/2024

	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	371,890	0	3,820,000
TOTAL REVENUES	371,890	0	3,820,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	110,436	584,036	1,300,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	261,454	1,133,224	2,490,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	371,890	1,717,260	3,820,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(1,717,260)	0
<u>State Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	93,111	0	790,682
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	3,304,253	0	27,563,350
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	865,647	0	2,588,655
TOTAL REVENUES	4,263,011	0	30,942,687
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	369,244	0	846,837
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,911,909	6,688,618	12,624,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	5,559	3,674	36,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	875,524	233,672	4,000,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,445,564	12,074,540	13,435,350
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,607,800	19,000,504	30,942,687
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,344,789) *	(19,000,504)	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	454,408	0	15,238,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	454,408	0	15,238,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	903	0	16,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	412,704	4,470,936	4,687,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	3,119	0	8,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	218,135	13,146,100	10,527,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	634,861	17,617,036	15,238,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(180,453) *	(17,617,036)	0
<i>*To be reimbursed by Federal Grants</i>			

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: May 3, 2024
RE: Payment in Lieu of Taxes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Payment in Lieu of Taxes in the amount of \$361,214.73.

BACKGROUND

In order to offset the effect on the tax rolls of the small counties from public acquisition of land, the Florida Legislature enacted the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program (PILT) in 1992. Each year, the District works with county commissions and staff to prepare applications for properties purchased or sold during the previous calendar year. The payment for a particular parcel is equal to the average of the actual taxes paid for the three years prior to the District's acquisition of the property. The reimbursement amount is only calculated one time, and that payment is paid for as long as the District owns the property, and for so long as the county qualifies for PILT. All counties within the District that have an estimated population of 150,000 or fewer as of April 1 annually qualify for PILT. Population levels shall be determined pursuant to 186.901 Florida Statute.

PILT only applies to fee simple properties owned by the District. Unless otherwise exempted, landowners continue to pay the taxes for lands on which the District holds conservation easements, and the parcels are still reassessed on a regular basis by the property appraiser's office. Once the tax information is obtained from the counties, the acquired property information is sent to the Florida Department of Revenue for certification.

For the 2023 tax year, twelve (12) counties applied for PILT for a total of \$361,214.73. The reimbursement amounts for each county are shown in Attachment A. The state appropriated \$352,909 for the District for PILT. The balance will be paid from Ad Valorem revenues. The District's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget includes \$360,000 for PILT under code 13-6930-6-3100-99.

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Attachment

ATTACHMENT A

TAX YEAR 2023 SCHEDULE FOR
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR FY24

BRADFORD	\$	20,911.70
COLUMBIA	\$	37,269.71
DIXIE	\$	20,965.17
GILCHRIST	\$	58,509.48
HAMILTON	\$	37,347.46
JEFFERSON	\$	9,682.99
LAFAYETTE	\$	80,057.16
LEVY	\$	30,446.85
MADISON	\$	19,935.12
SUWANNEE	\$	28,647.08
TAYLOR	\$	16,609.30
UNION	\$	832.71
TOTAL	\$	361,214.73

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance

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

DATE: May 3, 2024

RE: Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Audit Committee recommendation to accept the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit Report from Powell and Jones, CPAs.

BACKGROUND

Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants, has prepared the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit Report. Staff provided support to Powell and Jones during the preparation of the report. This report:

1. Contains the District's financial statements and accompanying notes and schedules.
2. Reflects the financial activities for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
3. Contains the Auditor's opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of September 30, 2023; and
4. Contains no findings.

On April 9, 2024, Brad Hough, from Powell and Jones, CPAs, presented the report to the Audit Committee and the committee voted to accept the report.

To view a copy of the audit, visit the District's website or click here

<https://www.mysuwanneeriver.com/DocumentCenter/View/19116/SRWMD---FY-2022-2023---Financial-Audit-Report>.

PS/tm

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Office

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

DATE: May 3, 2024

RE: Resolution 2024-03, Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Amendment Number 2024-01

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2024-03 to adopt Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Amendment Number 2024-01.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the requirements of s. 373.536(4)(c), Florida Statutes, if the district receives unanticipated funds after the adoption of the final budget, the final budget may be amended, following review and approval by the Executive Office of the Governor, by including such funds, if notice of intention to amend is provided to the Legislative Budget Commission and is published in the notice of the governing board meeting at which the amendment will be considered. This budget amendment was submitted to the Executive Office of the Governor for approval and was approved on April 18, 2024.

In December 2023, after the September 2023 approval of the District's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 budget, the Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) announced project selections for the Water Quality Improvement Grant Program. The FDEP awarded the District with an additional five million dollars towards the Sustainable Suwannee Nutrient Mitigation Project - LPS0082, executed July 1, 2022. The amendment, not yet executed but anticipated soon, was approved by the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) on January 11, 2024, through FDEP Division of Water Restoration Assistance. When the final budget for FY 2023-24 was adopted, the District was unaware of any anticipated awards from this program.

This amendment will increase state revenue and spending authority for contractual services by five million dollars in the State Revenue Special Revenue Fund within the 2.4 - Other Cooperative Project activity.

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Attachments



RON DESANTIS
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April 18, 2024

Mr. Hugh Thomas, Director
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, Florida 32060

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Pursuant to your request, Budget Amendment #1, dated April 12, 2024, and in accordance with section 373.536(4)(c), *Florida Statutes*, the Executive Office of the Governor hereby approves the amendment to your district's final budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 as requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandi Gunder".

Brandi Gunder, Deputy Director of Budget
Office of Policy and Budget

BG/ggh

cc: Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Administrative Services

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2024-03
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-24 BUDGET**

WHEREAS chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, require the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) to adopt a final budget for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 2023-07, after a public hearing on September 25, 2023, the Governing Board of the District adopted a final budget for the District covering its proposed operations and other requirements for the ensuing fiscal year, beginning October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Governing Board via memorandum approved Budget Amendment 2024-01 on May 14, 2024,

WHEREAS the Budget Amendment was submitted to the Executive Office of the Governor for approval pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and that approval has been received,

WHEREAS in accordance with section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes, the District will post the adopted amendment on its official website within five days after its adoption; and

WHEREAS a budget amendment involves an action that increases or decreases total appropriated Fund amounts in the Budget; and

WHEREAS pursuant to section 120.525, Florida Statutes, the District has provided notice of its intention to amend the Budget in the published notification of the Governing Board meeting at which the amendment was considered; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the District, that:

1. The Budget is hereby amended as summarized in the memorandum dated May 3, 2024 requesting Budget Amendment 2024-01.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

**VIRGINIA JOHNS, CHAIR
RICHARD SCHWAB, VICE-CHAIR
CHARLES KEITH, SECRETARY/TREASURER
WILLIAM LLOYD
LARRY SESSIONS
HARRY SMITH
LARRY K. THOMPSON**

ATTEST:

Suwannee River Water Management District

Amended Budget FY 2023 - 2024	TOTAL BUDGET - ADOPTED	TOTAL BUDGET - AMENDED	GENERAL FUND	LAND MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DISTRICT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - ADOPTED	AMENDMENT 2024-01	STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - AMENDED	FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - AMENDED
Revenues										
District Revenue	\$ 8,632,956	\$ 8,632,956	\$ 5,135,254	\$ 2,707,020	\$ -	\$ 790,682	\$ -	\$ 790,682	\$ -	\$ 3,497,702
Local Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Revenue	35,994,469	40,994,469	4,740,000	3,691,119	-	27,563,350	5,000,000	32,563,350	-	36,254,469
Federal Revenue	15,278,000	15,278,000	-	40,000	-	-	-	-	15,238,000	15,278,000
Total Revenues	\$ 59,905,425	\$ 64,905,425	\$ 9,875,254	\$ 6,438,139	\$ -	\$ 28,354,032	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 33,354,032	\$ 15,238,000	\$ 55,030,171
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance Utilization	11,728,665	11,728,665	3,066,077	2,253,933	3,820,000	2,588,655	-	2,588,655	-	8,662,588
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	\$ 71,634,090	\$ 76,634,090	\$ 12,941,331	\$ 8,692,072	\$ 3,820,000	\$ 30,942,687	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 35,942,687	\$ 15,238,000	\$ 63,692,759
Expenditures										
Salaries & Benefits	8,426,206	8,426,206	6,482,354	1,081,015	-	846,837	-	846,837	16,000	1,943,852
Contractual Services	26,544,876	31,544,876	4,019,204	3,914,672	1,300,000	12,624,000	5,000,000	17,624,000	4,687,000	27,525,672
Operating Expenditures	2,334,500	2,334,500	1,452,457	807,543	30,000	36,500	-	36,500	8,000	882,043
Operating Capital Outlay	343,044	343,044	226,816	116,228	-	-	-	-	-	116,228
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,816,000	5,816,000	-	1,816,000	-	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-	5,816,000
Interagency Expenditures	28,169,464	28,169,464	760,500	956,614	2,490,000	13,435,350	-	13,435,350	10,527,000	27,408,964
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 71,634,090	\$ 76,634,090	\$ 12,941,331	\$ 8,692,072	\$ 3,820,000	\$ 30,942,687	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 35,942,687	\$ 15,238,000	\$ 63,692,759

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Kelly Wooley, HR Specialist, Office of Human Resources

THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
Lisa Cheshire, Chief, Office of Human Resources

DATE: April 30, 2024

RE: Administration of Paid Parental Leave Following the Birth or Adoption of a Child

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Paid Parental Leave following the Birth or Adoption of a Child Policy and update to the District Employee Procedures Manual.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Rule 60L-34.00421, Florida Administrative Code, Paid Parental Leave Following the Birth or Adoption of a Child, Governor Ron DeSantis expanded maternity and family leave for state employees in the September 18, 2023, meeting of the Governor and Cabinet.

The purpose of this rule, is to provide paid parental leave to all qualifying employees in an attempt to increase employee retention, attract and retain new talent, as well as increase productivity and improve employee morale.

As of December 11, 2023, eligible employees will receive paid parental leave for births or adoptions occurring on or after the effective date. This leave enables mothers time to recover after the birth of a child and allow both the mother and father the opportunity to care for and bond with their newborn or newly adopted child and adapt to changing family dynamics without the financial worry of lost wages.

Specifically, the leave benefits provide seven consecutive weeks of paid maternity leave for the mother's recovery immediately following the birth of a child and two weeks of paid parental leave to mothers and fathers (birth or adoptive) to care for and bond with a new child within the first 12 months of the birth or adoption. This benefit is over and above existing leave policies.

To be eligible for these benefits, an employee shall have one year of cumulative service in the last seven years and 1,250 hours worked in the 12-month period preceding the first date of leave. Only births or adoptions occurring on or after May 1, 2024, qualify for the paid parental leave benefits contained in this policy. These benefits are not retroactive.

All water management districts are working to provide this benefit to their employees, and our staff have been working with St. Johns River Water Management (SJRWMD) in the creation of the policy and benefit which mimics the State and their policy. SJRWMD policy and process has been approved by their Governing Board and went into effect on April 1, 2024.

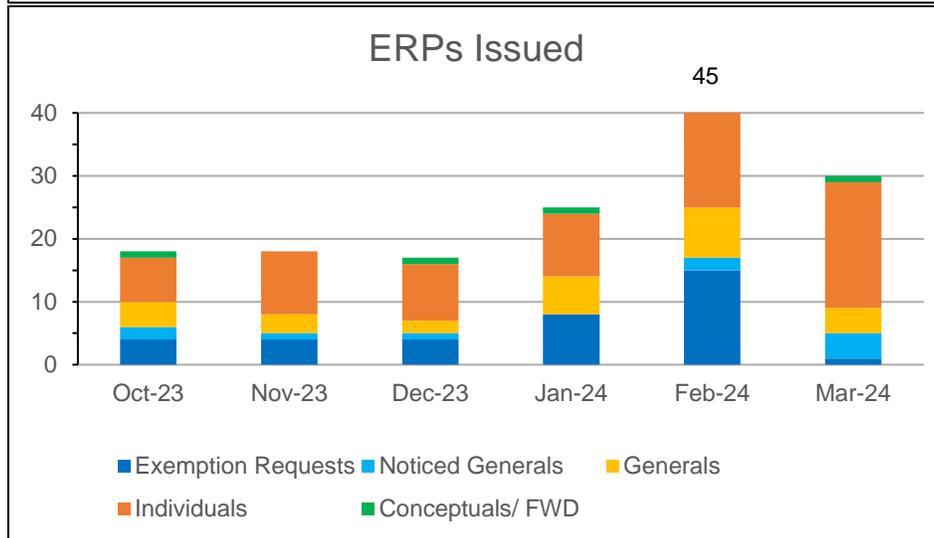
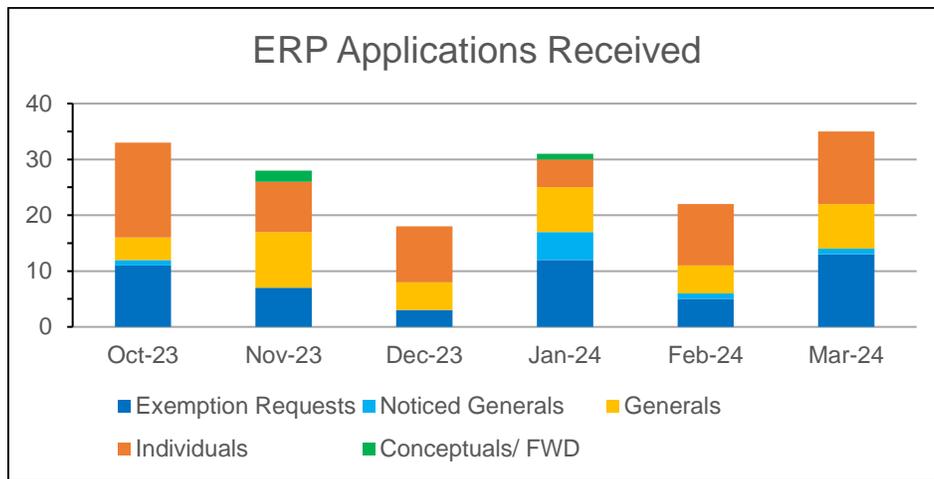
This policy will be added to the attendance and leave section of the procedures manual with an effective date of May 1, 2024, once approved.

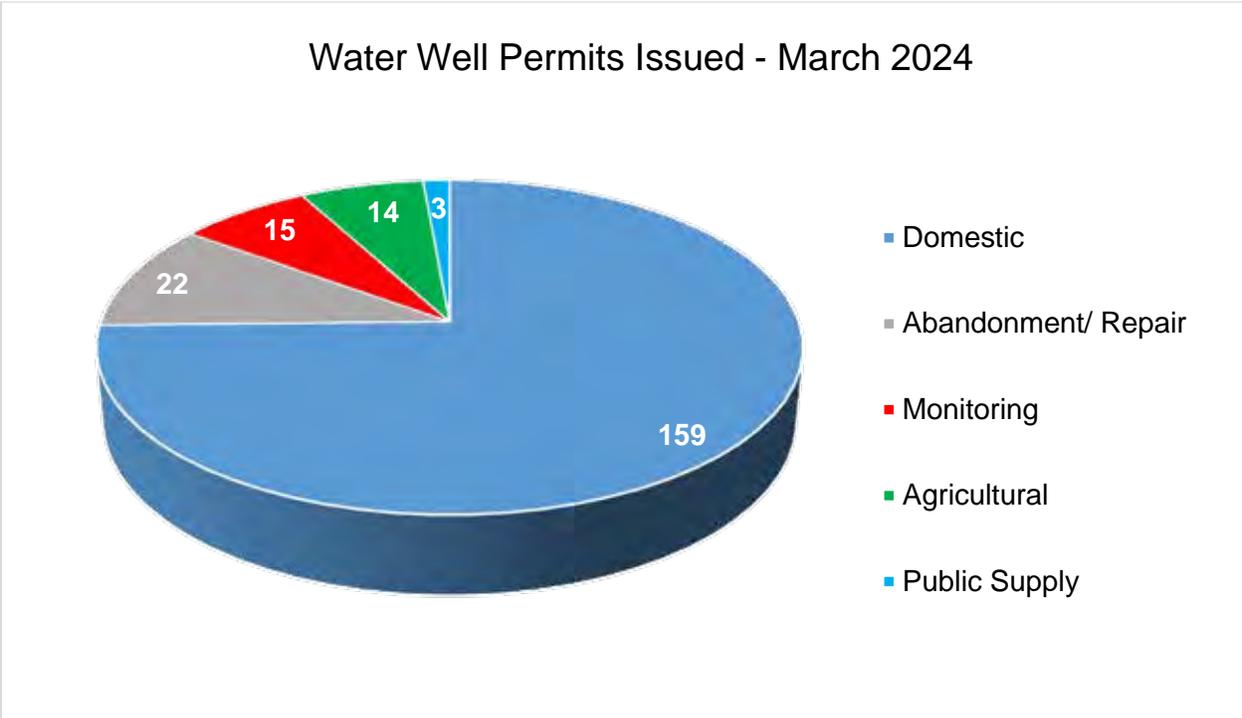
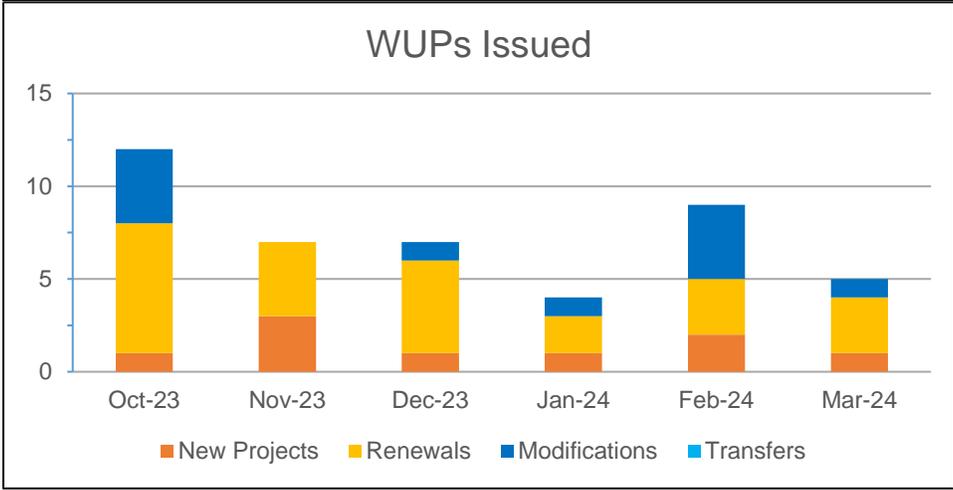
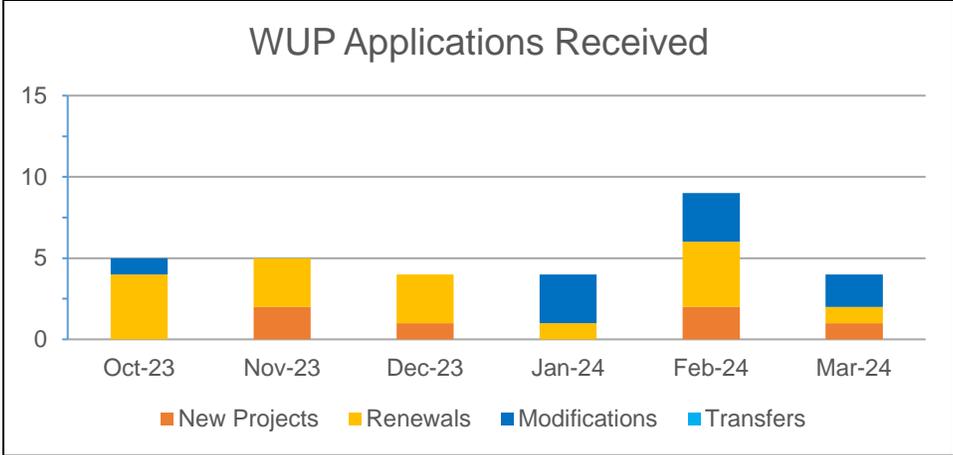
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management and Projects Division
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: May 3, 2024
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 Statewide FDEP Stormwater

GB Authorized Rulemaking	11/14/2023
Notice of Rule Development	12/15/2023
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	1/3/2024
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	2/7/2024
Effective Date	Ratification

40B-4.1020 Definitions

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/9/2024
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-4.1090 Docs Incorporated by Ref

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/9/2024
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-4.3010 WOD Permits

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/9/2024
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-4.3030 WOD Cond for Issuance

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/9/2024
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

ERP/ WUP Compliance Agreements:

152004 Trulieve Jefferson County – stormwater system

152735 Joe Anderson, Taylor County – wetlands dredge and fill

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management and Projects Division

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

DATE: May 3, 2024

RE: Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Attached for your information is the Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report.

LMII/tm
Attachment

Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Period ending March 31, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	30	\$ 33,541,553
Completed within the last 6 months	11	\$ 4,742,423
Totals	41	\$ 38,283,976

AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	117	\$ 11,229,696
Completed within the last 6 months	18	\$ 784,446
Totals	135	\$ 12,014,142

FLOOD RISK OUTREACH AND MAPPING PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Number of Contracts (TWAs)	12	\$ 6,880,106
Completed within the last 6 months	1	\$ 790,500
Totals	13	\$ 7,670,606
TOTAL CONTRACTS / TWAs	189	\$ 57,968,724

AEP APPLICATIONS	
	Number of Projects
Agriculture Applications under review	37
AWS and Springs	16
Conceptual Projects under review	13
Projects in Queue	4
TOTAL	70

AEP FUNDING SOURCES		
	Number of Grants	Grant amount provided
District	3	\$ 10,461,592
FDEP	36	\$ 58,683,926
Federal through FDEP	5	\$ 14,600,000
Federal (CTP Program)	7	\$ 11,359,417
Cooperator Match	-	\$ 12,666,986
TOTAL	51	\$ 107,771,921

FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CTP	Cooperating Technical Partner (FEMA)
AEP	Agriculture and Environmental Projects
TWA	Task Work Order
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management and Projects Division

THRU: Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 3, 2024,

RE: Alternative Water Supply Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to submit all Alternative Water Supply Funding project applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

BACKGROUND

In June of 2020, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) issued a memorandum formalizing the project selection process for Alternative Water Supply (AWS) funding. Subsequently, the District conducted a transparent and public process to select Fiscal Year 2024-2025 AWS project proposals based on that guidance. The solicitation process consisted of outreach through emails and posting funding information to the District website. Staff also offered one-on-one project feedback prior to submission.

The District received seven applications which have been posted on the District website and will be submitted to FDEP for review. Staff recommends five of the seven projects totaling \$130 million. The recommended projects consist of three District projects, one local government project and one water and wastewater Cooperative.

Staff project recommendations are consistent with the FDEP guidance on AWS funding. The FDEP AWS project submittal spreadsheet and a map showing the project locations are attached.

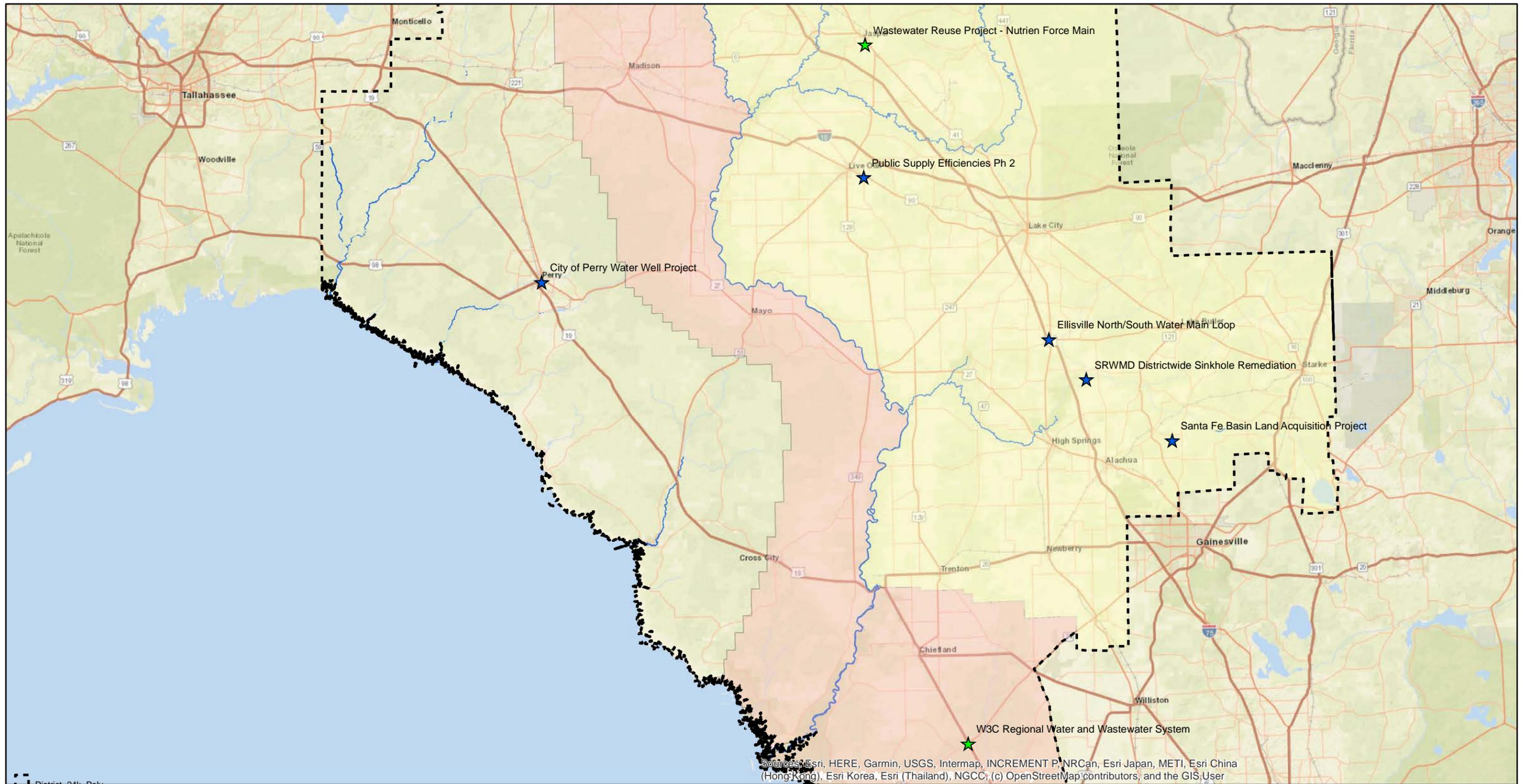
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SRWMD FY 2024 2025 PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY FUNDING REQUESTS TO DEP

R A N K	I. Contact Information			II. Project Information										III. Water Quantity				
	Water Management District Name	Cooperating Entity	WMD Project Manager Name, Phone and Email (if applicable)	DEP Unique ID	Waterbody Most Benefited (If aquifer, additionally name surface waterbodies benefited)	Project Name	County	Project Location - Latitude of project	Project Location - Longitude of project	Project Type	Project Sub-Type (Construction, Feasibility Study, Conservation Program, Agricultural Cost-Share Program)	Project description	Project Status	Project Status %	Regional Water Supply Planning Area	Is the Project Listed in a Recovery/Prevention Strategy or Identified in a Regional Water Supply Plan as Benefiting an MFL? - If so, name MFL Waterbody	Quantity of Water Made Available within 2 years of construction (programmatic implementation) completion for phase identified (MGD)	Quantity of Water Made Available when project is completely built out and fully online (MGD)
1	SRWMD	SRWMD	Kris Eskelin, 386.362.0446, kke@SRWMD.org	SRWS00111A	Lower Santa Fe River	3361-Santa Fe Basin Land Acquisition and Recharge	Districtwide	29.830968	-82.364515	Groundwater Recharge (not including ASR or reclaimed water)	Land Acquisition	Land acquisition to provide storage and recharge for the MFLs of the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers through diversion of excess flows.	Design/Engineering	10	NFRWSP	Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers	0.339	1.4
2	SRWMD	SRWMD	Kris Eskelin, 386.362.0446, kke@SRWMD.org	SRWS00111A	Lower Santa Fe River	3341-Groundwater Augmentation through surficial features	Districtwide	29.936029	-82.528923	Stormwater	Stormwater	The Project will provide recharge to the Upper Floridan Aquifer to benefit the MFLs in the SRWMD, with priority focus on the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Regional Water Supply Planning Areas. This includes but is not limited to debris removal from karst features, enhanced capacity of surface water features, and management of stormwater and other high flow events.	Planning	30	NFRWSP	Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers	1	1
3	SRWMD	Municipalities and water supply entities	Kris Eskelin, 386.362.0446, kke@SRWMD.org	SRWS00140A	Lower Santa Fe River	3411-Public Supply Efficiencies Ph 2	Districtwide	30.28227	-82.95493	PS and CII Conservation	Water Conservation	Infrastructure and conservation improvements to reduce water loss based on water audits information or conservation measures.	Design/Engineering	10	NFRWSP	Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers	1	1
4	SRWMD	W3C	Kris Eskelin, 386.362.0446, kke@SRWMD.org		UFA, Waccasassa River, Cedar Key	3324-W3C Regional Water and Wastewater System	Levy	29.32685	-82.7685	Other Project Type	Wastewater Collection & Treatment	Develop regional potable water and wastewater facilities to meet the needs of Cedar Key, Otter Creek, Bronson and unserved areas of Levy County to water loss from reduced water treatment requirements and reduce nutrient impacts to coastal waters.	Planning	60	Western Water Supply Planning Area		0.13	TBD
5	SRWMD	Jasper, City of	Kris Eskelin, 386.362.0446, kke@SRWMD.org		Baisden Swamp / Tiger Creek	3322-Wastewater Reuse - Nutrien Force Main	Hamilton	30.5054	-82.9488	Reclaimed Water (for potable offset)	Reuse	Remove Jasper WWTF effluent disposal from Baisden Swamp and provide a combined discharge of reclaimed water to replace groundwater use by existing irrigation meter (and future customers) and to Nutrien settling ponds.	Design/Engineering	0	NFRWSP		0.006	0.6
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6	SRWMD	Perry, City of	Kris Eskelin, 386.362.0446, kke@SRWMD.org		UFA, Waldo, Carlton and Atlantic campground Springs	3325-City of Perry water well project	Taylor	30.1116	-83.5821	PS and CII Conservation	Water Conservation	Land acquisition to abandon 2 wells and relocate new well to provide better source due to existing contaminants.	Design/Engineering	0	Western Planning Region			
7	SRWMD	Columbia County	Kris Eskelin, 386.362.0446, kke@SRWMD.org		Ichetucknee Springs	3287-Ellisville North/South water main loop	Columbia	30.004347	-82.600059	PS and CII Conservation	Water Conservation	Looping of water main to reduce flushing, dead-end conditions, and provide continuity of service to customers.	Planning	10	NFRWSP		0.001	0.001

SRWMD FY 2024 2025 PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY FUNDING REQUESTS TO DEP

Project Name	Storage Capacity Created (MG)	Distribution / Transmission Capacity Created (MGD)	IV. Dual Benefit Projects - Water Quality			V. Land Acquisition	VI. Project Time and Cost						VII. Other		
			List the name of the BMAP that this project falls within, if applicable	TP Reduced (lbs/yr)	TN Reduced (lbs/yr)	Acres to be Acquired	Total Capital Costs	State Funding Requested	Cooperating Entity Match	WMD Match	Third Party Match	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated End Date	Financially Disadvantaged Community	Additional Information
3361-Santa Fe Basin Land Acquisition and Recharge	107		Santa Fe			300	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00				10/1/2024	9/30/2026		Feasibility study completed to evaluate recharge potential. Parcels have been identified subject to negotiation. This project is linked to the NFRWSP for SRWMD # 3034 Upper Santa Fe Stormwater Capture Project.
3341-Groundwater Augmentation through surficial features			Santa Fe				500,000.00	500,000.00				1/1/2025	12/31/2026		Vegetation and other debris has blocked flow and may exacerbate flooding events during storms in existing sinkholes. Removal of debris will allow an increase in recharge capacity in high flow events such as at Falling Creek sink and other karst features. Stormwater management may enhance recharge through additional surface water features having aquifer connections and provide flood protection. This project incorporates concepts from the SRWMD NFRWSP Project # 361.
3411-Public Supply Efficiencies Ph 2							2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00				1/1/2025	12/31/2027	Yes - REDI	Continuation of prior program (WS003) to assist financially disadvantaged communities to bring water loss below 10%. Entity match dependent on entity's financial ability. Program may include meter upgrades and other technology to assist in meeting efficiency targets and leak detection. This project supports the NFRWSP for SRWMD project # 305 Water Supply Infrastructure Improvements.
3324-W3C Regional Water and Wastewater System					1554	100	120,000,000.00	120,000,000.00				10/1/2024	12/31/2029	Yes - REDI/RAO	This project supports the goal of the Regional Water and Wastewater Authority Water to address challenges associated with water supply, wastewater treatment or collection and distribution systems for the City of Cedar Key, Town of Otter Creek, Town of Bronson and unincorporated areas of Levy County. It will address poor source water quality for the area west of Bronson and reduce nutrient loading for coastal ecosystems. Upon completion there may be potential reclaimed water flow that may be added to the estimated benefits. The water savings are based on reduced treatment for both Cedar Key and Otter Creek. Reduces coastal pumping that may contribute to saltwater intrusion. Relocation of coastal facilities improves resiliency. This project implements the Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Cooperative project listed in the Western Water Supply Plan, Appendix I, line 1.
3322-Wastewater Reuse - Nutrien Force Main		2.4			2742		4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00				10/1/2024	6/30/2026	Yes - REDI	Project will eliminate surface water discharge of TN and other pollutants into Tiger Creek and Baisden Swamp for consent order compliance.
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3325-City of Perry water well project						10	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	3,900,000.00			10/1/2024	10/1/2026	Yes - REDI	Entity match is for companion projects to improve filter system and water main replacement of asbestos piping, funded in SRF.
3287-Ellisville North/South water main loop							2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00				1/1/2025	12/1/2025	Yes - REDI	Utility flushes Approx. 50,000 gallons per month due to dead ends. Customers east of I-75 would not have water service if a line was under repair. Project requires additional development to include costs for permitting and jack and bore under I-75.

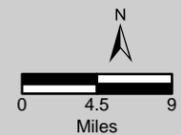


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- Water Supply Planning Area - East
- Water Supply Planning Area - West
- Major Rivers Polygon (USGS)

World Street Map



Alternative Water Supply Projects FY2024-25



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management and Projects Division

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

DATE: May 3, 2024

RE: Springs Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to submit all Springs Funding project applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

BACKGROUND

In March of 2019, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) issued a memorandum formalizing the project selection process for Springs Funding. Subsequently, the District conducted a transparent and public process to select Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Springs project proposals. The solicitation process consisted of outreach through emails and posting funding information to the District website. Staff also offered one-on-one project feedback prior to submission.

The District received 13 applications which have been posted on the District website and will be submitted to FDEP for review. Staff recommends eight of the 13 projects totaling \$66,255,984. The recommended projects consist of four local government projects and four projects to a non-profit organization.

Staff project recommendations are consistent with the FDEP guidance on Springs funding. The FDEP Springs project submittal spreadsheet and a map showing the project locations are attached.

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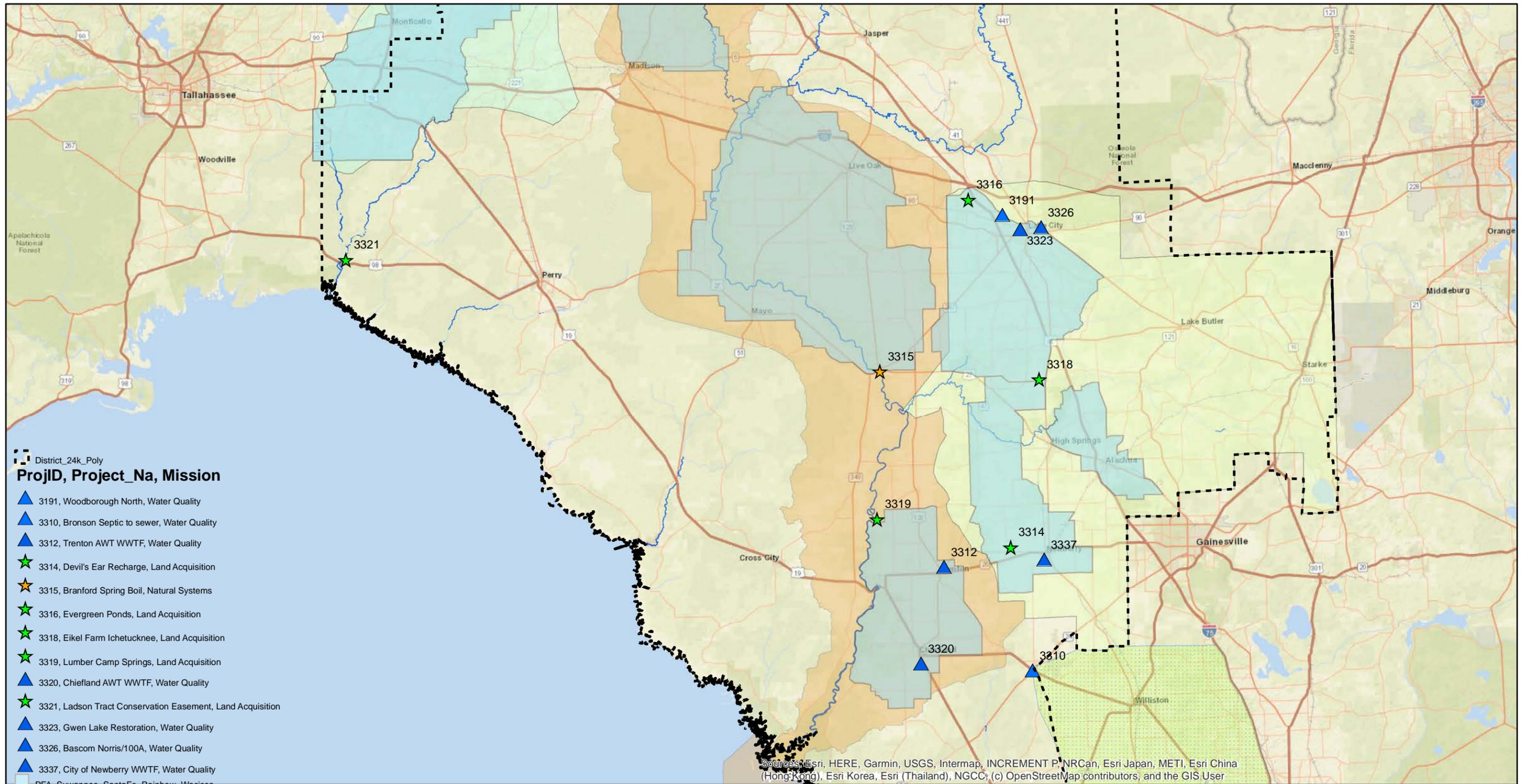
I. Contact Information					II. Spring Information								
#	Lead Water Management District Name	WMD Project Manager Name, Phone and Email	Local Government	Local Government Contact Name, Phone and Email	Spring Name	Does the Spring have an Impairment?	If Spring does have a BMAP, list the BMAP Name.	Does the Spring have an MFL, and, if so, is it in recovery or prevention?	Project Name	County	Project Location - Latitude of project	Project Location - Longitude of project	Project Type
1	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy	Shane Wellendorf, 850-508-5440, swell@talltimbers.org	Nutall Rise	No Impairment		MFL - Meeting	Ladson Tract Conservation Easement	Jefferson,Taylor	30.15151	-83.9621	Land Acquisition
2	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	Alachua Conservation Trust	Joanna Reilly-Brown, 352-373-1078, joanna@alachuaconservationtrust.org	Devil's Ear springshed, Ichetucknee PFA	BMAP or RAP	Santa Fe	MFL - Recovery	Eikel Farm Ichetucknee	Columbia	29.93755	-82.62065	Land Acquisition
3	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	Alachua Conservation Trust	Joanna Reilly-Brown, 352-373-1078, joanna@alachuaconservationtrust.org	Ichetucknee Springs	BMAP or RAP	Santa Fe	MFL - Recovery	Evergreen Ponds	Columbia	30.24187	-82.7521	Land Acquisition
4	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	Alachua Conservation Trust	Joanna Reilly-Brown, 352-373-1078, joanna@alachuaconservationtrust.org	Devil's Ear	BMAP or RAP	Santa Fe	MFL - Recovery	Devil's Ear Recharge	Gilchrist	29.65592	-82.6807	Land Acquisition
5	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	City of Newberry	Mike New,352-472-2161, Mnew@newberryfl.gov	Santa Fe River and Devil's Ear Complex Springshed	BMAP or RAP	Santa Fe	MFL - Recovery	City of Newberry Regional Water Quality Improvements	Alachua	29.635	-82.6166	Wastewater Collection & Treatment
6	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	City of Trenton	Lyle Wilkerson, 352-463-4000, citymanager@trentonflorida.org	Fanning Manatee	BMAP or RAP	Suwannee	MFL - Meeting	Trenton AWT WWTF Improvements	Gilchrist	29.6249	-82.81	Wastewater Collection & Treatment
7	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	Town of Bronson	Sue Beaudet, 352-486-2354, townmanager@townofbronson.org	Levy Blue Springs	BMAP or RAP	Rainbow	MFL - Meeting	Bronson Septic Tank Phase Out Project, Phase 3	Levy	29.44781	-82.6423	Wastewater Collection & Treatment
8	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	City of Lake City	Demetrius 'Dee' Johnson, (386) 719-5816, JohnsonD@lcfla.com	Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Springs	BMAP or RAP	Santa Fe	MFL - Recovery	Bascom Norris/100A Septic to Sewer Project	Columbia	30.19424	-82.6121	Wastewater Collection & Treatment
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9	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	City of Lake City	Demetrius 'Dee' Johnson, (386) 719-5816, JohnsonD@lcfla.com	Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Springs	BMAP or RAP	Santa Fe	MFL - Recovery	Woodborough North Septic to Sewer Conversion	Columbia	30.21568	-82.6869	Wastewater Collection & Treatment
10	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	City of Lake City	Demetrius 'Dee' Johnson, (386) 719-5816, JohnsonD@lcfla.com	Ichetucknee Springs	BMAP or RAP	Santa Fe	MFL - Recovery	Gwen Lake Restoration	Columbia	30.19113	-82.6525	Other Water Quality
11	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	City of Chiefland	Laura Cain, (352)-493-6711, Laura@chieflandfla.com	Manatee Spring; Fanning Springs	BMAP or RAP	Suwannee	MFL - Meeting	Chiefland AWT WWTF Expansion & Upgrade	Levy	29.46215	-82.8567	Wastewater Collection & Treatment
12	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	Town of Branford	Ken Saunders, 386-935-1146, KSaunders@TownofBranford.net	Branford Spring	BMAP or RAP	Suwannee	No MFL	Branford Spring Boil Restoration & Bank Stabilization	Suwannee	29.95498	-82.9286	Other Water Quality
13	SRWMD	Kris Eskelln, 386-362-0446, kke@SRWMD.org	Alachua Conservation Trust	Joanna Reilly-Brown, 352-373-1078, joanna@alachuaconservationtrust.org	Lumber Camp Spring, Fanning Manatee	BMAP or RAP	Suwannee	No MFL	Lumber Camp Springs	Gilchrist	29.70654	-82.93824	Land Acquisition

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III. Project Information						IV. Water Quality				V. Water Quantity	
Project Name	Project description	Is the Project Listed in a BMAP (or Annual Update)?	If Project is in BMAP, list the BMAP Project Number and Name	Is the Project Listed in a Recovery/Prevention Strategy or Identified in a Regional Water Supply Plan as Benefitting an MFL?	If the Project is in a Regional Water Supply Plan, list the project Number and Name	Does this Project Have Water Quality Benefits?	N Reduced (lbs/yr)	Number of Septic Tanks to be Eliminated with this project (Septic to Sewer)	Number of Potential Septic Tank Abandonments that this project will allow for in the future	Does this Project Have Water Quantity Benefits?	Quantity of Water Made Available (MGD)
Ladson Tract Conservation Easement	Purchase a conservation easement on the 1,834-acre Ladson Tract to be held by Tall Timbers. The project will protect surface waters critical to Nuttall Rise, a first-magnitude spring, and 1.8 and 2.4 miles of the Wacissa and Aucilla Rivers.	No		No		Yes	593			Yes	0.02
Eikel Farm Ichetucknee	Less than fee acquisition of approx. 179 acres in Ichetucknee PFA. Cost share of 50% CE secured from NRCS Surface to Springs RCPP. SRWMD is partner on S2S RCPP which seeks to permanently protect and manage private land to benefit water and wildlife.	No		No		No				No	
Evergreen Ponds	Less-than-fee acquisition of approx. 451 acres of high recharge soils and managed pasture in Ichetucknee PFA. Cost share for 50% of easement value secured from NRCS. Easement will be drafted with NRCS to emphasize water resource protection.	No		No		No				No	
Devil's Ear Recharge	Less than fee acquisition of approx. 355 acres of high recharge soils and managed pasture in the Devils Ear PFA. Application to NRCS ACEP-ALE submitted for 50% of CE value. Easement will be drafted with NRCS to emphasize water resource protection.	No		No		No				No	
City of Newberry Regional Water Quality Improvements	FDEP Administrative Order 224 NE mandates Newberry to upgrade to Advanced Wastewater Treatment before March 1, 2026 to meet compliance limits set forth in AQ224 NE.	Yes	6436 NEW-04 AWT Upgrade	No		Yes	5767		1100	Yes	0.03
Trenton AWT WWTF Improvements	WWTF will be expanded to 0.25 MGD & upgraded to AWT to reduce 5,411 lb./yr. of TN in the Suwannee River BMAP/Fanning Manatee PFA. AWT capabilities will provide highly treated effluent to the sprayfield for further treatment before recharging the aquifer	Yes	6019 T-01 AWT WWTF Improvements	No		Yes	5411			No	
Bronson Septic Tank Phase Out Project, Phase 3	The project will remove 270 septic systems, and they will be converted to central sewer to reduce 1,611 lbs./yr. of TN in the Silver River and Upper Silver River/Rainbow Spring Group and Rainbow River BMAP.	Yes	6633 R136 Wastewater collection system Extension (Septic tank phaseout)	No		Yes	1611	270		No	
Bascom Norris/100A Septic to Sewer Project	119 septic systems will be converted to central sewer to reduce 1,134.3 lbs./year of TN in the Ichetucknee Springs PFA. Completion of this project will also prevent the installation of up to 79 new septic systems, preventing another 763.9 lbs./year of TN.	No		No		Yes	1134	119	79	Yes	0.03
Projects below this line are recommended for future consideration or further development											
Woodborough North Septic to Sewer Conversion	Convert 88 existing septic systems in Woodborough North and adjacent communities to central sewer. Provide infrastructure for 129 future connections to reduce nutrients in the Santa Fe BMAP.	No		No		Yes	779	88	129		0.032
Gwen Lake Restoration	Removing sediment and overgrown vegetation from Gwen Lake, along with reconstructing the outlet control structure to rejuvenate open water habitats. Additionally, implementing erosion and sediment management measures during construction.	Yes	4568 SRWMD-13 Gwen Lake	No		Yes				No	
Chiefland AWT WWTF Expansion & Upgrade	Upgrading/expanding the WWTF to AWT to reduce 8,880 lbs./yr. TN in Suwannee River BMAP/Fanning Manatee PFA. Improving the sewer system with 23,000 LF 12" FM and new lift station addresses overcapacity in the 8" FM that serves the N and W side of city	Yes	6575 CH-02 AWT WWTF Expansion and Upgrade	No		Yes	7059			Yes	0.44
Branford Spring Boil Restoration & Bank Stabilization	Project will remove flow obstructions to spring flow within the boil, stabilize banks, and add ADA-accessible stairs/ramps at Branford Spring. Project will restore the spring, improve clean water flow, & create a sustainable community recreational space.	No, but intended to be in next BMAP update		No		Yes				No	
Lumber Camp Springs	Fee simple acquisition of approx. 38 undeveloped acres with approx. quarter mile river frontage on Suwannee River and in Fanning Manatee PFA. Third magnitude Lumber Camp Spring and associated wetlands are located on property.	No		No		No				No	

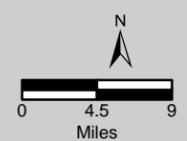
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	VI. Land Acquisition	VI. Project Time and Cost									VII. Other
Project Name	Acres to be Acquired	State Funding Requested	Local Contribution	WMD Contribution	Third Party Contribution	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated End Date	Estimated Design Completion %	Has Permitting been completed?	Is this a multi-year project?	Additional Information
Ladson Tract Conservation Easement	1,834	\$1,616,000	\$272,790		\$270,088	11/1/2024	8/1/2025	No design required	Permits not required	No	Tall Timbers and the external funders are ready to commit funds for its cash and inkind match portion of the budget. We are requesting grant funds for the acquisition directly from the State.
Eikel Farm Ichetucknee	179	\$402,750	\$31,000		\$476,725	12/1/2023	6/30/2026	No design required	Permits not required	No	The NRCS 50% cost share for the value of the conservation easement is secured through ACT's Surface to Springs Regional Conservation Partnership Program.
Evergreen Ponds	451	\$721,502	\$63,500		\$721,502	10/1/2022	2/1/2025	No design required	Permits not required	No	The NRCS 50% cost share for the value of the conservation easement is secured through a competitive grant through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP-ALE).
Devil's Ear Recharge	355	\$660,000	\$40,600		\$732,000	10/1/2023	2/1/2025	No design required	Permits not required	No	The NRCS cost share for the value of the conservation easement comes from a competitive grant through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP-ALE).
City of Newberry Regional Water Quality Improvements		\$49,892,302	\$3,950,000		\$29,713,854	4/15/2024	2/15/2026	30%	No	No	United State Department of Agriculture Preliminary Engineering Report - 100% Complete Florida Department of Environmental Protection SRF Facility Plan - 100% Complete
Trenton AWT WWTF Improvements		\$2,310,700	\$0			1/1/2025	6/1/2029	0%	No	Yes	Based on the current annual average Total Phosphorus (TP) concentration of 5.5 mg/L and design concentration of 1.0 mg/L, the AWT upgrades will reduce approximately 696 lb./year of TP from entering into the springshed.
Bronson Septic Tank Phase Out Project, Phase 3		\$1,262,700	\$0			1/1/2025	7/1/2029	60%	No	Yes	Project will provide for future connectons, quantity is TBD. Project spans SRWMD and SWFWMD.
Bascom Norris/100A Septic to Sewer Project		\$9,360,000	\$3,120,000			2/1/2024	2/28/2026	60%	No	Yes	This is a historically low income, minority neighborhood, which floods during even minor rain events, which causes odor and public health concerns. This project provides not only a water quality improvement, but a quality of life improvement as well.
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Woodborough North Septic to Sewer Conversion		\$75,000	\$0			1/1/2025	12/31/2027	60%	No	No	Project could be addressed as multi-year. Project includes 3 subdivisions immediately adjacent to the Ichetucknee PFA (dividing line is Lake Jeffrey Road), properties are north of the road.
Gwen Lake Restoration		\$1,572,000	\$0			8/15/2024	2/13/2026	60%	No	No	Some initial work has been completed such as wetland delineation and the construction of a sediment basin to reduce sedimentation in the lake.
Chiefland AWT WWTF Expansion & Upgrade		\$3,100,000	\$2			1/15/2025	9/30/2029	60%	No	Yes	Based on the current annual average Total Phosphorus (TP) concentration of 5.0 mg/L and design concentration of 1.0 mg/L, the AWT upgrades will reduce approximately 3,643 lb./year of TP from entering into the springshed.
Branford Spring Boil Restoration & Bank Stabilization		\$2,470,000	\$0			1/1/2025	8/1/2027	60%	No	No	The Branford Spring project enhances water quality, protects habitats, and fosters community engagement. With sustainable practices, it aligns with the district's mission, emphasizing long-term ecological impact and cultural preservation.
Lumber Camp Springs	38	\$225,000	\$231,000			1/1/2024	12/31/2024	No design required	Permits not required	No	The 2018 Suwannee River BMAP states that maintaining land at lower intensity uses through land purchases or easements for conservation and recreational use is one strategy that can reduce water quality impacts in the Suwannee River Basin.



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- ▲ 3191, Woodborough North, Water Quality
 - ▲ 3310, Bronson Septic to sewer, Water Quality
 - ▲ 3312, Trenton AWT WWTF, Water Quality
 - ★ 3314, Devil's Ear Recharge, Land Acquisition
 - ★ 3315, Branford Spring Boil, Natural Systems
 - ★ 3316, Evergreen Ponds, Land Acquisition
 - ★ 3318, Eikel Farm Ichetucknee, Land Acquisition
 - ★ 3319, Lumber Camp Springs, Land Acquisition
 - ▲ 3320, Chiefland AWT WWTF, Water Quality
 - ★ 3321, Ladson Tract Conservation Easement, Land Acquisition
 - ▲ 3323, Gwen Lake Restoration, Water Quality
 - ▲ 3326, Bascom Norris/100A, Water Quality
 - ▲ 3337, City of Newberry WWTF, Water Quality

- PROJECT**
- Rainbow Springs and Rainbow River and springshed
 - Santa Fe
 - Suwannee
 - Wacissa
 - Major Rivers Polygon (USGS)
- World Street Map



Springs Applications

FY2024-25



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management and Projects Division

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

DATE: May 3, 2024

RE: Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to receive Resilient Florida Program Funds and to enter into a Task Work Assignment with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$318,120.

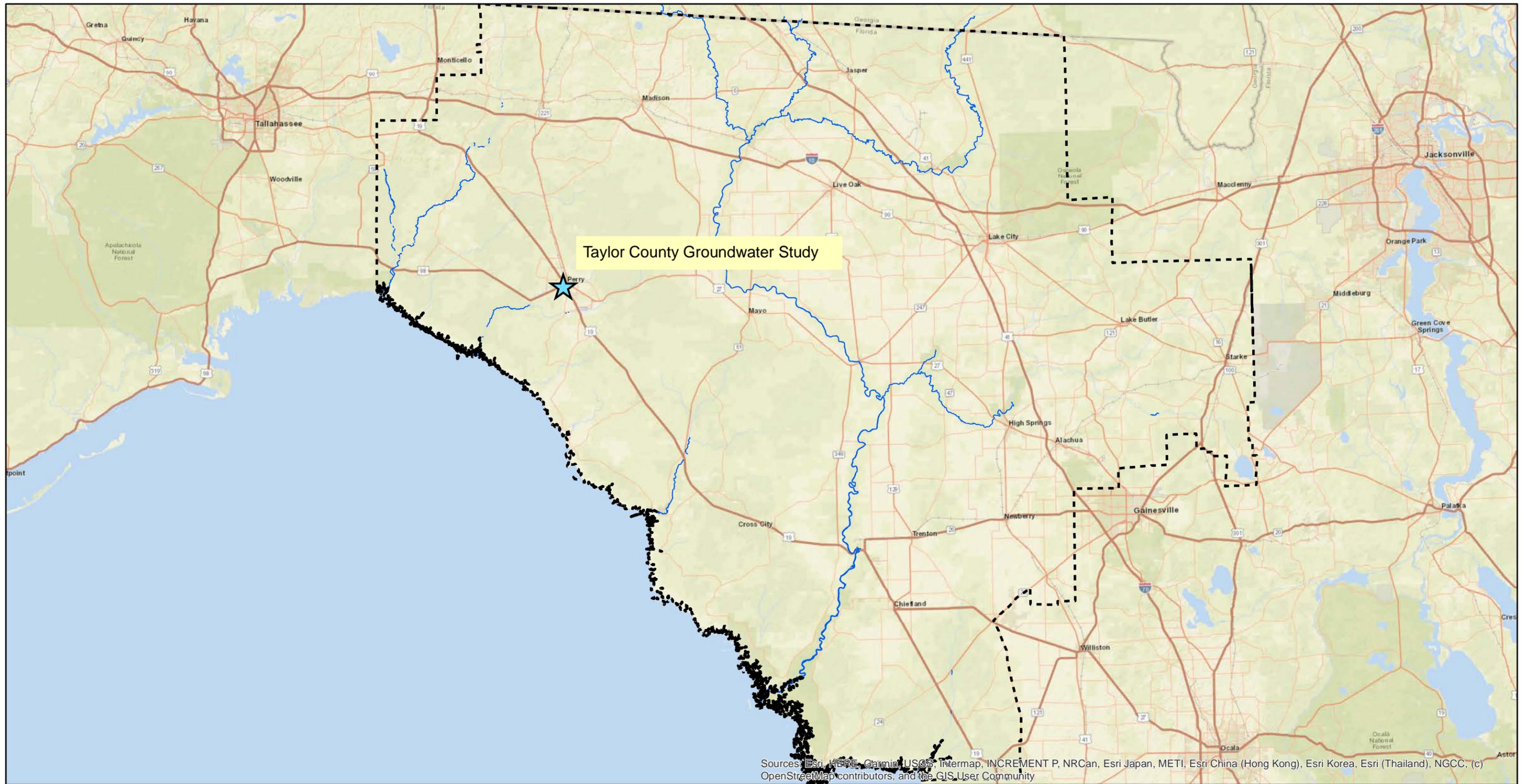
BACKGROUND

Beginning in December 2023, the District has been coordinating with the State Resiliency Officer and the Program Director with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection on the submittal of potential resilience projects for funding. This coordination resulted in the submittal of three proposed projects to the FDEP's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection for consideration. From that list, one project, the Taylor County Groundwater Study, was selected for funding.

This project will model different pumping situations that mimic past, current, and possible future pumping volumes by large groundwater users in the City of Perry and surrounding areas. The model simulations will be used as inputs in the new 2-D mapping efforts that will be funded through our FEMA CTP program. A new series of non-regulatory flood maps will be produced that can be compared to show predicted changes based on groundwater pumping scenarios.

FDEP awarded \$318,120 of Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection funding to the District for the project. The District will enter into an agreement with FDEP to receive the funding and a Task Work Assignment with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., the selected consultant for the FEMA CTP mapping, to implement the project for an amount not to exceed the awarded amount. Funding for this project is included in the budget.

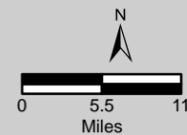
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Taylor County Groundwater Study

May 2024

-  City of Perry
-  District_24k_Poly
-  Major Rivers Polygon (USGS)



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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: April 10, 2024
RE: Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

The following information summarizes Outreach and Communications activities for the month of March 2024:

Facebook	Twitter	Instagram
Total Posts: 14 Total Reach: 47,563 Content Interactions: 1,400 Link Clicks: 253	Total Posts: 21 Total Impressions: 1,376 Total Engagement: 41 Engagement Rate: 1.8 percent	Total Posts: 10 Total Reach: 766 Total Engagement: 166

Press Releases
<ul style="list-style-type: none">March 1 – Florida Biking MonthMarch 5 – Governing Board MeetingMarch 5 – Florida Flood Awareness WeekMarch 11 – Groundwater Awareness WeekMarch 13 – Hydrological Conditions Report

Media Inquiries / Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">March 28 – Troy Roberts discussed article ideas with Patrick Gillespie (Editor in Chief) for the May/June issue of the Florida Specifier.

Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none">March 1 – Troy Roberts visited Main Street Printing in Lake City to discuss potential upcoming work.March 4 – Troy Roberts worked with IFAS and UF to finalize a contract for the District’s educational funding program.March 8 – Troy Roberts met with SKYE for a progress check on an ongoing TWA.March 19 – Troy Roberts and staff attended the AgroLiquid groundbreaking event in Lake City.March 20 – Troy Roberts and staff attended a meeting with The Moore Group to discuss the ongoing online SUA development.

- March 21 – Troy Roberts and Katie McBride presented during a meeting of the Nature Coast Master Gardeners in Bronson.
- March 22 – Troy Roberts met with Strategic Digital Services to schedule shoot days for video/photography for ongoing feature story work.
- March 26 – Troy Roberts attended a meeting of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners in Gainesville for a Water Conservation Month Proclamation.
- March 27 – Troy Roberts met with Andy Jackson to discuss an upcoming meeting of water conservation districts and the District's involvement.

March Photo Highlight:

The District's Paul Buchanan, GIS Program Manager, was honored during the March Governing Board meeting by Suwannee County Sheriff Sam St. John. For two weeks following Hurricane Idalia, Paul assisted Suwannee County agencies with Geographic Information System (GIS) support, helped coordinate aerial imagery collection and software requests with the state, created field data collections applications, and more.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
 FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management
 THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
 DATE: April 10, 2024
 RE: Land Management Update

BACKGROUND

The following information summarizes land management activities cumulative as of March 2024.

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

Vegetative Management (acres)	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Herbicide	250	Start July	0
Roller Chop Uplands	200	Start May	0
Mallory Swamp Mow/Chop	1,300	579	44.5%
Woods Mowing	1,500	922	61.5%

Prescribed Fire (acres)	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
SRWMD	12,300	8,996	73.1%
FFS - Twin Rivers State Forest	2,000	281	14.0%

Invasive Plant Treatment	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Edwards Bottomland (acres)	10	Start May	0
Contractors (acres)	134	Start May	0
Starke Bypass (acres)	100	Start August	0

Ecological Services Monitoring (locations)	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Rare Plants Monitoring	2,957	Start March	0
Gopher Tortoise Surveys (transects)	557	293	52.6%
Wading Bird Rookeries	13	Start June	0
Natural Community Mapping (acres)	1,200	Start April	0

Timber Harvests	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Acreage Sold	1,764	1,031	58%
Revenue (estimated)	\$1,064,000	\$614,899.74	58%

Current Timber Sales	County	Acreage	Type	Status or Revenue
Sandlin Bay #9	Columbia	374	Thinning	Inactive
Shelly #1	Jefferson	121	Thinning	Inactive
Woods Ferry #7	Suwannee	155	Thinning	Inactive
Jerry Branch #2	Hamilton	191	Clearcut, Thinning, & Chipping	Inactive
Steinhatchee Springs #25	Lafayette	250	Thinning	Inactive
Camp Blanding	Bradford	128	Clearcut	Active
Holton Creek #5	Hamilton	140	Clearcut and Chipping	Active
Ellaville #23	Madison	46	Thinning	\$86,252.84
Ellaville #24	Madison	70	Clearcut	Complete
Cuba Bay #4	Madison	51	Thinning	Inactive

Restoration	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Reforestation (acres)	312	312	100%

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 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Monitor Current Easements	5	1 completed, 3 scheduled	20%
Hydrologic & Road Maintenance	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Culvert Replacements	5	Start May	0
Road maintenance (miles)	208	60	29

Tract Maintenance	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Mowing (total miles)	1,748	502.8	29
Site Maintenance (total visits)	2,736	1,596	58
Enhanced Patrols (hours)	1,172	336.5	29
Sign Replacements	49	Signs have been received	0
Boundary Line Painting (miles)	115.4	66.8	58

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

Pinehatchee Tract (Steinhatchee Springs Tract addition): Survey work with WSP Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc continues. Survey work was extended and is scheduled for completion by June. Road repairs on the Pinehatchee Pond Road continue. Currently the repairs are 75% complete, however, wet conditions due to rainfall have currently stopped operations.

Rock Bluff: District staff has received price quotes from the District's two construction companies with continuing contracts to complete construction on District facilities. Staff has prepared memos to authorize issuing a task work assignment to begin construction. Construction is projected to be completed by September 30, 2024.

Telford Springs: District staff and Jason Furry, Recreation Director, with Suwannee Parks and Recreation plan to meet with Eutaw Inc to discuss development plans for the park by the end of May.

Pot Springs Road Improvements: Road work is complete.

Steinhatchee Falls: Topographic surveys and geotechnical investigations are complete. Preliminary site plans have been developed. Site design and engineering is 60 percent complete.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: April 19, 2024

RE: Updated Olustee Creek Conservation Ingress/Egress Easement Exchange, Columbia County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an updated easement exchange on Olustee Creek Conservation Area in Columbia County with Weyerhaeuser NR Company and authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract to establish the terms and conditions of the exchange.

BACKGROUND

In November 2023, the Governing Board approved an easement exchange on Olustee Creek Conservation Area with Weyerhaeuser NR Company (Weyerhaeuser) and authorized the executive director to establish the terms and conditions of the exchange.

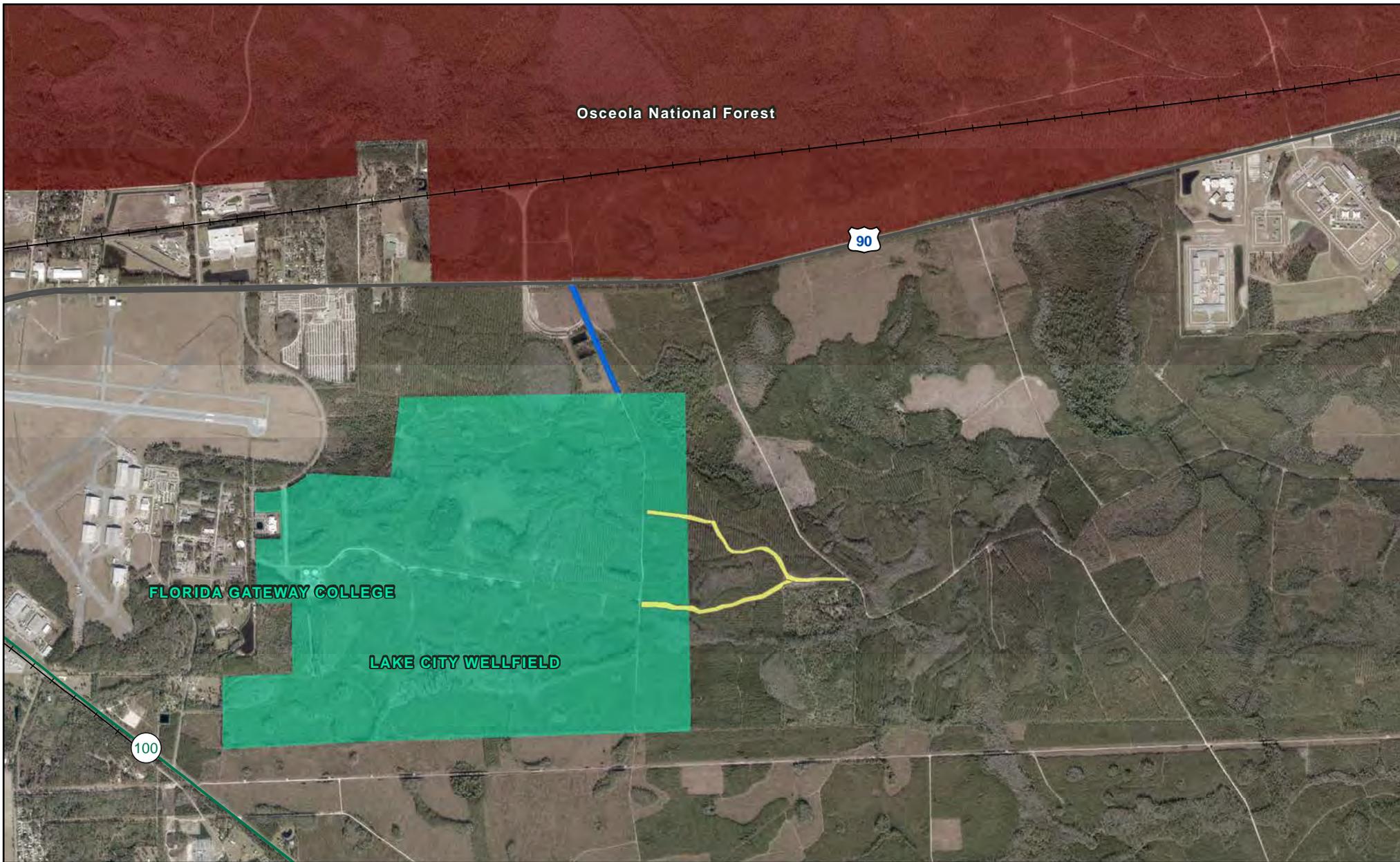
A key component of the exchange includes the requirement that Weyerhaeuser complete construction of the new route prior to recording the new easement. Due to wet weather conditions over the last six months and the site's propensity to flooding, Weyerhaeuser has been unable to construct the new road. Therefore, the updated easement has not yet been recorded.

Weyerhaeuser has requested that the District advance the easement recording to allow for transfer of the property. This will allow pending development within the North Florida Mega Industrial Park, including installation of a railroad spur, to occur.

The easement language has been updated to require construction of the road within 12 months or as soon as practical, whichever is sooner. As previously agreed to, Weyerhaeuser will absorb all costs with the relocation of the easement.

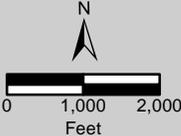
The District will continue to be granted access across the parcel until the new access road is constructed. Weyerhaeuser has agreed to the updated terms of the easement.

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Lake City Wellfield Easement Exchange Request

- Current Easement
- Proposed Easement Paths
- SRWMD Ownership/CE
- Other Public Ownership



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: May 3, 2024
RE: Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

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

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Land Acquisition and Disposition Report

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	04.28.1998	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. As of 03.25.24, need to follow-up with the buyer to determine current interest and follow-up with legal on contract status.
Turtle Spring Surplus Tract	32	Lafayette	05.13.2015	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	01.11.2000	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. As of 03.26.24, pending completion of the updated conservation easement language. Deeds are complete, pending recording.
Approved for Detailed Assessment							
Owner	Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
Florida Department of Transportation	Quail Heights	40.63	Columbia	--	\$651,105	Fee	(See previous reports for additional history) MOU approved by County Commissioner on 12.06.23. Governing Board executed MOU on 01.09.24. 04.12.24 Recorded in both counties.
Hodges	Hodges	753 +/-	Levy	03.2023	TBD based on	Conservation Easement	5.9.23 Staff recommendation approved by LC. On June 2023 Governing Board agenda. Discussion of terms of CE in process. Revised map and amended language being reviewed by Offeror. Paused pending resolution non-District related issues.
Tanner Springs (Dixon)	Dixon	40 +/-	Hamilton	01.2023	TBD based on	Conservation Easement	5.9.23 Staff recommendation approved by LC. On June 2023 Governing Board agenda. Discussion of terms of CE in process. Springs buffer map and revised language being reviewed by offeror. 04.24.24 Appraisal prepared for May, completion by June 30, 2024.
Long Pond	Williams Family Investments, LLC.	947 +/-	Levy	06.2023	TBD based on	Conservation Easement	9.25.23 staff recommendation approved by Lands Committee. 10.10.23 LC action approved by Governing Board. CE terms being negotiated. Projects team conducted a site visit 12.11.23, recommendations being incorporated into CE language. Revised language being reviewed by offeror.
Taylor	Johnny Taylor	941 +/-	Gilchrist	07.2023	TBD based on	Conservation Easement	9.25.23 staff recommendation approved by Lands Committee. 10.10.23 LC action approved by Governing Board. CE terms being negotiated. Awaiting feedback from offeror. Pending discussion with owner we may defer until project planning complete. 04.12.24 Project is on hold while a water resource project is being evaluated.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: May 14, 2024
RE: Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Land Management Review Team Report

RECOMMENDATION

Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Land Management Review Team Report.

BACKGROUND

The Land Management Review Team (LMRT) process is required by section 373.591, Florida Statutes. The process allows the public and other participants an opportunity to determine whether District land management activities were deficient, meeting, or exceeding the goals adopted by the Governing Board. The LMRT participants also score the District on whether land management activities are in compliance with section 259.036, F.S.

The review focused on land management activities that were conducted in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY 2023). These activities are summarized in the FY 2023 Land Management Annual Report. The Annual Report was presented to the Governing Board during the regular scheduled January 2024 Board meeting.

On April 3, 2024, staff led a field tour of lands in the Mallory Swamp Tract, which is in both the Steinhatchee and Suwannee River Basins, within Dixie and Lafayette counties. Mallory Swamp Tract contains 31,321 acres of fee lands or 19% of total fee ownership District-wide. The main area of emphasis on the tour was the protection of water resources, managing natural communities, and public use.

The LMRT process continues to provide an opportunity for dialogue between the staff, members of our communities, and other agencies regarding the management of District lands. The participants' scores indicate substantial acceptance of the programmatic achievement of the management strategies set by the Governing Board and Florida Statutes. Overall, the participants approve of the planning and methods used by District staff in managing the District's fee-owned lands in FY 2023.

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Suwannee River Water Management District
Fiscal Year 2024 Land Management Review Team Report

Executive Summary

District staff conducted a Land Management Review Team (LMRT) meeting and site inspection on April 3, 2024. The review focused on District-wide land management activities that were conducted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Program areas reviewed include water resources, natural resource management, public use, and facilities on representative areas. The field tour focused on the 31,321 acres of fee owned lands located in the Mallory Swamp Tract.

The LMRT was asked to score whether the District was achieving its management strategies from the District Land Management Plan (DLMP) using the following scores:

- 0 – District is not meeting the strategies of the DLMP;
- 1 – District is meeting the strategies of the DLMP; and
- 2 – District is meeting and exceeding the strategies outlined in the DLMP.

The review team scored the ten management strategies from the District Land Management Plan (DLMP). The overall average score of the ten management strategies was 1.76 which was slightly higher than last year’s average score of 1.67.

There are two statutory scores. The first, “Are District lands being managed in a manner consistent with the purpose for which they were acquired, including public access” received a score of 2.00. The second, “Are District land managers implementing the District Land Management Plan” received a score of 1.75. These scores signify the land management activities meet and exceed the Governing Board’s management strategies outlined in the DLMP and Florida Statutes (F.S.).

The participants scores indicate substantial acceptance with the programmatic achievement of the management strategies set by the Governing Board and Florida Statutes. Overall, the participants approve the planning and methods used by District staff in managing the District’s fee titled lands in FY 2023.

Introduction

Florida Statutes 373.591 requires that the District annually establish Land Management Review Team(s) (LMRT) to determine if lands titled to the Governing Board are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and in accordance with the land management plan. Staff reports the LMRT’s findings to the Governing Board by October 1 of each year. This report is prepared for that purpose.

Background

The LMRT participants were provided with the District’s “Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Land Management Annual Report” which summarized all activities conducted during FY 2023. The annual report provides the participants a programmatic summary of projects and activities.

A field inspection was led by District staff and included lands in the Mallory Swamp Tract. This inspection allows the participants to see the conditions on the ground and personally inspect the properties and management activities to assist in developing scores for the DLMP management strategies.

Land Management Review Team Meeting

On April 3, 2024, staff led a field tour of lands in the Mallory Swamp Tract, which is in both the Steinhatchee and Suwannee River Basins within Dixie and Lafayette counties. Mallory Swamp Tract is 31,321 acres of fee lands or 19% of total fee ownership District-wide. The main area of emphasis on the tour was the protection water resources, managing natural communities, and public use.

Eight individuals representing private landowners, interest groups, non-profits, colleges, and agencies participated in the LMRT. Eight participants completed the scorecard. Staff provided the agenda, District Land Management Plan, FY 2022-2023 Land Management Annual Report, a map of the tour route, and the LMRT tour handout to the participants for their use prior to the review.

Staff conducted the tour while stopping at multiple areas to indicate to the participants the natural hydrology, actions taken by the District to preserve and buffer these resources, natural community management techniques, and public use facilities.

The District's "Excellence in Land Management" (ELM) program was established to quantify land management operations in meeting the management strategies set forth by the Governing Board in the DLMP. The participants were provided with the ELM Scorecard to document their determination on whether the activities they saw or discussed were deficient, meeting, or exceeding the strategies adopted by the Governing Board. The participants also scored, using the same criteria, whether actions were in compliance with statutes (259.036, F.S.).

The ELM scorecard is annually calculated based on completed District land management operations from the prior year. LMRT members score District land management efforts on the following scale:

- 0 – District is not meeting the strategies of the DLMP;
- 1 – District is meeting the strategies of the DLMP; and
- 2 – District is meeting and exceeding the strategies outlined in the DLMP.

The ELM scores represent the average totaled from all participating member's scores.

Results

The review team scored the ten management strategies from the District Land Management Plan (DLMP). Scores ranging from a low of 1.50 for aesthetic and visual resources management to the highest score of 2.00 for forest resources management. Management of fiscal responsibility, communications, groundcover, and soils, topography, and natural community received a score of 1.88. Management of public use received a score of 1.75. Water resources, rare species, and cultural resources management received a score of 1.63. The overall average score of the ten management strategies was 1.76, which was slightly higher than last year's average score of 1.67.

There are two statutory scores. The first, “Are District lands being managed in a manner consistent with the purpose for which they were acquired, including public access” received a score of 2.00. The second, “Are District land managers implementing the District Land Management Plan” received a score of 1.75. These scores signify the land management activities meet and exceed the Governing Board’s management strategies outlined in the DLMP and Florida Statutes (F.S.).

The participants scores indicate substantial acceptance with the programmatic achievement of the management strategies set by the Governing Board and Florida Statutes. Overall, the participants approve the planning and methods used by District staff in managing the District’s fee titled lands in FY 2023.

Suwannee River Water Management District

Excellence in Land Management Scorecard

**Land Management Review Team Findings
FY 2023 Land Management Activities**

1. Water Resource Strategies

Score: 1.63

- Minimize structural floodplain management on District-managed lands.
- Maintain surface and groundwater quantity and quality during land management activities by using Silviculture best management practices (BMPs).
- Restore hydrologic regimes to the designated DFC where possible.
- Design and maintain water control structures to simulate natural hydrology.

Water Resource Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

During our tour it would appear that there may be a little too much water being held back. In my opinion, the water control structures might be a little too high to favor the silviculture.

Evident staff have the expertise and desire to manage for the resource and its conservation.

To me this goal or DFC is really a culmination of the rest of the goals or DFCs. The implementation of reforestation and minimizing soil degradation accomplishes this goal if not exceeds expectations.

2. Soils, Topography, and Natural Community Strategies

Score: 1.88

- Minimize soil degradation (erosion, compaction).
- Manage and/or restore historic natural plant communities using designated DFC guidelines where practical.
- Update and maintain current forest/natural community reference data.

Soils, Topography, and Natural Community Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

I think they are doing an excellent job with these practices.

It seems that all effort is being taken to reduce and minimize the degradation of the soil.

3. Ground Cover Resource Strategies

Score: 1.88

- Reduce degradation of the existing native groundcover.
- Restore/maintain designated Fire Return Intervals for natural plant communities following DFC guidelines.
- Monitor the grass, herbaceous and shrub layers to detect if the resource falls within DFC guidelines.
- Reintroduce or supplement current native ground covers with local stock where needed to achieve ecosystem functions.

Ground Cover Resource Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

I think they are doing an excellent job with these practices under the present circumstances.

Great job working around the weather to achieve these goals as opportunities are allowed.

I do commend the effort and challenges to the solution of mechanical vegetation removal and the planned return of the fire intervals.

4. Forest Resource Strategies

Score: 2.00

- Manage for natural community heterogeneity to attain a multi-aged and vertically diverse forest, including retaining dominant and/or old growth trees and snags.
- Maintain the dominant and co-dominant tree species within the DFC acceptable parameter range.
- Reforest within DFC parameters using techniques that minimize damage to other natural resources.
- Utilize silvicultural BMPs.
- Maintain an accurate and current forest resource inventory.
- Ensure that commercial harvests provide the maximum financial returns possible with the consistent attainment of primary natural resource values.

Forest Resource Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

I think they are doing an excellent job with these practices under the present circumstances.
District staff demonstrates excellence knowledge of forest management and DFC along appropriate strategies to achieve its goals.
The management of natural communities and the planned thinning operations is on par if not exceeding the projected DFCs for returning the communities to natural conditions.

5. Rare Species Resource Strategies

Score: 1.63

- Protect and manage biodiversity on District lands.
- Identify and monitor rare species on District lands.
- Provide staff with the most current rare species locations, status, and Rare Species Best Management Practices (BMP).
- Maintain and/or increase existing rare and imperiled species populations on District lands.

Rare Species Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

I think they are doing an excellent job with these practices under the present circumstances.
I'm impressed by how well the district staff understands the land under its care.

6. Cultural and Historic Resource Strategies

Score: 1.63

- Protect and prevent negative impacts to cultural and historical resources during all activities.
- Document location of significant cultural and historical resources on District-managed lands and share information with the Division of Historic Resources within the Department of State.
- Monitor the condition of cultural and historical resources on District-managed lands.

Cultural and Historic Resource Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

I think they are doing an excellent job with these practices.

7. Aesthetic and Visual Resource Strategies

Score: 1.5

- Maintain or enhance overall visual quality of District lands
- Minimize or mitigate short-term negative appearances of land management activities

Aesthetic and Visual Resource Comments/ Opportunities for Improvement

I think they are doing an excellent job with these practices under the present circumstances.
District lands of some of the most visually enjoyable lands I've had the pleasure to visit!
District sign faded with bullet holes. Kiosk at ATV site needs more information and looks neglected. Add additional road signs to assist with navigation. FWCC site looks much better and more informative – could use as a model.

8. Public Use Strategies

Score: 1.75

- Establishing and maintaining public use on District lands.
- Provide Special Use Authorizations (SUA) for compatible public use activities.
- Follow Governing Board Directives 90-2 and 92-1 for exclusive use requests.
- Provide hunting and fishing opportunities on District lands.
- Coordinate with law enforcement agencies to enforce Florida statutes and administrative rules on District-managed lands.
- During emergency situations, staff will assist persons in danger and communicate responses with the appropriate agency.

Public Use Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

I think they are doing an excellent job with these practices.
The effectiveness of communications and outreach is synergistic in achieving better public use metrics.

9. Communications Strategies

Score: 1.88

- Obtain public and private stakeholder’s input in the management of District lands.
- Use applicable modes of communication to encourage and promote public recreation on District lands.
- Ensure public inquiries into management activities or public use are addressed in a timely manner.
- Complete an annual land management report and conduct the annual LMRT following the guidance of the DLMP.

Communications Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

I think they are doing an excellent job with these practices.
There is continual improvement of effective communication strategies by the District. This is a strength area of management that keeps getting better.

10. Fiscal Responsibility Strategies

Score: 1.88

- Ensure revenues are derived from operations conducted to achieve land management objectives.
- Minimize structural operational management approaches wherever practical.
- Contract with the most cost-effective and experienced firms to complete land management activities following District policies.
- Coordinate with other land management agencies and organizations to complete land management activities to reduce District costs.
- Attempt to locate and obtain grants to help fund projects on District lands.
- Assist with the surplus lands program to ensure funds derived from the disposals of unneeded land holdings are redirected to fund the purchase of higher value, water-resource lands.

Fiscal Responsibility Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

I think they are doing an excellent job with these practices under the present circumstances. I do feel that there are more opportunities on the upland areas to take advantage of the pine straw harvesting to assist with the required revenues.

From the tour and the handouts trying to find the best cost to accomplish the task is somewhat a passion of the employees. There was multiple times the employees stated how much a practice cost to implement and that was the best price. Love it when we try to get the best price and save money for the people and landowners of Florida.

Florida Statute 259.036, states that the Land Management Review Team shall evaluate the extent to which the existing management plan provides enough protection to threatened or endangered species, unique or important natural or physical features, geological or hydrological functions, or archaeological features. The review shall also evaluate the extent to which the land is being managed for the purposes for which it was acquired and the degree to which actual management practices, including public access, are following the adopted management plan.

- Are District lands being managed in a manner consistent with the purpose for which they were acquired, including public access?

Comments

Score: 2.00

I think from the tour and literature that the output we have seen exceeds the amount of money or limit of money that was inputted into the practices to accomplish this goal.

- Are District land managers implementing the District Land Management Plan? This includes sufficient protection to threatened or endangered species, unique or important natural or physical features, geological or hydrological functions, and/or archaeological features.

Comments

Score: 1.75

There is consistent alignment in the actions of district land management with the four goals of resource protection, public use, communications, and fiscal responsibility.

General Comments

It was a very informative tour and I appreciate the work being done to preserve these areas.

The Land Management team are highly skilled and knowledgeable in their respective programs. The resources appears to be thriving under their care. Greater attention and effort needs to be taken on providing information and educational public use.

Great tour.

I think the team that is currently managing this area, Mallory Swamp, is doing a fantastic job with the conditions and constraints of managing public land.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Alejandro Garcia, Senior Data Analyst, Water Resources Office

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: April 9, 2024

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 April 2, 2024, the District is monitoring 1659 (243.99 MGD) of a total of 1740 active permitted wells (251.53 MGD). The remaining 81 active wells not yet monitored are scheduled for site visits to determine the type of monitoring that will be implemented. An additional 247 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 876 (155.79 MGD) monitoring points. The District currently employs telemetry on 324 (52.25 MGD) diesel-powered systems. There are currently 22 (1.48 MGD) self-monitored points.

Additionally, there are currently 437 (34.46 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 Districts' agricultural monitoring network (Figure 2).

Agricultural Water Use Stations with Monitoring Conditions

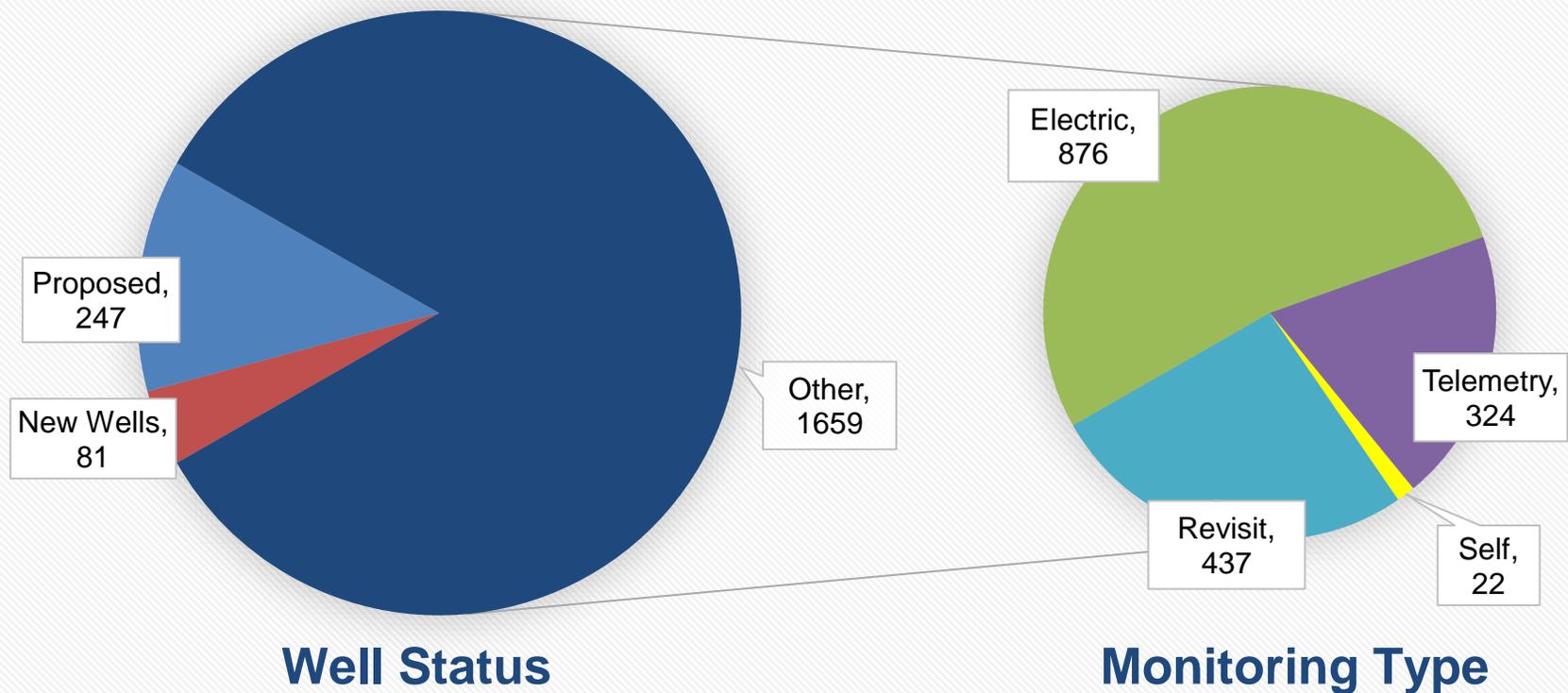
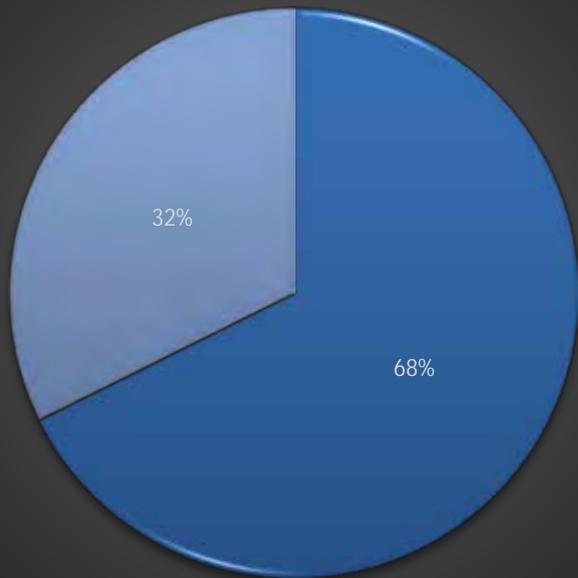


Figure 1. Well status and monitoring type for all wells with water use monitoring conditions as of April 2, 2024.

Flow Data Collection Status



- Sites with Unique Flow Recorded, 1046
- Sites Needing Flow Information, 500

Flows Recorded by Source

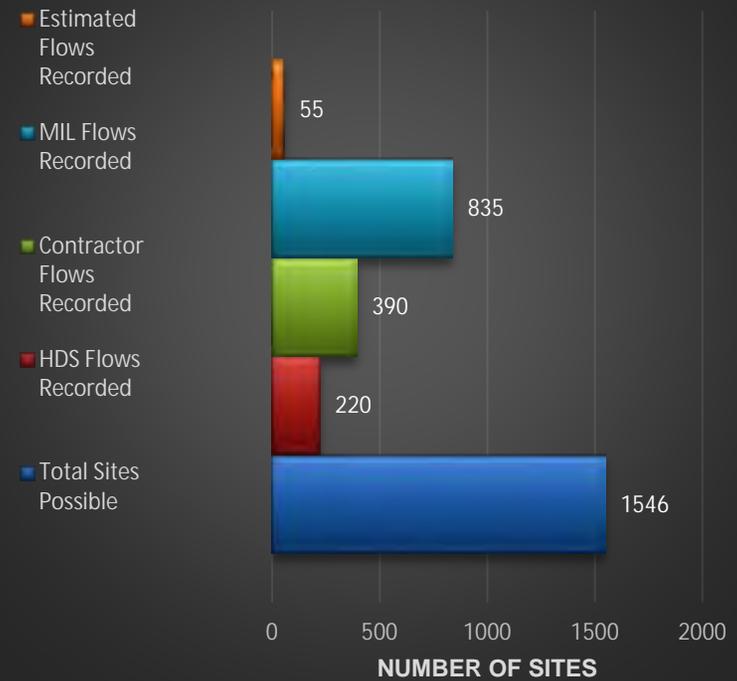


Figure 2. Status of flow data collection by source within the District's agricultural monitoring network as of April 2, 2024.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: April 8, 2024

RE: Memorandum of Agreement Between the Suwannee River Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Suwannee River Water Management District, the St. Johns River Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding coordinated planning and permitting in the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership area.

BACKGROUND

The North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership (NFRWSP) area is a joint planning region with the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD). An update to the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan was approved by the District's Governing Board in December 2023. This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) supersedes the existing interagency agreement entered into by both Districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on May 13, 2015.

The MOA provides for enhanced coordination between the districts as to their water supply planning, water shortage planning, and consumptive use permitting responsibilities within the NFRWSP area, which includes Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, and Union counties.

As to water supply planning, the MOA provides for continued development, refinement, and implementation of the Joint Regional Groundwater Flow Model for use within the NFRWSP area. The MOA also provides for the districts to collaborate on setting Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs), for developing joint recovery and prevention strategies within the NFRWSP area, and for future collaboration on updates to the NFRWSP.

As to water shortage planning, the MOA provides for the districts to share and coordinate their analysis and monitoring efforts, and to provide notice of any water shortage orders that they may adopt so as to avoid duplication between the districts.

As to consumptive use permitting, the MOA provides for enhanced coordination between the districts to review permit applications within the NFRWSP area that request an allocation of water equal to or greater than 500,000 gallons per day on an average annual basis, to use specified groundwater models to determine whether those permit applications will cause a potential cross-district MFL-related impact and, in certain circumstances, to coordinate the districts' review of proposals to offset those impacts.

AB/ao
Attachments

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REPLACING THE PREVIOUS INTERAGENCY
AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENTS THERETO BETWEEN
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), by and between the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a special taxing district organized under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes ("F.S."), whose address is 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, hereinafter referred to as "SRWMD", and ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a special taxing district organized under chapter 373, F.S., whose address is 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177, hereinafter referred to as "SJRWMD", and FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, whose address is 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, hereinafter referred to as the "Department" (collectively, "the Parties"), is entered into in three originals this _____ day of _____, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. This Memorandum of Agreement consolidates, restates, amends, and replaces in its entirety the original Interagency Agreement between the parties entered into on September 13, 2011, as amended on February 28, 2012, January 25, 2013, and May 13, 2015.
- B. This MOA does not supersede the Interagency Agreement between SJRWMD, SRWMD, and Alachua County adopted on July 13, 2012 (see attached agreement).
- C. Effective water management in Northeast Florida requires close coordination between the SRWMD and the SJRWMD ("the Districts") to ensure resource protection and equitable treatment of water users in the two Districts.
- D. The term "Geographic Area" for the purposes of this MOA means the entire North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership (NFRWSP) area which includes Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, and Union Counties.
- E. This agreement sets forth specific responsibilities of the parties to achieve appropriate coordination with respect to the Districts' water supply planning, water shortage planning, and consumptive use permitting responsibilities in the Geographic Area. SRWMD and SJRWMD agree that there have been changes in the level and configuration of the potentiometric surface of the Upper Floridan aquifer in northeast Florida and southeast Georgia. Both Districts are united in the need for continued coordinated planning and permitting using regional tools developed under this partnership.
- F. **Implementation of the Joint Regional Groundwater Flow Model:** To promote consistency in regional planning and permitting decisions, SRWMD and SJRWMD agree to jointly develop, implement and refine regional groundwater and surface water models.

The Parties agree that one regional model will enhance efficiency and effectiveness for coordinated planning and permitting.

- G. **Revisions to the Joint Regional Groundwater Flow Model:** To maintain the best available tools to support decision-making, the Parties agree to coordinate and collaborate on the review, updates, and release of revisions to the regional groundwater flow model for use in coordinated planning, permitting, and determination of cumulative impacts.
- H. **Data Needs and Analysis Collection:** SRWMD and SJRWMD will continue to share and incorporate monitoring and technical data, continue to develop and refine data sets based on District collection and external sources to recognize the best available data, and continue to communicate regularly concerning water resource issues of concern, including but not limited to: permitting, minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFLs), water resource constraints analyses, regional water supply planning, water resource and water supply development projects, and district-wide water supply assessments.
- a. SRWMD and SJRWMD will collaborate on the assessment of the most appropriate and available tools to evaluate both individual and cumulative harm to water resources.
 - b. SRWMD and SJRWMD will develop methods and maintain shared data files to evaluate cumulative impacts and offsets including:
 - i. Estimation of current water use;
 - ii. Estimation of water allocation at the end of permit duration;
 - iii. Estimation of project-specific recharge; and
 - iv. Tracking of water resource and water supply development project benefits, offsets, and implementation schedules.
- I. **Minimum Flows and Levels:** When setting Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) in the Geographic Area, SRWMD and SJRWMD shall coordinate on:
- a. The evaluation of water resource values;
 - b. Technical work, stakeholder review, peer review, and rulemaking for MFLs with anticipated cross-boundary impacts; and
 - c. Development of the best available methods to evaluate MFLs and monitor status.

The Department will be provided time to review and comment on technical work for MFLs with cross boundary impacts that may be adopted by the Department by Rule.

- J. **Development of Joint Prevention and Recovery Strategies:** When the parties through their coordination efforts deem appropriate, SRWMD, SJRWMD, and, as applicable, the Department will develop and implement a joint MFL recovery or prevention strategy. MFL recovery or prevention strategies will be within the applicable regional water supply plan(s) of SRWMD and SJRWMD consistent with section 373.709,

F.S.

- K. **Joint Regional Water Supply Planning:** SRWMD and SJRWMD agree to continue to update the joint North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan encompassing, at a minimum, the Geographic Area. SRWMD and SJRWMD will jointly continue and coordinate an open public process with all water user groups and other affected and interested parties, consistent with rule 62-40.531, Florida Administrative Code, and section 373.709, F.S.
- L. **Implementation of Joint Prevention and Recovery Strategies:** When it is determined that an MFL is in prevention or recovery and a joint prevention or recovery strategy is required, SRWMD and SJRWMD will work together to implement a plan designed to ensure the MFL is not violated.
- M. **Permitting:** In order to protect water resources and to enhance interdistrict efficiency, SRWMD and SJRWMD regulatory personnel agree to coordinate on the review of proposed withdrawals of water within one District that may have impacts within the other District.

Specifically, the Districts agree to cooperate as follows:

- a. Undertake heightened coordination for all consumptive use permit applications requesting an allocation of water equal to or greater than 500,000 gallons per day on an average annual basis.
 - b. When either District receives an application for a proposed water use that meets or exceeds the allocations listed in a., above, the reviewing District will provide the commenting District a copy of the application package within 5 days of its receipt and before the reviewing District sends a Request for Additional Information (“RAI”). The commenting District will then have 20 days to provide its comments to the reviewing District. When the reviewing District receives new or additional information from the applicant, such information will be shared with the commenting agency within 5 days of its receipt. The commenting District will then have 20 days to provide its comments to the reviewing District on the new or additional information.
 - c. Use the latest NFSEG groundwater flow model approved by SRWMD and SJRWMD for regulatory use, or a NFSEG-based subregional model approved by SRWMD and SJRWMD for regulatory use, to evaluate whether simulated flow changes at MFL gages resulting from the proposed groundwater withdrawals will cause a potential cross-district impact. This provision shall not be interpreted as requiring consumptive use permit applicants to use the aforementioned groundwater flow model.
 - d. District regulatory staff will coordinate on impact offsets for permit applications proposing groundwater or surface water allocations resulting in simulated flow changes of 0.15 CFS or more at MFL gages specified in regulatory strategies.
- N. **Staffing:** SRWMD and SJRWMD recognize that staffing and allocation of staff time are necessary to support activities within the Geographic Area. To promote efficiency and clear communication between SRWMD and SJRWMD under the Agreement, a SJRWMD staff member will be designated to serve as a liaison role to facilitate

communication on topics including, but not limited to: analysis of data, planning issues, permitting, projects, MFLs, and recovery and prevention strategies. Both Districts will allocate staff time and resources to implement relevant regulatory strategies, develop and update plans, and maintain supporting data sets, relevant models and tools.

O. **Department Authority:** In the event that the Executive Directors of SRWMD and SJRWMD cannot reach resolution of any of the coordination requirements contained in this agreement, then the Department will be consulted as part of its general oversight authority to ensure consistency with state law and the water resource implementation rule.

P. **Water Shortage:** In order to enhance the effectiveness of current and future water shortage declarations and to enhance interdistrict efficiency by avoiding duplication of related efforts, the SRWMD and SJRWMD agree to cooperate as follows:

1. Each district will provide the following information to the other district: a detailed description of the factors currently monitored to determine whether to declare a water shortage (i.e., specific hydrologic conditions, water demands, and other data), a schedule that indicates the frequency at which each of these factors is collected and analyzed, and a description of the committee or staff arrangement that currently conducts the monitoring and analysis efforts.

2. The Districts will identify and implement appropriate means of coordinating these monitoring and analysis efforts. At a minimum, a mechanism for notifying one another of current monitoring and analysis results will be established.

3. The Districts will establish a mechanism for notifying one another of recommended and adopted water shortage orders (declarations, modifications and rescissions). To that end, SRWMD and SJRWMD agree as follows:

a. Notification of any recommendation for a water shortage order or emergency order, including samples of related permittee and/or public communication materials will be provided as soon as practicable.

b. The Districts will respond to each notification or transmittal described above by providing any comments in as timely a manner as possible.

c. Any adopted water shortage or emergency order will be timely transmitted to the other district along with related permittee and/or public communication materials as soon as available.

d. To the extent practicable, the Districts will coordinate their public outreach and communication efforts regarding the water shortage or emergency order.

(signatures on following page)

Attest: _____

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Thomas Hugh
Executive Director

Date: _____

Approved as to Legal Form and
Content:

George T. Reeves,
General Counsel

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Attest: _____

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Michael A. Register, P.E.
Executive Director

Date: _____

Approved as to Legal Form and
Content:

Erin Preston,
General Counsel

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Attest: _____

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Shawn Hamilton
Secretary

Date: _____

Approved as to Legal Form and
Content:

Justin G. Wolfe,
General Counsel

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INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND
THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGARDING WATER SHORTAGES AND WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCIES
WITHIN ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

THIS INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT is made on July 13, 2012, and entered into by and between the ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ("SJRWMD") and the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ("SRWMD"), (collectively "Districts") with the concurrence of the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Alachua County, a local government, is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of both Districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 373.046(6), F.S., when a geographic area of a local government crosses water management district boundaries, the affected districts may designate, by interagency agreement, a single affected district to implement in that area under the rules of the designated district, all or part of the applicable regulatory responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter dated June 26, 2012, from Alachua County Commission Chair Paula M. DeLaney on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), the County has requested that the Districts enter into an Interagency Agreement designating SRWMD as the district with the regulatory authority to declare and enforce water shortages and water shortage emergencies within all unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has requested this action so that it may, pursuant to Section 373.609, F.S., assist SRWMD in the enforcement of SRWMD's current water shortage order, and any amendments thereto, by adopting and enforcing a single water shortage ordinance for all unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the County to adopt and enforce such an ordinance will help to alleviate any confusion on the part of the public regarding what water use restrictions are to be followed, and will assist county staff in the enforcement of those restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, SJRWMD and SRWMD, under the authority of subsection 373.046(6), F.S., hereby agree as follows:

1. SRWMD is designated as the agency with the authority to declare and enforce water shortages and water shortage emergencies pursuant to sections 373.175 and 373.246, F.S., and Chapter 40B-21, F.A.C., within all unincorporated areas of the County.

2. SJRWMD will be responsible for providing the newspaper notice required by subsection 373.246(5), Florida Statutes, and will provide notice as required by subsection 373.246(6), Florida Statutes, to each permittee in the district if there is a change to a condition of his or her permit or there is some other restriction on the permittee's use of water.

3. This Agreement shall commence upon execution by the Districts, with the concurrence of the County, and shall continue in full force and effect unless otherwise amended in writing by the Districts. Either District may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party or its lawful representative has executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

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MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Attest: Linda D. Welch

By: Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.
Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Date: July 10, 2012

Approved as to Legal Form and
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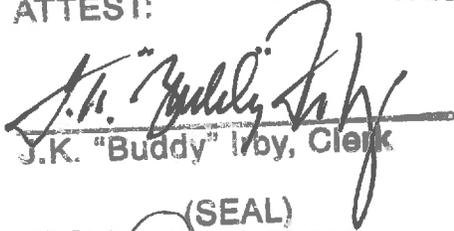
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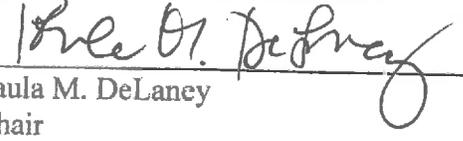
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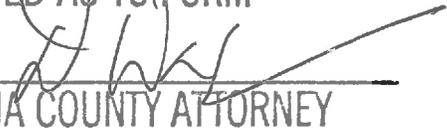
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J.K. "Buddy" Ivoy, Clerk

Concur:
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 
Paula M. DeLaney
Chair


ALACHUA COUNTY ATTORNEY

Date: 7/13/12

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