

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management  
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations  
DATE: June 6, 2024  
RE: Task Work Assignments with 3G Environmental Services, LLC for Ditch Mowing Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to a task work assignment with 3G Environmental Services, LLC for ditch mowing services for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$149,000.

**BACKGROUND**

The District not only maintains its road network through standard mowing techniques, but it also requires use of specialty mowing equipment. Ditch mowing is periodically required within and along roads, ditch edges, and within areas unreachable by standard mowers due to the height of encroaching foliage or proximity to adjacent steep ditching. Ditch mowing is also required when the foliage size to be removed has exceeded the capabilities of standard mowing equipment.

Ditch mowing remains an important tool of land management for safety in public access and wildfire suppression. Keeping roads open enhances visibility, accessibility, and reduces fuels.

On December 18, 2023, the Executive Director approved a task work assignment with 3G Environmental Services, LLC for ditch mowing on Mallory Swamp Tract for an amount not to exceed \$99,000. Leftover funds within the Land Management budget became available from other programs, allowing additional mowing to be completed. On May 15, 2024, the Executive Director signed a second task work assignment for ditch mowing for \$50,000 on Mallory Swamp and other District tracts. Due to the favorable weather conditions and a need for additional work on that tract, all work is being completed in Mallory Swamp. However, crews may be dispatched to other District tracts if weather conditions do not remain favorable at Mallory Swamp.

Therefore, in aggregate, the task work assignments require Governing Board approval because of the similarity of work and work location.

Funding for this contract is included in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Budget.

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