



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

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Open to Public

November 12, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair  
**Amendments Recommended by Staff:** None
4. Public Comment
5. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:
  - Agenda Item No. 6 - October 8, 2024 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
  - Agenda Item No. 11 - September 2024 Financial Report
  - Agenda Item No. 17 - Ellison Utility Easement, Dixie County - Final Terms
  - Agenda Item No. 20 - Task Work Assignment with Water and Air Research, Inc
6. October 8, 2024 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes -  
**Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
  - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
  - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

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

8. Update on Legal Activities

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

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**Katelyn Potter, Division Director**

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**WATER RESOURCES**

**Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director**

19. Water Resources Division Updates

Minimum Flows and Levels

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

**Hugh Thomas, Executive Director**

21. Announcements

22. Governing Board Comments

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

December 10, 2024                      9:00 a.m.      Board Meeting  
Workshop / Committee Meetings

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

### 23. Adjournment

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

#### Definitions:

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

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

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

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

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



**AGENDA**  
**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP**

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Following Board Meeting

Live Oak, Florida

- Agricultural Cost-Share Discussion
- Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Projects Development Update
- Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget Presentation
- Field Service Building Tour



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

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Note: A digital recording system was used to record these proceedings and is on file in the permanent files of the District. A copy of the materials and handouts are a part of the record as set out in full here and are filed in the permanent files of the District.

October 8, 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**

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

**Governing Board Legal Counsel**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Firm</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

**Leadership Team**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Executive Director	Hugh Thomas	X	
Assistant Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Amy Brown	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Agenda Item No. 3 - Governing Board Committee Assignments Updates. Chair Johns included Board Member George Wheeler to the Lands Committee

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

**DELETION:**

Agenda Item No. 17 – Environmental Resource Permitting: General Works of the District Application Number WOD-121-211576-2, Gillard Residence, Denial, Suwannee County

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

Agenda Item No. 5 – Public Comment: None

Agenda Item No. 6- Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item No. 7 - September 10, 2024 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Millage and Budget, September 23, 2024 Workshops and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Millage and Budget Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Renewal of Property and Casualty, Comprehensive General Liability, Public Officials Liability, Auto, and Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage from Public Risk Insurance Agency
- Agenda Item No. 14 - August 2024 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Employee Health Care Insurance Coverages for Calendar Year 2025
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report

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

Agenda Item No. 7 - September 10, 2024 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Millage and Budget, September 23, 2024 Workshops and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Millage and Budget Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 8 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations:

- A. Robbie McKinney, Chief, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 9 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Merryman Declaratory Statement Petition lawsuit.

**BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Administration

Agenda Item No. 10 – Facilities Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Contract with BluSky Restoration Contractors, LLC. Mr. Glass presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 – Renewal of Property and Casualty, Comprehensive General Liability, Public Officials Liability, Auto, and Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage from Public Risk Insurance Agency. Approved on Consent.

Agriculture Projects

Agenda Item No. 13 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Gilchrist and Levy Counties. Mr. Glass presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Lloyd announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this item. The Conflict of Interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Lloyd and is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board Meeting minutes files of the District.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE ITEM. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LLOYD.

**Board Member Sessions left the Board Meeting at 9:38 a.m.**

Finance

Agenda Item No. 14 – August 2024 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Human Resources

Agenda Item No. 15 – Employee Health Care Insurance Coverages for Calendar Year 2025. Approved on Consent.

Environmental Resource Permitting

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

~~Agenda Item No. 17 – General Works of the District Application Number WOD 121-211576-2, Gillard Residence, Denial, Suwannee County. Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division, presented this item to the Board. Deleted~~

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 18 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

**OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 19 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Communications Summary and 2025 Workplan Presentation. Troy Roberts, Chief, Office of Communications and Outreach, provided a presentation to the Board.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 21 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Land Acquisition Project Ranking. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

Keith Rowell, Florida Conservation Group, provided comments to the Board.

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

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 23 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 24 – Hydrologic Data Services Summary and 2025 Workplan Presentation. Vince Robinson, Manager, Office of Hydrologic Data Services, provided a presentation to the Board.

**WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 25 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 26 – 2024 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 27 – Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report. Approved on Consent.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 28 – Surface Water Improvement Plan Update Presentation. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources, provided this presentation to the Board.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 29 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities and updates regarding Hurricane Milton.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 31 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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

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Workshop began at 11:56 a.m.

Land Management Summary and 2025 Workplan Presentation

Mrs. Potter provided an update of Land Management storm related activities and salvage timber sales due to hurricanes.

Field Service Building Tour

Postponed at this time.

Workshop adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

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: November 1, 2024

RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with White Oak Dairy, Inc., Lafayette County

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with White Oak Dairy, Inc. to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$1,110,000.

**BACKGROUND**

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

White Oak Dairy, Inc. has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District Agricultural Cost-Share Program to add additional wastewater pipelines and install four new wastewater pivots, convert an existing freshwater system to a wastewater pivot and upgrade the solids separation system. With the expansion of the wastewater pipeline, it will allow for more acres to use organic fertilizer, further reducing the loading rates on the existing wastewater pivots and reduce the need for inorganic fertilizer. The wastewater will also supplement freshwater applications and reduce ground water pumping on the existing system. Screen separators will significantly reduce the number of solids from entering the waste storage pond. Removing more solids will allow for removal of nutrients in wastewater and reduce the nutrient loading on spray fields. The District currently has active contracts with White Oak Dairy, LLC. There is one funding source that will be used to execute this contract.

The Governing Board accepted these funds on June 11, 2024, from Florida Department Environmental Protection through the Water Quality Improvement Grant.

This project is located in the Suwannee River Basin Management Action Plan Area, Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth Priority Focus Area, and the Western Water Supply Planning Region. The associated water savings estimate is .048 million gallons per day with the cost-effectiveness of \$4.36 per 1,000 gallons and an 830-pound reduction of nitrogen at ground water per year at \$100 per pound over 20 years.

Attachment A lists the cost share items and funding breakdown. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget.

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Attachments

**ATTACHMENT A**

PRODUCER            WHITE OAK DAIRY, INC.  
 WATER USE PERMIT    219279  
 BMAP                SUWA  
     PFA                Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth  
 COUNTY              Lafayette

**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
LPS0082 Program					\$1,110,000.00		
<b>Sustainable Suwannee Nutrient Mitigation Project</b>							
Task 3 - Construction	70%	\$1,110,000.00	\$1,584,607.00	1	\$1,110,000.00	\$474,607.00	2 Years from effective date

**FUNDING**

**DEP Funding**                      \$1,110,000.00                      Estimated PRODUCER Funds                      \$474,607.00

**Contract Amount**    \$1,110,000.00

**ATTACHMENT A CONT.**

Item	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Engineering Design and Bid Documents <sup>1</sup>	1	ea.	\$0	\$ 32,750.00
Construction Cost Associated with Upgrades to Manure Management System <sup>2</sup>				\$ 1,584,607
1450 ft Wastewater Pivot	2	ea.	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 264,000
500 ft Wastewater Pivot	2	ea.	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 130,000
Pipelines (10" PVC)	10,800	ft	\$ 24.00	\$ 259,200
Pipeline Road Crossings - Dirt Road	2	ea.	\$ 22.00	\$ 44
Inclined Screen Separator on tower stand including pumps, power, fittings, screw press, power washer	3	ea.	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 690,000
Concrete Stacking Slap, push up walls, earthwork for screens	500	yd^3	\$ 380.00	\$ 190,000
Pump Pit Excavation	170	yd^3	\$ 8.00	\$ 1,363
Pump Pit Concrete	40	yd^3	\$ 575.00	\$ 23,000
Transfer pump (pump pit)	1	ea.	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000
<b>Total of Engineering and Construction</b>				<b>\$ 1,617,357</b>
Monitoring and O&M <sup>3</sup>	1	annual	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

1 Paid under existing contract

2 To be cost-shared under new contract

3 Dairy cost

## **ATTACHMENT A Cont.**

### **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.

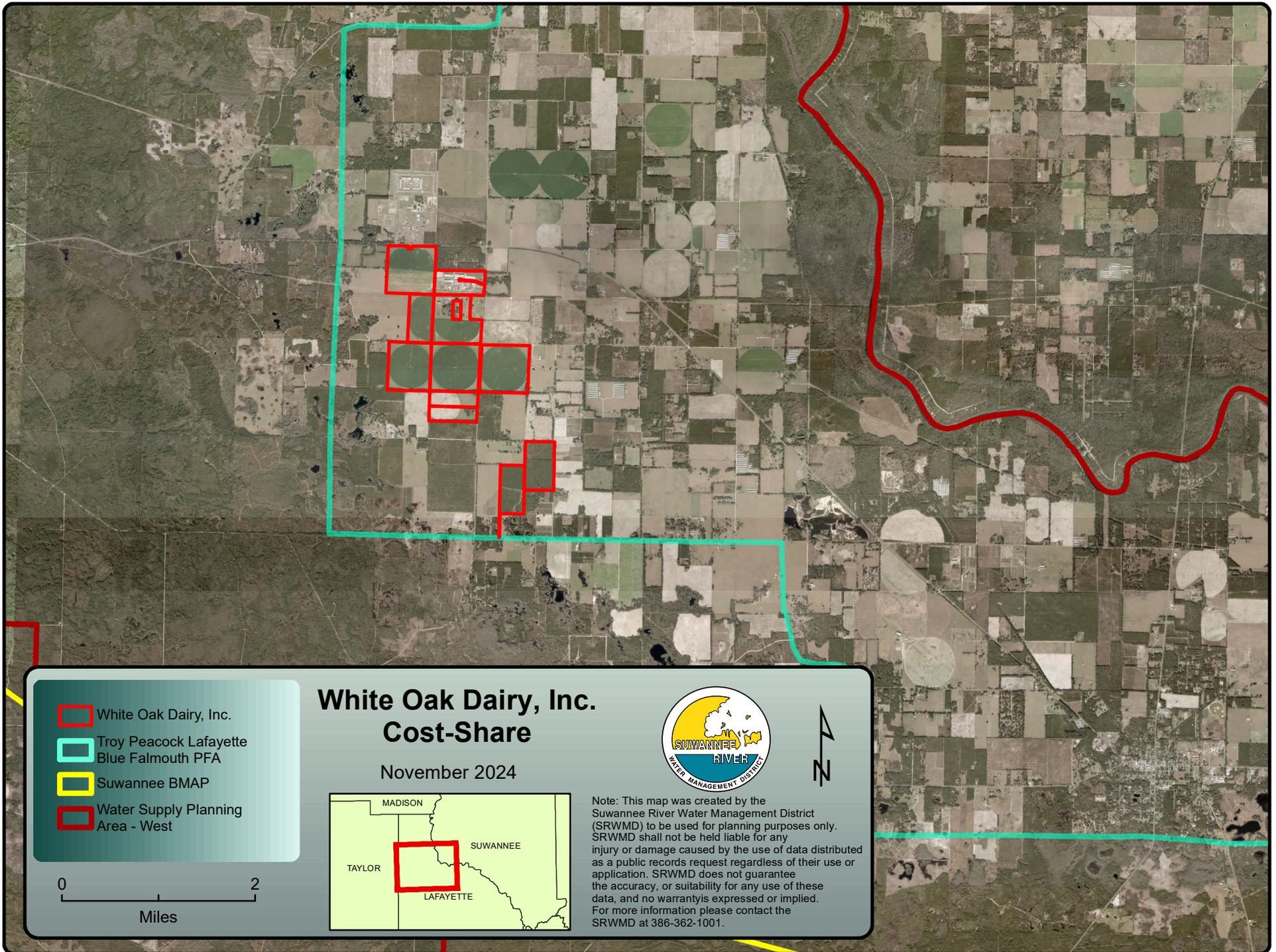
The PRODUCER shall maintain compliance with the associated Water Use Permit(s) for the duration of the contract.

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.

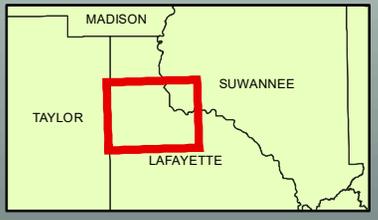
### **District Terms and Conditions**



- White Oak Dairy, Inc.
- Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth PFA
- Suwannee BMAP
- Water Supply Planning Area - West

## White Oak Dairy, Inc. Cost-Share

November 2024



Note: This map was created by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) to be used for planning purposes only. SRWMD shall not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by the use of data distributed as a public records request regardless of their use or application. SRWMD does not guarantee the accuracy, or suitability for any use of these data, and no warranty is expressed or implied. For more information please contact the SRWMD at 386-362-1001.



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: November 1, 2024  
RE: September 2024 Financial Report

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the September 2024 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  
September 2024**

<b>Financial Institution/Account</b>	<b>Monthly Interest</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
First Federal Permit Fee	\$19.96	\$519.96
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$60.10	\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$1,041.43	\$476,210.92
First Federal ICS Custodian Account	\$50,312.70	\$14,861,983.23
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	\$89,251.85	\$23,907,466.54
TOTAL	<u>\$140,686.04</u>	<u>\$39,281,180.65</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 September 30, 2024  
(Unaudited)**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Actuals Through 9/30/2024</b>	<b>Variance (Under)/Over Budget</b>	<b>Actuals As A % of Budget</b>
<b>Sources</b>				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 6,889,956	\$ 6,935,214	\$ 45,258	100.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 56,272,469	\$ 19,054,149	\$ (37,218,320)	33.9%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 1,327,048	\$ 1,197,048	1020.8%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 223,000	\$ 325,906	\$ 102,906	146.1%
Other	\$ 1,390,000	\$ 1,654,296	\$ 264,296	119.0%
Fund Balance <sup>1</sup>	\$ 11,728,665	\$ 1,719,694	\$ (10,008,971)	14.7%
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$ 76,634,090</b>	<b>\$ 31,016,308</b>	<b>\$ (45,617,782)</b>	<b>40.5%</b>

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Encumbrances <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Available Budget</b>	<b>%Expended</b>	<b>%Obligated <sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Uses</b>						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 12,182,776	\$ 6,193,662	\$ 3,595,503	\$ 2,393,611	51%	80%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 51,444,966	\$ 14,960,080	\$ 32,538,378	\$ 3,946,508	29%	92%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 8,457,072	\$ 5,754,838	\$ 971,193	\$ 1,731,041	68%	80%
Regulation	\$ 2,368,342	\$ 1,580,718	\$ 26,871	\$ 760,752	67%	68%
Outreach	\$ 227,719	\$ 223,819	\$ 3,662	\$ 238	98%	100%
Management and Administration	\$ 1,953,215	\$ 1,659,867	\$ 74,249	\$ 219,099	85%	89%
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$ 76,634,090</b>	<b>\$ 30,372,984</b>	<b>\$ 37,209,856</b>	<b>\$ 9,051,250</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>88%</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders, contracts, and task work assignments.

<sup>3</sup> Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This financial statement is prepared as of September 30, 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 9/30/2024**

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b><u>Report Recap -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	10,242,465	0	8,632,956
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	14,780,260	0	40,994,469
FEDERAL REVENUES	4,273,889	0	15,278,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	1,719,694	0	11,728,665
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>31,016,308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,634,090</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	7,061,289	0	8,426,206
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	9,478,022	13,825,068	31,544,876
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,517,112	195,761	2,334,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	216,710	44,991	343,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,995,360	272,357	5,816,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	10,104,491	22,871,678	28,169,464
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>30,372,984</b>	<b>37,209,855</b>	<b>76,634,090</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>643,324</b>	<b>(37,209,855)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>General Fund -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	8,358,707	0	5,135,254
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,853,843	0	4,740,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	3,066,077
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>11,212,550</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,941,331</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	5,263,312	0	6,482,354
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	911,061	181,386	4,019,204
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,023,615	68,772	1,452,457
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	183,887	45	226,816
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	331,504	22,760	760,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>7,713,379</b>	<b>272,963</b>	<b>12,941,331</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,499,171</b>	<b>(272,963)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>Land Management Operations -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	1,544,842	0	2,707,020
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,492,804	0	3,691,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	189,318	0	40,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	35,826	0	2,253,933
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,262,790</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,692,072</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	977,780	0	1,081,015
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,702,711	425,916	3,914,672
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	465,066	126,989	807,543
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	32,823	44,946	116,228
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	943,695	214,827	1,816,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	633,961	158,867	956,614
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,756,036</b>	<b>971,545</b>	<b>8,692,072</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(1,493,246)</b>	<b>(971,545)</b>	<b>0</b>

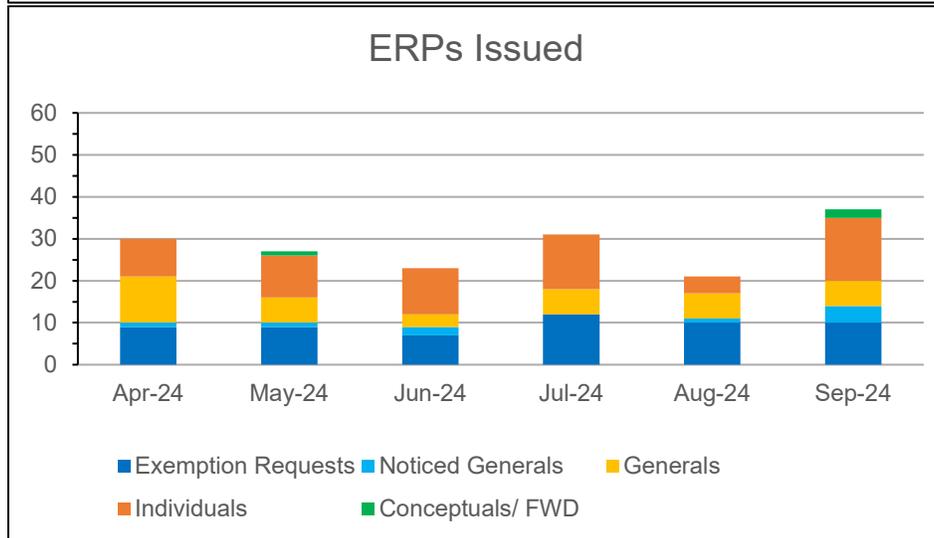
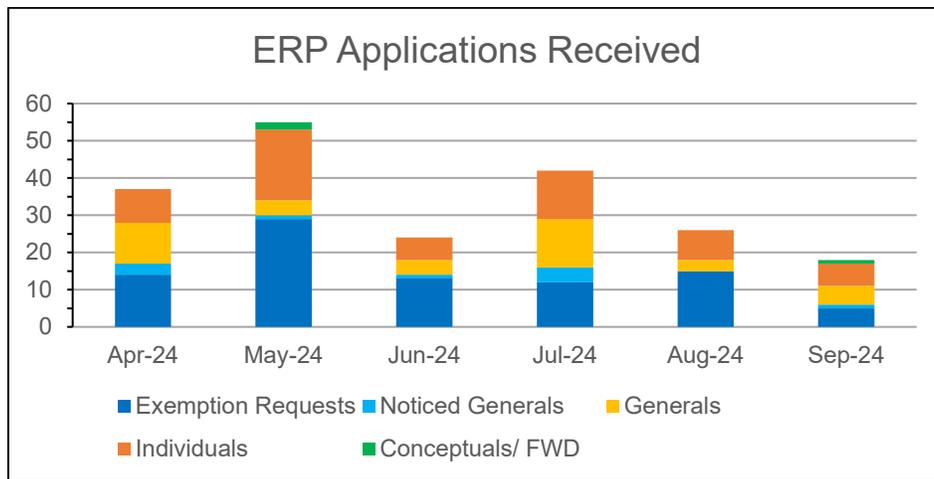
**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)**  
**FOR 9/30/2024**

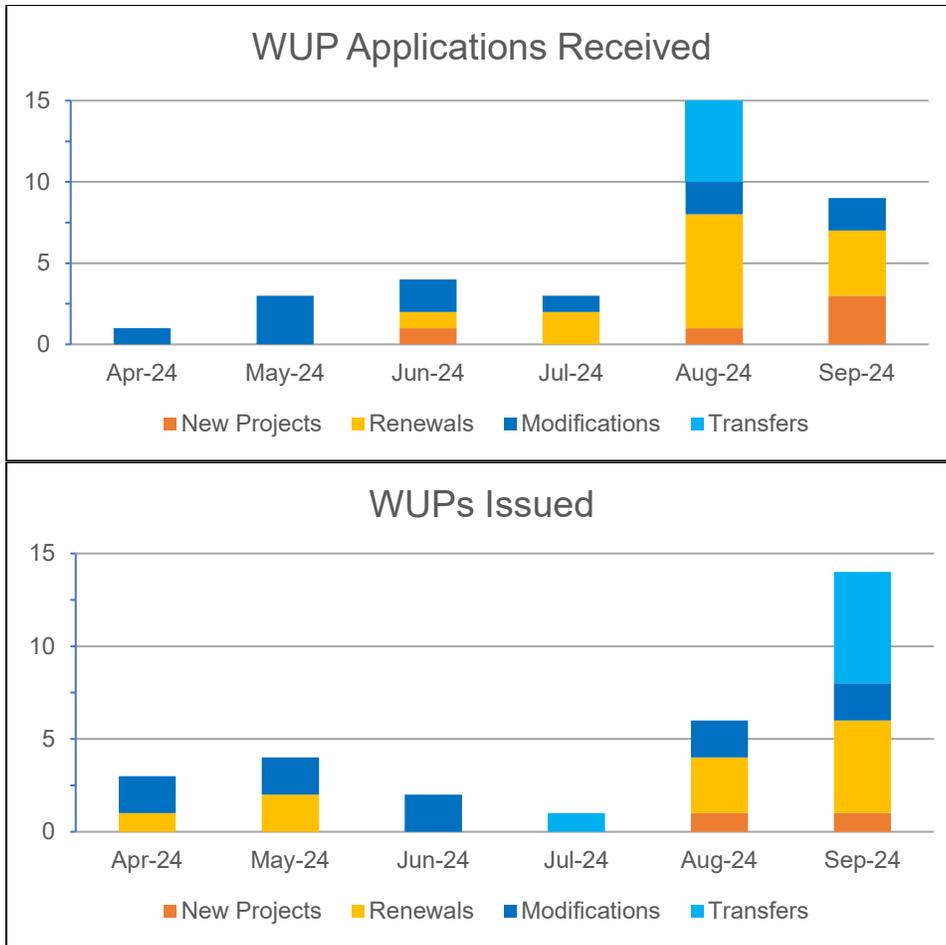
	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b><u>District Special Revenue -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	589,180	0	3,820,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>589,180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,820,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	217,144	492,557	1,300,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	372,036	1,212,265	2,490,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>589,180</b>	<b>1,704,822</b>	<b>3,820,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,704,822)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>State Special Revenue -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	338,916	0	790,682
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	9,433,614	0	32,563,350
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	1,094,688	0	2,588,655
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>10,867,218</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,942,687</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	819,250	0	846,837
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,739,129	8,750,676	17,624,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	22,259	0	36,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,051,666	57,530	4,000,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	5,557,834	13,729,006	13,435,350
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>12,190,138</b>	<b>22,537,212</b>	<b>35,942,687</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(1,322,920) *</b>	<b>(22,537,212)</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>* To be reimbursed by State Grants</i>			
<b><u>Federal Special Revenue -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	4,084,572	0	15,238,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,084,572</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,238,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	947	0	16,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	907,978	3,974,533	4,687,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	6,172	0	8,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	3,209,155	7,748,780	10,527,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,124,252</b>	<b>11,723,313</b>	<b>15,238,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(39,680) *</b>	<b>(11,723,313)</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>* To be reimbursed by Federal Grants</i>			

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

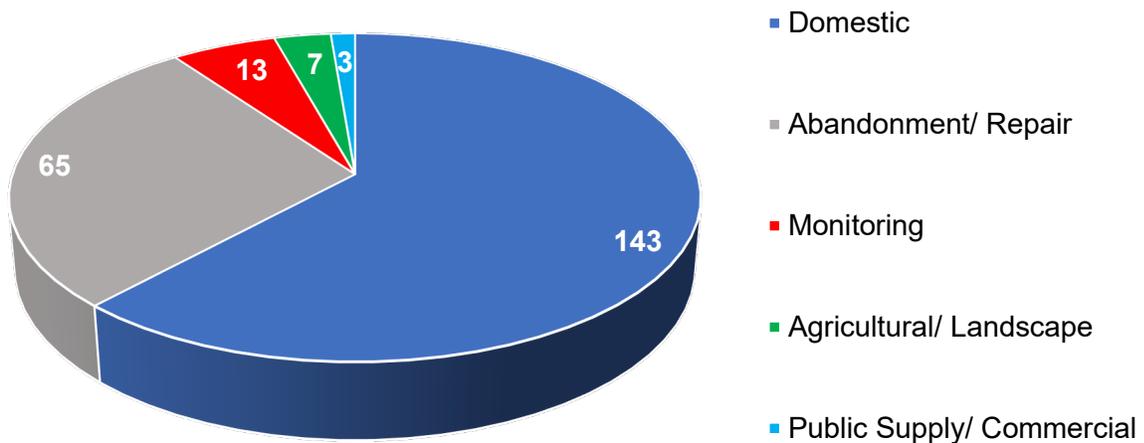
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/ Projects Division  
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services  
DATE: November 1, 2024  
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued - September 2024



**40B-400.091 Rule Reference**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	8/13/2024
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**40B-4.1020 Definitions**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/9/2024
Notice of Rule Development	10/2/2024
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**40B-4.1090 Docs Incorporated by Ref**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/9/2024
Notice of Rule Development	10/2/2024
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**40B-4.3010 WOD Permits**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/9/2024
Notice of Rule Development	10/2/2024
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**40B-4.3030 WOD Cond for Issuance**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/9/2024
Notice of Rule Development	10/2/2024
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

GB Authorized Rulemaking	
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
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<b>Effective Date</b>	

**ERP/ WUP Compliance Agreements:**

None to report

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Division of Resource Management / Projects Division

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

DATE: November 1, 2024

RE: Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

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

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Attachment

# Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Period ending September 30, 2024

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS PROGRAM</b>		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	29	\$ 33,012,124
Completed within the last 6 months	6	\$ 10,598,394
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$ 43,610,518</b>

<b>AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM</b>		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	142	\$ 10,671,859
Completed within the last 6 months	26	\$ 810,891
<b>Totals</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>\$ 11,482,751</b>

<b>FLOOD RISK OUTREACH AND MAPPING PROGRAM</b>		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Number of Contracts (TWAs)	12	\$ 6,880,106
Completed within the last 6 months	1	\$ 790,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$ 7,670,606</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTS / TWAs</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>\$ 62,763,875</b>

<b>AEP APPLICATIONS</b>	
	Number of Projects
Agriculture Applications under review	25
AWS and Springs	16
Conceptual Projects under review	19
Projects in Queue	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>

<b>AEP FUNDING SOURCES</b>		
	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$ 107,771,921</b>

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: Troy Roberts, Office Chief, Communications and Outreach  
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations  
DATE: October 16, 2024  
RE: Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

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

<b>Facebook</b>	<b>Twitter</b>	<b>Instagram</b>
Total Posts: 21 Total Reach: 187,900 Content Interactions: 1,102 Link Clicks: 1,119	Total Posts: 23 Total Impressions: 3,057	Total Posts: 15 Total Reach: 654 Total Engagement: 168

<b>Press Releases</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>September 3 – <a href="#">Governing Board meeting / Budget Public Hearing</a></li><li>September 11 – <a href="#">Hydrologic Conditions Report</a></li><li>September 16 – <a href="#">Final Budget Public Hearing</a></li></ul>

<b>Media Inquiries / Responses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>September 30 – Troy Roberts discussed upcoming story ideas with the Florida Specifier.</li></ul>

<b>Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>September 4 – Troy Roberts met with Moore Communications regarding the Online SUA website.</li><li>September 17 – Troy Roberts and staff made a presentation at Poole Realty in Live Oak regarding flood risk and permitting.</li><li>September 18 – Troy Roberts met with SKYE to discuss an upcoming Leave No Litter Refresh Project.</li><li>September 19 – Troy Roberts met with representatives from Florida Gateway College to confirm the date and location for the upcoming flood risk conference.</li><li>September 24 – Troy Roberts met with Strategic Digital Services to discuss upcoming feature story work for the new fiscal year.</li></ul>

**September Photo Highlight:**

During September’s Governing Board meeting, recently appointed board members were sworn in for their terms. Harry Smith (from left) and Larry Thompson were reappointed for their seconds terms, while George Wheeler was appointed to the Board.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Troy Roberts, Chief, Office of Communications and Outreach  
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations  
DATE: October 17, 2024  
RE: 2025-2029 Strategic Plan

**FOR INFORMATION**

Review of the draft 2025-2029 Strategic Plan

**BACKGROUND**

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

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

Overall, changes to the 2025-2029 plan were minor. A complete update of the plan is scheduled for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

The 2025-2029 Strategic Plan can be accessed on the District website. The plan is available for public review and comment. Specific actions and expenditures are considered and approved separately from, but in support of the plan. Annual updates are made to the plan based on operational needs or policy changes.

Link - [2025-2029 Strategic Plan](#)

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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: November 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**

<b>Authorized for Surplus</b>									
Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding	Lands Committee Date	Governing Board Date	Price	Appraisal Date	Comments
Falmouth North (8 lots)	6.51	Suwannee	04.24.1998	WMLTF	--	06.08.2010	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Turtle Spring Surplus Tract	32	Lafayette	05.13.2015	Florida Forever	--	03.10.2015	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Country Club Road	80.69	Columbia	07.1.2015	N/A	--	07.09.2019	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Suwannee Run Shores	1.175	Dixie	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	07.09.2019	08.13.2019	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Three Rivers Estates	1	Columbia	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	07.09.2019	08.13.2019	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Forest Woodlands	11	Gilchrist	10.11.1996	Save Our Rivers	10.11.2019	11.12.2019	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Santa Fe Oasis	1	Gilchrist	04.28.1998	Save Our Rivers	09.21.2020	05.12.2020	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Newberry Wellfield	58.66	Alachua	01.11.2000	P-2000	03.09.2021	04.14.2021	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Pending final review with legal and City of Newberry.
<b>Approved for Detailed Assessment</b>									
Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Lands Committee Date	Governing Board Date	Comments	
Dixon	40	Hamilton	01.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	05.09.23	06.13.23	Pending project ranking by the Board, then will identify funding.	
Hodges	753	Levy	03.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	05.09.23	06.13.23	Pending project ranking by the Board, then will identify funding.	
Williams Family Investments, LLC.	947	Levy	06.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	09.25.23	10.10.23	Pending project ranking by the Board, then will identify funding.	
Johnny Taylor	941	Gilchrist	07.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	09.25.23	10.10.23	Pending finalization of easement terms. Pending project ranking by the Board, then will identify funding.	
Leland Wright	149	Gilchrist	05.2024	Donation	Conservation Easement	07.09.24	08.13.24	Easement terms sent to landowner, pending return. Once complete, will begin due diligence.	

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations  
DATE: October 11, 2024  
RE: Ellison Utility Easement, Dixie County - Final Terms

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize a utility easement to Matthew Ellison across the Steinhatchee Rise Tract in Dixie County.

**BACKGROUND**

In October 2023, the Governing Board authorized negotiations with Matthew Ellison for a utility easement across a portion of the District's Steinhatchee Rise Tract in Dixie County.

Approval for negotiations included Governing Board approval of the final terms. Mr. Ellison has completed the terms of the easement including completion of the survey and appraisal. The appraised value of the easement totals \$5,509. Further, Mr. Ellison conducted the survey and has provided the necessary legal description. He will also be responsible for any associated legal fees incurred by the District.

The easement will be granted to the utility company and carry with the land. Final conveyance of the easement area will be completed upon Board approval and payment of \$5,996.50 from Mr. Ellison at closing.

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File #008-00582

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: October 23, 2024  
 RE: Land Management Update Report

**BACKGROUND**

The following information summarizes land management activities cumulative as of September 30, 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	250	100.0%
Roller Chop Uplands	200	141	70.0%
Mallory Swamp Mow/Chop	1,300	579	44.5%
Woods Mowing	1,500	2,173	144.0%

Prescribed Fire (acres)	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
SRWMD	12,300	9,899	80.4%
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	10	100%
Contractors (acres)	133	97	73%
Starke Bypass (acres)	100	100	100%

Ecological Services Monitoring	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Rare Plants Monitoring (acres)	2,957	2,957	100%
Gopher Tortoise Surveys (transects)	557	330	59%

<b>Wading Bird Rookeries (sites)</b>	13	5	38%
<b>Natural Community Mapping (acres)</b>	1,150	1,150	100%

<b>Timber Harvests</b>	<b>FY 2024 Planned</b>	<b>Reporting Period Completed</b>	<b>Percent Complete</b>
<b>Acreage Sold</b>	1,764	1,438	82%
<b>Revenue (estimated)</b>	\$1,064,000	\$1,504,701.44	141%

<b>Current Timber Sales</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Status or Revenue</b>
<b>Sandlin Bay #9</b>	Columbia	374	Thinning	Inactive
<b>Woods Ferry #7</b>	Suwannee	155	Thinning	Inactive
<b>Cuba Bay #4</b>	Madison	51	Thinning	Inactive
<b>Steinhatchee Springs #24</b>	Lafayette	192	Thinning	Inactive
<b>Withlacoochee Quail Farm #2</b>	Madison	84	Thinning	Contract Pending
<b>Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 1</b>	Lafayette	128	Salvage Clearcut	Contract Pending
<b>Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 2</b>	Lafayette	218	Salvage Clearcut	Contract Pending
<b>Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 3</b>	Lafayette	117	Salvage Clearcut	Contract Pending
<b>Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 4</b>	Taylor	102	Salvage Clearcut	Contract Pending
<b>Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 5</b>	Dixie	204	Salvage Clearcut	Contract Pending
<b>Hurricane Helene TRSF Salvage 1</b>	Madison	154	Salvage Clearcut	Contract Pending
<b>Hurricane Helene TRSF Salvage 2</b>	Madison	124	Salvage Clearcut	Contract Pending

<b>Restoration</b>	<b>FY 2024 Planned</b>	<b>Reporting Period Completed</b>	<b>Percent Complete</b>
<b>Reforestation (acres)</b>	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.

<b>Conservation Easements</b>	<b>FY 2024 Planned</b>	<b>Reporting Period Completed</b>	<b>Percent Complete</b>
<b>Monitor Current Easements</b>	5	8	160%

Hydrologic & Road Maintenance	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Culvert Replacements	4	3	75%
Road maintenance (miles)	96	96	100%

Tract Maintenance	FY 2024 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Mowing (total miles)	1,748	1,529	87%
Site Maintenance (total visits)	2,736	2,508	92%
Enhanced Patrols (hours)	800	697	87%
Sign Replacements	51	Project on hold	0
Boundary Line Painting (miles)	115.4	115.4	100%

### Special Projects

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

**Mount Gilead Tract:** EUTAW, Inc is developing a design for an updated and fortified boat ramp.

**Owen Springs Tract:** The project is to improve public accessibility and reduce impacts to the natural system is underway. The heavy daylighting of main roads is completed. Reconfiguration of the parking area to increase parking space and improved access to the spring to reduce erosion are both planned.

**Pinehatchee Tract:** Survey work, project road repairs, and the boardwalk repairs are all completed.

**Rock Bluff:** Gray Construction Services, Inc replaced an aged septic system with an enhanced septic system, updated the water system, and upgraded the electrical system. The Gilchrist County Building Inspector passed the final inspection and Central Florida Electric Cooperative is scheduled to install the new meter.

**Starke Bypass Mitigation Area:** The rows for planting supplemental trees have been established using a heavy mower. Site-prep chemical treatment of these planting rows has been completed. Planting rows are scheduled to be mowed again before trees are planted in the winter. Supplemental tree planting will occur within these rows later in the winter. The first round of invasive plant treatment work has also been completed across the entire site.

**Steinhatchee Falls:** Topographic surveys and geotechnical investigations for the boat ramp reconstruction are complete. Preliminary site plans have been developed. Site design and engineering is 90 percent complete. FDEP and ACOE permits were submitted in August.

**Telford Spring:** In July, the District opened Telford Spring to the public. EUTAW, Inc has completed a conceptual plan to improve parking and public access.

**Storm Clean – Up:** Hurricane Debby and Hurricane Helene have drastically impacted the majority of the District tracts. Assessments have been conducted on tracts and timber

salvage sales are underway. Cut and toss operations are also underway to open access on roads for safety and management activities. District headquarters had downed storm debris removed for office access. Precision tree removal has been contracted to remove remaining hazard trees and prevent further building damage.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

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

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

DATE: November 1, 2024

RE: Task Work Assignment with Water and Air Research, Inc

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a task work assignment with Water and Air Research, Inc for algae and aquatic vegetation monitoring at priority springs for an amount not to exceed \$136,429.76.

**BACKGROUND**

The District is in the process of developing new approaches to establish minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFLs) for priority springs that address characteristics specific to each spring. Emerging evidence indicates that spring flow can substantially affect algae and aquatic vegetation communities within springs, including limiting the accumulation of nuisance algae. The District requires the continued assistance of Water and Air Research, Inc (WAR) to collect algae and aquatic vegetation data at priority springs in the Suwannee River basin to support the development of springs MFLs.

During the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, the District contracted with WAR for one year of monitoring, which included six sampling events at five priority springs: Madison Blue, Allen Mill Pond, Hornsby, Gilchrist Blue, and Little Fanning Springs. These springs were selected because of their potential for developing relationships between flows and the amounts of algae and aquatic vegetation. This effort was extended for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year during which five sampling events were conducted at Hornsby, Gilchrist Blue, and Little Fanning Springs. Madison Blue and Allen Mill Pond Springs could only be sampled once due to river flooding.

The task work assignment (TWA) for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year extends data collection at these same five sites and includes the addition of three priority springs: Peacock, Columbia, and Naked Springs. These additional springs are known to support aquatic vegetation and data collected under this TWA will provide information on algae and aquatic vegetation community dynamics. These eight sites will be sampled bi-monthly from November 2024 to September 2025 (six events at each site).

The information from these surveys will be evaluated to develop spring specific MFL metrics to limit nuisance algae and prevent significant harm to aquatic habitats in priority springs in the Suwannee River Basin. These MFL metrics will address water resource values for aesthetic and scenic attributes and fish and wildlife habitats as set forth in rule 62-40.473, Florida Administrative Code. The algae and aquatic vegetation monitoring data can also be used for assessing improvements or degradation of spring ecosystems over time and for detection of harmful algal blooms.

Funding for this TWA is included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Budget.

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