

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: December 09, 2025

RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Sanchez Farms, LLC, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Sanchez Farms, LLC to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$198,112.89.

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.

Sanchez Farms, LLC has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District Agricultural Cost-Share Program in Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, and Suwannee counties. The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on January 30, 2025, for \$120,529.74. The second TWA was approved by the Executive Director on February 18, 2025, for \$57,582. The third TWA was approved by the Executive Director on September 25, 2025, for \$13,450. This TWA contains tissue sampling, grid soil sampling, and variable rate nutrient application for use across 6,833 acres of corn, peanuts, grass, carrots, and watermelon. There is one funding source that will be used to execute this contract. The amount allocated per funding source will not exceed \$300,000.

This project is located in the Suwannee Basin Management Plan, Eastern and Western water supply planning area, and Fanning Manatee Priority Focus Area. The associated nutrient reduction and/or water savings estimate for this contract is 341,650 pounds. of nitrogen at land surface.

Attachment A lists the cost share items and funding breakdown. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Final Budget.

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Attachments