

# SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE



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**Subject:** Land Acquisition and Surplus Guidelines

**Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Virginia Johns, Chair**

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**Charles Keith, Secretary/Treasurer**

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### **1.0 Reference to Prior Directive**

Supersedes Directives 99-01 LA, 06-01 LA, 2009-01 LA, 2011-03LM, 2011-01LM, 2015-001, GBD17-0002, GBD18-0003, GBD19-0001, GBD19-0005, GBD21-0003, GBD24-0005, GBD25-0002, and GBD25-0004.

### **2.0 Purpose and Intent**

The purpose of this Directive is to provide water resource guidelines for consideration in the land acquisition and surplus processes.

### **3.0 Statement of Policy**

It is the policy of the Governing Board that the acquisition of a less-than-fee interest shall be the primary consideration in acquisitions unless ownership in fee better supports the District's mission or needs.

If the offeror is unwilling to negotiate a less than fee transaction, the staff shall provide justification for the acquisition of a fee interest over a less than fee interest including at a minimum the additional benefits of fee ownership over a less than fee ownership. These benefits could include but are not limited to enhancement of fee lands already owned by the District, increased public access, increased hunting accessibility for the public and decreased costs for and obstacles to conducting projects on the property.

### **4.0 Definitions**

**Surplus Lands** - District-owned property interests no longer need to be owned to further the District's land conservation purposes of flood control, water storage, water management, conservation and protection of water resources, aquifer recharge, water resource and water supply development, and preservation of wetlands, streams, and lakes or that either need not be owned for a potential or proposed project.

**Current Appraisal** - An appraisal conducted not more than 360 days prior to the effective date of a contract for sale.