

**Less than Fee** - Shall mean a conservation easement.

**5.0 Water Resource Evaluation Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus:**

The following water resource guidelines shall be used to screen potential acquisition and to screen lands for potential surplus. Screening for water resources guidelines shall use the best available data. Lands shall be prioritized relative to:

1. The extent to which the lands provide protection for Outstanding Florida Springs, Priority Focus Areas, and other springs (either directly or indirectly);
2. The extent to which the lands provide protection of surface waters (wetlands, lakes, springs, and streams);
3. The extent to which the lands provide flood protection;
4. The extent to which the lands are needed for implementation of water resource development projects, restoration, or other projects;
5. The extent to which the lands benefit existing acquisition holdings; and
6. The extent to which the lands enhance land management objectives.

**6.0 Delegation of Authority to Disclose Valuation Information:**

The Governing Board hereby delegates to the District's Executive Director the Governing Board's authority to: (1) disclose appraisal reports concerning a proposed acquisition of real property as provided in Section 373.139(3)(a), F.S.; and (2) disclose confidential and exempt valuations and valuation information or written offers concerning a proposed sale of surplus land as provided in Section 373.089(1)(c), F.S.

**7.0 Authority of the Lands Committee and Governing Board**

The Executive Director may negotiate sales of declared surplus properties, right of way/access easements on District lands, right of way/access easements purchased by the District, or lands purchased solely for access.

The Lands Committee shall authorize negotiations on non-declared surplus, exchanges, and lands transactions non-associated with right of way/access.

The Governing Board must authorize the final purchase, surplus, sale, conveyance, lease, or exchange of property on behalf of the District.

Requests for access, utility, right-of-way easements, temporary construction easements and similar instruments shall follow the Access and Utility Easement Request Directive.

**8.0 Land Acquisition**

A. District land acquisition procedures will be governed by 40B-.041 Florida Administrative Code as indicated below:

*(1) Bona fide offers for sale.*

*The District's land acquisition process is initiated when the District receives from an owner of real property a bona fide offer for sale to the District. A bona fide offer is one which includes:*