

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lands Committee

FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: September 2, 2025

RE: Amend Management Agreement 07/08-254 with Alachua County to add +/- 21 Acres of the Lake Alto Tract, Alachua County

**RECOMMENDATION**

Amend Cooperative Agreement 07/08-254 with Alachua County, authorizing the management of an additional +/- 21 acres of the District's Lake Alto Tract to Alachua County.

**BACKGROUND**

The District acquired the Lake Alto Tract in 1991. Alachua County (County) owns property adjacent to the District's southern boundary. In 2008, the District and County entered into an agreement to purchase additional adjacent property. Per the agreement, County has managed the additional 120 acres since the purchase in 2008. Management includes restoration and enhancement of natural resources as well as resource-based recreation.

In May, the County requested adding an additional 21 +/- acres of District property to the management plan for improved management activities of both the District and the County-owned properties. This area adjoins the portion managed by County and would allow management up to the edge of the swamp.

Staff support adding this property to the management plan. There are no costs associated with the added management.

The District and County desire to amend Agreement 07/08-254 to add this parcel as part of the County's responsibility for management.

A map of the proposed property area to be managed by Alachua County is attached.

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Attachments