

8. Upon careful consideration of these hydrologic conditions, District data, qualitative factors, and staff recommendations, the Executive Director has determined that a Water Shortage Advisory for the District is necessary and should be so Resolved.

ORDER

THEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. A Water Shortage Advisory is declared for all ground and surface water sources within the District boundary and including those unincorporated areas of Alachua and Levy counties within the St Johns River Water Management District and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, respectively, in accordance with interagency agreements in place.

2. All classes of water users are encouraged to reduce their water use and to conserve water to the maximum extent possible.

3. All classes of water users are encouraged to plan proactively for extended severe drought conditions and additional mandatory water use restrictions should this Water Shortage Advisory Order advance to a Phase 2 Water Shortage Order. This should include having a low-pressure irrigation alternative to high-pressure irrigation systems where possible.

4. All landscape irrigation users are urged to reduce their irrigation to the maximum extent practical and ensure compliance with the existing one day per week irrigation restrictions as set forth in Rule 40B-2.041, F.A.C.

5. The District encourages the public to defer planting of shrubs, trees, or landscape, which will require watering for establishment, while the advisory is effect.

6. All golf course irrigation users are encouraged to use water in accordance with the provisions of subsection 40B-21(6)(b), F.A.C., and to defer overseeding while the advisory is in effect.

7. The District encourages the public to contact their respective county or city to determine the specific year-round water conservation measures and water shortage ordinance requirements.

8. This advisory shall remain in effect from January 13, 2026, until July 31, 2026, unless otherwise modified, revoked, or rescinded by the Governing Board.