

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: March 1, 2026

RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Ladedda, LLC, Hamilton, Madison, and Suwannee Counties

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Ladedda, LLC to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$110,458.80.

**BACKGROUND**

The 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.

Ladedda, LLC has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program in Hamilton, Madison, and Suwannee counties. The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on February 14, 2025, for \$70,468.80. This TWA contains soil moisture probe service agreements, grid soil sampling, and variable rate nutrient application for use across 3,680 acres of corn, carrots, and peanuts. There are two funding sources 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 Action Plan, the Eastern and Western Water Supply Planning Areas, and the Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth and the Fanning Manatee Priority Focus Areas. The associated water savings estimate is approximately 0.074 mgd and a 184,000-pound reduction 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