



AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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March 10, 2026
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair
Amendments Recommended by Staff: None
4. Public Comment
5. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:
 - Agenda Item No. 6 - February 10, 2026 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop
 - Agenda Item No. 12 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Ladedda, LLC, Hamilton, Madison, and Suwannee Counties
 - Agenda Item No. 13 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with North Florida Dairies, LLC, Gilchrist County
 - Agenda Item No. 14 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Wayne Lane, Jefferson and Madison Counties
 - Agenda Item No. 15 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Andrew Bass, Lafayette County
 - Agenda Item No. 16 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Big Cog Farms, LLC, Hamilton County
 - Agenda Item No. 17 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Lee Peanut Farms, LLC, Madison Count
 - Agenda Item No. 18 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Beaver Lake, LLC, Suwannee and Madison Counties
 - Agenda Item No. 19 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Shenandoah Dairy, Inc, Suwannee County
 - Agenda Item No. 20 - January 2026 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 22 - Chapter 40B-3, Florida Administrative Code, Additional Rulemaking
 - Agenda Item No. 23 - Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan, 2026 Update
6. February 10, 2026 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL
Tom Reeves**

8. Update on Legal Activities

WATER RESOURCES
Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director

9. Water Resources Division Updates

- WR Page 1 10. **Public Hearing** - Approval of Order Number 26-002, Phase II Water Shortage

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director

Administration

11. Facilities Update

Agriculture Projects

- BCS Page 1 12. Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Ladedda, LLC, Hamilton, Madison, and Suwannee Counties – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 7 13. Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with North Florida Dairies, LLC, Gilchrist County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 15 14. Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Wayne Lane, Jefferson and Madison Counties – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 20 15. Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Andrew Bass, Lafayette County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 24 16. Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Big Cog Farms, LLC, Hamilton County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 28 17. Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Lee Peanut Farms, LLC, Madison County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 32 18. Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Beaver Lake, LLC, Suwannee and Madison Counties – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 37 19. Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Shenandoah Dairy, Inc, Suwannee County – **Recommend Consent**

Finance

- BCS Page 43 20. January 2026 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**

Resource Management

- BCS Page 48 21. Permitting Summary Report

Any member of the public who desires to address the Board at a Board Meeting, must appear in person at the Board Meeting and sign up (including the completion of the required speaker forms showing any agenda item(s) on which the speaker wishes to comment) with District staff before the time designated for Public Comment on the agenda. During Public Comment, the chair shall recognize those persons signed up to speak on agenda items first. To the extent time permits, the chair may thereafter recognize those persons signed up to speak on non-agenda items. Provided that if, after the regular time for Public Comment, the agenda is amended to add an item for consideration, the chair shall allow public comment on the added agenda item prior to the Board taking action thereon. Unless, leave is given by the chair, (1) all speakers will be limited to a maximum of three minutes per topic, (2) any identifiable group of three persons or more shall be required to choose a representative, who shall be limited to a maximum of five minutes per topic. Speakers will have an option to waive in support or opposition of a position, in lieu of speaking.

When recognized by the chair during Public Comment, a speaker may request to be allowed to make his or her comments at the time the Board considers an agenda item. The chair may grant or deny such request in the Chair's sole discretion.

The Board may act upon (including reconsideration) any agenda item at any time during a Board Meeting. The agenda may be changed only for good cause as determined by the Chair and stated in the record.

The chair may order the removal, from the Board Meeting, of any person interfering with the expeditious or orderly process of such Board Meeting, provided the chair has first issued a warning that continued interference with the orderly processes of the Board Meeting will result in removal. Additionally, the public is cautioned that such conduct may constitute a violation of criminal law under sections 871.01 and/or 877.03, Florida Statutes.

All decisions of the Chair concerning parliamentary procedures, decorum, and rules of order will be final, unless they are overcome by a majority of the members of the Board in attendance. Speakers are prohibited from using props, slides, or posters.

Any speaker who wishes to provide supporting materials for the members of the Board at a Board Meeting, must provide such materials in the form of a standard-sized paper handout. If the speaker brings handouts, the speaker must have 11 copies ready and give them to the District team when the speaker signs up to speak.

Persons who wish to make a written statement must deliver the statement to District Headquarters or email the written statement to writencomments@srwmd.org. The written statement must include the submitter's name. In addition, the submitter must indicate which specific agenda item their statement addresses, or if the statement is for general comment. The written statement must be delivered or emailed at least two business days prior to the day of the Board Meeting. Written statements will be provided to the members of the Board prior to the applicable Board Meeting.

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Individuals lobbying the District must be registered as lobbyists (Section 112.3261, Florida Statutes).

Definitions:

- "Lobbies" is defined as seeking to influence a district policy or procurement decision or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a district official or employee. (112.3261(1)(b), Florida Statutes [F.S.]
- "Lobbyist" is a person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. (112.3215(1)(h), F.S.)



**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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Note: A digital recording system was used to record these proceedings and is on file in the permanent files of the District. A copy of the materials and handouts are a part of the record as set out in full herein and are filed in the permanent files of the District.

February 10, 2026
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	George Wheeler		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry K. Thompson		X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	William Lloyd		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Larry Sessions		X	
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X	
At Large	Harry Smith		X	
At Large	Vacant		-	-

Governing Board Legal Counsel

Name	Firm	Present	Not Present
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

Leadership Team

Position	Name	Present	Not Present
Executive Director	Hugh Thomas	X	
Assistant Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Amy Brown	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

Deletion:

Business and Community Service – Agenda Item No. 12 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Beaver Lake, LLC, Suwannee and Madison Counties

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Moses Klepper – Water First Project concerns.
- Byron Lawrey – Water First Project concerns.

Agenda Item No. 5- Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item No. 6 – January 13, 2025, Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Shade Tree Nursery, LLC., Gilchrist and Suwannee Counties

- Agenda Item No. 11 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Coastal Sands Crops, LLC, Suwannee County
- ~~Agenda Item No. 12 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Beaver Lake, LLC, Suwannee and Madison Counties - Deleted~~
- Agenda Item No. 13 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Jackson Family Farms, LLC, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 14 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Smith Farms of Bell, Inc., Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item No. 15 – December 2025 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 20 – Task Work Assignment 23/24-113.04 with Wetland Solutions Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 23 – 2026-2030 Strategic Plan
- Agenda Item No. 24 – 2026 Florida Forever Work Plan
- Agenda Item No. 26 – Thakor Ashish Ingress/Egress Easement, Christian Tract, Suwannee County

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 – January 13, 2025 Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. Robbie McKinney, Chief, Office of Water Resources, provided a presentation on hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Mr. Thomas recognized Columbia County for their attendance at today's meeting.
- C. Service Recognition. Amy Brown and Kevin Jones were recognized for 10 years of service to the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. No updates

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 9 – Facilities Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration, provided this update to the Board.

Agriculture Projects

Agenda Item No. 10 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Shade Tree Nursery, LLC., Gilchrist and Suwannee Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Coastal Sands Crops, LLC, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Beaver Lake, LLC, Suwannee and Madison Counties. Deleted

Agenda Item No. 13 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Jackson Family Farms, LLC, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Smith Farms of Bell, Inc., Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 15 – December 2025 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 16 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 17 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Task Work Assignment 23/24-113.04 with Wetland Solutions Inc. Approved on Consent.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 19 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 – 2026 Consolidated Annual Report. Troy Roberts, Chief, Office of Communications and Outreach, presented this informational item to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 21 – 2026-2030 Strategic Plan. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 22 – 2026 Florida Forever Work Plan. Approved on Consent.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 23 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Thakor Ashish Ingress/Egress Easement, Christian Tract, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Resolution 2026-01, Acquisition of a Conservation Easement from the Hodges Family, Levy County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY WHEELER TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Resolution 2026-02, Conveyance of District-Owned Lake City Wellfield and Country Club Road Tracts to City of Lake City. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Steve Brown, City of Lake City
- David Kraus, Columbia County Manager

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 27 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Lease of District Lands Access for Suwannee River Sites. Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 29 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 30 – Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Governing Board Comments. Board Members provided comments.

Confirmed the motion and second for Agenda Item No. 26, Resolution 2026-02, Conveyance of District-Owned Lake City Wellfield and Country Club Road Tracts to City of Lake City with the Board members for the minutes before adjournment.

Agenda Item No. 32 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:



**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOPS**

Workshop began at 10:41 a.m.

Drought Conditions and Review of the District's Water Shortage Options

Amy Brown provided a PowerPoint presentation on the District's Water Shortage rule and the potential components of a phase II water shortage.

Workshop adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

Date: March 10, 2026

RE: **Public Hearing** for Approval of Order Number 26-002, Phase II Water Shortage

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and approve Order Number 26-002, Phase II Water Shortage.

BACKGROUND

The District is observing drier than average conditions for surface conditions, groundwater, and surface water Districtwide. On January 13, 2026, the Board adopted Water Shortage Advisory Order Number 26-001 based on ongoing drought conditions within the District boundary.

District staff have continued monitoring the hydrologic conditions around the District and have determined that a drought-ending storm event from early spring and into summer is unlikely based on current climatology. Therefore, it is likely that the current drought conditions will persist and possibly intensify. Monitoring indicates that flows throughout the District are all below average (less than the 25th percentile) for this time of year. Additionally, monitoring indicates that the Aucilla, New, Santa Fe, Suwannee, and Withlacoochee rivers have at least one gage with daily flows at or below the 10th percentile. Districtwide mean Upper Floridan aquifer level remains around the 20th percentile.

To date, the 2026 rainfall amount for the District has been well below average and the rainfall prediction from the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center for the next three-months (March – May 2026) calls for equal chances of above, near, or below normal rainfall. As of February 22, 2026, fourteen District counties had an average rainfall deficit of approximately 16.1 inches based on records beginning in 1932. As of February 19, 2026, the U. S. Drought Monitor for Florida identifies all District counties within the Extreme Drought (D3) category.

Based on the ongoing deficit in rainfall and below average aquifer conditions the District is recommending a progression to a Phase II water shortage. The combination of restrictions listed in 40B-21 and other appropriate and necessary restrictions are appended to the order in the Phase II Water Shortage Restrictions March 2026 attachment. This will expand recommended voluntary measures and implement regulatory measures focused on limiting the frequency of landscape irrigation and discretionary aesthetic uses. Regulatory measures include authorization of the Executive Director to initiate enforcement and administrative penalties as outlined in the order and delegates to the Executive Director authority modify or rescind the order until the next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting.

The District is encouraging all users to plan proactively for the possibility of an extended drought with the potential for additional regulatory measures, especially focused on reducing water use from less efficient systems and processes. Drought conditions in neighboring water management districts are equally intense and have prompted Southwest Water Management District and the St Johns River Water Management District to issue Water Shortage Orders for their District.

The issuance of a Phase II water shortage order would apply to all counties within the District and unincorporated portions of Alachua and Levy counties, consistent with existing memoranda of understanding with neighboring Districts.

Because of the aforementioned factors, staff recommends that the Governing Board approve Order Number 26-002, Phase II Water Shortage.

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Attachment

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD ORDER

Order Number: 26-002
Date Approved: March 10, 2026
Subject: Phase II Water Shortage Order
Approval:



Virginia Johns, Chair

Charles Keith, Secretary/Treasurer

PHASE II WATER SHORTAGE ORDER

The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District), during a scheduled workshop held on February 10, 2026, in Live Oak, Florida, received information from District staff regarding hydrologic conditions and the District's water shortage declaration process. The Governing Board, being fully apprised of the matter, issues this document containing the following findings of fact and resolutions:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At its January 13, 2026, meeting, the District's Governing Board declared a Water Shortage Advisory, pursuant to the provisions of 408-21, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), to remain in effect until July, 31, 2026.
2. The District's Water Shortage Plan (Plan), adopted as Chapter 40B-21 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) provides that the District will evaluate and monitor water conditions within the District and compare current data to historical data to determine whether estimated present and available water supplies are sufficient.
3. The purposes of the plan are to protect the water resources of the District from serious harm; to assure equitable distribution of available water resources among all water users during times of shortage; to provide advanced knowledge; and promote greater security for water use permittees.
4. The District currently maintains year-round lawn and landscape irrigation measures based on a twice-yearly updated irrigation schedule, and this schedule can be modified pursuant to a water shortage order.
5. The District has entered into Interagency Agreements with St. Johns River Water Management District and Southwest Florida Water Management District to coordinate year-round water conservation and water shortage measures to ensure consistent implementation in Alachua and Levy counties.
6. All counties and cities throughout the District have adopted year-round water conservation measures and water shortage ordinances.

7. As of February 25, 2026, hydrologic conditions indicate that there is an increased likelihood that there will be insufficient water to meet the estimated user demands or to protect the water resource from serious harm in all counties within the District, as well as in unincorporated areas of Alachua and Levy counties within other water management District boundaries, in accordance with interagency agreements in place. Surface water conditions are below normal, to much below normal, Upper Floridan Aquifer levels are below the 25th percentile, and rainfall in each District county is deficient.

8. Drought indicators are summarized as follows:

Rainfall

- For the period February 23, 2025, through February 22, 2026, for the fourteen counties within the District, there was an average rainfall deficit of approximately 16.1 inches based on records beginning in 1932.
- The 12-month rainfall ending February 23, 2026 is in the lowest 10 percentile on average of all 12-month periods, with 13 counties showing below 5 percent of all 12-month periods.

Groundwater Conditions

- Of the 85 upper Floridan monitor wells polled on February 21, 2025, ten had levels in the lowest 10 percent of all records, considered extremely low. Fifty-one other wells had levels in the lowest 25 percent of all records.

Surface water Conditions

- The Suwannee River at Branford gage monitors flow contributed by 79 percent of the 9,973-square mile Suwannee River drainage area and has continuous records since 1931. The average flow rate on February 22, 2026, was in the lowest 20 percent of all 7-day and the lowest 15 percent of all 8-week average flows.
- The Santa Fe River near Fort White gage monitors flow contributed by 74 percent of the 1,374-square mile Santa Fe River drainage area and has continuous records since 1927. The average flow rate on February 22, 2026, was in the lowest 5 percent of all 7-day and 8-week average flows.
- The Econfina River near Perry was in the lowest 10 percent of all 7-day and the lowest 15 percent of all 8-week average flows as of February 22, 2026.
- The Steinhatchee River near Cross City was in the lowest 35 percent of all 7-day flows and the lowest 15 percent of all 8-week flows ending February 22, 2026.
- The average flow rate on February 22, 2026, for the Withlacoochee near Pinetta was in the lowest 30 percent for all 7-day and the lowest 10 percent for all 8-week average flows.
- As of February 22, 2026, flow rates for other gaging stations in the upper Santa Fe River basin at Worthington Springs, near Graham, and on the New River are at or below long-term daily minimum flow records based on USGS statistics.

Drought Indices

- As of February 19, 2026, the U.S. Drought Monitor for Florida designates the District completely within the Extreme Drought (D3) category. Drought impacts in neighboring water management districts are equally intense and have prompted Southwest Florida Water Management District to issue a Phase II Water Shortage Order for the entire area of the district. The U.S. Drought Monitor monthly outlook for February 2026 shows drought persisting within the District.
- The Long-Term Composite Drought Indicators Map published by the National Drought Mitigation Center shows North Florida with areas of severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry for the week of February 23, 2026.

Forecast and Climatology

- The three-month precipitation probability outlook published by the Climate Prediction Center on February 19, 2026, shows North Florida having warmer than normal temperatures and equal chances of above, near, or below normal precipitation throughout the District through May 31, 2026.

9. Upon careful consideration of the hydrologic conditions, District data, qualitative factors and staff recommendations, the Executive Director has determined that a Phase II Water Shortage Order for the District is necessary and should be so ordered.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. The Governing Board of the District is duly authorized by Section 373.246(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 40B-21, F.A.C., to issue orders declaring the existence of a water shortage within all or part of the District and to impose such restrictions and require such measures as may be necessary to reduce demand on available water supplies.

11. The Executive Director authorized by Section 373.119(2), F.S., as directed by the Governing Board, to find that when an emergency exists requiring immediate action to protect the public health, safety, or welfare; the health of animals, fish or aquatic life; a public water supply; or recreational, commercial, industrial, agricultural or other reasonable uses, the executive director may, without prior notice, issue an order reciting the existence of such an emergency and requiring that such action be taken as the executive director deems necessary to meet the emergency.

12. County and city officials and all law enforcement authorities are required to enforce orders lawfully issued by the District pursuant to Chapter 40B-21, F.A.C., and Section 373.609, F.S.

13. The Governing Board held a public workshop on February 10, 2026, and a hearing on March 10, 2026, at the District's headquarters for the purpose of considering data, including quantitative and qualitative indicators and staff recommendations.

14. Upon careful consideration of the hydrologic conditions, District data, qualitative factors and staff recommendations, the Executive Director has determined that a District-wide Phase II Water Shortage is necessary and should be so ordered.

ORDERED

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

15. A Phase II Water Shortage Order 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 Saint Johns River Water Management District and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, respectively, in accordance with interagency agreements in place.

16. Water Use Restrictions are attached to this Order and are hereby incorporated.

17. Water Use Restrictions shall take effect on March 17, 2026.

18. County and city officials and all law enforcement authorities shall enforce this Order when requested, pursuant to the Plan and Section 373.609, F.S.

19. Water shortage declarations and restrictions enacted prior to this Order by county and city officials affecting their local jurisdictions ("Local Action") that are at least as restrictive as this Phase II Water Shortage Order are hereby ratified and authorized to continue in effect according to their terms. In the event that a Local Action is less restrictive than this Order, this Order shall supersede the Local Action, unless the county or city officials obtain a variance or waiver from this Order from the District.

20. This Order shall remain in effect until July 31, 2026, unless otherwise modified, revoked, or rescinded by the Governing Board or the Executive Director as delegated by the Governing Board.

ATTACHMENT
PHASE II WATER SHORTAGE RESTRICTIONS

Manadatory Restrictions:

- (1) Landscape irrigation uses.
 - (a) Established lawns and landscaping.
 1. Irrigation shall be limited to the Eastern Standard Time irrigation schedule as described in 40B-2.041(9) FAC (one day per week)
 2. Fertilizer application shall be authorized, where such watering-in is required by the manufacturer; such watering-in shall be limited to the minimum necessary and should be accomplished as part of the normal irrigation event, during the hours allowed for normal irrigation.
 3. Reuse of reclaimed water for irrigation shall not be restricted.
 4. Hand watering shall not be restricted.
- (2) Miscellaneous uses.
 - (a) Washing or cleaning streets, driveways, sidewalks, or other impervious areas with water shall be prohibited except to meet federal, state, or local health or safety standards.
 - (b) Mobile equipment washing shall be accomplished using only low-volume methods (excluding commercial car washes).
 - (c) Outside pressure cleaning shall be restricted to only low-volume methods.
 - (d) Augmentation shall be limited to the minimum necessary to maintain and preserve the long-term integrity of the surfacewater body and associated habitat for fish and wildlife. Where minimum levels have been established by the District, no augmentation shall occur when water levels are above the applicable minimum water level.
 - (e) No Homeowners Association (HOA), Property Owner Association (POA), or other entity shall enforce deed restrictions or other community standards requiring an increase in water use, including replacement of plant material to meet aesthetic standards or pressure washing (i.e. driveways).

Additional Measures:

- (1) Indoor uses shall reduce use by employing water conservation measures and by installing water conserving devices.
- (2) Essential uses may voluntarily reduce water use by limiting flushing and other system cleaning activities to a level required to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- (3) Agricultural uses.
 - (a) Treated wastewater irrigation shall not be restricted;
 - (b) Low pressure/low volume irrigation systems shall not be restricted except in accordance with subsection 40B-21.601(1), F.A.C.;
 - (c) Overhead irrigation by high pressure/high volume systems shall be voluntarily reduced between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Permittees operating high pressure/high volume systems should plan for restrictions on timing of application in the event the drought persists. Systems that have been certified by an independent irrigation laboratory within the past five years prior to the effective date of a water shortage order to be as efficient as practicable shall not be restricted, except in accordance with subsection 40B-21.601(1), F.A.C.;
 - (d) Flood/seepage irrigation systems shall be operated in a manner that will capture all runoff that is practicable for reuse;
 - (e) Hand watering shall not be restricted;
 - (f) The District shall request that livestock water users voluntarily reduced their water usage;

- (g) Water use for freeze protection shall be restricted to situations in which official weather forecasting services predict temperatures likely to cause permanent damage to crops;
 - (h) Soil flooding for pest control or soil preservation shall be prohibited. Soil flooding to permit harvesting of sod shall be prohibited;
 - (i) The District shall request that aquaculture water users voluntarily reduce their water usage;
 - (j) All irrigation systems shall be operated in a manner that will efficiently use the water withdrawn;
 - (k) All agricultural enterprises should reduce or suspend those activities which stimulate the need for increased irrigation, as feasible and appropriate;
 - (l) No unnecessary off-site discharge from irrigation shall be allowed;
 - (m) Users having access to more than one source class shall maximize the use of the lesser or least restricted source class;
 - (n) For those agricultural enterprises that have best management practices approved by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, irrigation for purposes of watering-in of insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and fertilizers shall not be restricted. Such watering-in shall be limited to the minimum necessary and shall be accomplished during the hours allowed for normal irrigation.
- (4) Commercial and industrial uses.
- (a) Phosphate mining and beneficiation operations:
 1. Recycled water within the mine site shall be used as much as possible to reduce freshwater withdrawals.
 2. Water within noncontiguous mine cuts and other impoundments shall be used to the greatest extent practicable to augment the mine's circulation system.
 3. Off-site discharges of water shall be reduced or eliminated to the greatest extent possible.
 4. Cleaning requiring water use shall be reduced to the minimum required to protect the efficiency of the operation, prevent damage to equipment, or maintain the health and safety of workers.
 5. Reduce or suspend the washing of vehicles except for health and safety needs.
 6. Nonessential uses, plant cleaning, water-cooled air conditioning, and lawn irrigation shall be reduced or eliminated to the greatest extent possible.
 - (b) Chemical products processing or manufacturing facilities:
 1. The use of fresh water shall be reduced to the greatest extent possible.
 2. Off-site discharge shall be reduced or eliminated to the greatest extent possible.
 3. Recycled water shall be used to replace fresh water to the greatest extent possible.
 4. Nonessential uses, plant cleaning, water-cooled air conditioning, and lawn irrigation shall be reduced or eliminated to the greatest extent possible.
 - (c) Limestone, sand, gravel, or other minerals mining operations:
 1. On-site impounded surface waters shall be used to replace fresh water withdrawals to the greatest extent possible.
 2. Reduce spraying for dust control in quarry area except for health and safety standards.
 3. Reduce general housekeeping that requires the use of water to the greatest extent possible.
 4. Off-site discharge shall be reduced or eliminated wherever possible.
 - (d) Cement, concrete, and concrete products manufacturing facilities:
 1. Reuse runoff to the greatest extent possible.
 2. Reduce spray drift to the greatest extent possible and increase the efficiency of spray application to the greatest extent possible.
 3. Reduce the unnecessary water content of products shipped to the greatest extent possible.
 - (e) Perishable foods processing operations:
 1. Off-site discharge shall be reduced or eliminated wherever feasible.
 2. Water losses from released steam shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible.
 3. Effluent shall be recycled to the greatest extent possible.

- (f) Perishable foods packing operations:
 1. Restrict washing of fruit and plant area to the minimum level necessary for health and safety standards.
 2. Equipment washing apparatus with automatic shut-off devices should be used to the greatest extent possible.
 - (g) Bottled water and other beverage products operations:
 1. Restrict equipment washing operations to the minimum level necessary for health and safety standards.
 2. Implement routine process inspections to find and reduce water waste to the greatest extent possible.
 - (h) Power generation:
 1. Maximize production from generating facilities which are least dependent upon withdrawals from the source experiencing the shortage, and minimize production from generating facilities which are most dependent upon withdrawals from the source experiencing the shortage, to the greatest extent practicable.
 2. Non-essential uses of water, plant cleaning, water-cooled air conditioning, and lawn irrigation shall be reduced or eliminated to the greatest extent possible.
 3. Power companies should encourage customers to reduce power consumption to the greatest extent possible, so that they may reduce power generation and in turn, reduce water consumption.
 - (i) Other industrial and commercial uses:
 1. Reduce use by employing water conserving measures and by installing water conserving devices.
 2. Replace use of fresh water with reclaimed or recycled water to the maximum extent practicable.
 3. Users having access to more than one source class shall maximize the use of the lesser or least restricted source class.
- (5) Water utility uses.
- (a) To the greatest extent possible, utilities shall institute conservation measures such as improving and accelerating leak detection surveys and repair programs, installing and calibrating meters, and stabilizing and equalizing system pressures.
 - (b) New water line flushing and disinfection shall be limited to minimum requirements.
- (6) Landscape irrigation uses.
- (a) Lawns and landscaping.
 1. Established lawns and landscaping.
 - a. Irrigation for purposes of watering-in of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides, where such watering-in is required by the manufacturer, or by federal, state or local law, shall not be restricted; such watering-in shall be limited to the minimum necessary and should be accomplished during the hours allowed for normal irrigation.
 - b. The operation of irrigation systems for cleaning and maintenance purposes shall not be restricted, except to be limited to the minimum necessary to maintain efficient operation of the system. Each irrigation zone may be tested a maximum of once per week.
 2. New lawns and landscaping.
 - a. Treated wastewater irrigation shall not be restricted.
 - b. Irrigation of new lawns and landscaping shall not be restricted; however, irrigation should be limited to non-daylight hours to the greatest extent possible and limited to the minimum amount required for the establishment of the lawn.
 - c. Irrigation for purposes of watering-in of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides, where such watering-in is required by the manufacturer, or by federal, state or local law, shall not be restricted; such watering-in shall be limited to the minimum necessary and should be accomplished during the hours allowed for normal irrigation.

- d. The operation of irrigation systems for cleaning and maintenance purposes shall not be restricted, except to be limited to the minimum necessary to maintain efficient operation of the system. Each irrigation zone may be tested a maximum of once per week.
- (b) Golf courses.
 1. Treated wastewater irrigation shall not be restricted.
 2. Irrigation of greens and tees shall be reduced to the greatest extent possible and shall be accomplished during non-daylight hours.
 3. To the greatest extent possible irrigation of fairwayson the front nine holes of the course shall be limited, except between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on even numbered days.
 4. To the greatest extent possible irrigation of fairwayson the back nine holes of the course shall be limited, except between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on odd numbered days.
 5. Reduce or suspend to the greatest extent possible those horticultural practices which stimulate the need for increased irrigation.
 6. Users having access to more than one source class shall maximize the use of the lesser or least restricted source class.
 7. The operation of irrigation systems for cleaning and maintenance purposes shall not be restricted, except to be limited to the minimum necessary to maintain efficient operation of the system. Each irrigation zone may be tested a maximum of once per week.
 8. Irrigation for purposes of watering-in of insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and fertilizer where such watering-in is required by the manufacturer or by federal, state or local law, shall be limited to the minimum necessary and should be accomplished during the hours allowed for normal irrigation.
- (c) Cemeteries.
 1. Irrigation of cemeteries should be limited, except between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
 2. Irrigation of cemeteries should be further limited as follows:
 - a. One half of the cemetery property may be irrigated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 - b. The remaining one half of the cemetery property may be irrigated on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- (7) Miscellaneous uses.
 - (a) Recreation area use of water shall be reduced to the greatest extent possible.

Modification to Restrictions

The Governing Board authorizes the Executive Director, to at his discretion, assign voluntary measures as mandatory restrictions, and assign mandatory restrictions as voluntary measures, until the next regularly schedule Governing Board meeting.

Compliance and Enforcement

- (1) In enforcing the provisions of this water shortage order, the District may utilize any of the enforcement remedies available pursuant to chapter 120 or 373, F.S. or chapter 40B-1, F.A.C.
- (2) The District shall not impose administrative penalties for failure to implement voluntary or recommended Water Shortage restrictions, the District may provide additional notification of the voluntary or recommended restrictions.
- (3) The District may impose administrative penalties, without warning, of not less than \$50 per offense per day, and not more than \$250 dollars per offense per day, per violation of each mandatory water shortage order restriction.

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

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PRODUCER	Ladeda LLC.		
WATER USE PERMIT	220105, 220595, 221754, 221718, 220536		
BMAP	SUWA	Contract	24/25-087
PFA	Madison Blue	TWA #	2
COUNTY	Suwannee		
COUNTY	Madison		
COUNTY	Hamilton		
APPLICATION	603		

Reimbursable Rates for Cost-Share Equipment and Precision Agriculture Practices

Item	Percent Cost-Share	Maximum Cost-Share per Unit	Producer quote per Unit if provided	No. of Units	Estimated Cost-Share Total	Producer Share	Completion Due Date
LPS0087 Program Agricultural Springs Protection					\$12,350.00		
LPS Soil Moisture Probes 2nd and 3rd year service agreements	75%	\$650.00		19	\$12,350.00	\$4,116.67	1 year from effective date
LP61038 Program Sustainable Suwannee Low Input					\$98,108.80		
*Grid Soil Sampling with VRNA	80%	\$7.46		3680	\$27,452.80	\$6,863.20	1 year from effective date
*GBD Variable Rate Nutrient Application	80%	\$9.60		7360	\$70,656.00	\$17,664.00	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount \$110,458.80

Estimated PRODUCER funds \$28,643.87

* Please see statement below regarding payment schedule.

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BMP Irrigation Items	Precision Ag Practices
Centralized Remote Control	Grid Soil Sampling
Control Panel Upgrade	Tissue Sampling
GPS Endgun Shutoff	Variable Rate Nutrient Application
Portable Fertigation System	Any 1 - 75%
Pump Upgrade (High to Low Pressure Remote Control (Radios)	Any 2 - 80%
Stationary Fertigation System	All 3 - 85%
Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	
Weather Station w/ ET Measurement	
Any 1 - 75%	
Any 2 - 80%	
Any 3 - 85%	
Any 4 - 90%	

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District Specifications

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The PRODUCER shall maintain compliance with the associated Water Use Permit(s) for the duration of the contract.

All invoices and payments shall have dates showing when they were invoiced and paid. The dates for all financial transactions must coincide within the contract term to be eligible for reimbursement.

The PRODUCER shall own or have control of the property where the EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES are located for the duration of the CONTRACT.

The PRODUCER has executed and maintains a current FDACS Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with Best Management Practices.

District Terms and Conditions

Grid Soil Sampling

Grid soil sampling allows growers to manage nutrient application in as small a unit as 2.5 acres by having a soil nutrient analysis taken on 2.5-acre grids. Grid sampling can be conducted in straight grids, or alternatively to scientifically delineated zones. Grid-based soil analysis assists growers with applying the needed nutrient in the right amount, at the right time, in the right place, and the right source. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$7/acre/year. Straight grids shall be no larger than 10 acres and no smaller than 2.5 acres. When cost-sharing this item, the applicant must variable rate apply nutrients (see below: Variable Rate Nutrient Application) at least once in the season if the sample analysis recommends a variable rate application. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the sampling map, lab report for the sampling event, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

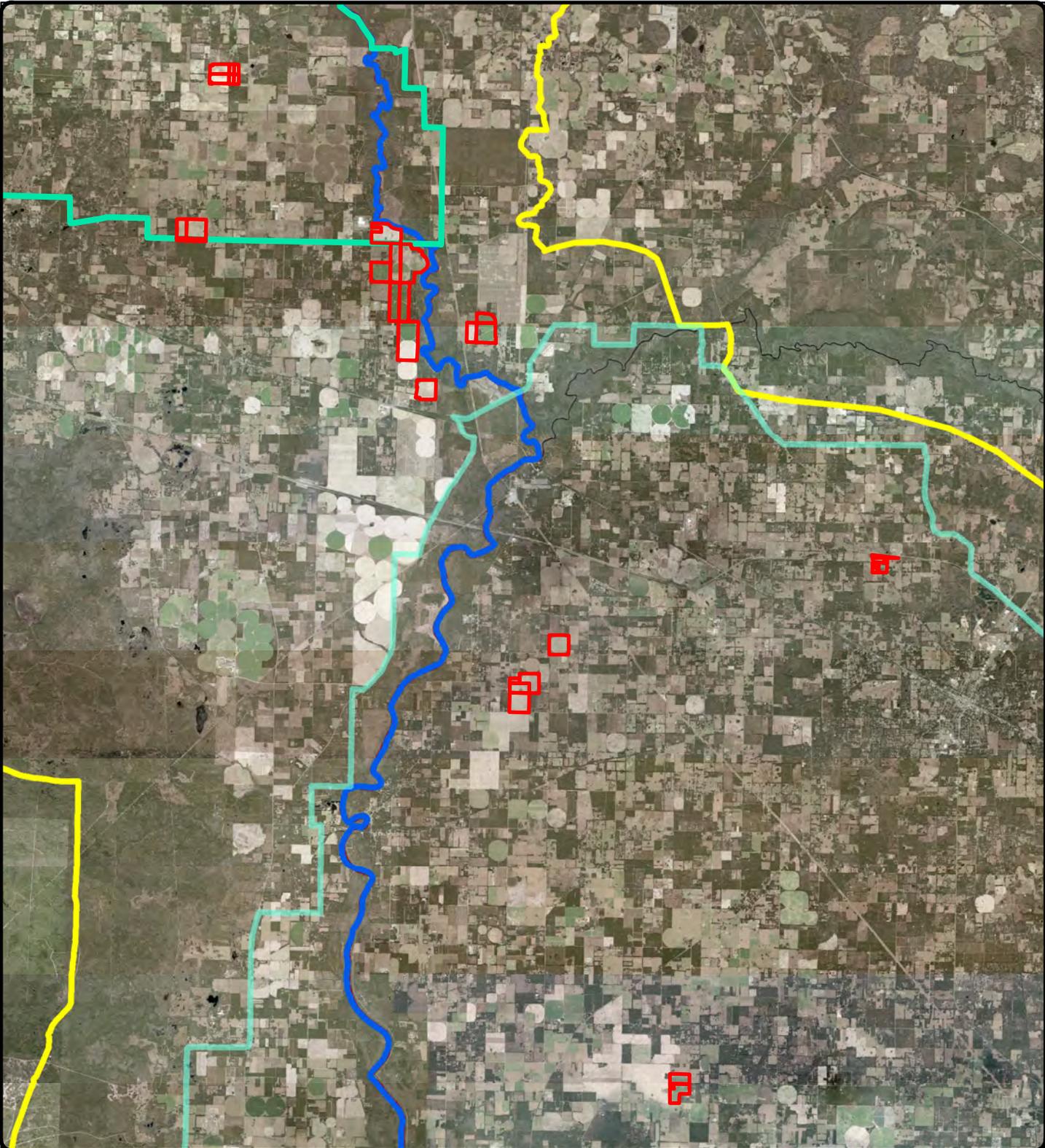
Soil Moisture probe service agreement

Soil moisture probes (or sensors) measure the soil moisture and electrical conductivity at varying depths within the soil profile, providing real-time data that allows the producer to make informed decisions on when to irrigate and how much irrigation water is needed. This technology when applied properly results in a more efficient and effective use of irrigation water in responding to the crops moisture needs. Probe installation should provide a remote access data platform and a service agreement to help the producer implement the technology. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice, cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor, installation locations, proof of data reporting, and pictures of the installed probe on an annual basis. For this item one unit is one probe.

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Variable Rate Nutrient Application

Variable rate nutrient application allows growers to have nutrients applied to their fields at a variable rate based upon the results and recommendations of a grid soil sample analysis (see above: Grid Soil Sampling). Variable rate nutrient application allows growers to put the right source and amount at the right time and place, thus eliminating unnecessary nutrient application, and optimizing plant growth efficiency. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$9/acre/application, 2 applications/year. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the prescription map, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

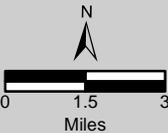


Ladena LLC

Hamilton, Madison and Suwannee Counties

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- Ladena
- ▬ Madison Blue PFA
- ▬ Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth PFA
- ▬ Water Supply Planning Area - East
- ▬ Water Supply Planning Area - West
- ▬ Suwannee BMAP



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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 North Florida Dairies, LLC, Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with North Florida Dairies, LLC to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$145,795.

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.

North Florida Dairies, LLC has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program in Gilchrist County. The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on June 18, 2025, for \$36,000. The second TWA was approved by the Executive Director on November 11, 2025, for \$11,560. This TWA contains soil moisture probe service agreements, pivot retrofit, control panel, remote controls, GPS end gun shutoff, variable frequency drives, grid soil sampling, and variable rate nutrient application for use across 2,000 acres of corn, and sorghum. There is one funding source 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, Eastern Water Supply Planning Area, and the Fanning Manatee Priority Focus Area. The associated water savings estimate is approximately 0.1098 mgd and a 100,000-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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PRODUCER	North Florida Dairies		
WATER USE PERMIT	220828, 216430, 220604, 221600, 220677		
BMAP	SUWA	Contract	24/25-144
PFA	Fanning Manatee	TWA #	3
COUNTY	Gilchrist		
APPLICATION	597		

Reimbursable Rates for Cost-Share Equipment and Precision Agriculture Practices

Item	Percent Cost-Share	Maximum Cost-Share per Unit	Producer quote per Unit if provided	No. of Units	Estimated Cost-Share Total	Producer Share	Completion Due Date
LPS0087 Program Agricultural Springs Protection					\$145,795.00		
*Variable Rate Nutrient Application per Ac.	80%	\$9.60		4000	\$38,400.00	\$9,600.00	1 year from effective date
*LPS Variable Frequency Drive	90%	\$21,600.00		3	\$64,800.00	\$7,200.00	1 Year from effective date
LPS Soil Moisture Probes 2nd and 3rd year service agreements	75%	\$650.00		9	\$5,850.00	\$1,950.00	1 year from effective date
*LPS GPS end-gun shut-offs	90%	\$1,800.00		1	\$1,800.00	\$200.00	1 year from effective date
*Grid Soil Sampling with VRNA	80%	\$7.46		2000	\$14,920.00	\$3,730.00	1 year from effective date

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*GBD23 Remote Controls	90%	\$2,025.00	\$2,250.00	1	\$2,025.00	\$225.00	1 year from effective date
*GBD Control Panel Upgrade	90%	\$6,000.00		1	\$6,000.00	\$666.67	1 year from effective date
GBD Center Pivot Retrofit	90%	\$12,000.00		1	\$12,000.00	\$1,333.33	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount \$145,795.00

Estimated PRODUCER funds \$24,905.00

*** Please see statement below regarding payment schedule.**

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Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	
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District Terms and Conditions

Agricultural BMP Irrigation Cost-Share

Maximum cost-share per applicant is capped at \$300,000 over five (5) years per funding source. Equipment may include weather stations, pump upgrades, centralized remote control panels. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.

Center Pivot Retrofits

The producer must first select a Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) vendor to test the irrigation system. The MIL selected must follow the latest version of the MIL Handbook as developed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Office of Agricultural Water Policy. Deliverables should include at a minimum: A uniformity score (Weighted Distribution and Christiansen's), recommendations to improve irrigation uniformity, and a laminated sprinkler chart with center pivot information. The selected MIL must also update the State of Florida MIL program website in accordance with FDACS Office of Agricultural Water Policy guidelines. The District will only reimburse for equipment recommended by the MIL and only for equipment considered newer technology. The District will not reimburse for equipment considered maintenance. Equipment eligible for reimbursement includes more efficient nozzle packages, such as Senninger IWOBs or Nelson Rotators, pressure regulators, drop down hoses, adjusting end guns and other associated water savings features. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice, cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment, copies of the pre- and post-MIL evaluations, and pictures of the pivot before, during and after the retrofit.

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Centralized and Remote Monitoring/Controlling of Equipment:

Remote monitoring and controlling of irrigation equipment is used to assist producers with advanced monitoring and scheduling of irrigation events. This equipment provides the producer with real-time remote irrigation/weather information which alerts the producer of issues and allows for improved visibility on water usage and efficiency resulting in an overall water savings. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.

GPS End-Gun Shut off

GPS End-gun shut off can reduce water loss by precisely controlling the end-gun operation. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.

Grid Soil Sampling

Grid soil sampling allows growers to manage nutrient application in as small a unit as 2.5 acres by having a soil nutrient analysis taken on 2.5-acre grids. Grid sampling can be conducted in straight grids, or alternatively to scientifically delineated zones. Grid-based soil analysis assists growers with applying the needed nutrient in the right amount, at the right time, in the right place, and the right source. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$7/acre/year. Straight grids shall be no larger than 10 acres and no smaller than 2.5 acres. When cost-sharing this item, the applicant must variable rate apply nutrients (see below: Variable Rate Nutrient Application) at least once in the season if the sample analysis recommends a variable rate application. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the sampling map, lab report for the sampling event, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

Soil Moisture probe service agreement

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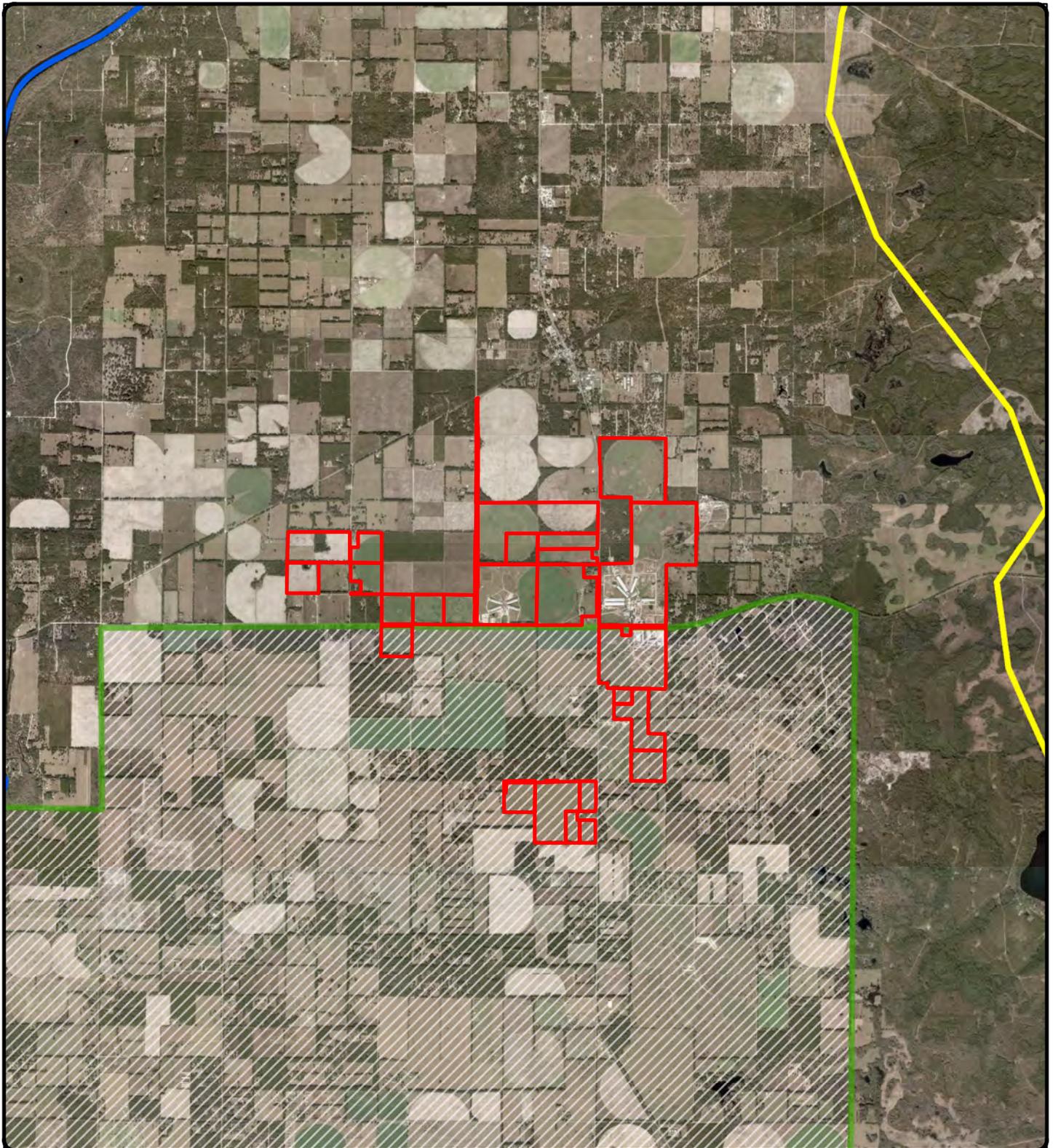
Variable Frequency Drive Pump (VFD)

Variable frequency drive pumps control flow rates based on pressure which allows the producer to conserve water by optimally managing flow to the irrigation distribution system. VFD pumps also reduce water loss due to irrigation system blowouts. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.

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Variable Rate Nutrient Application

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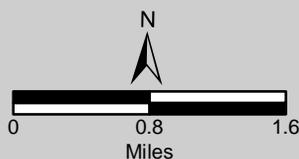
North Florida Dairies, LLC

Gilchrist County

March 2026



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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 Wayne Lane, Jefferson and Madison Counties

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Wayne Lane to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$80,922.00.

BACKGROUND

The Suwannee River Water Management District (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.

Wayne Lane has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District Agricultural Cost-Share Program in Jefferson and Madison counties. The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on February 5, 2025, for \$64,816. This TWA contains soil moisture probes, grid soil sampling, pivot retrofits, and remote controls for use across 1,700 acres of corn, peanuts, rye, oats, and soybeans. There is one funding source that will be used to execute this contract in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

This project is located in the Wacissa Basin Management Plan. The associated water savings estimate is approximately 0.08 mgd and an 85,000-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

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PRODUCER	WAYNE LANE		
WATER USE PERMIT	216282, 220847, 229358, 220507, 221617		
BMAP	NA	Contract	24/25-084
PFA	Wacissa	TWA #	2
COUNTY	Madison		
COUNTY	Jefferson		

Reimbursable Rates for Cost-Share Equipment and Precision Agriculture Practices

Item	Percent Cost-Share	Maximum Cost-Share per Unit	Producer quote per Unit if provided	No. of Units	Estimated Cost-Share Total	Producer Share	Completion Due Date
LPS0087 Program Agricultural Springs Protection					\$80,922.00		
Variable Rate Nutrient Application per Ac.	80%	\$9.60		3400	\$32,640.00	\$8,160.00	1 year from effective date
Grid Soil Sampling with VRNA	80%	\$7.46		1700	\$12,682.00	\$3,170.50	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Remote Controls	75%	\$3,700.00		2	\$7,400.00	\$2,466.67	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Center Pivot Retrofit	90%	\$12,000.00		2	\$24,000.00	\$2,666.67	1 year from effective date
GBD Soil Moisture Probe Purchase	90%	\$2,100.00		2	\$4,200.00	\$466.66	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

Contract Amount	\$80,922.00	Estimated PRODUCER funds	\$16,930.50
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District Specifications

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The PRODUCER shall complete the purchase, installation and/or implementation of the authorized EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURE PRACTICES in accordance with the above schedule.

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District Terms and Conditions

Center Pivot Retrofits

The producer must first select a Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) vendor to test the irrigation system. The MIL selected must follow the latest version of the MIL Handbook as developed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Office of Agricultural Water Policy. Deliverables should include at a minimum: A uniformity score (Weighted Distribution and Christiansen's), recommendations to improve irrigation uniformity, and a laminated sprinkler chart with center pivot information. The selected MIL must also update the State of Florida MIL program website in accordance with FDACS Office of Agricultural Water Policy guidelines. The District will only reimburse for equipment recommended by the MIL and only for equipment considered newer technology. The District will not reimburse for equipment considered maintenance. Equipment eligible for reimbursement includes more efficient nozzle packages, such as Senninger IWOBs or Nelson Rotators, pressure regulators, drop down hoses, adjusting end guns and other associated water savings features. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice, cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment, copies of the pre- and post-MIL evaluations, and pictures of the pivot before, during and after the retrofit.

Centralized and Remote Monitoring/Controlling of Equipment:

Remote monitoring and controlling of irrigation equipment is used to assist producers with advanced monitoring and scheduling of irrigation events. This equipment provides the producer with real-time remote irrigation/weather information which alerts the producer of issues and allows for improved visibility on water usage and efficiency resulting in an overall water savings. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.

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Grid Soil Sampling

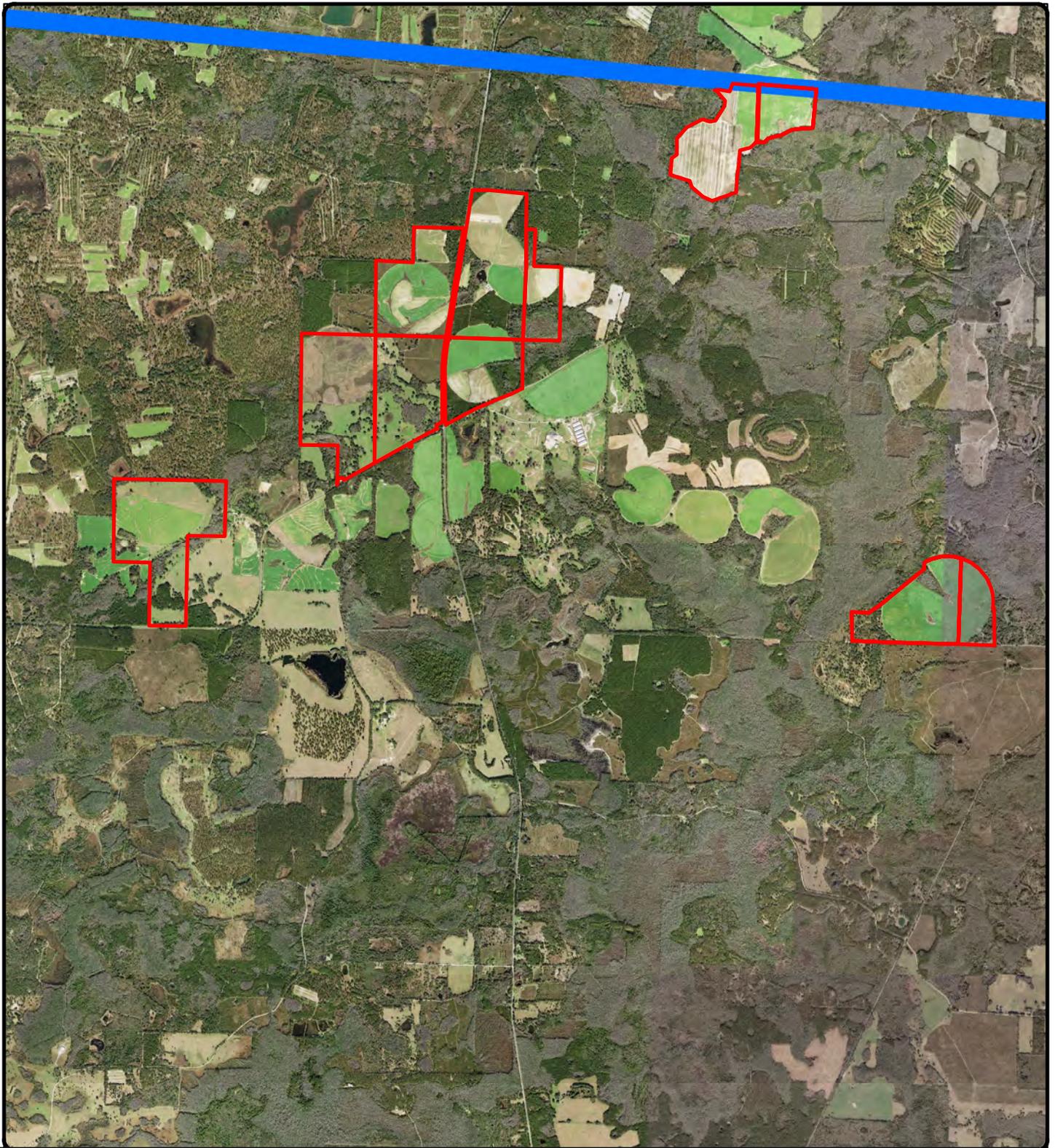
Grid soil sampling allows growers to manage nutrient application in as small a unit as 2.5 acres by having a soil nutrient analysis taken on 2.5-acre grids. Grid sampling can be conducted in straight grids, or alternatively to scientifically delineated zones. Grid-based soil analysis assists growers with applying the needed nutrient in the right amount, at the right time, in the right place, and the right source. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$7/acre/year. Straight grids shall be no larger than 10 acres and no smaller than 2.5 acres. When cost-sharing this item, the applicant must variable rate apply nutrients (see below: Variable Rate Nutrient Application) at least once in the season if the sample analysis recommends a variable rate application. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the sampling map, lab report for the sampling event, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

Soil Moisture Probes Purchase

Soil moisture probes (or sensors) measure the soil moisture and electrical conductivity at varying depths within the soil profile, providing real-time data that allows the producer to make informed decisions on when to irrigate and how much irrigation water is needed. This technology when applied properly results in a more efficient and effective use of irrigation water in responding to the crops moisture needs. Probe installation should provide a remote access data platform and a service agreement to help the producer implement the technology. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice, cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor, installation locations, proof of data reporting, and pictures of the installed probe. For this item one unit is one probe.

Variable Rate Nutrient Application

Variable rate nutrient application allows growers to have nutrients applied to their fields at a variable rate based upon the results and recommendations of a grid soil sample analysis (see above: Grid Soil Sampling). Variable rate nutrient application allows growers to put the right source and amount at the right time and place, thus eliminating unnecessary nutrient application, and optimizing plant growth efficiency. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$9/acre/application, 2 applications/year. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the prescription map, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

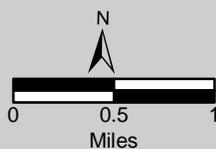


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Waye Lane

Jefferson & Madison Counties

March 2026



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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 Andrew Bass, Lafayette County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Andrew Bass, to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$36,495.

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.

Andrew Bass has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program in Lafayette County. The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on August 18, 2025, for \$76,492. This TWA contains side dressing equipment for use across 305 acres of sod, and small grains. There is one funding source that will be used to execute this contract in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

This project is located in the Suwannee Basin Management Plan, Western Water Supply Planning Area, and the Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth Priority Focus Area. The associated nutrient savings estimated from this contract is approximately 4,575 lbs. of nitrogen to land surface per year.

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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PRODUCER	Andrew Bass		
WATER USE PERMIT	216791		
BMAP	SUWA	Contract	24/25-163
PFA	Troy Peacock LafayetteBlue Falmouth	TWA #	2
COUNTY	Lafayette		
APPLICATION	598		

Reimbursable Rates for Cost-Share Equipment and Precision Agriculture Practices

Item	Percent Cost-Share	Maximum Cost-Share per Unit	Producer quote per Unit if provided	No. of Units	Estimated Cost-Share Total	Producer Share	Completion Due Date
LPS0087 Program Agricultural Springs Protection					\$36,495.00		
Side Dressing Equip.	75%	\$36,495.00	\$48,660.00	1	\$36,495.00	\$12,165.00	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount	\$36,495.00	Estimated PRODUCER funds	\$12,165.00
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District Specifications

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The PRODUCER shall be actively participating in the DISTRICT'S AUTOMATED WATER USE MONITORING PROGRAM prior to reimbursement.

The PRODUCER shall maintain compliance with the associated Water Use Permit(s) for the duration of the contract.

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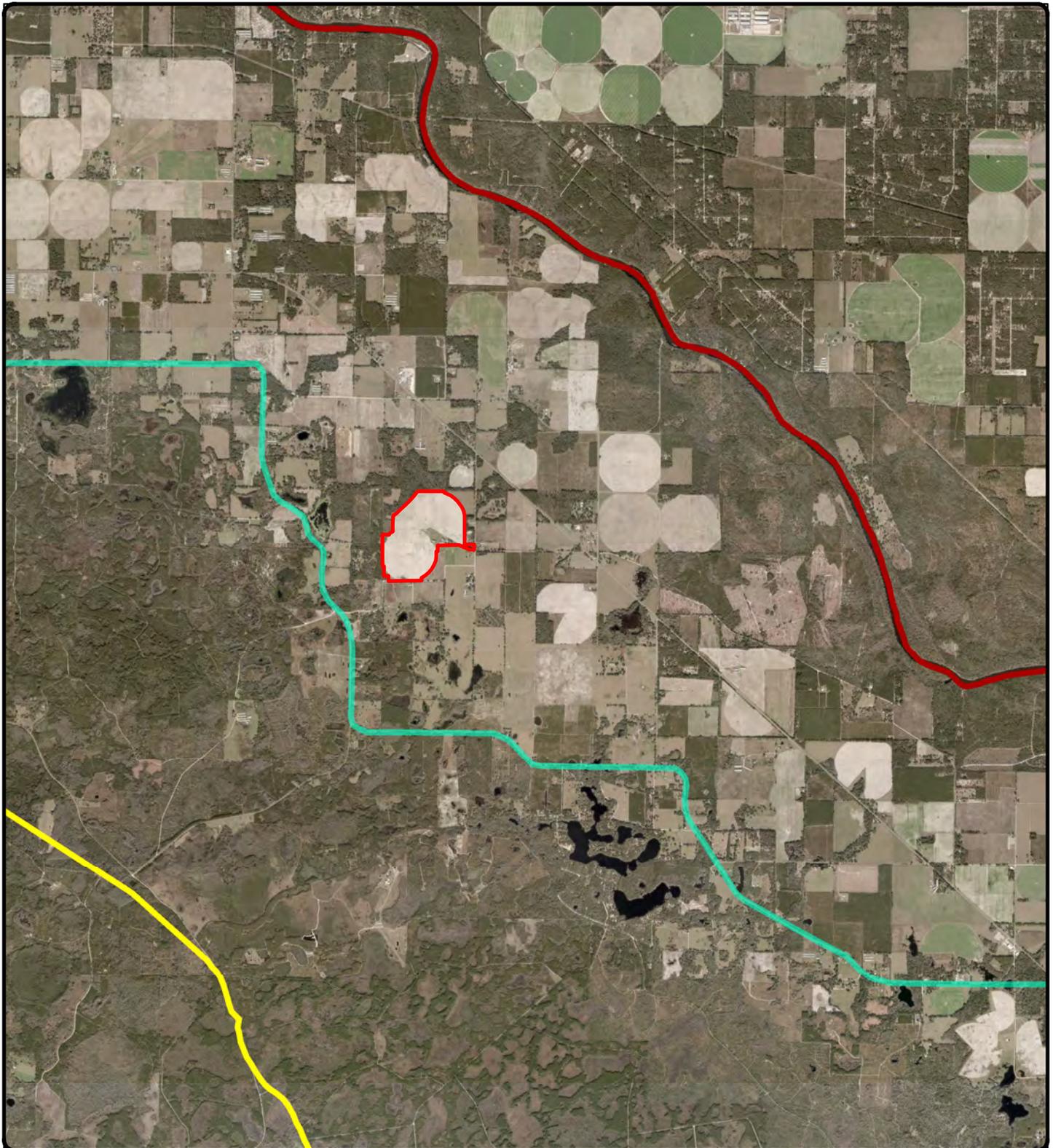
The PRODUCER shall own or have control of the property where the EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES are located for the duration of the CONTRACT.

The PRODUCER has executed and maintains a current FDACS Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with Best Management Practices.

District Terms and Conditions

Side Dressing Equipment

Side dressing equipment allows growers to apply nutrients at an optimum placement in the field, either directly in the crop row or banded alongside the crop row, resulting in an overall reduction in nutrient application. This practice assists growers in placing the right source and amount at the right time and place. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$50,000 per implement unless otherwise agreed to by the District. The District must pre-approve equipment to be purchased. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document equipment. For this item, one unit is one piece of side dressing equipment. The \$100,000 per year maximum is waived in the event an implement exceeds that cost.



Andrew Bass

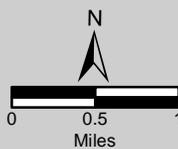
Lafayette County

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- Andrew Bass
- Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth PFA
- Water Supply Planning Area - West
- Suwannee BMAP



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 Contract and Task Work Assignment with Big Cog Farms, LLC, Hamilton County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract and a task work assignment with Big Cog Farms, LLC to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$157,000.

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.

Big Cog Farms, LLC has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program for a project in Hamilton County. This TWA contains pivot retrofits and remote controls for use across 555 acres of corn, carrots, and peanuts in Hamilton County. There is one funding source used to execute this contract in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

This project is located in the Suwannee Basin Management Action Plan and Eastern Water Supply Planning Area. The associated water savings estimate for this contract is approximately 0.2561 mgd.

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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PRODUCER	Big Cog Farms	Contract
WATER USE PERMIT	221433, 221736, 221431	TBD
BMAP	SUWA	TWA #
PFA	NA	1
COUNTY	Hamilton	
APPLICATION	595	

Reimbursable Rates for Cost-Share Equipment and Precision Agriculture Practices

Item	Percent Cost-Share	Maximum Cost-Share per Unit	Producer quote per Unit if provided	No. of Units	Estimated Cost-Share Total	Producer Share	Completion Due Date
LPS0087 Program Agricultural Springs Protection					\$157,000.00		
GBD23 Remote Controls	75%	\$3,700.00		10	\$37,000.00	\$12,333.33	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Center Pivot Retrofit	90%	\$12,000.00		10	\$120,000.00	\$13,333.33	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount \$157,000.00	Estimated PRODUCER funds	\$25,666.66
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The PRODUCER shall maintain compliance with the associated Water Use Permit(s) for the duration of the contract.

All invoices and payments shall have dates showing when they were invoiced and paid. The dates for all financial transactions must coincide within the contract term to be eligible for reimbursement.

The PRODUCER shall own or have control of the property where the EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES are located for the duration of the CONTRACT.

The PRODUCER has executed and maintains a current FDACS Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with Best Management Practices.

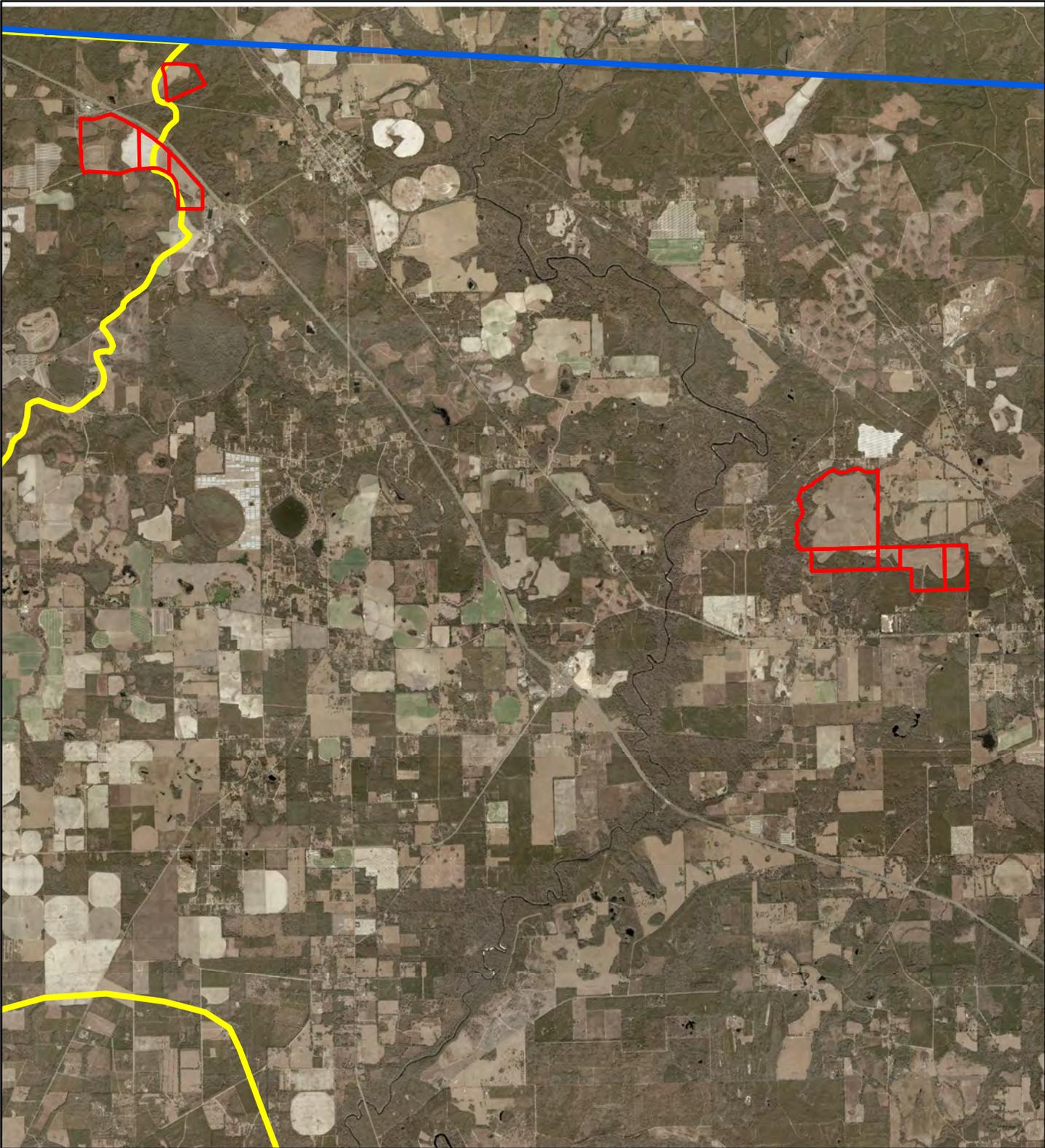
District Terms and Conditions

Center Pivot Retrofits

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Centralized and Remote Monitoring/Controlling of Equipment:

Remote monitoring and controlling of irrigation equipment is used to assist producers with advanced monitoring and scheduling of irrigation events. This equipment provides the producer with real-time remote irrigation/weather information which alerts the producer of issues and allows for improved visibility on water usage and efficiency resulting in an overall water savings. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.



Big Cog Farms, LLC

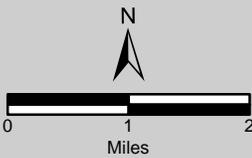
Hamilton County

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- Big Cog Farms
- Water Supply Planning Area - East
- Suwannee BMAP



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 Lee Peanut Farms, LLC,
Madison County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Lee Peanut Farms, LLC, to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$84,000.

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.

Lee Peanut Farms, LLC has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program in Madison County. The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on December 23, 2025, for \$84,000. This TWA contains soil moisture probe purchases for use across 11,000 acres of corn, and peanuts. There is one funding source that will be used to execute this contract in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

This project is located in the Suwannee Basin Management Plan, Western Water Supply Planning Area, and the Madison Blue Priority Focus Area. The associated water savings estimated from this contract is approximately 1.045 mgd.

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

ATTACHMENT A

PRODUCER	LEE PEANUT FARMS, LLC		
WATER USE PERMIT	221702, 221184, 220608, 222631, 220674,		
BMAP	ISUWA	Contract	25/26-036
PFA	Madison Blue		
COUNTY	Madison	TWA #	2
APPLICATION	596		

Reimbursable Rates for Cost-Share Equipment and Precision Agriculture Practices

Item	Percent Cost-Share	Maximum Cost-Share per Unit	Producer quote per Unit if provided	No. of Units	Estimated Cost-Share Total	Producer Share	Completion Due Date
LP61038 Program Sustainable Suwannee Low Input					\$84,000.00		
GBD Soil Moisture Probe Purchase	90%	\$2,100.00		40	\$84,000.00	\$9,333.33	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount	\$84,000.00	Estimated PRODUCER funds	\$9,333.33
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ATTACHMENT A

District Specifications

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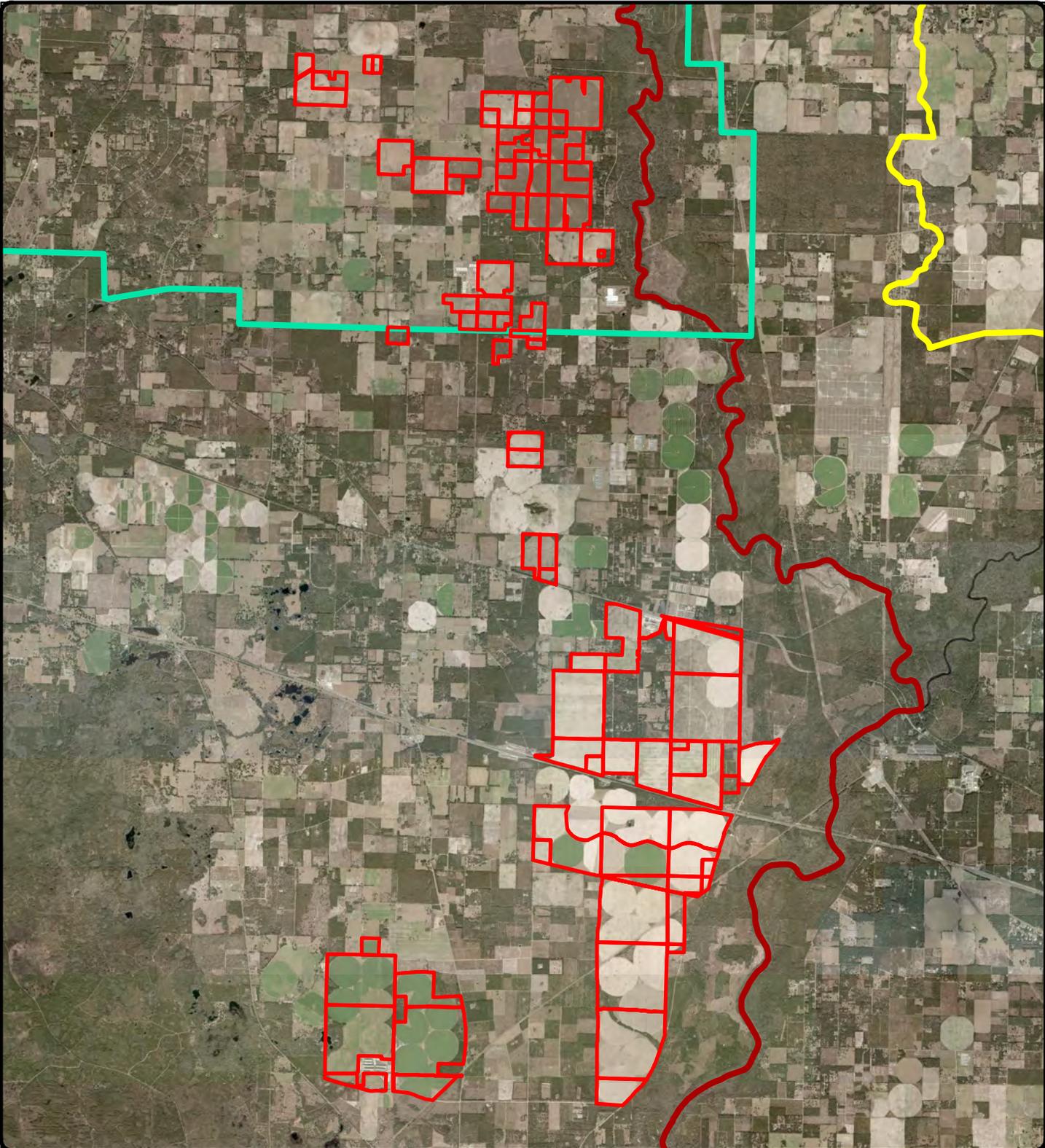
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District Terms and Conditions

Soil Moisture Probes Purchase

Soil moisture probes (or sensors) measure the soil moisture and electrical conductivity at varying depths within the soil profile, providing real-time data that allows the producer to make informed decisions on when to irrigate and how much irrigation water is needed. This technology when applied properly results in a more efficient and effective use of irrigation water in responding to the crops moisture needs. Probe installation should provide a remote access data platform and a service agreement to help the producer implement the technology. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice, cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor, installation locations, proof of data reporting, and pictures of the installed probe. For this item one unit is one probe.



Lee Peanut Farms, LLC

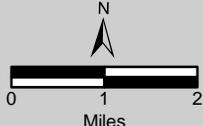
Madison County

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- Lee Peanut Farms, LLC
- Madison Blue PFA
- Water Supply Planning Area - West
- Suwannee BMAP



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 Beaver Lake, LLC, Madison and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Beaver Lake, LLC to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$287,373.78.

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.

Beaver Lake, LLC has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program in Suwannee and Madison counties. The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on February 14, 2025, for \$135,982.10. The second TWA was approved by the Executive Director on June 23, 2025, for \$113,390.00. This TWA contains grid soil sampling, variable rate nutrient application, stationary fertigation, pivot retrofits, variable frequency drives, remote controls, and pump upgrades for use across 3,933 acres of corn, peanuts, carrots, and grass. There are three 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 Plan, Eastern and Western Water Supply Planning Area, and Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth Manatee Priority Focus Area. The associated water savings estimate is approximately 0.0927 mgd and a 196,650-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

ATTACHMENT A

PRODUCER	Beaver Lake, LLC.	Contract
WATER USE PERMIT	216959, 215995, 221357, 216067, 221702, 215766, 220202, 217768, 218396	24/25-091
BMAP	SUWA	TWA #
PFA	Troy Peacock LafayetteBlue Falmouth	3
COUNTY	Suwannee	
COUNTY	Madison	

Reimbursable Rates for Cost-Share Equipment and Precision Agriculture Practices

Item	Percent Cost-Share	Maximum Cost-Share per Unit	Producer quote per Unit if provided	No. of Units	Estimated Cost-Share Total	Producer Share	Completion Due Date
LPS0087 Program Agricultural Springs Protection					\$146,520.00		
*GBD23 Remote Controls	90%	\$4,440.00		3	\$13,320.00	\$1,480.00	1 year from effective date
*GBD Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	90%	\$21,600.00		3	\$64,800.00	\$7,200.00	1 year from effective date
*GBD Stationary Fertigation System	90%	\$10,800.00		3	\$32,400.00	\$3,600.00	1 year from effective date
*GBD Pump Upgrade (High to Low Pressure)	90%	\$18,000.00		2	\$36,000.00	\$4,000.00	1 year from effective date
WS002 Program SRWMD AWS Pivot Retrofits					\$36,000.00		
GBD23 Center Pivot Retrofit	90%	\$12,000.00		3	\$36,000.00	\$4,000.00	1 year from effective date
District Program District Agricultural Cost-Share					\$104,853.78		
*Variable Rate Nutrient Application per Ac.	80%	\$9.60		7,866	\$75,513.60	\$18,878.40	1 year from effective date
*Grid Soil Sampling with VRNA	80%	\$7.46		3933	\$29,340.18	\$7,335.05	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

Contract Amount \$287,373.78

Estimated PRODUCER funds

\$46,493.45

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District Specifications

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The PRODUCER has executed and maintains a current FDACS Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with Best Management Practices.

District Terms and Conditions

Agricultural BMP Irrigation Cost-Share

Maximum cost-share per applicant is capped at \$300,000 over five (5) years per funding source. Equipment may include weather stations, pump upgrades, centralized remote control panels. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.

Center Pivot Retrofits

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Centralized and Remote Monitoring/Controlling of Equipment:

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Fertigation Tank System

A fertigation tank system allows the producer to apply fertilizer through their existing irrigation infrastructure. The fertigation system should include a chemical storage tank, injector pump, safety valves, backflow prevention, trailer (for portable units) and associated plumbing. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.

Grid Soil Sampling

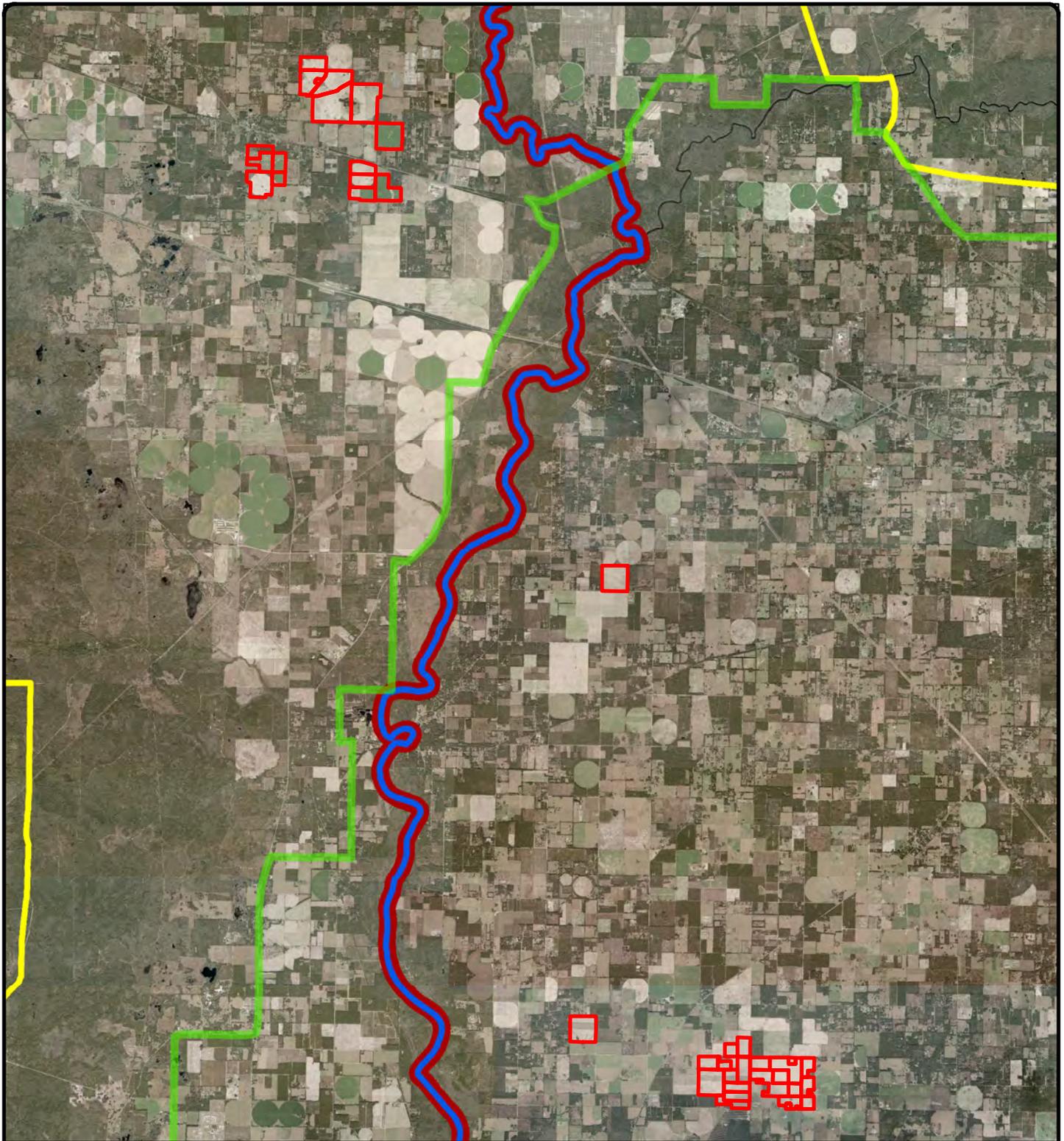
Grid soil sampling allows growers to manage nutrient application in as small a unit as 2.5 acres by having a soil nutrient analysis taken on 2.5-acre grids. Grid sampling can be conducted in straight grids, or alternatively to scientifically delineated zones. Grid-based soil analysis assists growers with applying the needed nutrient in the right amount, at the right time, in the right place, and the right source. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$7/acre/year. Straight grids shall be no larger than 10 acres and no smaller than 2.5 acres. When cost-sharing this item, the applicant must variable rate apply nutrients (see below: Variable Rate Nutrient Application) at least once in the season if the sample analysis recommends a variable rate application. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the sampling map, lab report for the sampling event, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

Variable Frequency Drive Pump (VFD)

Variable frequency drive pumps control flow rates based on pressure which allows the producer to conserve water by optimally managing flow to the irrigation distribution system. VFD pumps also reduce water loss due to irrigation system blowouts. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice and cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to vendor providing the equipment. District staff must also verify and photo document the equipment.

Variable Rate Nutrient Application

Variable rate nutrient application allows growers to have nutrients applied to their fields at a variable rate based upon the results and recommendations of a grid soil sample analysis (see above: Grid Soil Sampling). Variable rate nutrient application allows growers to put the right source and amount at the right time and place, thus eliminating unnecessary nutrient application, and optimizing plant growth efficiency. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$9/acre/application, 2 applications/year. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the prescription map, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

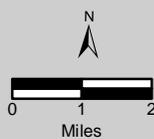


- Beaver Lake, LLC
- Suwannee BMAP
- Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth PFA
- Water Supply Planning Area - East
- Water Supply Planning Area - West

Beaver Lake, LLC

Madison & Suwannee Counties

March 2026



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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 Shenandoah Dairy, Inc.,
Suwannee County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Shenandoah Dairy, Inc. to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$138,759.

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.

Shenandoah Dairy, Inc. has applied for agricultural cost-share under the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program in Suwannee County. The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on January 24, 2025, for \$73,788. The second TWA was approved by the Executive Director on March 3, 2025, for \$384,000. This TWA contains soil moisture probe service agreements, pivot retrofits, tissue sampling, grid soil sampling, and variable rate nutrient application for use across 2,500 acres of corn, sorghum, and triticale. There is one funding source that will be used to execute this contract in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

This project is located in the Suwannee Basin Management Action Plan, Eastern Water Supply Planning Area, and the Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth Priority Focus Area. The associated water savings estimate is approximately 0.1749 mgd and a 125,000-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.

JC/ak
Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

PRODUCER	SHENANDOAH DAIRY, INC		
WATER USE PERMIT	217514, 218396		
BMAP	SUWA	Contract	24/25-077
PFA	Troy Peacock LafayetteBlue Falmouth	TWA #	3
COUNTY	Suwannee		
APPLICATION	599		

Reimbursable Rates for Cost-Share Equipment and Precision Agriculture Practices

Item	Percent Cost-Share	Maximum Cost-Share per Unit	Producer quote per Unit if provided	No. of Units	Estimated Cost-Share Total	Producer Share	Completion Due Date
LPS0087 Program Agricultural Springs Protection					\$138,759.00		
*Tissue Sampling	85%	\$22.67		200	\$4,534.00	\$800.12	1 year from effective date
LPS Soil Moisture Probes 2nd and 3rd year service agreements	75%	\$650.00		26	\$16,900.00	\$5,633.33	1 year from effective date
*Grid Soil Sampling with VRNA	85%	\$7.93		2500	\$19,825.00	\$3,498.53	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Center Pivot Retrofit	90%	\$12,000.00		6	\$72,000.00	\$8,000.00	1 year from effective date
*GBD Variable Rate Nutrient Application	85%	\$10.20		2500	\$25,500.00	\$4,500.00	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount \$138,759.00

Estimated PRODUCER funds \$22,431.98

* Please see statement below regarding payment schedule.

ATTACHMENT A

***IF INVOICES FOR THESE ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED TOGETHER, AT THE SAME TIME, THE MAXIMUM PRECENTAGES AND DOLLAR AMOUNTS WILL BE REIMBURSED. OTHERWISE, REIMBURSEMENT WILL BEBASED ON THE SCHEDULE BELOW.**

BMP Irrigation Items	Precision Ag Practices
Centralized Remote Control	Grid Soil Sampling
Control Panel Upgrade	Tissue Sampling
GPS Endgun Shutoff	Variable Rate Nutrient Application
Portable Fertigation System	Any 1 - 75%
Pump Upgrade (High to Low Pressure Remote Control (Radios)	Any 2 - 80%
Stationary Fertigation System	All 3 - 85%
Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	
Weather Station w/ ET Measurement	
Any 1 - 75%	
Any 2 - 80%	
Any 3 - 85%	
Any 4 - 90%	

ATTACHMENT A

District Specifications

The PRODUCER shall complete the purchase, installation and/or implementation of the authorized EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURE PRACTICES in accordance with the above schedule.

The PRODUCER shall be actively participating in the DISTRICT'S AUTOMATED WATER USE MONITORING PROGRAM prior to reimbursement.

The PRODUCER shall maintain compliance with the associated Water Use Permit(s) for the duration of the contract.

All invoices and payments shall have dates showing when they were invoiced and paid. The dates for all financial transactions must coincide within the contract term to be eligible for reimbursement.

The PRODUCER shall own or have control of the property where the EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES are located for the duration of the CONTRACT.

The PRODUCER has executed and maintains a current FDACS Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with Best Management Practices.

District Terms and Conditions

Center Pivot Retrofits

The producer must first select a Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) vendor to test the irrigation system. The MIL selected must follow the latest version of the MIL Handbook as developed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Office of Agricultural Water Policy. Deliverables should include at a minimum: A uniformity score (Weighted Distribution and Christiansen's), recommendations to improve irrigation uniformity, and a laminated sprinkler chart with center pivot information. The selected MIL must also update the State of Florida MIL program website in accordance with FDACS Office of Agricultural Water Policy guidelines. The District will only reimburse for equipment recommended by the MIL and only for equipment considered newer technology. The District will not reimburse for equipment considered maintenance. Equipment eligible for reimbursement includes more efficient nozzle packages, such as Senninger IWOBs or Nelson Rotators, pressure regulators, drop down hoses, adjusting end guns and other associated water savings features. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice, cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment, copies of the pre- and post-MIL evaluations, and pictures of the pivot before, during and after the retrofit.

ATTACHMENT A

Grid Soil Sampling

Grid soil sampling allows growers to manage nutrient application in as small a unit as 2.5 acres by having a soil nutrient analysis taken on 2.5-acre grids. Grid sampling can be conducted in straight grids, or alternatively to scientifically delineated zones. Grid-based soil analysis assists growers with applying the needed nutrient in the right amount, at the right time, in the right place, and the right source. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$7/acre/year. Straight grids shall be no larger than 10 acres and no smaller than 2.5 acres. When cost-sharing this item, the applicant must variable rate apply nutrients (see below: Variable Rate Nutrient Application) at least once in the season if the sample analysis recommends a variable rate application. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the sampling map, lab report for the sampling event, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

Soil Moisture probe service agreement

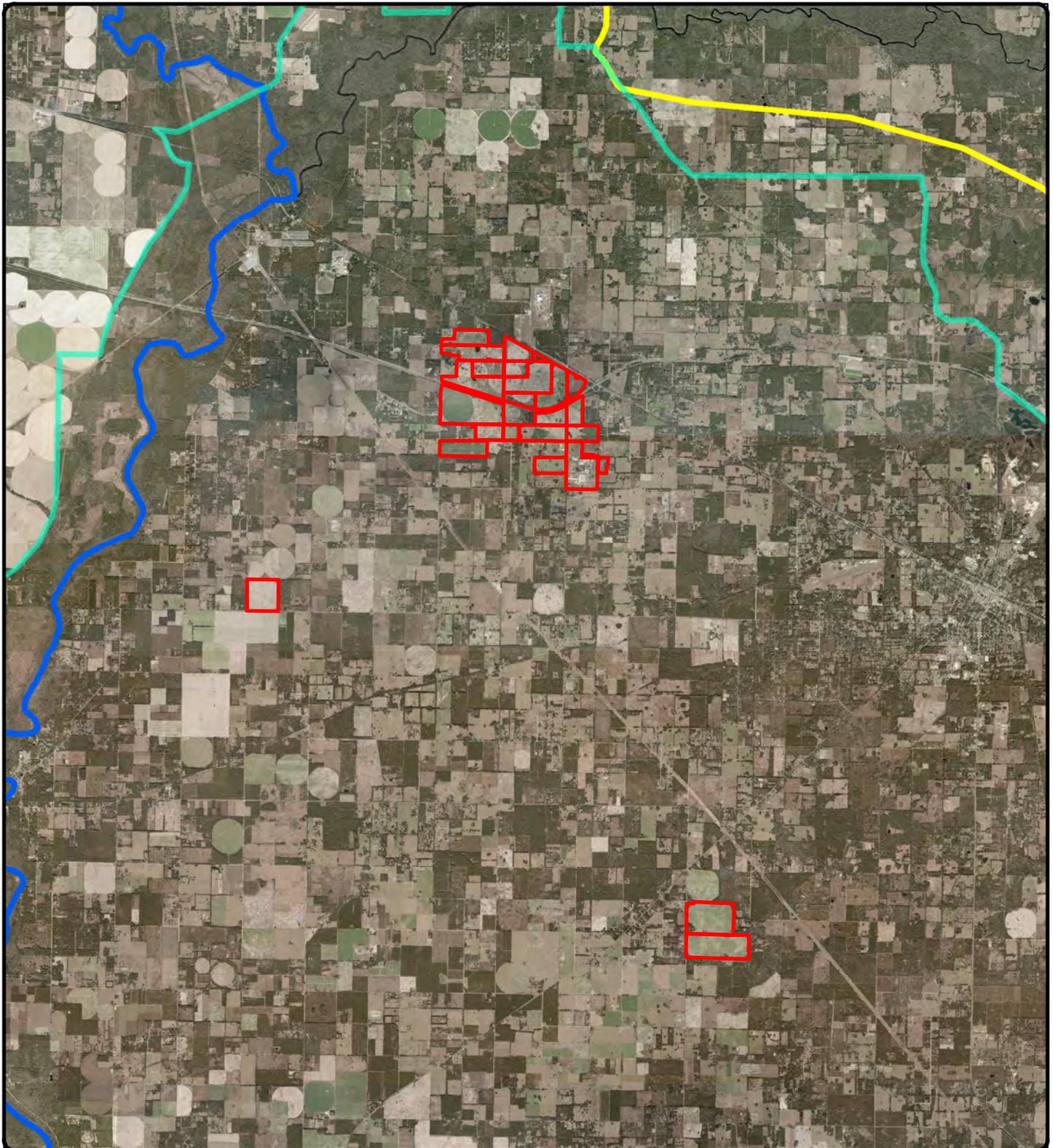
Soil moisture probes (or sensors) measure the soil moisture and electrical conductivity at varying depths within the soil profile, providing real-time data that allows the producer to make informed decisions on when to irrigate and how much irrigation water is needed. This technology when applied properly results in a more efficient and effective use of irrigation water in responding to the crops moisture needs. Probe installation should provide a remote access data platform and a service agreement to help the producer implement the technology. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the paid invoice, cancelled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor, installation locations, proof of data reporting, and pictures of the installed probe on an annual basis. For this item one unit is one probe.

Tissue Sampling

Tissue sampling is a crop management tool that allows growers to make informed decisions with regard to nutrient application by determining their crops nutrient need at various stages of development. This practice assists growers in putting the right source and amount at the right time and place reducing unnecessary nutrient application while maximizing production efficiency. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$20/sample, 1 sample/5 acres. These samples must be geo-referenced. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the sampling map, lab report for the sampling event, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

Variable Rate Nutrient Application

Variable rate nutrient application allows growers to have nutrients applied to their fields at a variable rate based upon the results and recommendations of a grid soil sample analysis (see above: Grid Soil Sampling). Variable rate nutrient application allows growers to put the right source and amount at the right time and place, thus eliminating unnecessary nutrient application, and optimizing plant growth efficiency. Cost-share is limited to 75% up to \$9/acre/application, 2 applications/year. For reimbursement, the producer must provide a copy of the prescription map, the paid invoice, and canceled check (front and back) or some verifiable form of payment to the vendor providing the service. For this item one unit is one acre.

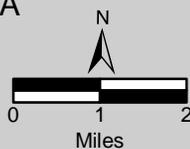


Shenandoah Dairy, Inc
 Suwannee County



March 2026

- Shenandoah Dairy
- Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth PFA
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: March 1, 2026
RE: January 2026 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the January 2026 Financial Report and confirm the expenditures of the District.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.553(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the delegation of authority by the Governing Board to the Executive Director to disburse District funds, providing certification is made to the Board at the next regular meeting that such disbursement is proper, in order, and within budgetary limits. In compliance with the statutory provisions in Chapter 373, F.S., the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District has directed staff to prepare a financial report as attached.

PS/ak
Attachments

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Cash Report
January 2026**

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$7.90	\$507.90
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$43.75	\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$1,132.05	\$484,714.88
Florida PRIME (SBA LGIA)	\$17,326.39	\$5,270,163.81
First Federal ICS Custodian Account	\$52,738.14	\$17,179,282.56
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	\$72,176.58	\$19,971,823.21
TOTAL	<u>\$143,424.81</u>	<u>\$42,941,492.36</u>

*SPIA is part of the Treasury Investment Pool administered by Florida Department of Financial Services.

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds
For the Month ending January 31, 2026
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 1/31/2026	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 7,307,624	\$ 5,955,677	\$ (1,351,947)	81.5%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 61,469,710	\$ 4,700,901	\$ (56,768,809)	7.6%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 250,000	\$ 473,864	\$ 223,864	189.5%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 300,000	\$ 107,685	\$ (192,316)	35.9%
Other	\$ 2,040,000	\$ 425,302	\$ (1,614,698)	20.8%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 12,261,991	\$ 146,088	\$ (12,115,903)	1.2%
Total Sources	\$ 83,629,325	\$ 11,809,517	\$ (71,819,808)	14.1%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 11,838,179	\$ 2,519,858	\$ 8,154,934	\$ 1,163,387	21%	90%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 57,259,654	\$ 2,975,242	\$ 27,114,976	\$ 27,169,436	5%	53%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 9,683,558	\$ 1,264,325	\$ 2,474,974	\$ 5,944,259	13%	39%
Regulation	\$ 2,507,619	\$ 570,483	\$ 45,863	\$ 1,891,273	23%	25%
Outreach	\$ 291,126	\$ 77,283	\$ 75,288	\$ 138,555	27%	52%
Management and Administration	\$ 2,049,189	\$ 669,616	\$ 97,754	\$ 1,281,820	33%	37%
Total Uses	\$ 83,629,325	\$ 8,076,806	\$ 37,963,788	\$ 37,588,730	10%	55%

¹ Actual Fund Balance used is recorded at the end of the fiscal year. This amount represents Fund Balance used for the District Agricultural and RIVER Cost-Share, Regional Water Resource Development, Project Effectiveness Metrics Programs, FY24 Operational Transfer for Hydro/Ag Monitoring, and SRP Ag Cost-Share.

² Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders, contracts, and task work assignments.

³ Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This financial statement is prepared as of January 31, 2026 and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 1/31/2026

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
Report Recap -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	6,962,528	0	9,897,624
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	3,768,930	0	55,318,210
FEDERAL REVENUES	931,971	0	6,151,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	146,088	0	12,261,991
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>11,809,517</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83,629,325</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,507,671	0	9,206,200
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,723,149	22,196,599	33,066,784
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	863,401	215,170	2,525,400
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	71,935	0	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	206,837	1,178,172	11,325,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,703,813	14,373,847	27,217,897
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>8,076,806</u>	<u>37,963,788</u>	<u>83,629,325</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>3,732,711</u>	<u>(37,963,788)</u>	<u>0</u>
General Fund -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	6,421,378	0	7,819,527
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,803,786	0	6,375,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	42,938	0	3,855,554
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>8,268,102</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,050,081</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,270,279	0	8,288,542
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	381,352	1,451,299	3,567,195
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	805,918	116,413	2,229,800
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	71,935	0	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	201,649	102,452	2,386,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	191,160	519,587	1,290,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,922,293</u>	<u>2,189,751</u>	<u>18,050,081</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>4,345,809</u>	<u>(2,189,751)</u>	<u>0</u>
Land Management and Acquisitions -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	480,076	0	1,578,097
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	458,469	0	2,985,369
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	631,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,089,937
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>938,545</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,284,903</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	237,392	0	912,584
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	364,335	1,577,613	2,817,219
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	57,483	98,757	251,100
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,188	354,218	1,439,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	453,952	865,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>664,398</u>	<u>2,484,540</u>	<u>6,284,903</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>274,147</u>	<u>(2,484,540)</u>	<u>0</u>

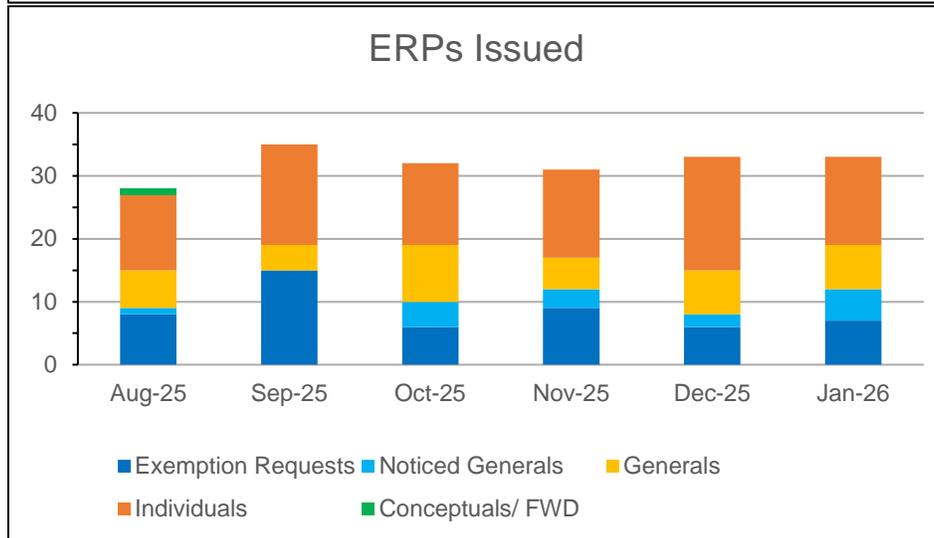
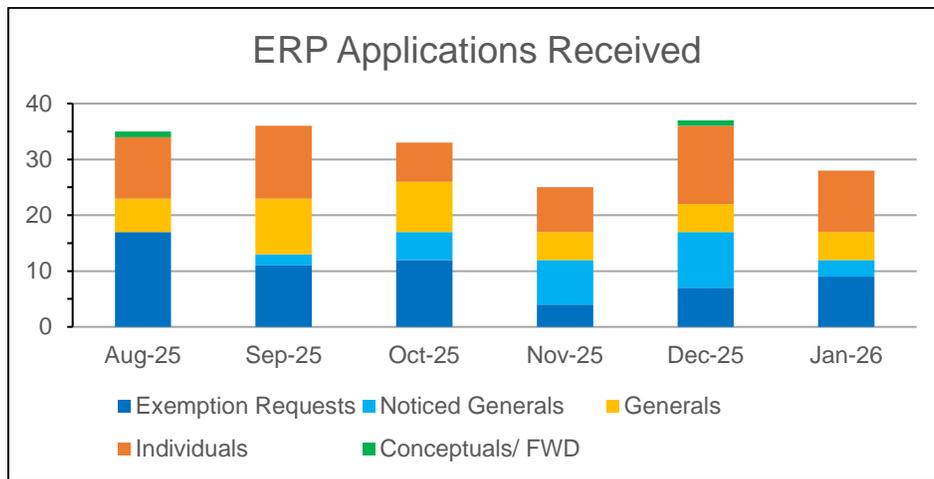
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FOR 1/31/2026

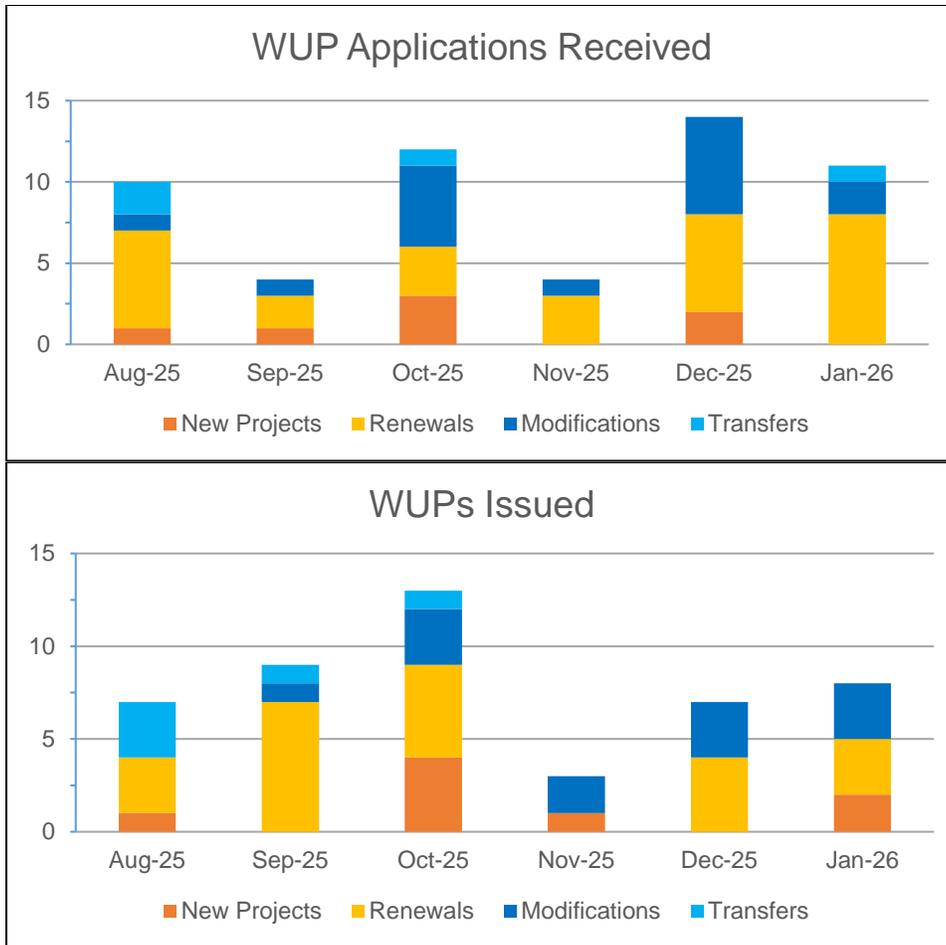
	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
District Special Revenue -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	63,652	0	4,589,500
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>63,652</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,589,500</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	53,046	1,034,156	2,183,500
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	10,606	1,695,427	2,376,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>63,652</u>	<u>2,729,583</u>	<u>4,589,500</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,729,583)</u>	<u>0</u>
State Special Revenue -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	61,075	0	500,000
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,506,676	0	45,957,841
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	39,497	0	2,727,000
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,607,248</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,184,841</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	5,074
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	992,446	11,848,200	19,990,870
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	721,502	7,500,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,502,047	11,704,882	21,682,397
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,494,493</u>	<u>24,274,584</u>	<u>49,184,841</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(887,245) *</u>	<u>(24,274,584)</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>*To be reimbursed by State Grants</i>			
Federal Special Revenue -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	931,971	0	5,520,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>931,971</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,520,000</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	931,971	6,285,331	4,508,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	8,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	1,004,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>931,971</u>	<u>6,285,331</u>	<u>5,520,000</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>0</u>	<u>(6,285,331)</u>	<u>0</u>

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

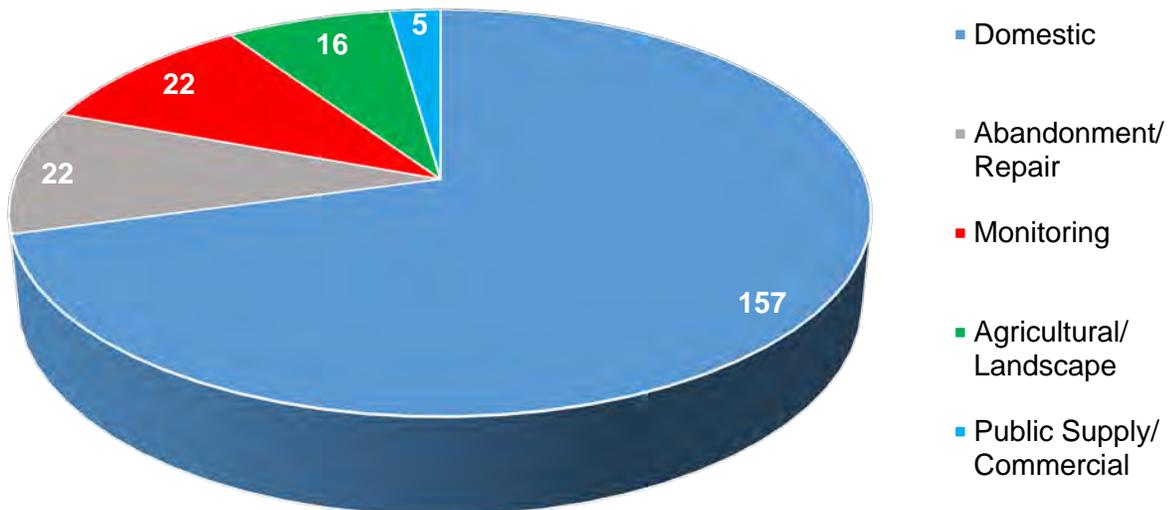
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/ Projects Division
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: February 27, 2026
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued - January 2026



40B-3.040 Scope of Part I

Proposed Action	Repeal
Notice of Rule Development	N/A
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	1/28/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.041 Permits Required

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	2/6/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/20/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.051 Exemptions

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	2/6/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/20/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.201 Permit Fees

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	2/6/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/20/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.301 Conditions for Issuance

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	2/6/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/20/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.341 Permit Suspension/Revocation

Proposed Action	Repeal
Notice of Rule Development	N/A
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	1/28/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.451 Emergency Authorization

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	2/6/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/20/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.461 Inspection

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	2/6/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/20/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.492 Violations of Permits

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	2/6/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/20/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.502 Construction Methods

Proposed Action	Repeal
Notice of Rule Development	N/A
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	1/28/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.512 Well Construction Requirements

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	2/6/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/20/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.531 Abandoned Well Plugging

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	2/6/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	2/20/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/ Projects Division

THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: March 10, 2026

RE: Chapter 40B-3, Florida Administrative Code, Additional Rulemaking

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize staff to amend three additional rules in Chapter 40B-3, Florida Administrative Code, Permitting of Well Construction.

BACKGROUND

New legislation from the 2025 session, codified in Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires all State agencies to conduct a comprehensive review of their rules over the next five years. Rulemaking to implement the results of the 2025/ 2026 review of the twenty-two rules in Chapter 40B-3, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Permitting of Well Construction, was approved at the January Governing Board. Prior to beginning this rulemaking, the proposed amendments must be sent to the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) for preliminary review, as set forth in Section 120.5435(7)(a), F.S. JAPC completed their review on January 30, 2026, and found that, in Rule 40B-3.035, F.A.C., the Water Well Permit Application Form and the Well Completion Report Form should be incorporated by reference in their respective rules, 40B-3.101 and 40B-3.411, F.A.C. Additionally, they found no statutory authority for non-refundable permit application fees as specified in Section 40B-3.201(1), F.A.C.

As a result of JAPC's review, staff is recommending additional proposed substantive amendments to Rules 40B-3.035, 40B-3.101, and 40B-3.411, F.A.C., as shown in the attached document, to the rulemaking approved in January. While amending Rule 40B-3.035, F.A.C., staff will also take the opportunity to incorporate the Bradford County well permitting agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) that was approved by the Board in March 2025 and is anticipated to be approved by SJRWMD's Governing Board in February 2026. Furthermore, the 1999 rule language specific to non-refundable permit application fees will be removed from Rule 40B-3.201, F.A.C., which does not affect our current policy of transferring fees for withdrawn applications to subsequent applications filed by the permittee.

These proposed amendments clarify existing rule language and will have no adverse impact on the regulated public.

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ATTACHMENT – CODED RULES

40B-3.035 Publications and Agreements Incorporated by Reference.

The following Department rules, publications, ~~and standards~~ ~~and forms~~ regarding construction, repair, modification and abandonment of wells and water well contractor licensing, shall apply to the water well program administered by the District, and are incorporated by reference herein. ***

(1) No change
(2) Chapter 62-531, F.A.C., Water Well Contractor Licensing Requirements (August 7, 2019) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14621>). The following publications ~~and forms~~ referenced in Chapter 62-531, F.A.C., are also incorporated by reference herein:

(a) The Department's Water Well Construction Disciplinary Guidelines and Citations Dictionary (June 22, 2014) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14622>), incorporated by reference in Rule 62-531.450, F.A.C.;

~~(b) Form 1 Certificate of Attendance (June 22, 2014) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14623>), incorporated by reference in Rule 62-531.300, F.A.C.;~~

~~(c) Form 2 Certificate of Completion (June 22, 2014) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14624>), incorporated by reference in Rule 62-531.300, F.A.C.;~~

~~(d) Form 3 Course Approval (June 22, 2014) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14625>), incorporated by reference in Rule 62-531.300, F.A.C.;~~

~~(e) Form 4 Course Provider (June 22, 2014) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14626>), incorporated by reference in Rule 62-531.300, F.A.C.;~~ [FORMS NOT CITED IN RULE]

~~(b) (f) Water Well Contractor Continuing Education Program Manual (July 16, 2019) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14627>), incorporated by reference in Rule 62-531.300, F.A.C.~~

(3) through (4) No change

(5) ~~The Interagency Agreement between the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water Management District regarding water well permitting in Bradford County (effective date) (HYPERLINK). State of Florida Permit Application to Construct, Repair, Modify, or Abandon a Well, DEP Form 62-532.900(1) (October 7, 2010) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14630>), incorporated by reference in subsection 62-532.400(1), F.A.C.~~

~~(6) State of Florida Well Completion Report, DEP Form 62-532.900(2) (October 7, 2010) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14631>), incorporated by reference in Rule 62-532.410, F.A.C.~~

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, 373.323(8), 373.324(4), 373.333(1), 373.337 FS. Law Implemented 373.046, 373.308, 373.309, 373.342 FS History–New 7-1-85, Amended 6-22-99, 11-10-22, [DATE].

40B-3.101 Content of Application.

(1) No change

(2) Applications for permits required by this chapter shall be submitted on a State of Florida Permit Application to Construct, Repair, Modify, or Abandon a Well, DEP Form 62-532.900(1), (October 7, 2010) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14630>), which is incorporated [herein and may be obtained without charge at the District's website mysuwanneeriver.com or by writing or calling the Department, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400, telephone \(850\)245-8648, or the District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, telephone \(386\)362-1001](#); ~~by reference in subsection 40B-3.035(5), F.A.C.,~~ and shall contain the information required therein.

(3) through (4) No change

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, 373.337 FS. Law Implemented 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.326, 373.342 FS. History–New 7-1-85, Amended 8-15-89, 4-4-91, 6-22-99, 7-1-09, 11-10-22, [DATE], Technical Change 2-2-26.

40B-3.201 Permit Fees.

(1) ~~Section 373.109, F.S., authorizes the Governing Board to establish a schedule of fees for filing applications for permits required by District rules. The schedule of fees is listed in TABLE 1 SCHEDULE OF WATER WELL PERMIT FEES. Fees shall be due at the time of filing an application. Unless otherwise specified by District rule, the date of filing shall be considered to be the date received by the District. Fees are nonrefundable. Failure of an applicant any person to pay the fees established herein is grounds for the denial of the a permit application or revocation of a permit.~~

~~(2) Upon delegation of the administration of a permitting program from the Department to the District, the fees for such permits established by Department rule shall be collected by the District pursuant to Section 373.109, F.S.~~

~~(2) (3) Any portion of the fees enumerated in this rule in excess of \$100 shall be waived for well permits issued on behalf of a municipality any city or county government qualified under upon receipt of a certification from such city or county of hardship required in Section 218.075, F.S. Any such certification shall be presumed to be valid for the entire fiscal year of the city or county during which certification is made, unless the certification clearly indicates a duration to the contrary.~~

~~(3) (4) Fees for permits to construct or repair wells required by this Chapter shall be as listed in Table 1 below, and shall apply to each well constructed or repaired. No fee shall be required for a permit to abandon or modify a well; or for wells constructed or repaired for the District.~~

~~(4) Water well contractor licensing fees are enumerated in Rule 62-531.340, F.A.C.~~

TABLE 1 SCHEDULE OF WATER WELL PERMIT FEES No change

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.109, 373.113, 373.171, 373.323(8), 373.324(4), ~~373.333(1)~~, 373.337 FS. Law Implemented 218.075, 373.109, 373.308, 373.309, 373.313 FS. History—New 4-15-81, Amended 9-15-81, 1-31-83, 7-1-85, 6-16-88, 6-22-99, 10-18-22, [DATE].

40B-3.411 Completion Report.

(1) Well completion reports are required for all permits issued pursuant to this chapter. Well completion reports shall be submitted to the District within 30 days of the completion of the permitted activity on a State of Florida Well Completion Report, DEP Form 62-532.900(2), (October 7, 2010) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14631>), which is incorporated herein and may be obtained without charge at the District’s website mysuwanneeriver.com or by writing or calling the Department, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400, telephone (850)245-8648, or the District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, telephone (386)362-1001 ~~by reference in subsection 40B-3.035(6), F.A.C.;~~ and shall contain the information required therein.

(2) through (3) No change

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, 373.337 FS. Law Implemented 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.326, 373.342 FS. History—New 4-15-81, Amended 1-31-83, 7-1-85, 6-22-99, 7-1-09, 11-10-22, [DATE], Technical Change 2-2-26.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division

THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: February 27, 2026

RE: Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan, 2026 Update

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the 2026 update to the Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan, authorize staff to obtain approvals from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Transportation, and implement the plan as needed.

BACKGROUND

Section 373.4137, Florida Statutes, identifies an environmental mitigation process for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) transportation projects. The statute requires that mitigation for the projects be accomplished through regional, long-term planning instead of on a project-by-project basis. The statute also requires that FDOT fund the mitigation, and the District carry out the plans.

Each year, FDOT submits a work plan to the District that identifies environmental impacts from planned transportation projects. District staff will then develop a mitigation plan for each project that secures all state and federal permits for the impacts and streamlines staff review of the permit application once submitted. All projects and their mitigation strategies are contained in the mitigation plan, which is updated each year for approval by the District's Governing Board. In this year's update, FDOT added no new projects and has three ongoing projects in the Santa Fe River Basin. These three projects are separate segments of the Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail, including: from SW 102nd Avenue/County Road 225 to County Road 235; from County Road 235 to County Road 237; and from SW County Road 18 (Hampton) to County Road 227. The latter includes an ambitious proposal to construct a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over US301.

This plan is also included in the annual Consolidated Annual Report.

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Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2026 Update



Suwannee River Water Management District



Executive Summary

In accordance with section 373.4137, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) must develop and implement regional, long-range mitigation planning for wetland impacts associated with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) projects.

A total of 21 FDOT projects that include wetland mitigation have been initiated since 1996; 18 have been completed successfully and three new projects have been included for this planning period. One mitigation site for the Starke Bypass Project remains under adaptive management. The District has received a sum total of \$7,146,155.00 from FDOT to manage these wetland mitigation activities.

Background

Section 373.4137, F.S., states that environmental mitigation for the impact of transportation projects proposed by the FDOT can be more effectively achieved by regional, long-range mitigation planning rather than on a project-by-project basis. The statute sets forth specific language designed to provide funding to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Water Management Districts (WMDs) to develop a mitigation plan to offset environmental impacts from FDOT road projects that require an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP). By July 1st of each year, the FDOT must submit to the WMDs an environmental impact inventory containing a list of projects with proposed wetland impacts. The list is typically published at least three years prior to planned construction. Based on the yearly inventory, WMD staff develop a mitigation plan capable of securing all local, regional, state, and federal permits for the proposed impacts.

The statute requires each WMD, in consultation with the FDEP, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and other appropriate federal, state, and local governments, to develop a mitigation plan for presentation to the WMD Governing Board prior to March 1st of each year. Once the mitigation plan is approved by the Governing Board it shall be submitted to FDEP for approval. Upon approval by FDEP, the WMDs can implement mitigation projects as outlined in the plan.

FDOT wetland impacts in the District have occurred or will occur in the following eight river basins: Alapaha, Aucilla, Coastal Rivers, Santa Fe, Suwannee River, Upper Suwannee River, Waccasassa, and Withlacoochee (Figure 1). This mitigation plan is designed to provide in-kind mitigation for impacted wetlands within the same basin the impacts occur. The plan consists of one or more mitigation alternatives for each FDOT site (Figure 2). In some cases, alternatives include more than one mitigation site that, when combined, yield an alternative that will offset the FDOT impacts and secure the appropriate permits.

Mitigation planning projects undertaken since February of 2004 have used the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM), in accordance with Chapter 62-345, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), to calculate the functional loss from the proposed FDOT activities and the functional gain for each mitigation proposal.

New Projects

None to report

Ongoing Projects

Santa Fe River Basin

**FDOT Project: Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail from SW County Road 18 (Hampton) to County Road 227
Mitigation Site 1: Edwards Bottomland (EBL)**

The District issued ERP-007-249417-1 for the Palatka to Lake Butler rails-to-trails segment 3 in Bradford County, which lies in the Santa Fe River basin. The construction is anticipated to begin in July 2025 and be completed in August 2026. FDOT determined 1.54 acres of wetlands will be impacted by the project. State mitigation is required pursuant to 62-330.301 F.A.C. and 0.68 UMAM credits are being utilized from EBL to fully offset the functional loss incurred by the project.

**FDOT Project: Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail from SW 102nd Avenue/County Road 225 to County Road 235
Mitigation Site 1: EBL**

The District issued ERP-007-249431-1 for the Palatka to Lake Butler rails-to-trails segment 2 in Bradford County, which lies in the Santa Fe River basin. The construction is anticipated to begin in July 2025 and be completed in April 2027. FDOT determined 1.62 acres of wetlands will be directly impacted by the project. State mitigation is required pursuant to rules 62-330.301 F.A.C. and 0.76 UMAM credits are being utilized from EBL to fully offset the functional loss incurred by the project.

**FDOT Project: Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail from County Road 235 to County Road 237
Mitigation Site 1: EBL**

The District issued ERP-007-249181-1 for the Palatka to Lake Butler rails-to-trails segment 1A in Bradford County, which lies in the Santa Fe River basin. The construction is anticipated to begin in July 2025 and be completed in April 2027. FDOT determined 0.32 acres of wetlands will be directly impacted by the project. State mitigation is not required for this project pursuant to rules 62-330.443 F.A.C. and 62-330.447.

Completed Projects

Aucilla River Basin

**FDOT Project: US Highway 98 Aucilla River Bridge Replacement Mitigation
Site 3: San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase**

The District issued ERP-123-212754-1 on October 24, 2011, for the replacement of US Highway 98 Bridge across Aucilla River. The bridge replacement impacted 5.7 acres of wetlands. Mitigation included purchase of mitigation credits from San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank, and water quality improvements for District owned Cabbage Grove and Mt. Gilead tracts. Mitigation credits (0.87 units) were purchased in November 2010 by the District using a total of \$43,500.00 in funding received from the FDOT for this project. District staff met with USACE and FDOT representatives in 2016 to evaluate the success of the mitigation project. It was determined that an additional 0.42 mitigation credits would be required to complete the project. FDOT purchased these mitigation credits from the San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank on October 27, 2017.

Withlacoochee River Basin

FDOT Project: State Road 53 Widening and Resurfacing (US90 to State Line) Mitigation Site

4: West Farm Lake Stormwater Pond Project

The District issued ERP-079-204218-1 on June 9, 1998, for the widening of SR53 from US Highway 90 in the City of Madison to the Georgia State Line, impacting 1.6 acres of wetlands. Mitigation created wetland and lake habitat at the West Farm Lake Storm Water Facility in Madison County. Mitigation activities were completed in March 2001. The District received \$260,325.00 from FDOT for this project.

FDOT Project: State Road 14 Widening (I-10 to CSX Transportation Railroad) Mitigation Site

5: Cabbage Grove Wetland Enhancement

The District issued ERP-079-209145-1 on March 11, 2003, for the widening of SR14 from Interstate 10 to the CSX Transportation Railroad in the City of Madison. The widening of SR14 impacted 0.89 acres of wetlands. Mitigation restored natural water flow in wetlands within District-owned property, Cabbage Grove Tract, in Taylor County. The District received \$75,594.00 from FDOT. The mitigation project was completed in 2006. The District conducted operation and maintenance improvements at this site in December 2011.

Upper Suwannee River Basin

FDOT Project: County Road 143 Widening (CR146 to I-75) Mitigation Site

6: Woods Ferry Hydrologic Enhancements

The District issued ERP-047-209544-1 on December 13, 2005, for the widening of CR143 in Hamilton County from CR146 to Interstate 75, impacting 1.23 acres of wetlands. The District contracted with consultants to identify, evaluate, and construct mitigation activities within the District's Woods Ferry Tract in Suwannee County. Mitigation involved hydrologic enhancement of seven wetland sites by improving drainage features to restore natural water flow. Mitigation activities were completed in November 2006. The District received \$110,970.00 from FDOT for the mitigation. Evaluation of mitigation success was conducted by Jones, Edmunds and Associates in 2010 and shown to have met mitigation requirements.

Coastal Rivers Basin

FDOT Project: State Road 51 Widening Lafayette County

Mitigation Site 7: Steinhatchee River Basin Hydrological Improvements

The District issued ERP-067-223712-1 on March 13, 2001, for the widening of SR51 from the City of Mayo to the Taylor County line impacting 3.5 acres of wetlands in 2002. The mitigation project restored natural water flow for wetlands located on the District's Steinhatchee Springs tract. The District received \$279,174.00 from FDOT for this project.

FDOT Project: State Road 51 Widening Taylor and Dixie Counties Mitigation

Site 3: San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase

The District issued ERP-123-210590-1 on October 10, 2006, for the widening of SR51 from the Town of Steinhatchee to the Lafayette County line, impacting 1.27 acres of wetlands. Mitigation was achieved by purchase of mitigation credits from San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank. The District

received \$10,200.00 from FDOT for mitigation and purchased 0.6 mitigation credits from San Pedro Mitigation Bank in 2006.

Santa Fe River Basin

FDOT Project: US Highway 441 Santa Fe River Bridge Replacement FDOT Project: State Road 121 Santa Fe River Bridge Replacement Mitigation Site 8: Alligator Lake Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program

The District issued ERP-001-206684-1 and ERP-125-205839-1 on June 13, 2000 and May 13, 1999, respectively, for the replacement of bridges crossing the Santa Fe River in Alachua and Union Counties. These projects impacted 2.3 acres of wetlands. The mitigation project restored natural water flow between wetlands adjacent to Alligator Lake and Price Creek (both in Columbia County). Mitigation activities were completed in March 2001. The District received \$60,000.00 from FDOT for this project. District staff inspected the Alligator Lake and Price Creek surface water improvements project in January 2017.

FDOT Project: County Road 231 Widening (SR100 to Baker County Line) Mitigation Site 9: Cellon Creek Floodplain Restoration at San Felasco Hammock State Preserve

The District issued ERP-125-209144-1 on March 11, 2003, for the widening of CR231 in Union County from SR100 to the Baker County line, impacting 1.96 acres of wetlands. The mitigation project restored natural water flow and exotic plant species were removed within wetlands in San Felasco Hammock State Preserve (Alachua County). Construction activities were completed in August 2004, and exotic plant removal was completed in June 2011. The District received a total of \$166,476.00 from FDOT for wetland mitigation and a final report from FDEP in January 2011.

FDOT Project: County Road 229 New River Bridge Replacement Mitigation Site 10: Lake Rowell Tract Restoration and Enhancement

The District issued ERP-125-210531-1 on April 12, 2005, for the replacement of the CR229 bridge over New River at the Union/Bradford County's line, impacting 2.44 acres of wetlands. The mitigation project, located at the District-owned Lake Rowell tract, restored natural water connections between Alligator Creek and Lake Rowell (both in Bradford County). The District received \$180,214.00 from FDOT for this project. Mitigation activities were completed in 2006, evaluated in 2013, and deemed to be a success.

FDOT Project: Starke Bypass Project (SR223) Mitigation Site 2: Starke Bypass Mitigation Area (SBMA)

The District issued ERP-007-213985-1 on October 22, 2017, for the construction of a new roadway corridor, SR223, that routes traffic around the City of Starke in Bradford County. The project impacted 58.06 acres of wetlands with a total UMAM functional loss of 46.47. Construction of SR223 was completed on September 12, 2019. Starke Bypass Mitigation Area, permitted under SRWMD ERP-007-223088-1 on November 6, 2015, and USACE permit SAJ-2013-00113 (SP-AWP) on March 4, 2016, to create sufficient mitigation credit, was deemed partially successful in 2022. To date, physical site alteration for target hydrology is complete, but no target wetland community has been fully achieved and additional planting (adaptive management) will be necessary. Maintenance of invasive and nuisance species resumed in 2022 and will continue annually through

2027. Supplemental tree planting was completed by District contractor in fall/winter of 2024. District contractor will continue to conduct site maintenance work until the 2027 in accordance with the Adaptive Management Plan approved by USACE in late 2023.

FDOT Project: County Road 231 New River Bridge Replacement Mitigation

Site 1: EBL

The District issued ERP-007-228291-2 on April 2, 2019, for the construction of a new bridge over the New River on CR231 in Bradford and Union counties, which lies in the Santa Fe River basin. The construction began March 3, 2020, and was completed on December 14, 2021. FDOT determined 1.27 acres of wetlands will be impacted by the project, and FDOT will acquire 0.61 palustrine wetlands credits from the EBL mitigation area. The EBL mitigation area project consists of 43.6 acres of wetland/hydrologic restoration, enhancement, and creation implemented in three phases, plus ongoing invasive species removal and control. Baseline monitoring of the mitigation area commenced in 2021 and, upon successful completion of monitoring, a total UMAM functional gain of 7.56 credits will have been created. USACE authorized partial release of 5.49 functional gain credits, and 1.73 credits are currently reserved or used for the ongoing and completed projects listed below. FDOT has contributed \$1,085,299.00 to EBL.

FDOT Project: County Road 200A Alligator Creek Bridge Replacement

Mitigation Site 1: EBL

The District issued ERP-007-212720-3 on March 27, 2019, for bridge replacement over Alligator Creek in Bradford County, which lies in the Santa Fe River basin. The construction began November 3, 2020, and was completed on April 6, 2021. FDOT determined 0.47 acres of wetlands will be impacted by the project, and FDOT acquired 0.22 palustrine wetlands credits from the EBL mitigation area.

FDOT Project: County Road 18 Hampton Trail and Trailhead Mitigation

Site 1: EBL

The District issued Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application ERP-007-240538-1 for CR18 rails-to-trails segment three in Bradford County, which lies in the Santa Fe River basin. The construction was completed November 9, 2022, and FDOT acquired 0.05 credits from the EBL mitigation area.

FDOT Project: County Road 18 Trail (SE 36th Avenue to CR325) Mitigation Site

1: EBL

The District issued ERP-007-239071-1 on April 23, 2021, for CR18 rails-to-trails segment four in Bradford County, which lies in the Santa Fe River basin. The construction was completed May 5, 2022. FDOT determined 0.865 acres of wetlands will be impacted by the project, and FDOT acquired 0.2 herbaceous freshwater wetland credits from the EBL mitigation area.

FDOT Project: County Road 18 Trail (SR100 to SE 36th Avenue) Mitigation Site

1: EBL

The District issued Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application ERP-007-240605-1 for CR18 rails-to-trails segment five in Bradford County, which lies in the Santa Fe River basin. The

construction was completed in December 2023. FDOT determined 0.355 acres of wetlands were impacted by the project, but mitigation was not required pursuant to rules 62-330.443 and 62-330.447, F.A.C.

FDOT Project: Northwest Bascom Norris Drive Mitigation Site

1: EBL

The District issued ERP-023-204915-12 on May 10, 2021, for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Bascom Norris Road and US Highway 41 in Columbia County, which lies in the Santa Fe River basin. Construction commenced on August 21, 2021, and was completed on January 23, 2023. FDOT determined 0.925 acres of wetlands (FLUCCS 630) were impacted by the project, and FDOT acquired 0.37 herbaceous freshwater credits from the EBL mitigation area.

Waccasassa River Basin

FDOT Project: State Road 500 Widening (Chiefland to Bronson) Mitigation

Projects:

- Cedar Key Storm Water Quality Restoration Project
- Cow Creek Road Restoration in Goethe State Forest
- Wetland Preservation in Levy County

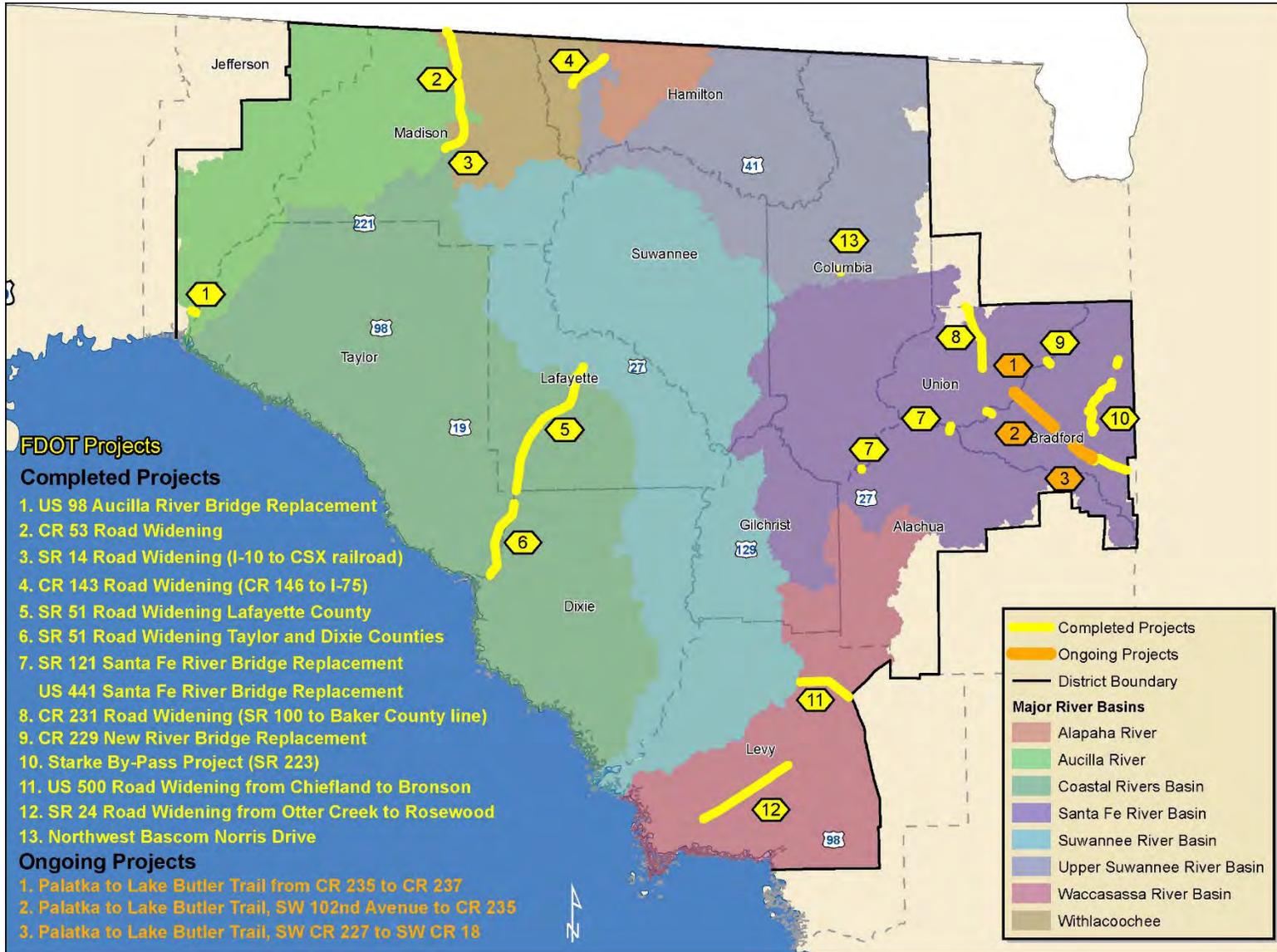
The District issued ERP-075-206226-1 on May 9, 2002, for the widening of SR500 from Chiefland to Bronson. The project impacted 23.0 acres of wetlands. Mitigation involved improvements to the Cedar Key stormwater system to prevent discharge of sediments, nutrients, bacteria, and heavy metals into the Gulf of Mexico. In addition, natural water flow into wetlands was restored within the Goethe State Park, and approximately 1,000 acres of wetlands in Levy County were preserved by conservation easements to the District. Mitigation activities were completed in May 2007. The District received \$1,713,490.00 from FDOT for this project. The Cedar Key Water Quality Restoration Project was evaluated by District staff in 2019 and the Cow Creek Road Restoration project was evaluated November 2017, and both were determined to be successful. In 2003 the District acquired and recorded conservation easements for the Meeks and Mann parcels (1,000 acres) in Levy County.

FDOT Project: State Road 24 Widening (Otter Creek to Rosewood)

Mitigation Site 14: Devil's Hammock Hydrological Enhancement and Preservation

The District issued ERP-075-210019-1 on March 8, 2005, for the widening of SR 24 in Levy County, impacting 9.95 acres of wetlands. The District contracted with consultants to identify, evaluate, and construct the mitigation project that restored natural water flow for wetlands located on the District-owned Devil's Hammock property. Mitigation activities were completed in January 2007. The District received \$180,913.00 from FDOT for this project. Evaluation of mitigation success was conducted by Jones, Edmunds and Associates in 2010 and shown to have met mitigation requirements.

Figure 1. FDOT Construction Projects



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Figure 2. Wetland Mitigation Sites

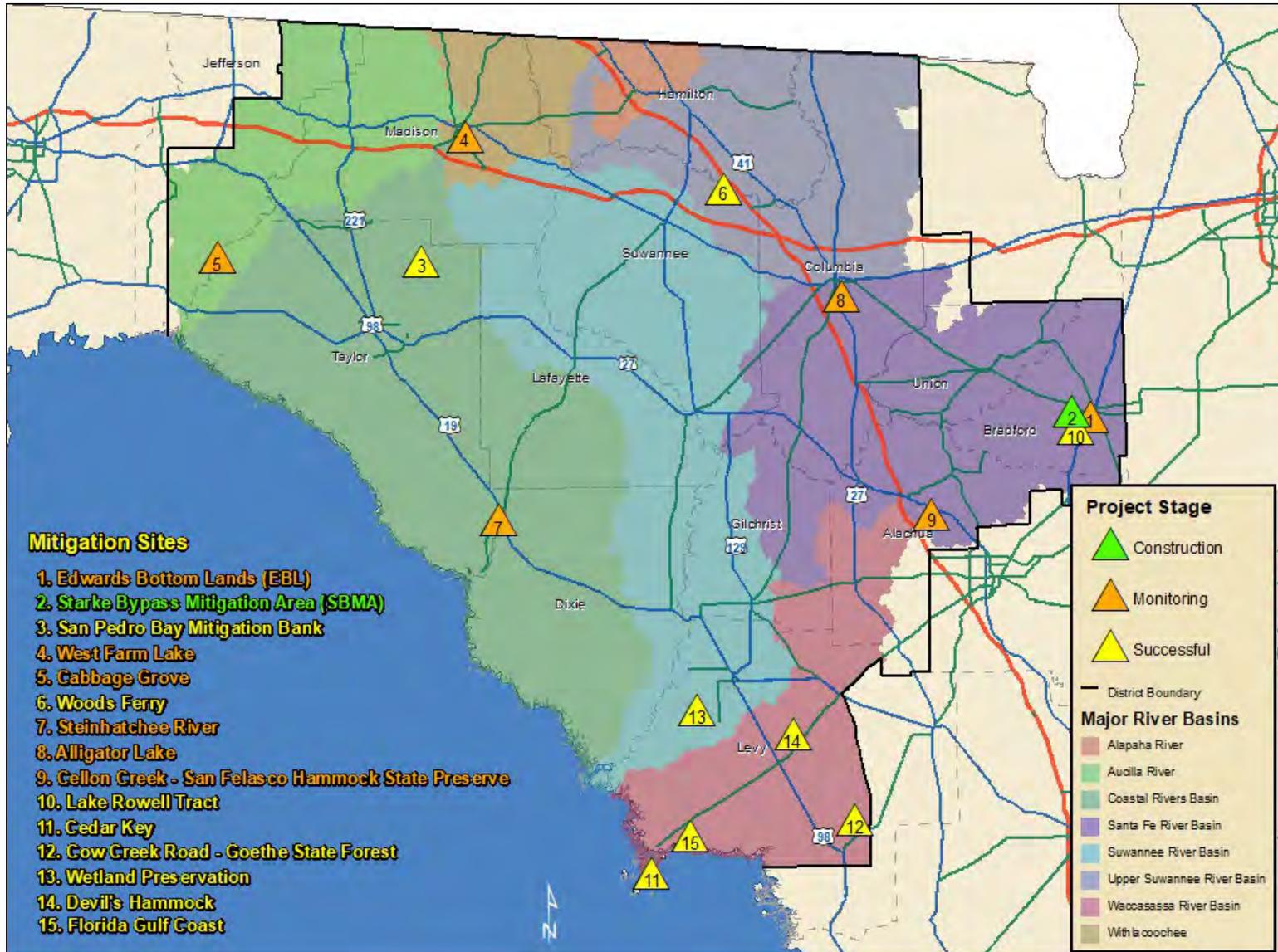


Table 1. FDOT Construction Projects and Associated Mitigation Sites

FDOT Project Status	River Basin	Project No.	FDOT Project	FDOT Work Number	ERP Number	Impact Acres	Mitigation Site	Revenue from FDOT	Total Fund Expended
NEW	Currently, there are no new projects								
ONGOING	Currently, there are no projects for the Alapaha or Suwannee River basins								
	Santa Fe	1.	Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail from SW County Road 18 (Hampton) to County Road 227	211522-1	249417-1	1.54	Edwards Bottomland (EBL)	\$1,085,299.00	\$1,036,065.00
		2.	Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail from SW 102 nd Avenue/County Road 225 to County Road 235	434277-1	249431-1	1.62	Edwards Bottomland (EBL)	\$1,085,299.00	\$1,036,065.00
		3.	Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail from County Road 235 to County Road 237	434276-1	249181-1	0.32	Edwards Bottomland (EBL)	\$1,085,299.00	\$1,036,065.00

FDOT Project Status	River Basin	Project No.	FDOT Project	FDOT Work Number	ERP Number	Impact Acres	Mitigation Site	Revenue from FDOT	Total Fund Expended
COMPLETED	Currently, there are no projects for the Alapaha or Suwannee River basins								
	Aucilla	1.	US Highway 98 Aucilla River Bridge Replacement	2108732	212754-1	5.70	San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00
	Withlacoochee	2.	State Road 53 Widening and Resurfacing (US90 to State Line)	2117565	204218-1	1.60	West Farm Lake Stormwater Pond Project	\$260,325.00	\$260,325.00
		3.	State Road 14 Widening (I-10 to CSX railroad)	2105281	209145-1	0.89	Cabbage Grove Wetland Enhancement	\$75,594.00	\$46,459.00
	Upper Suwannee River	4.	County Road 143 Widening (CR146 to I-75)	2122181	209544-1	1.23	Woods Ferry Hydrologic Enhancements	\$110,970.00	\$53,848.00
	Coastal Rivers (Steinhatchee)	5.	State Road 51 Widening Lafayette County	2100751 2100851	223712-1	3.50	Steinhatchee River Hydrological Improvements	\$279,174.00	\$279,174.00
		6.	State Road 51 Widening Taylor and Dixie Counties	2108502 2084662	210590-1	1.27	San Pedro Bay Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
	Santa Fe	7.	US Highway 441 Santa Fe River Bridge and State Road 121 Santa Fe River Bridge Replacements	2110486	206684-1	1.00	Alligator Lake Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
					205839-1	1.30			
8.	County Road 231 Widening (SR100 to Baker County line)	2128801	209144-1	1.96	Cellon Creek Floodplain Restoration at San Felasco Hammock State Preserve	\$166,476.00	\$72,180.00		

	Santa Fe	9.	County Road 229 New River Bridge Replacement	2128761	210531-1	2.44	Lake Rowell Tract Restoration and Enhancement	\$180,214.00	\$180,214.00
		10.	Starke Bypass Project (SR223)	2080014 2080015 2080016	213985-1	58.06	Starke Bypass Mitigation Area (SBMA)	\$2,980,000.00	\$2,931,843.00
		11.	County Road 231 New River Bridge Replacement	433957	228291-2	1.27	Edwards Bottomland (EBL)	\$1,085,299.00	\$1,036,065.00
		12.	County Road 200A Alligator Creek Bridge Replacement	435780	212720-3	0.47			
		13.	County Road 18 Hampton Trail and Trailhead	433171-3	240538-1	0.073			
		14.	County Road 18 Trail (SE 36th Avenue to CR325)	433171-4	239071-1	0.87			
		15.	County Road 18 Trail (SR100 to SE 36th Avenue)	433171-5	240605-1	0.355			
		16.	Northwest Bascom Norris Drive	446295	204915-12	0.37			
	Waccasassa	17.	State Road 500 Widening (Chiefland to Bronson)	2117089	206226-1 204584-1 224156-1	23.00	Cedar Key Storm Water Quality Restoration Project	\$1,713,490.00	\$1,713,490.00
							Cow Creek Road Restoration in Goethe State Forest Wetland Preservation in Levy County		
		18.	State Road 24 Widening (Otter Creek to Rosewood)	210384	210019-1	9.95	Devil's Hammock Hydrological Enhancement and Preservation	\$180,913.00	\$190,694.00

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: February 27, 2026
RE: Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Attached for your information is the Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report.

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Attachment

Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Period ending January 31, 2026

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	17	\$ 11,203,773
Completed within the last 6 months	8	\$ 2,302,241
Totals	25	\$ 13,506,014

AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	188	\$ 15,445,931
Completed within the last 6 months	27	\$ 1,321,165
Totals	215	\$ 16,767,096

FLOOD RISK OUTREACH AND MAPPING PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Number of Contracts (TWAs)	20	\$ 11,309,571
Completed within the last 6 months	0	\$ -
Totals	20	\$ 11,309,571
TOTAL CONTRACTS / TWAs	260	\$ 41,582,681

AEP APPLICATIONS	
	Number of Projects
Agriculture Applications under review	30
AWS and Springs	0
Conceptual Projects under review	10
Projects in Queue	2
TOTAL	42

AEP FUNDING SOURCES		
	Number of Grants	Grant amount provided
District	3	\$ 10,461,592
FDEP	36	\$ 58,683,926
Federal through FDEP	5	\$ 14,600,000
Federal (CTP Program)	7	\$ 11,359,417
Cooperator Match	-	\$ 12,666,986
TOTAL	51	\$ 107,771,921

FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CTP	Cooperating Technical Partner (FEMA)
AEP	Agriculture and Environmental Projects
TWA	Task Work Order
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Troy Roberts, Office Chief, Communications and Outreach
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: February 12, 2026
RE: Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

The following information summarizes Outreach and Communications activities for the month of January 2026:

Facebook	X	Instagram
Total Posts: 15 Total Views: 247,075 Content Interactions: 3,205	Total Posts: 13 Total Impressions: 720	Total Posts: 14 Total Views: 4,902 Total Engagement: 220

Press Releases
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 6 – Governing Board Meeting• January 13 – Water Shortage Advisory• January 15 – Hydrologic Conditions Report

Media Inquiries / Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 14 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WCJB TV 20 regarding the District’s declared water shortage advisory.• January 29 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WUFT regarding cost-share opportunities.

Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 5 – Troy Roberts and staff toured with GRU Wetlands along with GRU and other contractors.• January 5 – Troy Roberts met with Moore Communications to discuss work related to a flood risk awareness TWA.• January 9 – Troy Roberts and staff took part in the weekly Water First North Florida coordination call.• January 14 – Troy Roberts and staff met with Atkins and consultants to discuss work related to the FY 16-24 FEMA grant.• January 16 – Troy Roberts and staff took part in the weekly Water First North Florida coordination call.

- January 20 – Troy Roberts met with Moore Communications met to discuss items related to Water First North Florida outreach.
- January 23 – Troy Roberts and staff took part in the weekly Water First North Florida coordination call.
- January 24 – Troy Roberts presented to the Santa Fe Lake Dwellers Association regarding MFLs, the water shortage advisory, and Water First North Florida project.
- January 28 – Troy Roberts and staff met with Atkins to discuss outreach items related to the Suwannee Flood Risk Review.
- January 30 – Troy Roberts and staff took part in the weekly Water First North Florida coordination call.

January Photo Highlight:

Prescribed Fire Awareness Week takes place every January. Why is prescribed fire important? By clearing out overgrowth, prescribed fire reduces the risk for catastrophic wildfires and the subsequent devastation to communities. This photo was submitted by Stephen Smith for use in the 2026 District calendar.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Troy Roberts, Office Chief, Communications and Outreach
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: February 12, 2026
RE: Water Conservation Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

Proclaim April 2026 as Water Conservation Month.

BACKGROUND

Declaring April as Water Conservation Month will mark the 28th year of this important recognition. Many local governments, water management districts, and other entities have demonstrated their support by adopting resolutions or proclamations designating Water Conservation Month in their communities.

The District's strategic focus on community partnerships and water resource project implementation, dedication to improved efficiencies and conservation, and sustainable management of District water resources illustrates its commitment to water conservation and its vitality to the Suwannee River Valley.

As part of the effort, the District encourages local communities to issue a commitment to water conservation and offers outreach tools for communities to share with their constituents.

This designation provides an opportunity to increase public awareness about the importance of water conservation and of following the District's year-round water conservation measures. It also encourages citizens to develop life-long conservation habits that will help preserve and protect our state and local water resources now and in the future.

Therefore, staff recommends the Governing Board proclaim April 2026 as Water Conservation Month.

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Proclamation

Suwannee River Water Management District
Live Oak, Florida

WHEREAS, clean, safe and sustainable water resources are vital to Suwannee River Water Management District's (District) residents, visitors, economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, droughts, development and population growth serve as reminders that Florida's ground and surface water resources such as rivers, lakes and springs are finite and fragile; and

WHEREAS, permanent, year-round water conservation measures are in effect throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, water conservation is a District strategic priority; and

WHEREAS, the District encourages and supports water conservation through public awareness efforts; and

WHEREAS, water conservation will continue to play an important role in the future protection and preservation of ground and surface water resources; and

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school, resident and visitor can help by conserving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community; and

WHEREAS, local governments are essential in assisting in promoting water conservation awareness and implementing water conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida traditionally designates April as Water Conservation Month,

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby proclaims April 2026 as Water Conservation Month. Additionally, the District respectfully calls upon each local government, resident, visitor, and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water conservation measures and becoming more aware of the need to conserve water.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH 2026, A.D.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Troy Roberts, Office Chief, Communications and Outreach
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: February 12, 2026
RE: Springs Protection Awareness Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

Proclaim April 2026 as Springs Protection Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND

In recent years, the Florida Legislature has adopted resolutions recognizing the importance of Florida's springs and natural resources by declaring the month of April as Springs Protection Awareness Month.

The District contains more than 450 documented springs, including the highest concentration of freshwater springs in Florida, and the highest concentration of first-magnitude springs in the United States. The District is defined by world-renowned springs, including 14 of the 30 Outstanding Florida Springs as identified by the Legislature.

Springs provide habitat for wildlife and plant species, as well as natural, recreational, and economic value. Recreational use of springs supports ecotourism in the region providing opportunities for swimming, fishing, diving, kayaking, canoeing, and wildlife viewing. The estimated total economic benefits associated with recreational use (due to direct spending, supply chain activity, and income re-spending) support over 1,000 full and part-time jobs and generates \$9.4 million annually in economic output¹. These international resources are a major priority for the District.

Increasing public awareness of the District's ongoing work to protect springs is a key part of accomplishing the District's mission.

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Attachment

¹Borisova, Tatiana; Hodges, Alan W.; Stevens, Thomas J. "Economic Contributions and Ecosystem Services of Springs in the Lower Suwannee and Santa Fe River Basins of North-Central Florida." University of Florida, Food and Resource Economics Department. May 29, 2014. pp 3.

Proclamation

Suwannee River Water Management District
Live Oak, Florida

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the environment, economy, and citizens of, and visitors to, this state, and

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in the world, which supports more than 1,000 natural springs, giving this state the world's highest concentration of springs, and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District has the highest concentration of springs in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge more than eight billion gallons of water each day, which is essential for sustaining spring runs and associated receiving water bodies, and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District has the highest concentration of first magnitude springs in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Water Management District has 14 Outstanding Florida Springs, and

WHEREAS, groundwater in the Suwannee River Water Management District is the primary source for public, agricultural, business and industrial use and vital to Florida's economy, and

WHEREAS, springs are a natural resource that must be protected, as they reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife and listed species, and

WHEREAS, springs provide important recreation resources and opportunities that are enjoyed by citizens and visitors alike.

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby proclaims April 2026 as Springs Protection Awareness Month, and all levels of government are encouraged to support springs protection, restoration, and preservation awareness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH 2026, A.D.

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ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: March 3, 2026
RE: Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

Attached, for your information is the Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report.

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Attachment

Surplus									
Tract	Acres	County	Parcel Number(s)	Terms	Status	Acquired Date	Funding	Lands Committee Date	Board Surplus Date
Country Club Road (Southern Parcel)	12.58	Columbia	03-04S-17-07486-001 (portion of)	No Restrictions.	Pending conveyance to the City of Lake City.	07.01.2015	N/A	--	07.09.2019
Country Club Road (Pond & Northern Parcel)	47.4	Columbia	03-04S-17-07486-001 (portion of) 03-04S-17-07487-000 (portion of)	No Restrictions.	Pending conveyance to the City of Lake City.	07.01.2015	N/A	--	07.09.2019
Three Rivers Estates, Lot 135*	1	Columbia	1017000	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Under Contract & Noticing, Pending Board Approval in April	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	07.09.2019	08.13.2019
Suwannee Run Shores*	1.175	Dixie	17-08-14-6877-0000-0100	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Pending Closing. Board approved on 12.09.2025.	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	07.09.2019	08.13.2019
Forest Woodlands Lot 37 & 38	11	Gilchrist	320814008300000370 Lot 37 320814008300000380 Lot 38	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Available.	10.11.1996	Save Our Rivers	10.11.2019	11.12.2019
Nature Coast Lots 16 & 17	2.09	Gilchrist	19-10-14-0284-0002-0160 Lot 16 19-10-14-0284-0002-0170 Lot 17	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Pending Closing. Board approval 12.09.2025.	03.15.1995	Save Our Rivers	09.22.2025	10.14.2025
Nature Coast Lot 1, 18	2.06	Gilchrist	19-10-14-0284-0002-0010 Lot 1 19-10-14-0284-0002-0180 Lot 18	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Available.	03.15.1995	Save Our Rivers	09.22.2025	10.14.2025
Falmouth North (8 lots) Lots 24, 31, 34, 13, 1, 2, 3, and 4	6.51	Suwannee	24-01S-11E-10897-030240 Lot 24 24-01S-11E-10897-030310 Lot 31 24-01S-11E-10897-030340 Lot 34 10897020130 Lot 13	Subject to conservation.	Available.	04.24.1998	Save Our Rivers	--	06.08.2010

			10897010010 Lot 1 10897010020 Lot 2 10897010030 Lot 3 10897010040 Lot 4						
Riverbend Estates (Remaining Lots) Lots 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 39	9.5	Dixie	06-11-14-7070-000-A0100 Lot 10 06-11-14-7070-000A-0090 Lot 9 06-11-14-7070-000A-0110 Lot 11 06-11-14-7070-000A-0160 Lot 16 06-11-14-7068-0000-0390 Lot 39 06-11-14-7070-000A-0150 Lot 15	Subject to advanced septic requirements.	Available.	07.01.1998	Save Our Rivers	12.09.2025	01.13.2026
Riverbend Estates* Lots 2,6,7,8 and 30	6	Dixie	06-11-14-7070-000A-0300 Lots 2,6,7,8, and 30	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Under Contract & Noticing, Pending Board Approval in April.	07.01.1998	Save Our Rivers	12.09.2025	01.13.2026

* Indicates properties with a current offer(s) or which are under contract for sale.

Intergovernmental Conveyance

Tract	Acres	County	Parcel Number(s)	Terms	Status	Acquired Date	Funding	Lands Committee Date	Board Date	Agency
Falmouth Spring Park Suwannee Spring Park	9.28 14.34	Suwannee	32-01S-12E-097640 17-01S-14E-017510	--	Land Committee authorized negotiations on 04.08.2025. On hold.	March 1993 August 1992 July 2022	P-2000 Save Our Rivers Springs Funding	04.08.2025	--	Suwannee County

Ellaville Tract (Portion of)	696	Madison	15-1S-11-1529-000-000 22-1S-11-1551-000-000	--	Board approved to investigate options for conveyance.	December 01, 1988	Water Management Land Trust Funds	--	Pending	Unknown
Hatchbend Uplands Lot	0.3	Lafayette	26-07-14-0000-0000-00010	--	Available.	05.13.2023	Florida Forever	_	03.10.2015	Lafayette County
Riverbend Estates Boat Ramp Parking	1.02	Dixie	06-11-14-7068-0000-0420	--	Available.	04.01.1995	Save Our Rivers	12.09.2025	01.13.2026	Dixie County

Detailed Assessment

Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Lands Committee Date	Governing Board Date	Comments
Bascom Southern	52,121	Dixie	07.2025	\$260,605 or 0.5% of Total: \$52,121,000	Conservation Easement	09.22.2025	10.14.2025	Ranked #2. Project included on FDACS RFLPP list.
Green	451	Columbia	07.2025	\$1,600 per acre	Conservation Easement	09.22.2025	10.14.2025	Ranked #3, Partnership with ACT and NRCS. Contract executed; detailed assessment underway. Closing expected by September 2026.
Hodges	753	Levy	03.2023	\$1,500 per acre	Conservation Easement	05.09.23	06.13.23	Ranked #4. Board approved sale on 02.10.2026. Detailed assessments underway. Closing expected by August 31, 2026.
Williams Family Investments, LLC	947	Levy	06.2023	\$4,000 per acre	Conservation Easement	09.25.23	10.10.23	Ranked #5. CE terms complete. Beginning negotiations. Project funding source will need to be identified.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
 FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management
 THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
 DATE: February 23, 2026
 RE: Land Management Update Report

BACKGROUND

The following information summarizes land management activities cumulative as of January 31, 2026.

Vegetative Management (acres)	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Herbicide Treatments	160	Start in June	0%
Mechanical Treatments	1,657	175	10.6%

Prescribed Fire (acres)	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Districtwide	12,133	1,153	10%
TRSF	807	555	69%

Invasive Plant Treatments	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Contractors (acres)	217	41	19%

Ecological Services Monitoring	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Wading Bird Rookeries (sites)	14	Starts in May	0%
Natural Community Mapping (acres)	617	Starts in February	0%
Gopher Tortoise Surveys (acres)	158	35	22%

Timber Harvests	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Acreage Sold	2,327	846	36%
Revenue (estimated)	\$1,300,000	\$383,675	30%

Reforestation	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Reforestation (acres)	248	Start in February	0%

Conservation Easements	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Monitor Current Easements	14	2	14%
Hydrologic & Road Maintenance	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Culvert Replacements	17	0	0%
Road maintenance (miles)	181	44	24%
Tract Maintenance	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Mowing (total miles)	1,614	132	8%
Site Maintenance (total visits)	2052	684	33%
Enhanced Patrols (hours)	800	215	27%
Sign Replacements	42	2	5%
Boundary Line Painting (miles)	100	0	0%
Cultural Resource Monitoring	60	44	73%

Special Projects

Mount Gilead Tract: EUTAW, Inc. provided an estimate for design to update and fortify the boat ramp. Project is on hold pending hurricane repairs at other sites.

Starke Bypass Mitigation Area: Site monitoring work conducted by FDOT is complete, and the 2025 Monitoring Report is under review.

Christian Tract: The spring overlook and parking area guardrail is installed along with new signage, completing the Shirley Spring access.

Telford Spring: The parking area guardrail is installed ahead of the April 15, 2026, due date, which completes the parking area improvements at Telford.

Falmouth Springs Park: Wetland delineation and topographic survey are complete. Design, permitting, and reconstruction of access pending funding.

Steinhatchee Falls Park: Design and permitting is complete. Renovation of the boat ramp is pending funding.

Lasky Tract: Guardrail installation and new gates began along the county grades and will be completed by March 15, 2026.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations
DATE: February 10, 2026
RE: Cooperative Agreement with Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office for the placement of camera equipment on 129 Bridge and 47 Bridge Tracts.

BACKGROUND

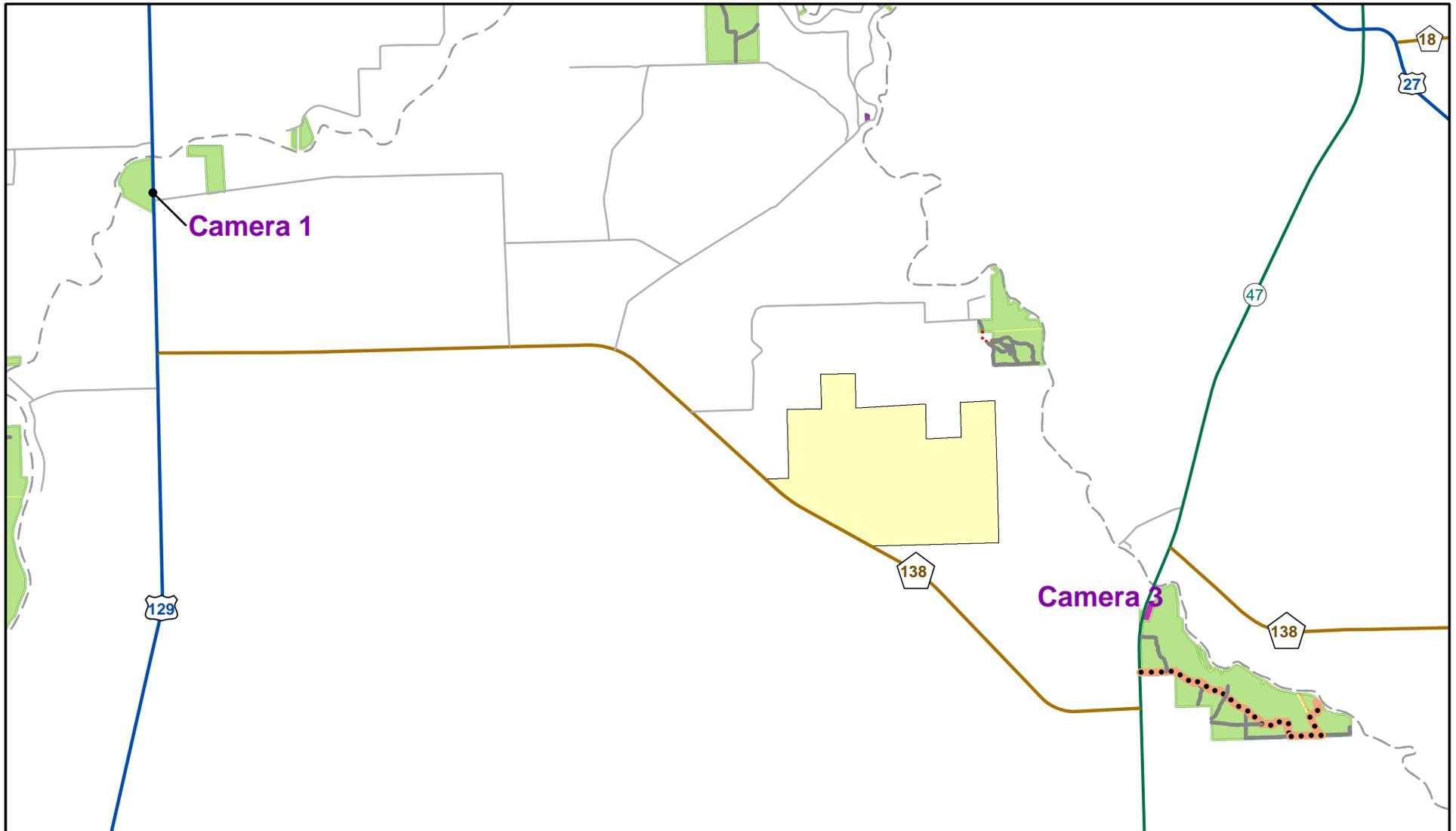
In August 2025, the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) contacted the District for a request for the special use of District owned lands for placement of camera equipment. Special Use Authorization 24/25-023 expires July 30, 2026.

Due to the extended length of time that GCSO needs the equipment located on District lands, an agreement is required. Due to the minimal amount of land needed for the equipment, the cooperative agreement would be entered into mutually at no cost.

The cooperative agreement term is for 10 years, allowing a one-time extension for an additional 10 years.

Maps of locations are attached.

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Gilchrist County Sheriffs Office
Equipment Locations

■ LAM_Tracts

129 Bridge and 47 Bridge Tracts



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