

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

**Order Number:** 26-003

**Date Approved:** April 14, 2026

**Subject:** Modified Phase II Water Shortage Order



**Approval:**  

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**Virginia Johns, Chair**

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**Charles Keith, Secretary/Treasurer**

**MODIFIED PHASE II WATER SHORTAGE ORDER**

The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District), during a scheduled public hearing, held on April 14, 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 March 10, 2026, meeting, the District's Governing Board declared a Phase II Water Shortage, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40B-21, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), to remain in effect until July 31, 2026.
2. The District's Water Shortage Plan (Plan) adopted pursuant to Chapter 40B-21, 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-weekly irrigation schedule, and this schedule has been modified to a once-weekly irrigation schedule pursuant to the Phase II 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.