



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

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April 14, 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 - March 10, 2026, Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 12 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Riley Putnal, Suwannee County
 - Agenda Item No. 13 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Smith Farms of Bell, Inc., Gilchrist County
 - Agenda Item No. 14 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Sanchez Farms, LLC, Gilchrist County
 - Agenda Item No. 16 - February 2026 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 27 - Plantation at Deep Creek Conservation Easement Amendment, Stephen Jaeb, Columbia County
6. March 10, 2026, Governing Board Meeting Minutes - **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

10. **Public Hearing** for Approval of Order Number 26-003, Modified Phase II Water Shortage

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- BCS Page 17 14. Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Sanchez Farms, LLC, Gilchrist County – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 21 15. Governing Board Directive Number 26-0003, Agricultural Cost-Share Program

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Resource Management

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Katelyn Potter, Division Director

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- OPS Page 8 24. Resolution 2026-03, Sale of Riverbend Estates Lots 2, 6, 7, 8, and 30 to Calvin and Mary Peck, Dixie County

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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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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.)



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GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP(S)

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- Bradford Silviculture Project Presented by Matthew Cohen, UF/IFAS



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

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March 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 9:00 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. None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Moses Clepper, We the People of North Central Florida – Water First North Florida concerns.
- John Quarterman, WWALS, - Water First North Florida concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - February 10, 2026, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop
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- 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

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - February 10, 2026, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney, Manager, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation on hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

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

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 9 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 10 – **Public Hearing** for Approval of Order Number 26-002, Phase II Water Shortage. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns opened the Public Hearing for the Approval of Order Number 26-002, Phase II Water Shortage.

Mrs. Brown presented this item to the Board.

Public Comments received:

- Moses Clepper
- John Quarterman

Chair Johns closed Public Hearing.

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

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 11 – Facilities Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration, provided this update to the Board.

Agriculture Projects

Agenda Item No. 12 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Ladedo, LLC, Hamilton, Madison, and Suwannee Counties. Approved on Consent.

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Finance

Agenda Item No. 20 – January 2026 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Environmental Resource Permitting

Agenda Item No. 21 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Chapter 40B-3, Florida Administrative Code, Additional Rulemaking. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 23 - Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan, 2026 Update. Approved on Consent.

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 24 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 25 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Water Conservation Month Proclamation. Troy Roberts, Chief, Communications and Outreach, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 27 – Springs Protection Proclamation. Mr. Roberts presented this item to the Board.

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

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 28 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 29 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Cooperative Agreement with Gilchrist County Sheriff’s Office. Lorna Ratliff, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 31 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities and introduced Shannon Roberts with North Florida Utility to the Board. Mr. Thomas also updated the Board on the Water First North Florida Community Open House on March 19, 2026.

Agenda Item No. 32 - Governing Board Comments. Board members provided comments.

Moses Clepper provided additional comments to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 33 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

Date: April 14, 2026

RE: **Public Hearing** for Approval of Order Number 26-003, Modified Phase II Water Shortage

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and approve Order Number 26-003, Modified Phase II Water Shortage.

BACKGROUND

The District is observing drier than average conditions for surface conditions, groundwater, and surface water Districtwide. On March 10, 2026, the Board adopted Phase II Water Shortage Order Number 26-002 based on ongoing drought conditions.

District staff have continued monitoring the hydrologic conditions within the District and have determined that additional regulatory measures are warranted as the drought persists. 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 below 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 (April – June 2026) calls for a 33-40% chance of above normal rainfall. As of March 31, 2026, fourteen District counties had an average rainfall deficit of approximately 20 inches based on records beginning in 1932. As of April 2, 2026, the U. S. Drought Monitor for Florida identifies all District counties within either Extreme Drought (D3) or Exceptional Drought (D4) categories.

Based on the ongoing deficit in rainfall and below average aquifer conditions the District is recommending a progression to a modified Phase II water shortage. The combination of restrictions listed in Chapter 40B-21, Florida Administrative Code, and other appropriate and necessary restrictions are included in the Modified Phase II Water Shortage Order. This will expand and clarify regulatory measures related to landscape irrigation, pond augmentation, establishment of new vegetation, and the use of water to maintain aesthetic standards. 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 have prompted Southwest Florida Water Management District and the St Johns River Water Management District to issue Water Shortage Orders for their Districts.

The issuance of a Modified 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 26-003, Modified Phase II Water Shortage.

RLM/ak
Attachment

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:

Virginia Johns, Chair

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.

7. As of April 1, 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 20th percentile, and rainfall in each District county is deficient.

8. Drought indicators are summarized as follows:

Rainfall

- For the period April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, for the fourteen counties within the District, there was an average rainfall deficit of approximately 20 inches based on records beginning in 1932.
- The 12-month rainfall ending March 29, 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 92 long-term upper Floridan monitor wells polled on March 28, 2026, seventeen had levels in the lowest 10 percent of all records, considered extremely low. Sixty-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 March 29, 2026, was in the lowest 10 percent of all 7-day and 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 March 29, 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 8-week average flows as of March 29, 2026.
- The Steinhatchee River near Cross City was in the lowest 30 percent of all 7-day flows and the lowest 20 percent of all 8-week flows ending March 29, 2026.
- The average flow rate on March 29, 2026, for the Withlacoochee near Pinetta was in the lowest 35 percent for all 7-day and the lowest 20 percent for all 8-week average flows.
- As of March 29, 2026, flow rates for other gauging stations in the upper Santa Fe River basin at Worthington Springs, near Graham, and on the New River are near long-term daily minimum flow records based on USGS statistics.

Drought Indices

- As of April 2, 2026, the U.S. Drought Monitor for Florida designates the District within either the Extreme Drought (D3) or Exceptional Drought (D4) categories. Drought impacts in neighboring water management districts are equally intense and have prompted Southwest Florida Water Management District to issue a Phase III Water Shortage Order for the entire area of the district. The U.S. Drought Monitor monthly outlook for April 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 March 30, 2026.

Forecast and Climatology

- The three-month precipitation probability outlook published by the Climate Prediction Center on March 19, 2026, shows North Florida having warmer than normal temperatures and above normal precipitation throughout the District through June 30, 2026.

9. Upon careful consideration of the hydrologic conditions, District data, qualitative factors and staff recommendations, the Executive Director has determined that a Modified 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 modification to the 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 Modified 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. Modified Water Use Restrictions shall take effect on April 22, 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 Modified

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
MODIFIED PHASE II WATER SHORTAGE RESTRICTIONS

Mandatory 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.
 - (b) New lawns and landscaping (including turf, shrubs, and trees)
 1. Irrigation shall be limited to the Daylight Savings Time irrigation schedule as described in 40B-2.041(9) FAC (two days per week).
 2. Reuse of reclaimed water for irrigation shall not be restricted.
 3. Hand watering shall not be restricted.
- (2) Miscellaneous uses.
 - (a) Outside washing or cleaning streets, driveways, sidewalks, structures, 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) Augmentation of surface ponds shall be restricted above the natural water table.
 - (d) 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).
- (3) Agricultural uses
 - (a) Overhead irrigation by high pressure/high volume systems shall be eliminated between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
 - (b) Watering for heat stress of nursery stock shall be limited to no more than 10 minutes per hour.
 - (c) 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(3), F.A.C.
- (4) Golf course irrigation
 - (a) Irrigation of greens and tees shall be reduced to the greatest extent possible and shall be accomplished during non-daylight hours.
 - (b) Irrigation of fairways on the front nine holes of the course shall be restricted, except after 9:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and ending prior to 7:00 a.m. the following day.
 - (c) Irrigation of fairways on the back nine holes of the course shall be restricted, except after 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and ending prior to 7:00 a.m. the following day.
 - (d) Reuse of reclaimed water shall not be restricted.
- (5) Utility
 - (a) Water line flushing and disinfection shall be limited to minimum requirements.

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) Flood/seepage irrigation systems shall be operated in a manner that will capture all runoff that is practicable for reuse;
 - (d) Hand watering shall not be restricted;
 - (e) The District shall request that livestock water users voluntarily reduce their water usage;
 - (f) 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;
 - (g) Soil flooding for pest control or soil preservation shall be prohibited. Soil flooding to permit harvesting of sod shall be prohibited;
 - (h) The District shall request that aquaculture water users voluntarily reduce their water usage;
 - (i) All irrigation systems shall be operated in a manner that will efficiently use the water withdrawn;
 - (j) All agricultural enterprises should reduce or suspend those activities which stimulate the need for increased irrigation, as feasible and appropriate;
 - (k) No unnecessary off-site discharge from irrigation shall be allowed;
 - (l) Users having access to more than one source class shall maximize the use of the lesser or least restricted source class;
 - (m) 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.
- (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 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.
 - c. 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. Reduce or suspend to the greatest extent possible those horticultural practices which stimulate the need for increased irrigation.
 3. Users having access to more than one source class shall maximize the use of the lesser or least restricted source class.
 4. 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.
 5. 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 9, 2026
RE: Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition

RECOMMENDATION

Declare the attached list of property items as surplus and authorize staff to dispose of these property items in the most cost-effective means authorized by Section 274.05, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND

Due to multiple factors, which include changes in technology, equipment compatibility concerns, high maintenance costs, and wear and tear over time, various property items owned by the District become functionally obsolete each year. Sections 274.05 and/or 274.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.), recognize that property items become functionally obsolete and provide a process for declaring property items as surplus and approve disposition of this surplus property.

This recommendation authorizes staff to dispose of the attached surplus property items by either trading them when new items are purchased, offering them to other governmental units within the District, offering the property to private nonprofit agencies as defined in Subsection 273.01(3), F.S., selling by auction, or disposing as scrap.

Any remaining electronic equipment will be properly recycled through a recognized company by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. All computer drives are cleaned and re-installed with no data or operating systems.

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Attachments

CERTIFICATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date _____

District property described below has been identified as surplus and is recommended to be disposed of and removed from the District inventory.

Asset #	Description	Serial Number	Age	Cost New	Reason for Determination of Surplus	Current Estimated Value (vehicle only)	Method of Disposal (Transfer/ Sell/Scrap/ Trade In)	Received by
2356	SPIEGEL REALASKOP	83160	27 Y	\$1,158.92	End of Useful Life		Donation	
2743	TITAN MOBILE RADIO	N/A	22 Y	\$1,183.72	End of Useful Life		Donation	
2812	75 GALLON ALUMINUM WATER TANK	N/A	21 Y	\$1,075.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3218	TRIMBLE NOMAD 900GL HANDHELD GPS	ES2YC64115	14 Y	\$1,845.00	End of Useful Life		Donation	

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Recommended By: _____

Approved By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Disposed of through approved means.

Property Administrator

Office of Administration Chief

CERTIFICATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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3601	2008 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck	1FTWX31R68EA57077	17 Y	\$16,005.00	End of Life	\$16,230.00	Trade In	
3680	2018 Ford Escape 4-door	1FMCU0F74JUC20124	8 Y	\$18,969.00	End of Life	\$6,415.00	Trade In	
3383	2014 Ford F-150 4x4 crew cab	1FTFW1EF2EKF69753	11 Y	\$28,800.00	End of Life	\$14,640.00	Trade In	

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Recommended By: Kelly Landis _____

Approved By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

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Property Administrator

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2054	TBX DENSITOMETER	2308P	32 Y	\$1,136.21	End of Useful Life		Donation	
2423	SMARTBOARD 580	SB5801047 4	26 Y	\$1,979.00	No Longer Works		Scrap	
2949	LIBRARY OPEN SHELVING (BLACK)	N/A	20 Y	\$2,074.00	End of Useful Life		Donation	

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Recommended By: Kelly Landis _____

Approved By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

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Property Administrator

Office of Administration Chief

**IT CERTIFICATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Date _____

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Asset #	Description	Serial Number	Age	Cost New	Reason for Determination of Surplus	Method of Disposal (Transfer/Sell/Scrap/ Trade In)	Number of Drive(s) / Type of Drive(s)	Drive(s) Destroyed, Wiped or Repurposed	Initial / Date	Drive Identification Number(s)	Received by
3736	Latitude 5500	ILQ62R2	6.2 yrs.	\$1534.09	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	79VPD4Y6PQEN	
3737	Latitude 5500	38P62R2	6.2 yrs.	\$1534.09	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	79VPD586PQEN	
3738	Latitude 5500	5NQ62R2	6.2 yrs.	\$1534.09	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	79VPD4KFPQEN	
3739	Latitude 5500	2RP62R2	6.2 yrs.	\$1534.09	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	79VPD52LPQEN	
3744	Latitude 5500	H0P62R2	6.2 yrs.	\$1534.09	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	79VPD5F8PQEN	
3743	Latitude 5500	79P62R2	6.2 yrs.	\$1534.09	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	79VPD59JPQEN	
3742	Latitude 5500	57P62R2	6.2 yrs.	\$1534.09	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	79VPD5AQPQEN	
3741	Latitude 5500	B9P62R2	6.2 yrs.	\$1534.09	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	79VPD5A6PQEN	
3740	Latitude 5500	9DP62R2	6.2 yrs.	\$1534.09	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	79VPD50GPQEN	
3700	Latitude 5590	75HC7S2	7.25 yrs.	\$1576.75	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	EJ8AN51961310AG6G	
3701	Latitude 5590	5TNC7S2	7.25 yrs.	\$1576.75	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	EJ8AN51961310AG68	
3702	Latitude 5590	4BF77S2	7.25 yrs.	\$1576.75	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	EJ8AN51961310AG4P	
3703	Latitude 5590	FQ187S2	7.25 yrs.	\$1576.75	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	EJ8AN51961310AG6H	
3704	Latitude 5590	CG187S2	7.25 yrs.	\$1576.75	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	EJ8AN51961310AG69	
3690	Latitude 5490	6QNMJR2	7.25 yrs.	\$1463.98	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	182449806953	
3691	Latitude 5490	FNYPJR2	7.25 yrs.	\$1463.98	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	182455802864	
3692	Latitude 5490	5T1SJR2	7.25 yrs.	\$1463.98	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	182455806511	
3693	Latitude 5490	561SJR2	7.25 yrs.	\$1463.98	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	182449802946	
3694	Latitude 5490	651SJR2	7.25 yrs.	\$1463.98	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	182455804487	
3695	Latitude 5490	BGVMJR2	7.25 yrs.	\$1463.98	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	182449800885	
3696	Latitude 5490	2R0NJR2	7.25 yrs.	\$1463.98	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	182449806453	
3697	Latitude 5490	5JFQJR2	7.25 yrs.	\$1453.98	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	182455804698	
3699	Latitude 7290	DNB27S2	7.25 yrs.	\$1999.07	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Drive Missing	MR 3/12/26	N/A	

3683	Latitude 7290	D03VTN2	7.25 yrs.	\$1999.07	End of Life	Sell	1 SSD	Repurpose	MR 3/12/26	ED8AN51941110AE3K	
3043	Sharp Aquos LC-52D92U	710833165	18.2 yrs.	\$3176.00	End of Life	Sell		N/A	MR 3/12/26	N/A	

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Approved By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

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Property Administrator

Office of Administration Chief

CERTIFICATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date _____

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2375	E-Z REEL	N/A	27 Y	\$3,183.07	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3343	EX01 Sonde 100 Meter Depth & Calibration/Storage Cup	14G101570	11 Y	\$5,505.00	No Longer Works		Scrap	
3421	Exo2 Sonde 100 Meter Depth 6 Sensor	15B101154	11 Y	\$8,328.33	No Longer Works		Scrap	
3423	Exo2 Sonde 100 Meter Depth 6 Sensor	15B102621	11 Y	\$8,328.33	No Longer Works		Scrap	
3432	Exo Turbidity Probe Ti	15B101056	11 Y	\$1,800.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3433	Exo Turbidity Probe Ti	15B100338	11 Y	\$1,800.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3434	Exo Turbidity Probe Ti	15B101057	11 Y	\$1,800.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3443	Exo Fdom Probe Ti	14L102653	11 Y	\$2,130.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3448	Exo Central Wiper Exo2 Ti	15A104326	11 Y	\$1,110.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3451	Exo Central Wiper Exo2 Ti	15A104324	11 Y	\$1,110.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3549	599101-01 Exo Turbidity Sensor	15L103664	10 Y	\$1,800.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3551	599101-01 Exo Turbidity Sensor	15L103665	10 Y	\$1,800.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3560	599104-01 Exo FDOM Sensor Ti	15M100947	10 Y	\$2,130.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	
3563	599502-02 Exo2 Sonde	15M101452	10 Y	\$6,515.00	No Longer Works		Scrap	
3564	599502-02 Exo2 Sonde	15M101451	10 Y	\$6,515.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	

3582	EX02 Sonde, 100 Meter Depth, 6 sensor ports	16G102384	9 Y	\$6,630.00	No Longer Works		Scrap	
3653	EXO-1 Sonde, 100 meter depth, 4 sensor ports	17E103185	8 Y	\$4,207.50	No Longer Works		Scrap	
3782	PUMP, REDI-FLO2 25 FT-LEAD	P12029400 25	5 Y	\$1,765.48	Missing in Field		Lost/Missing	
3799	PUMP, REDI-FLO2 75 FT-LEAD	P12029400 36	5 Y	\$1,906.28	Missing in Field		Lost/Missing	
3552	599090-01 Exo Central Wiper	15M100749	10 Y	\$1,110.00	End of Useful Life		Scrap	

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Recommended By: _____

Approved By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Disposed of through approved means.

Property Administrator

Office of Administration Chief

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: April 1, 2026
RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Riley Putnal, Suwannee County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Riley Putnal to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$31,879.91.

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.

The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on February 20, 2025, for \$51,574.70. The second TWA was approved by the Executive Director on May 9, 2025, for \$8,250. The third TWA was approved by the Executive Director on July 22, 2025, for \$10,278.40. The fourth TWA was executed by the Executive Director on November 13, 2025, for \$35,100. This TWA will be implemented across 40 acres. There is one funding source that will be used to execute this contract. The amount allocated per funding source will not exceed \$300,000.

Table with 4 columns: Crop(s), District Mission, Cost Share Items, Estimated Benefit, Project Location(s). Rows include Water Conservation and Water Quality with details on remote control systems and fertigation systems.

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	RILEY PUTNAL		
WATER USE PERMIT	221046		
BMAP	SUWA	Contract	24/25-095
PFA	Troy Peacock LafayetteBlue Falmouth	TWA #	5
COUNTY	Suwannee		
APPLICATION	616		

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					\$31,879.91		
GBD23 Remote Controls	85%	\$575.35	\$676.88	29	\$16,685.15	\$2,944.37	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Remote Controls	85%	\$173.20	\$203.76	26	\$4,503.20	\$794.56	1 year from effective date
GBD Stationary Fertigation System	85%	\$4,840.84	\$5,695.10	1	\$4,840.84	\$854.26	1 year from effective date
GBD Centralized Remote-Control System	85%	\$5,850.72	\$6,883.20	1	\$5,850.72	\$1,032.48	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount	\$31,879.91	Estimated PRODUCER funds	\$5,625.67
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ATTACHMENT A

District Specifications

The PRODUCER shall complete the purchase, installation and/or implementation of the authorized EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTUE 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.

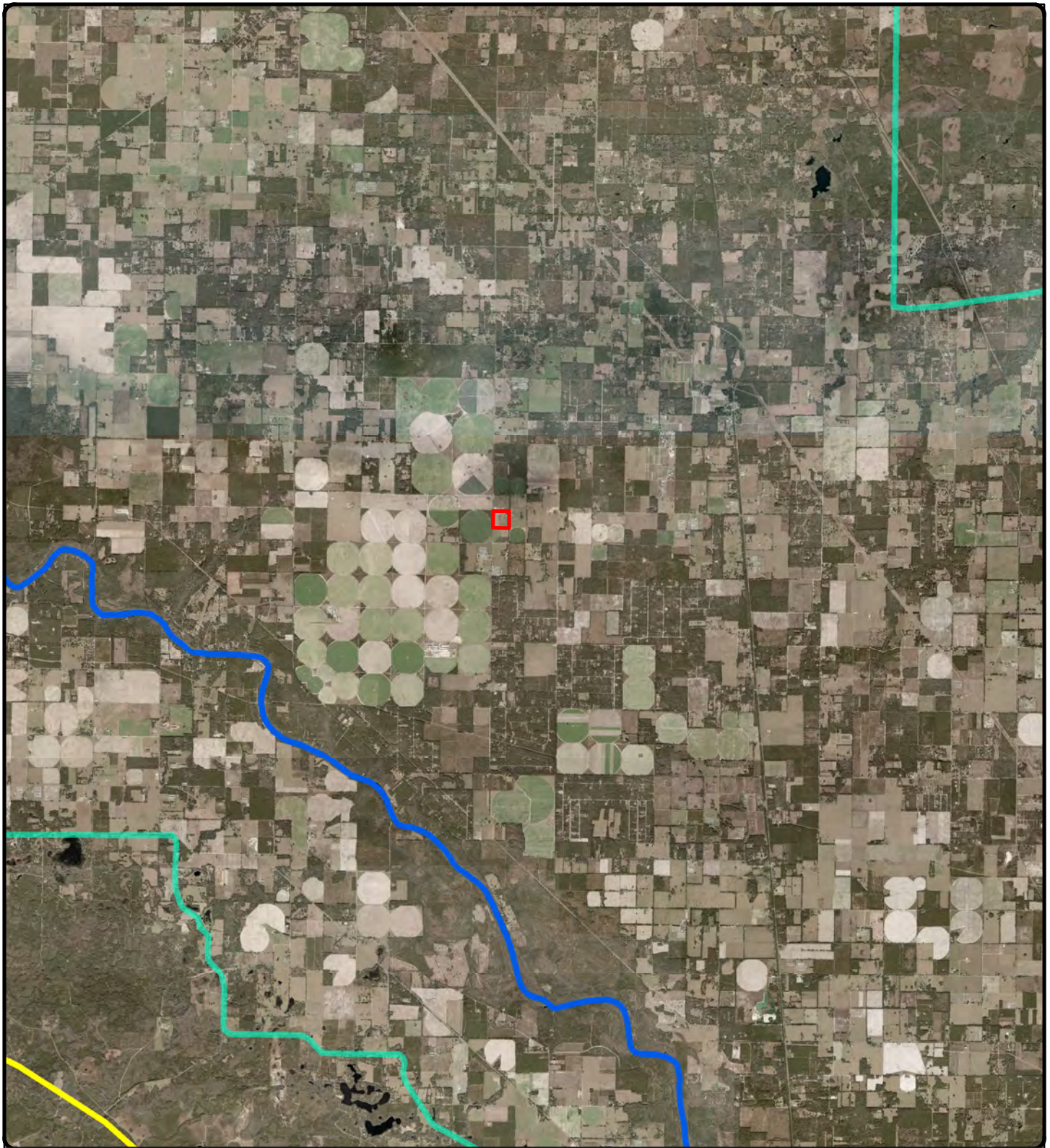
District Terms and Conditions

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.

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.



- Riley Putnal
- Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth PFA
- Water Supply Planning Area - East
- Suwannee BMAP

Riley Putnal Suwannee County

April 2026



Note: This map was created by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) to be used for planning purposes only. SRWMD shall not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by the use of data distributed as a public records request regardless of their use or application. SRWMD does not guarantee the accuracy, or suitability for any use of these data, and no warranty is expressed or implied. For more information please contact the SRWMD at 386-362-1001.
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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: April 1, 2026

RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Smith Farms of Bell, Inc., Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Smith Farms of Bell, Inc. to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$49,006.86.

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.

The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on January 23, 2025, for \$74,993. The second TWA was executed by the Executive Director on March 1, 2026, for \$131,553. This TWA will be implemented across 400 acres. There is one funding source that will be used to execute this contract. The amount allocated per funding source will not exceed \$300,000.

Crop(s):	Watermelons		
District Mission	Cost Share Items	Estimated Benefit	Project Location(s)
Water Conservation	Remote Controls Centralized Remote Control System	0.0476 million gallons per day	Eastern Water Supply Planning Area Suwannee Basin Management Action Plan Santa Fe Basin Management Action Plan Fanning Manatee Priority Focus Area Devil's Ear Priority Focus Area

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	SMITH FARMS OF BELL, INC		
WATER USE PERMIT	216272, 218405		
BMAP	SUWA	Contract	24/25-060
PFA	Fanning Manatee	TWA #	3
COUNTY	Gilchrist		
APPLICATION	615		

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					\$49,006.86		
GBD23 Remote Controls	80%	\$1,859.26	\$2,324.08	3	\$5,577.79	\$1,394.45	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Remote Controls	80%	\$1,468.10	\$1,835.13	18	\$26,425.87	\$6,606.47	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Remote Controls	80%	\$798.40	\$998.00	1	\$798.40	\$199.60	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Remote Controls	80%	\$776.00	\$970.00	2	\$1,552.00	\$388.00	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Remote Controls	80%	\$446.40	\$558.00	18	\$8,035.20	\$2,008.80	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Remote Controls	80%	\$222.40	\$278.00	3	\$667.20	\$166.80	1 year from effective date
GBD Centralized Remote-Control System	80%	\$2,975.20	\$3,719.00	2	\$5,950.40	\$1,487.60	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount	\$49,006.86	BCS 14	Estimated PRODUCER funds	\$12,251.72
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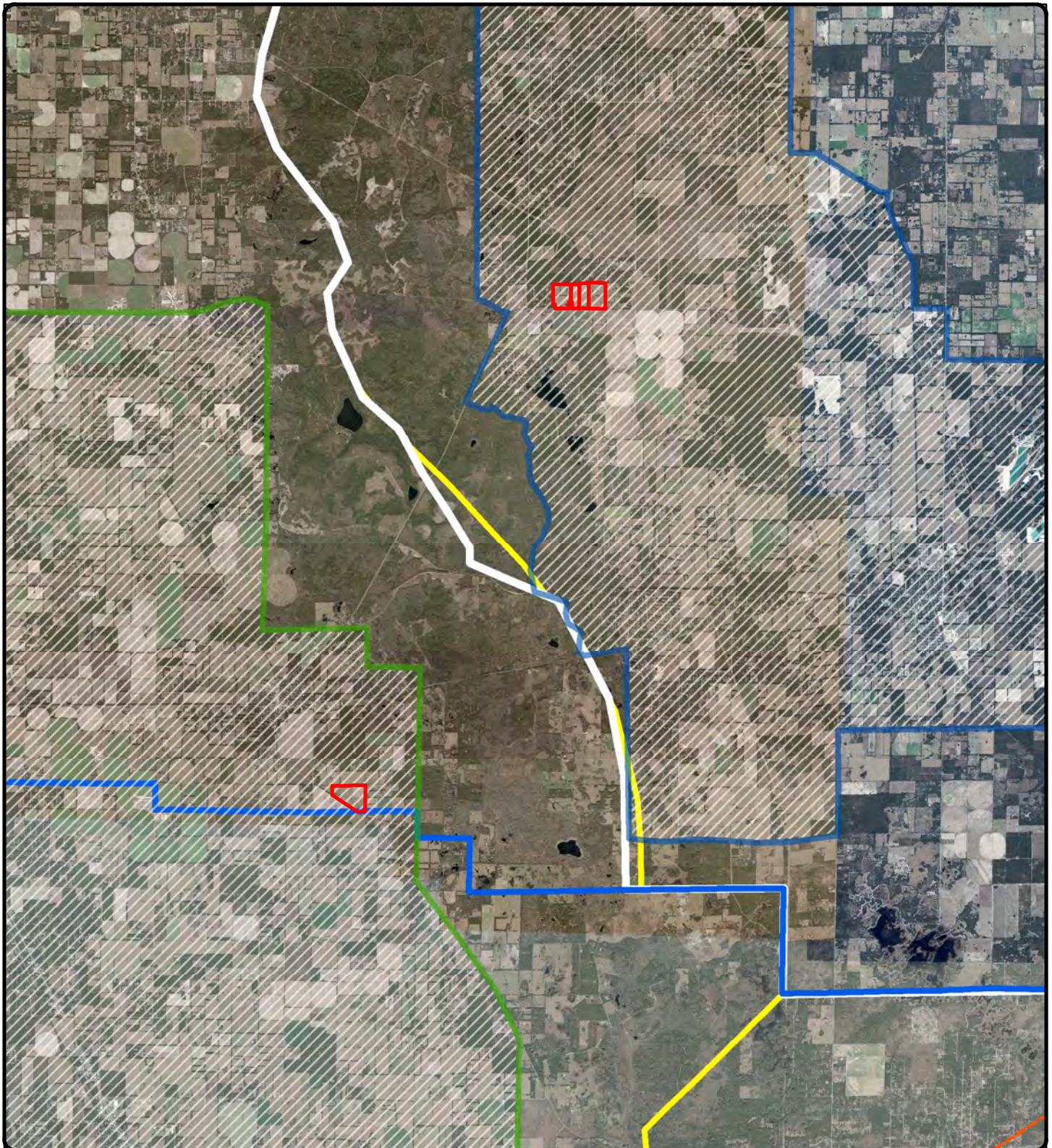
The PRODUCER shall own or have control of the property where the EQUIPMENT and/or PRECISION AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES are located for the duration of the CONTRACT.

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

District Terms and Conditions

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.

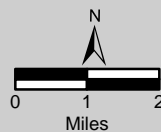


Smith Farms of Bell, Inc

Gilchrist County

April 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: April 1, 2026
RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Sanchez Farms, LLC, Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Sanchez Farms, LLC to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$24,000.

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.

The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on January 30, 2025, for \$120,529.74. The second TWA was executed by the Executive Director on February 18, 2025, for \$57,582. The third TWA was executed by the Executive Director on September 25, 2025, for \$13,450. The fourth TWA was executed by the Executive Director on January 9, 2026, for \$198,112.89. This TWA will be implemented across 198 acres. There is one funding source that will be used to execute this contract. The amount allocated per funding source will not exceed \$300,000.

Crop(s):	Peanuts and Corn		
District Mission	Cost Share Items	Estimated Benefit:	Project Location(s):
Water Conservation	Pivot Retrofits	0.038 million gallons per day	Eastern Water Supply Planning Area Suwannee Basin Management Action Plan Fanning Manatee Priority Focus Area

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	SANCHEZ FARMS, LLC		
WATER USE PERMIT	238258		
BMAP	SUWA	Contract	24/25-083
PFA	Fanning Manatee	TWA #	5
COUNTY	Gilchrist		

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					\$24,000.00		
GBD23 Center Pivot Retrofit	90%	\$12,000.00		2	\$24,000.00	\$2,666.67	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

Contract Amount	\$24,000.00	Estimated PRODUCER funds	\$2,666.67
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ATTACHMENT A

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.

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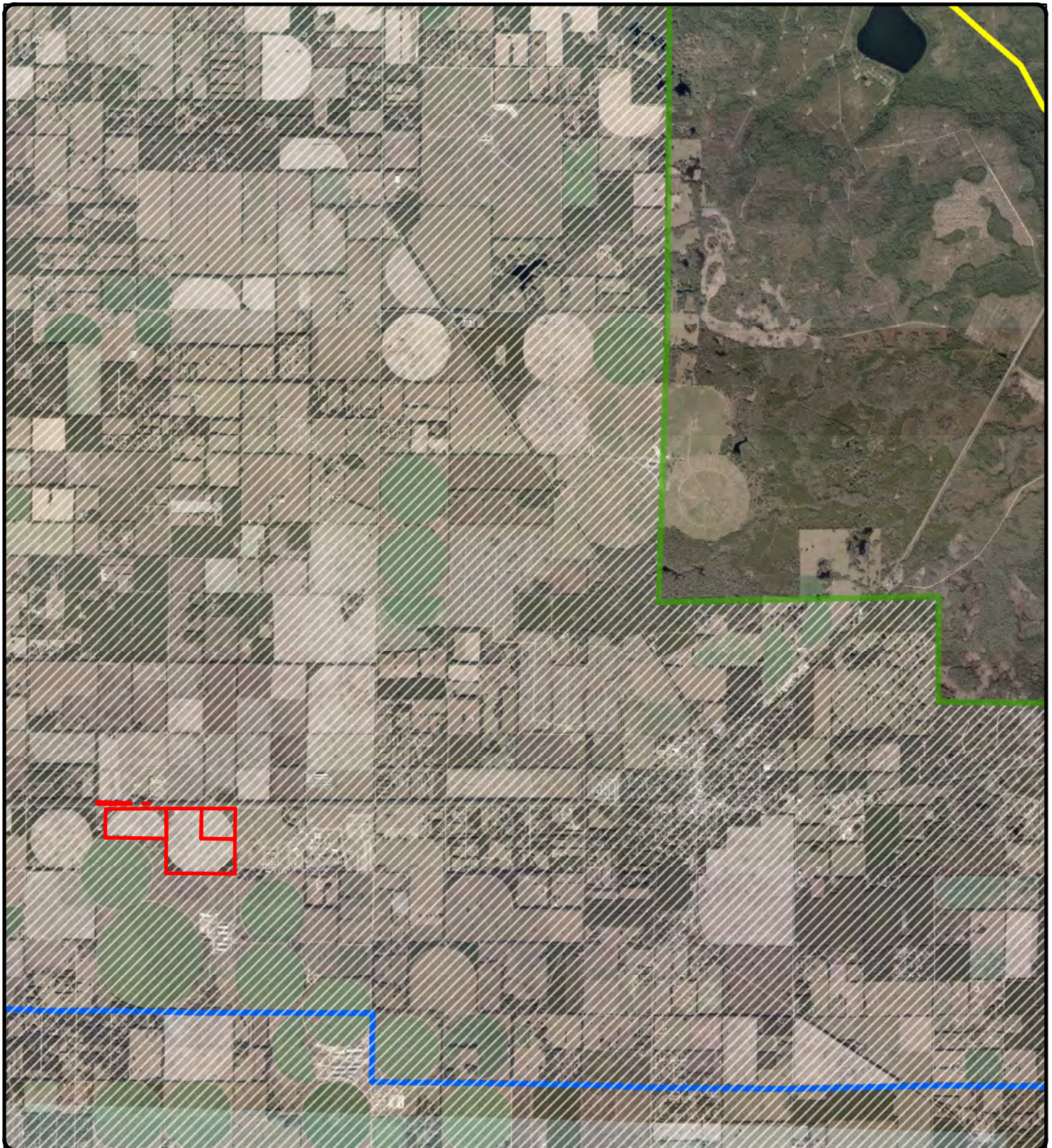
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The PRODUCER has executed and maintains a current FDACS Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with Best Management Practices.

District Terms and Conditions

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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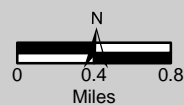
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration

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

DATE: April 1, 2026

RE: Governing Board Directive Number 26-0003, Agricultural Cost-Share Program

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Governing Board Directive Number 26-0003 for the Suwannee River Water Management District Agricultural Cost-Share Program.

BACKGROUND

On January 14, 2025, the Governing Board approved Agricultural Cost-Share Program Governing Board Directive (GBD) Number 25-0001. This directive superseded all previous directives, edited Attachment A, which is a list of District agricultural best management practices.

This revised Agricultural Cost-Share Program Directive will update the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program and will supersede GBD25-0001. The revision includes changes to Attachment A.

JC/ak
Attachments

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE

Directive Number: GBD25-0001

Date Approved: April 14, 2026~~January 14, 2025~~

Subject: Agricultural Cost-Share Program

Approval:

Virginia Johns, Chair

Charles Keith, Secretary/Treasurer



1.0 Reference to Prior Directive

Supersedes Directives GD12-0005, GBD19-0003, GBD20-0002, GBD20-0006, GBD22-0001 GBD22-0006, ~~and~~ GBD23-0002 and GBD 25-0001.

2.0 Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Directive is to establish a policy and procedure for the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program. The intent of this directive is to offer District funding assistance to agricultural producers and to accept and administer funding from external funding sources, such as, but not limited to, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, through an application and evaluation process, to implement projects that increase irrigation efficiency, implement water conservation practices, and assist with nutrient management.

3.0 Statement of Directive

In accordance with section 373.083 Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Governing Board may participate and cooperate with landowners in water management projects of mutual benefit, provided such projects are consistent with the District's statutory authority and will ensure proper development, utilization and conservation of the water resources and ecology within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.

4.0 Program Eligibility Requirements

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- the property, proof of control outside of ownership can be established.
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 3. The applicant must be enrolled in the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Notice of Intent to implement best management practices.
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 5. The applicant must not be a District employee.
 6. The landowner and/or applicant shall be in compliance with all District Water Use, Water Well, and/or Environmental Resource Permits as well as be in compliance with the terms of any previous or current District contracts.

5.0 Review Guidelines

At a minimum, staff will consider:

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6. Staff shall review the application to ensure the proposed project aligns with the District's core mission. Applicants may be required to modify any water use permits associated with the project if deemed necessary by District Staff.
7. Contingency is capped at 10% of the estimated cost for the entire project.
8. Funding assistance is contingent upon availability of District and/or external agency funds and in accordance with the agreement between the District and the producer.
9. Funding may be provided to assist with the cost of alternative water supplies, water conservation, advanced irrigation management, and nutrient management technology.
10. Final approval for funding of the project proposals are the exclusive responsibility of the Governing Board and the Executive Director in accordance with the District's procurement procedures relating to signature authority as found in section 18 of the Procedures Manual.
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5. In lieu of project specific monitoring, staff may rely upon current best available research data and information to determine the project benefit.
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GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE

Directive Number: GBD26-0003

Date Approved: April 14, 2026

Subject: Agricultural Cost-Share Program

Approval:

Virginia Johns, Chair

Charles Keith, Secretary/Treasurer



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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: April 1, 2026
RE: February 2026 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the February 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.

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Attachments

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

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$9.65	\$509.65
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$40.83	\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$825.23	\$574,819.39
Florida PRIME (SBA LGIA)	\$15,504.88	\$5,285,668.69
First Federal ICS Custodian Account	\$49,343.54	\$18,428,626.10
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$71,076.56</u>	<u>\$20,042,899.77</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$136,800.69</u></u>	<u><u>\$44,367,523.60</u></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 February 28, 2026
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 2/28/2026	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 7,307,624	\$ 6,148,831	\$ (1,158,793)	84.1%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 61,469,710	\$ 4,874,003	\$ (56,595,707)	7.9%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 250,000	\$ 610,803	\$ 360,803	244.3%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 300,000	\$ 123,098	\$ (176,902)	41.0%
Other	\$ 2,040,000	\$ 435,809	\$ (1,604,191)	21.4%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 12,261,991	\$ 325,728	\$ (11,936,263)	2.7%
Total Sources	\$ 83,629,325	\$ 12,518,272	\$ (71,111,053)	15.0%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 11,838,179	\$ 3,045,866	\$ 7,952,771	\$ 839,542	26%	93%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 57,259,654	\$ 3,737,553	\$ 27,075,785	\$ 26,446,316	7%	54%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 9,683,558	\$ 1,647,809	\$ 2,176,847	\$ 5,858,902	17%	39%
Regulation	\$ 2,507,619	\$ 688,197	\$ 38,676	\$ 1,780,746	27%	29%
Outreach	\$ 291,126	\$ 90,447	\$ 73,338	\$ 127,341	31%	56%
Management and Administration	\$ 2,049,189	\$ 763,037	\$ 93,254	\$ 1,192,898	37%	42%
Total Uses	\$ 83,629,325	\$ 9,972,909	\$ 37,410,671	\$ 36,245,745	12%	57%

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 February 28, 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 2/28/2026

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>Report Recap -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	7,318,541	0	9,897,624
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	3,825,539	0	55,318,210
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,048,464	0	6,151,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	325,728	0	12,261,991
TOTAL REVENUES	12,518,272	0	83,629,325
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	3,072,234	0	9,206,200
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	3,766,947	21,816,573	33,066,784
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	994,320	215,200	2,525,400
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,617	0	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	232,194	1,155,782	11,325,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,903,597	14,223,116	27,217,897
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,972,909	37,410,671	83,629,325
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	2,545,363	(37,410,671)	0
<u>General Fund -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	6,735,928	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	46,943	0	3,855,554
TOTAL REVENUES	8,586,657	0	18,050,081
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,781,561	0	8,288,542
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	567,830	1,314,325	3,567,195
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	928,124	122,603	2,229,800
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,617	0	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	201,649	102,452	2,386,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	225,919	533,881	1,290,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,708,700	2,073,261	18,050,081
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,877,957	(2,073,261)	0
<u>Land Management and Acquisitions -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	508,477	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	966,946	0	6,284,903
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	290,673	0	912,584
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	499,098	1,439,522	2,817,219
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	66,196	92,597	251,100
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	25,265	331,828	1,439,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	115,025	338,927	865,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	996,257	2,202,874	6,284,903
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(29,311) *	(2,202,874)	0

**To be reimbursed by State Appropriations*

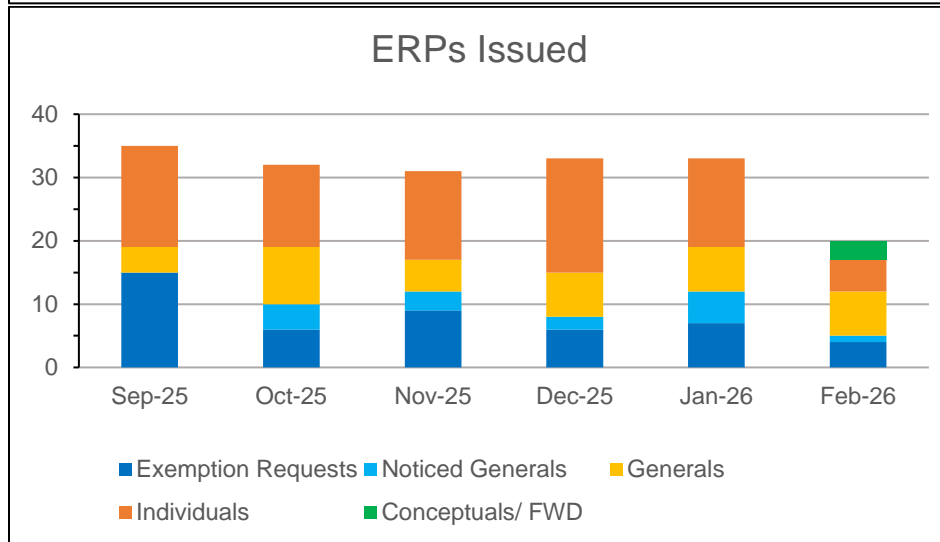
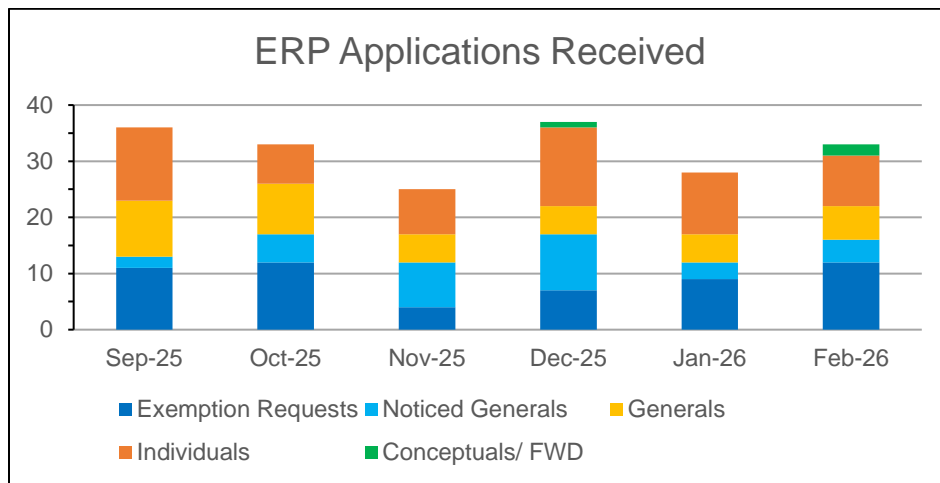
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 2/28/2026

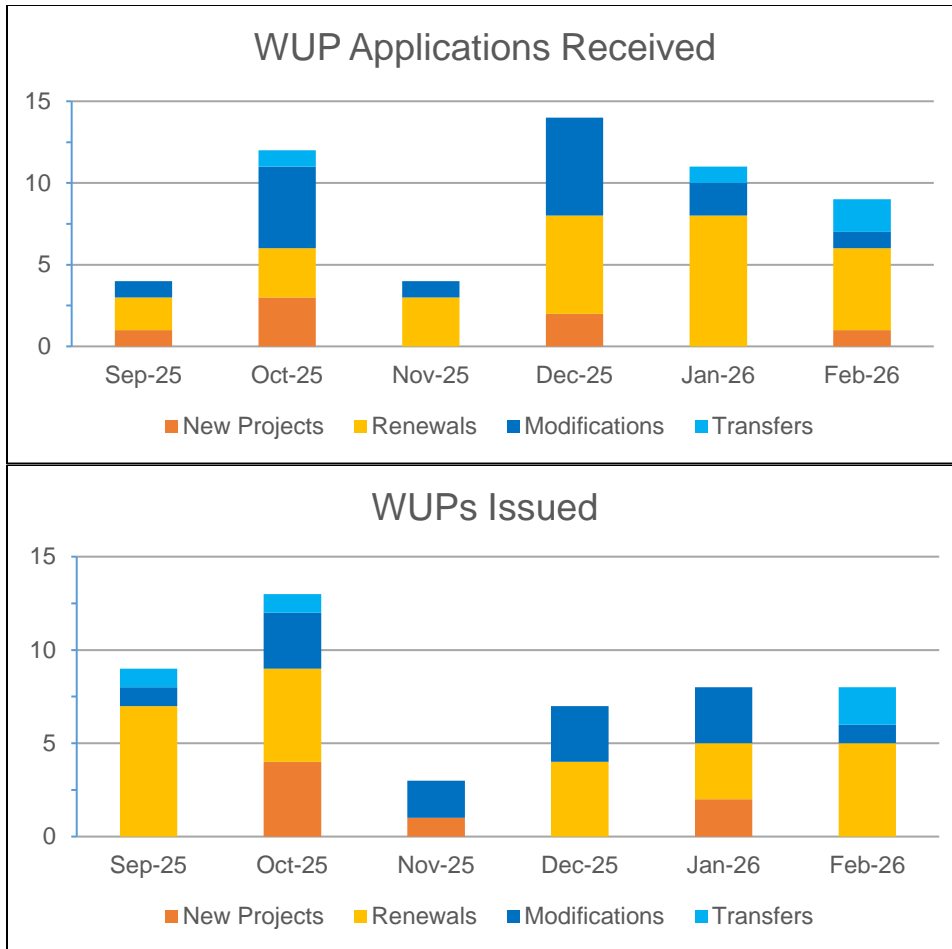
	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>District Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	230,711	0	4,589,500
TOTAL REVENUES	230,711	0	4,589,500
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	170,106	933,097	2,183,500
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	60,606	1,645,427	2,376,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	230,712	2,578,524	4,589,500
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1)	(2,578,524)	0
<u>State Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	74,136	0	500,000
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,563,284	0	45,957,841
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	48,073	0	2,727,000
TOTAL REVENUES	1,685,493	0	49,184,841
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	5,074
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,481,450	11,960,792	19,990,870
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,280	721,502	7,500,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,502,047	11,704,882	21,682,397
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,988,777	24,387,176	49,184,841
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,303,284) *	(24,387,176)	0
<i>*To be reimbursed by State Grants</i>			
<u>Federal Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,048,464	0	5,520,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	1,048,464	0	5,520,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,048,464	6,168,837	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	1,048,464	6,168,837	5,520,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(6,168,837)	0

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

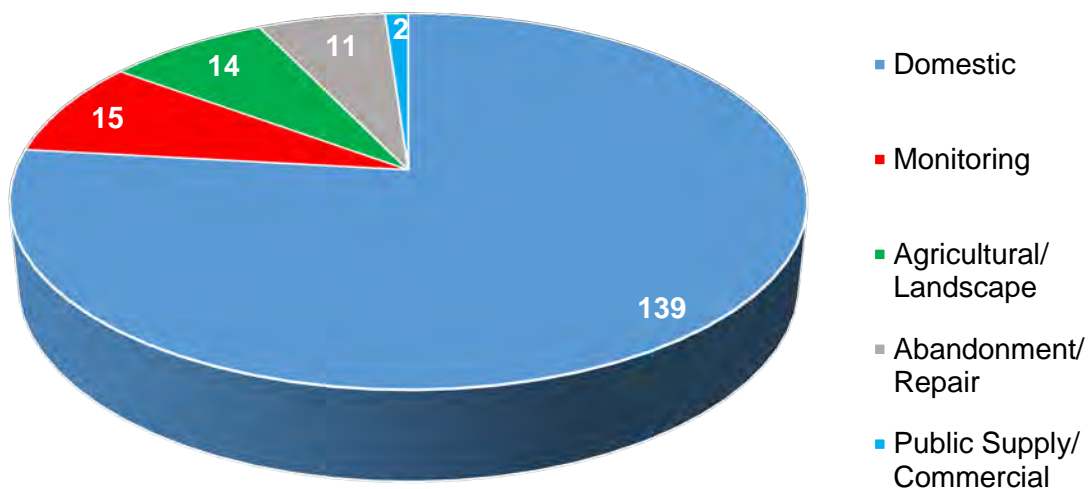
MEMORANDUM

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





Water Well Permits Issued - February 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	3/18/2026

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	3/18/2026
Effective Date	4/9/2026

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	3/18/2026
Effective Date	4/9/2026

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	3/18/2026
Effective Date	4/9/2026

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	3/18/2026
Effective Date	4/9/2026

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	3/18/2026

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	3/18/2026
Effective Date	4/9/2026

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	3/18/2026
Effective Date	4/9/2026

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	3/18/2026
Effective Date	4/9/2026

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	3/18/2026

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	3/18/2026
Effective Date	4/9/2026

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	3/18/2026
Effective Date	4/9/2026

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: April 3, 2026

RE: Statement of Agency Organization and Operation Updates

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the updated Statement of Agency Organization and Operation.

BACKGROUND

The Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (Document) is issued and maintained as required by sections 120.53 and 120.54, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-101, Florida Administrative Code. This Document intends to assist the public in understanding how the District operates, its programs and organization, and how to do business or interact with the District, specifically regarding permits, variances, and appeals.

Florida Statutes requires the Document be posted on the District website. The Document was last revised in May 2023 to reflect organizational changes. Significant changes in this version reflect the District's latest organizational structure, grant the Executive Director authority to administratively deny ERP applications with unresponsive applicants, and implement a directive from the Deputy Secretary of Florida Department of Environmental Protection requiring Governing Board consideration of all water use permits containing a new allocation for cloud/ AI data center cooling.

Select the following link to view a draft version, with tracked changes, of the Statement of Agency Organization and Operation:

<https://www.mysuwanneeriver.com/DocumentCenter/Index/817>

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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: April 3, 2026
RE: Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

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

LMII/tm
Attachment

Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Period ending February 28, 2026

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	17	\$ 11,203,773
Completed within the last 6 months	7	\$ 1,531,945
Totals	24	\$ 12,735,718

AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	210	\$ 16,402,844
Completed within the last 6 months	20	\$ 632,609
Totals	230	\$ 17,035,453

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	274	\$ 41,080,742

AEP APPLICATIONS	
	Number of Projects
Agriculture Applications under review	25
AWS and Springs	0
Conceptual Projects under review	9
Projects in Queue	2
TOTAL	36

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: Leroy Marshall, Division Director, Resource Management/Projects

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

DATE: April 3, 2026

RE: Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Water Quality Improvement Grant Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreement QG049 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to receive Water Quality Improvement Funds and to enter into agreements with local cooperative entities to implement the Fanning Springs Wastewater Expansion project.

BACKGROUND

In January 2022, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) (WG056) and Nature Coast Regional Water Authority (22/23-043) for the design and construction of a wastewater transmission system to the Fanning Springs advanced wastewater treatment facility expansion project and to decommission the Lancaster Correctional Institution package plant. The project was funded with Federal Wastewater Grant (ARPA) funds. The project proceeded to the 60% design phase.

Delays occurred with land acquisition for the Fanning Springs advanced wastewater treatment facility in the LPS019 grant that impacted the design of the Lancaster connection point. Because of the requirement to expend ARPA funds by October 30, 2026, it was determined to terminate the WG056 agreement with FDEP and the 22/23-043 with Nature Coast Regional Authority. The \$118,800 in State funds from the WG056 will be provided under the QG049 agreement to continue the Design and Permitting of the Lancaster transmission line. Funding for construction will be requested in the future.

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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: March 20, 2026
RE: Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

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

Facebook	X	Instagram
Total Posts: 13 Total Views: 143,839 Content Interactions: 1,755	Total Posts: 11 Total Impressions: 718	Total Posts: 9 Total Views: 2,030 Total Engagement: 87

Press Releases
<ul style="list-style-type: none">February 4 – Governing Board MeetingFebruary 12 – Hydrological Conditions ReportFebruary 23 – Water First North Florida meeting

Media Inquiries / Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">February 5 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WUFT regarding the Water First North Florida project.February 5 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with Riverbend News regarding the Water First North Florida project.February 6 – Troy Roberts responded to POLITICO regarding questions about the Water First North Florida project.February 13 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WUFT regarding the District's water shortage.February 17 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WCJB TV 20 regarding Water First North Florida.

Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none">February 4 – Troy Roberts attended the monthly touch-base meeting between DEP and water management districts.February 5 – Troy Roberts met with officials from FDOT to discuss the upcoming Water First North Florida project.

- February 5 – Troy Roberts presented at the Suwannee County Republican Party meeting on the Water First North Florida meeting.
- February 6 – Troy Roberts attended the weekly Water First North Florida coordination call.
- February 6 – Troy Roberts met with Strategic Digital Services to discuss a TWA related to District feature stories.
- February 9 – Troy Roberts presented to the Live Oak Rotary Club on the Water First North Florida project and water shortage.
- February 11 – Troy Roberts and Dr. Amy Brown presented to the Santa Fe Springs Protection Forum on the Water First North Florida project and water shortage.
- February 13 – Troy Roberts attended the weekly Water First North Florida coordination call.
- February 13 – Troy Roberts attended the flood risk review outreach TWA coordination call with staff, Atkins, and Moore Communications.
- February 17 – Troy Roberts and Sara Ferson presented to Poole Realty regarding permitting, Water First North Florida, and water shortage conditions.
- February 17 – Troy Roberts presented to the Suwannee County Commission on Water First North Florida and water shortage conditions.
- February 18 – Troy Roberts presented to the Lake City Sunshine Rotary Club on Water First North Florida and water shortage conditions.
- February 18 – Troy Roberts and Tim Alexander presented to the Nature Coast Regional Water Authority on Water First North Florida and water shortage conditions.
- February 20 – Troy Roberts attended the weekly Water First North Florida coordination call.
- February 24 – Troy Roberts coordinated sponsorship setup for the University of Florida Water Symposium in Gainesville.
- February 25 – Troy Roberts attended the monthly touch-base meeting between DEP and water management districts.
- February 26 – Troy Roberts and staff attended a FEMA outreach planning meeting with Moore Communications and Atkins.
- February 26 – Troy Roberts and Dr. Amy Brown presented at the North Florida Regional Planning Council meeting to discuss ongoing water shortage conditions.
- February 27 – Troy Roberts attended the weekly Water First North Florida coordination call.

February Photo Highlight:

February is Florida Hiking Trails Month, a great time to explore the hundreds of miles of hiking trails in the District. The photo is of Bell Springs, along the Florida Trail, and was submitted by Alison Blakeslee for the District's 2026 calendar.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

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

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

KP/ao
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.	Pending Contract & Noticing, 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.	Closed in March 2026.	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.	Pending Contract.	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.	Closed in March 2026.	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	Subject to advanced septic requirements.	Available.	07.01.1998	Save Our Rivers	12.09.2025	01.13.2026
		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							
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: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: February 15, 2026

RE: Resolution 2026-03, Sale of Riverbend Estates Lots 2, 6, 7, 8, and 30 to Calvin and Mary Peck, Dixie County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2026-03 Sale of Riverbend Estates Lots 2, 6, 7, 8, and 30 to Calvin and Mary Peck, Dixie County consisting of 6 +/- acres.

BACKGROUND

These Riverbend Estates lots were purchased on May 19, 1995, using Save Our Rivers funds for a total of \$29,450. Due to the natural community type, small acreage, proximity to residential areas, and isolation from other tracts, the parcels were not actively managed. On January 13, 2026, the Governing Board authorized staff to surplus the lots.

On October 15, 2025, Calvin and Mary Peck offered \$23,000 for parcel 06-11-14-7070-000A-0300 (lots 2,6,7,8, and 30). The offer made by Calvin and Mary Peck included two portions of the parcel and 2 +/- acres. A market analysis of recent sales in the area found the offer to be reasonable. However, pursuant to statute, all sales shall be for no less than the appraised value. The purchase agreement stipulates that the sale price will be at the offer price or appraised value – whichever is higher.

On January 13, 2026, the Governing Board authorized surplus of the Riverbend Estates Tract consisting of 15.5 +/- acres, including the portion of interest by Mr. Peck.

Mr. Peck's original offer would divide the larger tract, which the District does not desire. On January 15, 2026, the District made a counteroffer to Calvin and Mary Peck for a total of 6 +/- acres of the parcel. Calvin and Mary Peck have accepted the counteroffer.

On January 27, 2026, Calvin and Mary Peck executed a contract for sale and submitted a 10% bid guaranty for the parcels – subject to Board approval. Staff noticed the sale on the District's website on January 27, 2026, in the local newspaper on February 12, 2026, February 19, 2026, and February 26, 2026, pursuant to Section 373.089(3), Florida Statutes. The surplus sale includes deed restrictions on the parcels to prevent future development. Further, the sale meets the criteria of the surplus directive evaluation criteria as shown in the triage summary, maps, and surplus review.

After Board approval of the sale, the buyers will complete any remaining deliverables and move to closing.

Maps of the sale properties are attached.

AO/kcp

Table 1 – Surplus Lands Guidelines
Riverbend Estates Lots 2, 6, 7, 8, and 30
The extent to which disposing of the lands will adversely affect management effectiveness and efficiency.
None, the parcels are not actively managed.
The extent to which the lands are currently used by the public for recreational purposes.
None, the parcels have no known recreation or established recreation facilities.
Whether disposal of the lands would result in a net loss of lands open to public hunting.
None, the parcels are not open to hunting.
The extent to which the lands provide other significant archaeological, historical, or ecological value.
None, there are no observed significant cultural resources on the parcels.
The extent to which the lands provide a valuable linkage to conservation property owned by the District or other publicly owned conservation lands.
None, the parcels are located within a residential neighborhood.
The extent to which the lands would be accessible to a future owner without causing adverse impacts to natural resources or hindering the District’s management of the property, including prescribed fire management.
None, the parcels are not actively managed.
The extent to which the lands are marketable.
High, the lands are located with a residential neighborhood and desired for purchase.
The extent to which concerns of other public conservation land managers or members of the public have been addressed.
There are no known concerns.
The extent to which disposing of the lands will adversely affect potential future water resource development projects.
None, this property is not suitable for a project due to its small size location.
The extent to which lands are more suitable for management by others due to size or location with the District retaining a conservation easement.
None, these parcels are located within a residential neighborhood. The surplus includes restrictive terms.
The extent to which lands acquired for projects are no longer being pursued or the project is completed, and the land or a portion thereof is no longer needed.
N/A
The extent to which lands acquired with Preservation 2000 or Florida Forever funds, the intent of the Act as prescribed in section 259.101(6), F.S.
N/A
For lands with merchantable timber, the extent to which disposing of the land would reduce timber revenue available to the District.
None, the parcels contains hardwoods of negligible value and are not harvestable.
Access to public or private water and/or wastewater utilities.
N/A

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

RESOLUTION SALE OF SURPLUS LAND LOCATED IN DIXIE COUNTY OWNED BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO CALVIN AND MARY PECK

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) declared as surplus, by 2/3 vote, certain parcels of real property identified as Riverbend Estates Lots 2,6,7,8, and 30 Block A Riverbend Estates an unrecorded plat consisting of 6 acres +/- located in Dixie County, Florida as described in Exhibit "A".

WHEREAS surplus of the property was authorized by the Governing Board on January 13, 2026;

WHEREAS on October 15, 2025, Calvin and Mary Peck made an offer to purchase Parcel 06-11-14-7070-000A-0300 for \$23,000, which includes two portions of the parcel and 2 acres +/-;

WHEREAS Calvin and Mary Pecks original offer would divide the larger tract, which the District does not desire. On January 15, 2026, the District made a counteroffer to Calvin and Mary Peck for a total of 6 +/- acres of the parcel.

WHEREAS the property will be sold at \$23,000 or the appraised value, whichever is greater;

WHEREAS On January 27, 2026, Calvin and Mary Peck executed a purchase agreement with the District for the purchase of the parcel, subject to Board approval;

WHEREAS the buyer is responsible for all costs associated with the transaction;

WHEREAS the property will be sold with deed restrictions to prohibit future permanent development and maintain the conservation value of the property;

WHEREAS the property was purchased on May 19, 1995, using Save Our Rivers funds, for a total of \$29,450, the revenue received from the sale will be used for future land acquisitions;

WHEREAS the sale was publicly noticed in accordance with Section 373.089(3), Florida Statutes by posting on the District website on January 27, 2026, and posting in the local newspaper on February 12, February 19, and February 26, 2026;

WHEREAS the property is not needed for conservation purposes;

WHEREAS the sale is consistent with Article X, Section 18 of the Florida Constitution, and Section 373.089, Florida Statutes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the District, that:

1. The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the surplus of said lands are hereby further certified to be consistent with this District's plan of disposition, and Section 373.199, Florida Statutes.
2. The Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director, the Governing Board attorney and all other officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to close and complete the surplus.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL 2026

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

- VIRGINIA H. JOHNS, CHAIR
- RICHARD SCHWAB, VICE CHAIR
- CHARLES KEITH, SECRETARY/TREASURER
- WILLIAM LLOYD
- LARRY SESSIONS
- HARRY SMITH
- LARRY THOMPSON
- GEORGE WHEELER

ATTEST:

EXHIBIT A

DISTRICT PROPERTY LEGAL DESCIPION

Description:

Parcel No. 06-11-14-7070-000A-0300, located in Dixie County, Florida; more specifically described as:

Lots 2, 6, 7, 8, and 30, Block A, Riverbend Estates, an unrecorded subdivision in Dixie County. The property described in OR Book 189, Page 444-448, public records of Dixie County, Florida, being in Section 06, Township 11, Range 14.



SUWANNEE TRIAGE ANALYSIS RESULTS

General

Property Name: River Bend Estates

Date: 3/19/2026

Acreage: ± 6 ac

SRWMD Florida Forever: N/A

Transaction Type: Surplus

SRWMD 5 Year Acquisition Plan: N/A

County: Dixie

Statewide Florida Forever: N/A

Surface Water Protection

Flood Protection

Major River: (N)

Floodway: (Y) [± 6 ac] | 100%

Riverine Surface Waters: (Y) [± 1 ac] | 17%

10 Year Floodplain: [± 6 ac] | 100%

Wetland Acreage: ± 2.9 ac | 49%

100 Year Floodplain: [± 6 ac] | 100%

Upland Acreage: ± 3.8 ac | 63%

River Frontage: (N)

Springs Protection

Land Management

Springshed: (Y) [Springs Buffer]

Adjacency: (SRWMD OWNED)

Spring on Site: (N)

Rare Species: (N/A)

Cultural Resources: (N)

Impacts to Existing Land Management Activities (N)

Miscellaneous

Priority Focus Area: (N)

Wildlife Corridor: (Y)

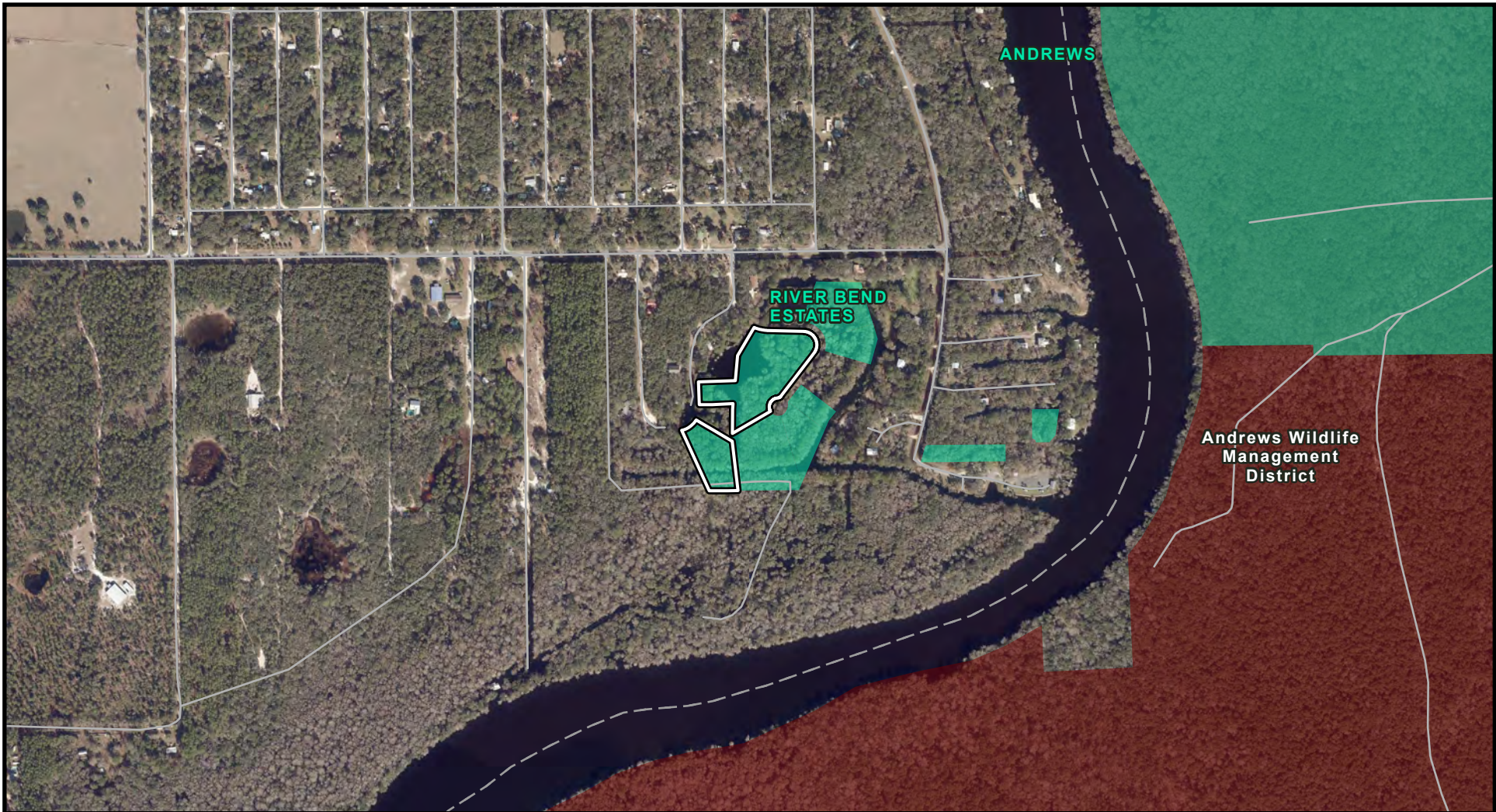
Water Supply Planning Area: (Y) Western

Wells: (N)


Basin Management Action Plan: (Y) Suwannee

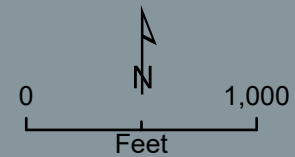
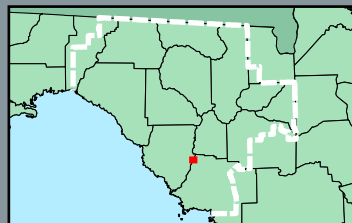
Potential Future Water Resource Development Projects (N)

Impacts to Natural Resources or Existing Acquisition Holdings (N)



**Riverbend Estates, Peck
 Counteroffer ± 6 ac
 Dixie County**

-  Property Offer
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Other Public Ownership



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: March 15, 2026

RE: Resolution 2026-04, Sale of the Declared Surplus, Three Rivers Estates Lot 135, to Alachua Conservation Trust, Columbia County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2026-04 for the sale of Three Rivers Estates Lot 135, Columbia County, to Alachua Conservation Trust, consisting of 1 +/- acre.

BACKGROUND

The Three Rivers Estates Lot 135 was purchased on December 30, 1997, using Save Our Rivers funds for a total of \$3,400. Due to the natural community type, small acreage, proximity to residential areas, and isolation from other tracts, the parcels are not actively managed. On August 13, 2019, the Governing Board authorized staff to surplus the 1 +/- acres Three Rivers Estates Lot 135.

On February 18, 2026, Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) offered \$10,000 for Parcel 00-00-00-01017-000 (lot 135). A market analysis of recent sales in the area found the offer to be reasonable. However, pursuant to statute, all sales shall be for no less than the appraised value. The purchase agreement stipulates that the sale price will be at the offer price or appraised value – whichever is higher.

On August 13, 2019, the Governing Board authorized the surplus of the Three Rivers Estates Lot 135 consisting of 1 +/- acres.

In March 2026, ACT executed a contract for sale and submitted a 10% bid guaranty for the parcels, subject to Board approval. Staff noticed the sale on the District's website on February 19, 2026, in the local newspaper on February 25, 2026, March 04, 2026, and March 11, 2026, pursuant to Section 373.089(3), Florida Statutes. The Executive Director approved payment for the appraisal and the District's legal expenses in order to facilitate a sale.

The surplus sale includes deed restrictions on the parcels to prevent future development. Further, the sale meets the criteria of the surplus directive evaluation criteria as shown in the map and surplus review.

Upon Board approval of the sale, the District will execute the purchase agreement, allowing the buyers to complete any remaining deliverables and move to closing.

Maps of the sale properties are attached.

AO/kcp

Table 1 – Surplus Lands Guidelines
Three Rivers Estates Lot 135
The extent to which disposing of the lands will adversely affect management effectiveness and efficiency.
None, the parcel is not actively managed.
The extent to which the lands are currently used by the public for recreational purposes.
None, the parcel has no known recreation or established recreation facilities.
Whether disposal of the lands would result in a net loss of lands open to public hunting.
None, the parcel is not open to hunting.
The extent to which the lands provide other significant archaeological, historical, or ecological value.
None, there are no observed significant cultural resources on the parcels.
The extent to which the lands provide a valuable linkage to conservation property owned by the District or other publicly owned conservation lands.
None, the parcel is located within a residential neighborhood.
The extent to which the lands would be accessible to a future owner without causing adverse impacts to natural resources or hindering the District’s management of the property, including prescribed fire management.
None, the parcel is not actively managed.
The extent to which the lands are marketable.
High, the lands are located with a residential neighborhood and desired for purchase.
The extent to which concerns of other public conservation land managers or members of the public have been addressed.
There are no known concerns.
The extent to which disposing of the lands will adversely affect potential future water resource development projects.
None, this property is not suitable for a project due to its small size location.
The extent to which lands are more suitable for management by others due to size or location with the District retaining a conservation easement.
None, this parcel is located within a residential neighborhood. The surplus includes restrictive terms.
The extent to which lands acquired for projects are no longer being pursued or the project is completed and the land or a portion thereof is no longer needed.
N/A
The extent to which lands acquired with Preservation 2000 or Florida Forever funds, the intent of the Act as prescribed in section 259.101(6), F.S.
N/A
For lands with merchantable timber, the extent to which disposing of the land would reduce timber revenue available to the District.
None, the parcel contains hardwoods of negligible value and are not harvestable.
Access to public or private water and/or wastewater utilities.
N/A

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

**RESOLUTION SALE OF SURPLUS LAND LOCATED IN COLUMBIA COUNTY
OWNED BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO
ALACHUA CONSERVATION TRUST**

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) declared as surplus, by 2/3 vote, certain parcels of real property identified as Three Rivers Estates Lot 135, Unit 17, consisting of 1 acre +/- located in Columbia County, Florida as described in Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS surplus of the property was authorized by the Governing Board on August 13, 2019;

WHEREAS on February 18, 2026, Alachua Conservation Trust made an offer to purchase parcel 00-00-00-01017-000 (lot 135) for \$10,000;

WHEREAS the property will be sold at \$10,000 or the appraised value, whichever is greater;

WHEREAS On March 30, 2026, Alachua Conservation Trust executed a purchase agreement with the District for the purchase of the parcel, subject to Board approval;

WHEREAS the District will pay for appraisal cost and any District legal fees;

WHEREAS the buyer is responsible for all remaining costs associated with the transaction;

WHEREAS the property will be sold with deed restrictions to prohibit future permanent development and maintain the conservation value of the property;

WHEREAS the property was purchased on December 30, 1997, using Save Our Rivers funds, for a total of \$3,400, the revenue received from the sale will be used for future land acquisitions;

WHEREAS the sale was publicly noticed in accordance with Section 373.089(3), Florida Statutes by posting on the District website on February 19, 2026, and posting in the local newspaper on February 25, March 4, and March 11, 2026;

WHEREAS the property is not needed for conservation purposes;

WHEREAS the sale is consistent with Article X, Section 18 of the Florida Constitution, and Section 373.089, Florida Statutes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the District, that:

1. The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the surplus of said lands are hereby further certified to be consistent with this District's plan of disposition, and Section 373.199, Florida Statutes.
2. The Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director, the Governing Board attorney and all other officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to close and complete the surplus.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL 2026

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

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GEORGE WHEELER**

ATTEST:

EXHIBIT A

DISTRICT PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Description:

Parcel No. 00-00-00-01017-000, located in Columbia County, Florida; more specifically described as:

Lot 135, Unit 17, Three Rivers Estates, a recorded subdivision in Columbia County. The property described in OR Book 851, Page 1028, public records in Columbia County, being in Section 26, Township 6S, and Range 15.



SUWANNEE TRIAGE ANALYSIS RESULTS

General

Property Name: Three Rivers Estate Lot 135

Date: 3/22/2026

Acreage: ± .91 ac

SRWMD Florida Forever: No

Transaction Type: Surplus

SRWMD 5 Year Acquisition Plan: No

County: Columbia

Statewide Florida Forever: No

Surface Water Protection

Flood Protection

Major River: (N)

Floodway: (N) ± 0.0 ac | 0%

Riverine Surface Waters: (N) ± 0.0 ac | 0%

10 Year Floodplain: ± .5 ac | 55%

Wetland Acreage: ± 0.0 ac | 0%

100 Year Floodplain: ± .91 ac | 100%

Upland Acreage: ± 9.1 ac | 100%

River Frontage: (N)

Springs Protection

Land Management

Springshed: (Y) Springs Buffer

Adjacency: (N/A)

Spring on Site: (N)

Rare Species: (N/A)

Cultural Resources: (N)

Impacts to Existing Land Management Activities (N)

Miscellaneous

Priority Focus Area: (N)

Wildlife Corridor: (N)

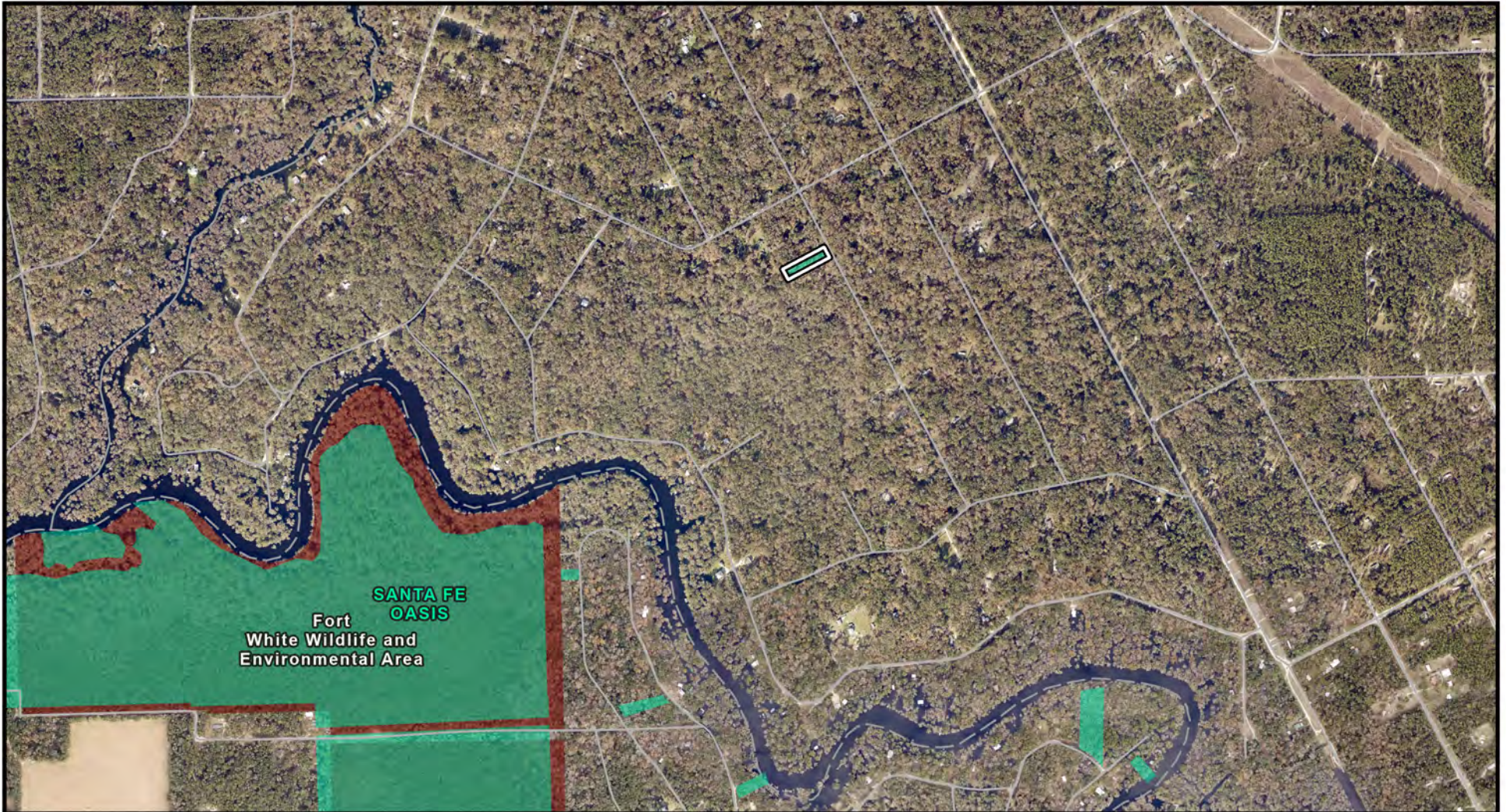
Water Supply Planning Area: (Y) Eastern

Wells: (N)

Basin Management Action Plan: (Y) Santa Fe

Potential Future Water Resource Development Projects (N)

Impacts to Natural Resources or Existing Acquisition Holdings (N)



Three Rivers Estates Lot 135
.91 ± ac
Columbia County

-  Property Boundary
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Other Public Ownership



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: March 17, 2026
RE: Lenard Gainey Ingress/Egress Easement, Mud Swamp Tract, Alachua County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an access easement on the District-owned Mud Swamp Tract in Alachua County to Lenard Gainey.

BACKGROUND

On March 5, 2026, the District received a request from Lenard Gainey for an access easement across the District's Mud Swamp Tract in Alachua County.

Mr. Gainey owns real property designated as parcel number 07533-000-000, which is adjacent to the District-owned Mud Swamp Tract in Alachua County. Mr. Gainey's property is accessed through the Mud Swamp Tract, with no other available access.

Upon review of the easement request, staff found that prior to entering District property, access is needed from a private landowner(s). A non-public access road has been used for many years; therefore, formal access is needed to cross the landowner's property.

Prior to the District granting an easement, Mr. Gainey will be required to obtain an access easement(s) from neighboring private landowners. In accordance with Directive 24-0004, Mr. Gainey will also be required to pay for all costs associated with the access easement including the cost of the appraisal, the appraised value of the easement area, survey, District's attorney fees, easement recording fees, and the documentary stamp tax on the deed. Mr. Gainey has agreed to these terms.





Staff will grant Mr. Gainey a special use authorization to provide access to the Mud Swamp Tract in the interim. Mr. Gainey was previously granted a time-limited special use authorization which is now expired. The requested easement is limited to the Mud Swamp Tract, is only for ingress/egress, and includes language allowing the District to relocate the easement if determined necessary.

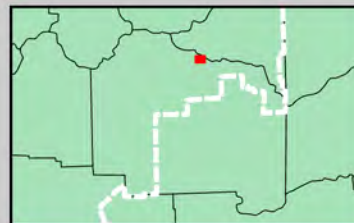
A map of the easement location is attached.

AO/kcp
Attachment
File #008-00671



Gainey Easement Request Alachua County

-  Proposed Easement
-  Gainey Property Boundary
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  SRWMD Conservation Easement



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Steven Carpenter, Senior Natural Resource Specialist

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations
Lorna, Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management

DATE: March 10, 2026

RE: Plantation at Deep Creek Conservation Easement Amendment, Stephen Jaeb,
Columbia County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to approve an amendment to the Plantation at Deep Creek Conservation Easement, Columbia County.

BACKGROUND

On May 12, 2006, the District acquired a conservation easement over the 1,191-acre Plantation at Deep Creek property in Columbia County, Florida. The conservation easement language expressly allows for silvicultural activities in upland areas and existing timber stands, while prohibiting timber harvesting in wetlands. This language is standard to most District conservation easements and is consistent with silvicultural best management practices.

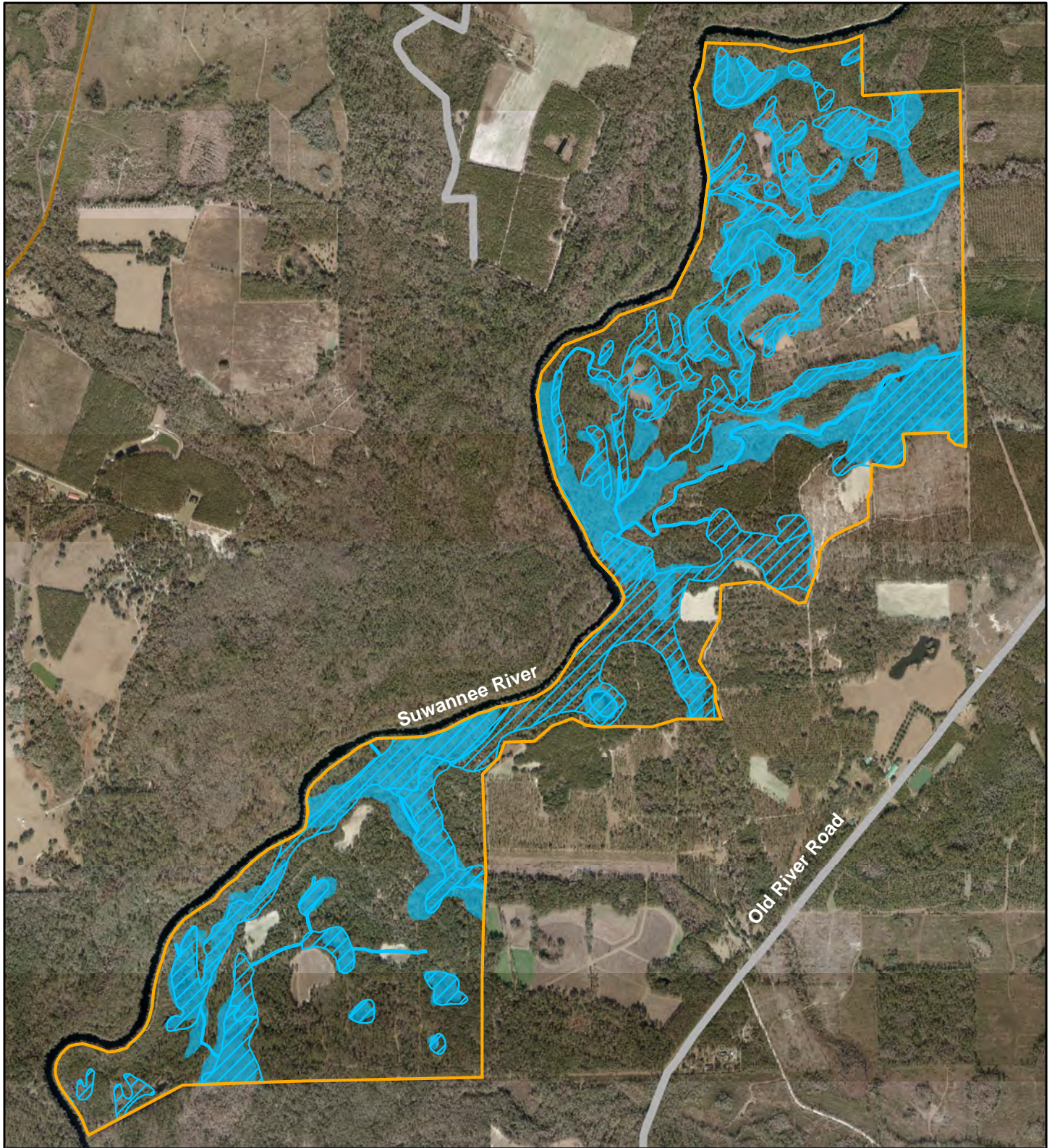
More specifically, the easement defines the wetland areas using an aerial map. Section 1, Paragraph M (Prohibited Uses) states, "Cut or remove existing timber in the wetland areas, which are depicted on an aerial photography imagery prepared by the Suwannee River Water Management district dated February 14, 2006, attached hereto as Exhibit B, and there shall be no conversion of said wetlands."

As part a routine easement inspection, staff identified that Exhibit B contains mapping errors, which include upland planted pines mapped as wetlands, and wetlands that were not mapped. This map was created by the District as part of the easement acquisition. Utilizing Exhibit B would result in wetlands being harvested, which is inconsistent with the District's conservation efforts.

Staff request to amend the easement language to prohibit harvesting in wetlands and remove reference to the map. Pursuant to Governing Board Directive 20-0005, as this was the District's mapping error, the District will absorb all costs associated with the easement amendment. Further, the directive allows for the amendment to be brought directly to the Governing Board where the change is mutually beneficial to both parties.

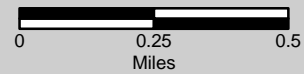
A copy of Exhibit B Wetlands Map is attached.




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Plantation at Deep Creek
Conservation Easement

Columbia County, Florida



-  2026 NWI Mapped Wetland Areas
-  2006 Exhibit B Wetland Areas
-  Conservation Easement Boundary



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Map Created on 2/17/2026

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 February 28, 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	First Visit Completed	0%
Gopher Tortoise Surveys (acres)	158	68	43%

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	248	100%

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	56	31%

Tract Maintenance	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Mowing (total miles)	1,614	314	19%
Site Maintenance (total visits)	2052	855	42%
Enhanced Patrols (hours)	800	286	36%
Sign Replacements	42	2	5%
Boundary Line Painting (miles)	100	0	0%
Cultural Resource Monitoring	60	57	95%

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 April 15, 2026.

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: March 13, 2026
RE: 2026 Land Management Review Team Report

RECOMMENDATION

Acceptance of the 2026 Land Management Review Team Report.

BACKGROUND

The Land Management Review Team (LMRT) process is required by Section 373.591, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The process allows the public and other participants an opportunity to determine whether District land management activities were deficient, meeting, or exceeding the goals adopted by the Governing Board. The LMRT participants also scored the District on whether land management activities are in compliance with Section 259.036, F.S.

The review focused on land management activities that were conducted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025. These activities were summarized in the FY 2024-2025 Land Management Annual Report. The content of the Annual Report was presented to the Governing Board during November 2025, workshop following the Board meeting.

On March 4, 2026, staff led a field tour of lands in the Northeast Region, which includes the Suwannee, Alapaha and Withlatchoochee River Basins within Columbia, Hamilton, Madison and Suwannee counties. The main area of emphasis on the tour was the protection of water resources, managing natural communities, and public use.

The LMRT process continues to provide an opportunity for dialogue between the staff, members of our communities, and other agencies regarding the management of District lands. The participants' scores indicate substantial acceptance of the programmatic achievement of the management strategies set by the Governing Board and Florida Statutes. Overall, the participants approve of the planning and methods used by District staff in managing the District's fee-owned lands in FY 2024-2025.

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Suwannee River Water Management District
Fiscal Year 2025 Land Management Review Team Report

Executive Summary

District staff conducted a Land Management Review Team (LMRT) meeting and site inspection on March 4, 2026. The review focused on District-wide land management activities that were conducted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. Program areas reviewed include water resources, natural resource management, public use, and facilities on representative areas. The field tour focused on the 23,496 acres of fee owned lands located in the Northwest Region.

The LMRT was asked to score whether the District was achieving its management strategies from the District Land Management Plan (DLMP) using the following scores:

- 0 – District is not meeting the strategies of the DLMP;
- 1 – District is meeting the strategies of the DLMP; and
- 2 – District is meeting and exceeding the strategies outlined in the DLMP.

The review team scored the ten management strategies from the District Land Management Plan (DLMP). The overall average score of the ten management strategies was 1.94, which was 9% higher than last year's average score of 1.78.

There are two statutory scores. The first, "Are District lands being managed in a manner consistent with the purpose for which they were acquired, including public access" received a score of 2.00. The second, "Are District land managers implementing the District Land Management Plan" received a score of 2.00. These scores signify the land management activities meet and exceed the Governing Board's management strategies outlined in the DLMP and Florida Statutes (F.S.).

The participants' scores indicate substantial acceptance with the programmatic achievement of the management strategies set by the Governing Board and Florida Statutes. Overall, the participants approve the planning and methods used by District staff in managing the District's fee titled lands in FY 2025.

Introduction

Section 373.591, F.S., requires that the District establish Land Management Review Team(s) (LMRT) annually to determine if lands titled to the Governing Board are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and in accordance with the land management plan. Staff report the LMRT's findings to the Governing Board by October 1 of each year. This report is prepared for that purpose.

Background

The LMRT participants were provided with the District's "Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Land Management Annual Report," which summarized all activities conducted during FY 2025. The annual report provides the participants with a programmatic summary of projects and activities.

A field inspection was led by District staff and included lands in the Northeast Region. This inspection allows the participants to see the conditions on the ground and personally inspect the properties and management activities to assist in developing scores for the DLMP management strategies.

Land Management Review Team Meeting

On March 4, 2026, staff led a field tour Holton Creek Tract, one of the District owned lands in the Northeast Region, which is in the Suwannee, Withlacoochee and Alapaha River Basins within Columbia, Hamilton, Madison, and Suwannee counties. The main area of emphasis on the tour was the protection of water resources, managing natural communities, and public use.

Ten individuals representing private landowners, interest groups, non-profits, and agencies participated in the LMRT. Ten participants completed the scorecard. Staff provided the agenda, District Land Management Plan, FY 2025 Annual Land Management Report, and the LMRT tour infographic handout to the participants for their use during the review.

Staff conducted the tour at Holton Creek Tract, initially covering talking points at the FWC Wildlife Management Area Hunt Check Station Pavilion and riding through the tract to the Holton Creek River Camp managed by Florida State Parks as part of the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail. The Florida National Scenic Trail also traverses through the Holton Creek Tract.

The District's LMRT program was established to quantify land management operations in meeting the management goals and objectives set forth by the Governing Board in the DLMP. The participants were provided with the Scorecard to document their determination on whether the activities they saw or discussed were deficient, meeting, or exceeding the objectives adopted by the Governing Board. The participants also scored, using the same criteria, whether actions were in compliance with Section 259.036, F.S.

The LMRT scorecard is annually calculated based on completed District land management operations from the prior year. LMRT members score District land management efforts on the following scale:

- 0 – District is not meeting the strategies of the DLMP;
- 1 – District is meeting the strategies of the DLMP; and
- 2 – District is meeting and exceeding the strategies outlined in the DLMP.

The scores represent the average total from all participating members' scores.

Results

The review team scored the ten management strategies from the District Land Management Plan (DLMP). Scores ranging from a low of 1.80 for Cultural Resources to the highest score of 2.00 for Vegetative Management, Invasive Exotic Plant Management, Road & Hydrologic Infrastructure, Public Use, and Fiscal Responsibility. Management of Forest Resources, Water Resources, Rare Species Resources, and Stakeholder Engagement received a score of 1.90. The overall average score of the ten management strategies was 1.94, which was 9% higher than last year's average score of 1.78.

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Suwannee River Water Management District

Land Management Scorecard

Land Management Review Team Findings FY 2025 Land Management Activities

1. Water Resource Strategies

Score: 1.90

- Minimize structural floodplain management on District-managed lands.
- Prevent water resource degradation when conducting all land management activities by implementing Florida's Silvicultural Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- Design water resource projects or install/maintain water control structures that protect or enhance water resources.

Water Resource Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

- Good job.
- Building facilities around water resources that still facilitate use but protect from erosion.
- Your main mission – you do an excellent job.
- Monitoring current infrastructure. Improving where possible.
- The LMT is doing a great job of monitoring, maintaining, & improving BMPs and water control structures to enhance the water resources in the district.

2. Forest Resource Objectives

Score: 1.90

- Manage forest resources to work towards or meet Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) natural community descriptions.
- Protect water quality and certain wildlife habitat values by utilizing BMPs when conducting forest management work.
- Manage forest resources for stand or landscape level heterogeneity to help protect against catastrophic loss from environmental factors such as insects, disease, storms and wildfire.
- Manage forest resources for stand or landscape level heterogeneity to attain multiaged and vertically diverse forests, including retaining dominant and/or old growth trees.
- Ensure that commercial timber harvests provide financial returns that are methodical and reflective of District revenue needs.
- Maintain accurate and current forest resource inventory data based on designated inventory schedules.
- Reforest using techniques that maximize seedling survival and minimize damage to other natural resources.
- Maintain an accurate and current forest resource inventory.
- Ensure that commercial harvests provide the maximum financial returns possible with the consistent attainment of primary natural resource values.

Forest Resource Comments/Opportunities for Improvement:

- All timber stands inventoried at least every 10 years. Exceed the majority of the FFS BMPs and no significant findings on FFS timber audit.
- Working closely with FWC to ensure burning to assist with forage production for wildlife. Use dry times to focus on road improvements and mechanical management.
- Responsible well thought out forest management plans and objectives with challenges due to storms and drought. Adapting strategies as needed. Well done.

- Would recommend planting TPA of upcoming containerized longleaf be 600 TPA and not 700+. Reduced seedling cost and data show you can capture the site at lower TPA of 600.
- Well thought out plans and objectives.
- LMT continues to manage district lands to optimize revenue while meeting the goals in achieving long term desired future conditions.

3. Vegetation Management Objectives

Score: 2.00

- Implement management practices that promote structurally diverse, naturally functioning plant communities as designated in DFC guidelines to the extent practicable.
- Restore/maintain designated Disturbance Intervals for natural plant communities following DFC guidelines.
- Enhance native ground cover resources with local stock where needed to help achieve ecosystem functionality.

Vegetation Management Comments/Opportunities for Improvement

- Good job.
- Completed 100% or more of herbicide and mechanical goals. Good job shifting priorities from burning to exotics due to burn weather issues and fuel loading from storms.
- Maintain according to designated community but also consider adaptive management for changes within community such as hydrologic periods.
- LMT is using herbicide, mechanical mowing, and fire to maintain and improve structurally diverse plant communities.

4. Invasive Exotic Plant Management

Score: 2.00

- Annually monitor and treat active infestations on District lands.
- Conduct invasive plant surveys on newly acquired lands or District lands that currently contain no records.
- Maintain or update Invasive Plant GIS database and make it available to District staff.

Invasive Exotic Plant Management Comments/Opportunities for Improvement:

- 157 Actively treated, 146 contracted. Good Job.
- Exceeded exotic removal goals for chemical and mechanical removal. Maintains a working database of all invasives with lots of details. FNAI surveys all newly acquired tracts for communities and invasives.
- District seems to be efficient in planning, using/monitoring GIS info systems. Continue collaboration with other Districts and FWC on invasive control of newly introduced invasive species.
- I'm impressed at the database you all maintain for invasive species. That helps to keep track of management activities to ensure that invasives are treated.
- LMT continues to monitor invasive plant infestations and treat appropriately.

5. Rare Species Resource Strategies

Score: 1.90

- Delineate natural plant communities on newly acquired properties, or on properties where natural community data is incomplete or in question.
- Monitor existing rare plant and animal populations on District restoration areas.
- Conduct rare plant and animal surveys on District restoration areas to gather population and location data that can be used to guide land management practices.

- Maintain/Update natural community and rare species GIS layer files for staff use to help guide management practices.
- Research scientific improvements to land management activities and techniques intended to improve rare species habitat.

Rare Species Comments/Opportunities for Improvement:

- 37 locations monitored. 7 new plants. Good Job.
- Database monitored for rare species. Currently surveying and building database for gopher tortoise. FNAI surveys for rare species. Found 1 new rookery. Monitored 33 rare plant locations and found 7 new rare plants.
- Coordination with FWC on foraging needs of wildlife.
- Interesting idea to open areas up to Gopher Tortoise recipient sites, especially if the FWC is running short on sites.
- Extensive surveying.
- LMT exceeds my expectations of rare plant identification and restoring plant species to meet long term desire future conditions.

6. Cultural and Historic Resource Strategies

Score: 1.80

- Monitor the condition of all cultural and historical resources sites on District-managed lands that are classified as significant sites by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources.
- Document location of new cultural and historical resources on District-managed lands and share this information with the Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources.
- Monitor known cultural artifact looting sites and document any new sites that are discovered. This work will be done to determine the size/extent of these impacted areas and provide law enforcement with location information and activity status.
- Provide District staff with the GIS layer file from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources that identifies cultural/historical sites located on District lands to help guide management practices. Maintain and update this information on a regular basis.

Cultural and Historic Resource Comments/Opportunities for Improvement:

- Good job.
- Records any looting and monitoring. Works with FWC. Map layer routinely updated and land management activities adjusted accordingly.
- Keep game cameras in resource areas.
- Constantly monitoring sites for looting and adjusts activities to protect cultural resources.
- Monitoring of sites. Monitor and mitigates looting.
- LMT has a good database for known cultural sites and monitor them for looting and disturbance. They also continue to document new sites as discovered.

7. Road and Hydrologic Infrastructure Objectives

Score: 2.00

- Inspect all public, secondary, and administrative roads on a periodic basis to determine if their condition is compatible with listed road standards.
- Conduct road maintenance work as needed to ensure road conditions are maintained at a level compatible with listed road standards.
- Inspect all hydrologic facilities on a periodic basis to determine if they are functioning correctly and meet all listed standards.

- Repair or replace hydrologic facilities as needed to ensure their continued functionality and compatibility with the listed standards.
- Mow all public, secondary and administrative road corridors two times each fiscal year or as directed by District staff.
- Daylight all public, secondary and administrative road/ditch-edge areas on a 5-year rotational basis or as directed by District staff.

Road and Hydrologic Infrastructure Comments/ Opportunities for Improvement:

- 911 miles of road, 339 public use, 135 repaired – goal 144. 909 culverts. Daylighting roads and mowing twice a year.
- Maintains 911 miles of roads. Inspects roads while conducting daily work. 144 miles of key roads with annual maintenance. FY25 repaired 130 miles of road. Exceeded culvert replacement goals to 156%. Proactive hydro facilities inspections and replacements. 3 mowing cycles on all roads last year. Impressive daylight mowing.
- Maintaining slight ridge in middle of roads to facilitate water flow off the road to attempt to keep water collection from middles and somewhat prevent potholes.
- More project roads because of hurricane damage and timber salvage. Takes away from maintenance budget. Good use of grading frequently to reduce the need for adding lime rock.
- Plans in place for road maintenance, inspections, and correction after issues. Increasing road maintenance to avoid future issues.
- LMT consistently monitors and maintains district roads. Maintenance of low water crossings, culverts, adding road base, and grading are being done to maintain and improve roads. Mowing of roads, ditches, and side cutting of road vegetation are being performed as well.

8. Public Use Objectives

Score: 2.00

- Inspect all public use and recreational facilities on a periodic basis to determine if their condition is compatible with their listed public and recreational use classification and standard.
- Conduct maintenance/repair work as needed to maintain all public use and recreational facilities to a level compatible with their listed use and standard.
- Provide Special Use Authorizations (SUA) for compatible public use activities.
- Follow Governing Board Directives 25-0003 and 24-0004 for exclusive use requests.
- Provide hunting and fishing opportunities on District lands.
- Coordinate with law enforcement agencies to enforce Florida statutes and administrative rules on District-managed lands.
- During emergency situations staff will assist persons in danger and communicate response with appropriate agencies.

Public Use Comments/Opportunities for Improvement:

- 5 Sites, Gen 30, Prim 90. SUA all on website. Good job. How would you manage UF Research.
- 5 feature-use recreation sites. Inspected and cleaned 3 times per week. Online SUA program has been an improvement for customers and District staff. Kayak and canoe outfitter lease. Pays off-duty FWC officer for extra patrols and county deputies.
- Utilize fixed tracking monitors at District lands entering to gauge use of those lands by the public. District is utilizing law enforcement for comprehensive patrol which is a great

benefit. District installing infrastructure to protect natural resources like preventing erosion/sediment in entering sensitive areas. District lands web map specific to uses.

- Simplified SUA process – great for public users. Constantly assessing lands to add to WMA system. Good job making sure public land is available for public use.
- Multiple recreation opportunities. Working with other rec oriented organizations (public and private). Commercial use opportunities.
- The District has 5 feature sites, 30 recreation sites, and 90 primitive sites available for public use and enjoyment. The sites are maintained by cooperating agencies like DEP, FWC, Forestry, ACT, and others. Sites are policed by state and local law enforcement.

9. Stakeholder Engagement Objectives

Score: 1.90

- Use multiple forms of media to communicate with stakeholders to provide information about District land management goals, objectives, and accomplishments.
- Provide opportunities for stakeholders to evaluate, critique, and score the District's overall land management process.

Communications Comments/Opportunities for Improvement:

- Showing the public the management and public use. Teacher tours ** Good job.
- Online SUA applications, public text alerts. Web map with all District lands that is searchable by amenity type. Prescribed fire and invasive plant weeks on social media. Leave no litter campaign explaining environmental hazards. Feature stories in local media.
- The website for the areas and activities is especially useful and easy to direct the public to.
- Lots of new outreach online, stories, you tube, social media – good job trying to reach out to the public using multiple forums. I didn't realize how many programs you have – very interesting.
- Very good presentation.
- Multiple forms of outreach and communication to increase engagement.
- LMT communicates through a variety of medias, the available parcels, for camping, hunting, hiking, kayaking, bike riding, ATV use, and others. Website is continuously being improved and updated. Online use of Special Use permits has improved both the public satisfaction and district efficiency of issuing them.

10. Fiscal Responsibility Objectives

Score: 2.00

Minimize structural operational management approaches wherever practical.

- Use the most cost effective and experienced firms to complete land management activities
- Coordinates with other land management agencies and organizations to complete land management activities at reduced cost or no cost to the District.
- Locate and obtain grants to help fund land management projects on District-managed lands.
- Implement a Surplus Lands Program which disposes or conveys lands that are no longer needed for resource protection and redirects these funds to higher value, water-resource lands.
- Make PILT payments to qualifying counties or local governments as directed by Florida statute.

Fiscal Responsibility Comments/Opportunities for Improvement:

- 2.8 million. Good job. Competitive bid contractors to do site management on public use sites.
- 1.8 million state funds for land management. Brought in 2.8 million in revenue. Minimize facilities to reduce maintenance cost. Competitive bidding process based on cost and quality of service. Lots of partnerships – FPS, FFS, USFS, ACT, etc.
- Actively go through inventory to convey elsewhere and obtain higher value lands.
- I appreciate that you are able to choose contractors not only based on price so you can get quality work done. Good job on raising revenue and working with partners to spread out the financial burdens.
- LMT is using taxpayer dollars appropriately. They continue to apply for grants, in addition to creating 2.6 million in revenue to offset the cost of land management. Using FWC, DEP, ACT, and others to manage district lands, reduces the district cost and manpower needed to do so.

Florida Statute 259.036, states that the Land Management Review Team shall evaluate the extent to which the existing management plan provides enough protection to threatened or endangered species, unique or important natural or physical features, geological or hydrological functions, or archaeological features. The review shall also evaluate the extent to which the land is being managed for the purposes for which it was acquired and the degree to which actual management practices, including public access, are following the adopted management plan.

- Are District lands being managed in a manner consistent with the purpose for which they were acquired, including public access?

Comments

Score: 2.00

- Good job.
- Yes, it's obvious that the mission is being fulfilled.
- Creating trails and infrastructure conducive to public use while protecting resources and minimizing impacts from the public.
- Yes, the district is doing an excellent job managing their lands in a responsible way. They have thoughtful management plans.
- Yes, plans to continue and improve lands consistent with purpose.
- Yes, LMT continues to improve district lands in all categories. I look forward to seeing completion of existing projects in progress and planning.

- Are District land managers implementing the District Land Management Plan? This includes sufficient protection to threatened or endangered species, unique or important natural or physical features, geological or hydrological functions, and/or archaeological features.

Comments

Score: 2.00

Good job.

Yes, sufficient protection is provided.

Even with all the changes from frequent strong storms, they have been able to maintain protections for threatened and endangered. They are doing an excellent job.

Yes, I believe that the land managers are going above and beyond in protection of all.

Yes, district land managers are implementing and actively planning/adapting to natural disasters.

Yes.

General Comments

- It appears the district has been successful at maintaining access and use for the public while paying attention to natural resources. There is collaboration with other agencies to improve areas and rebuild following intense storm events in recent years. In my opinion, the district has exceeded objectives in the DLMP.
- I am impressed with how much thought you all put into your land management activities. I honestly have nothing to criticize. You are doing things the right way and also work with your cooperators. Thank you.
- Thank you for the invite.
- Solid presentations by each SRWMD team. Very informative and personnel were open to questions.