



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

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May 12, 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 - April 14, 2026, Governing Board Meeting, Workshop, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 9 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Land Agri-Business, LLC, Lafayette and Suwannee Counties
 - Agenda Item No. 10 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with North Florida Dairies, LLC, Gilchrist County
 - Agenda Item No. 11 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with R & H Farms, Inc, Alachua, Bradford, and Columbia Counties
 - Agenda Item No. 12 - March 2026 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 13 - Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit Report
 - Agenda Item No. 14 - Inspector General Report #26-01, Follow-up on District Corrective Actions Regarding Auditor General Audit Report No. 2026-022
 - Agenda Item No. 15 – Inspector General Report #26-02, Internal Audit of Timber Sales
 - Agenda Item No. 16 - Payment in Lieu of Taxes
6. April 14, 2026, Governing Board Meeting, Workshop, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - C. Service Recognition: Jonathan Crain – Five Years

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL
Tom Reeves

8. Update on Legal Activities

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director

Agriculture Projects

- BCS Page 1 9. Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Land Agri-Business, LLC, Lafayette and Suwannee Counties – **Recommend Consent**
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Finance

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Resource Management

17. Resource Management Division Updates
- BCS Page 46 18. Permitting Summary Report

Environmental Projects

- BCS Page 49 19. Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS
Katelyn Potter, Division Director

Communications and Outreach

- OPS Page 1 20. Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

Land Acquisition

- OPS Page 3 21. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report
- OPS Page 7 22. Resolution 2026-05, Sale of Declared Surplus Forest Woodlands Lots 37 and 38 to Alan J Drescher, Gilchrist County

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

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

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

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

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

Persons who wish to make a written statement must deliver the statement to District Headquarters or email the written statement to writtencoment@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.

The District will attempt to "live stream" the video and audio of Board Meetings. The District will also attempt to record the video and audio of the Board Meetings. However, the public is cautioned that such "live stream" and recordings are not guaranteed and that any interruption or loss of the "live stream" or failure of the recording will not affect the validity of any action by the Board or result in any Board action being reconsidered. Members of the public who wish to ensure that they may view and/or participate in a Board Meeting should arrange to attend such Board Meeting in person.

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

Definitions:

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



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MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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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 Klepper – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Lisa Keep – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Janet Mesher – Water First North Florida concerns
- John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Hailey Hall – Water First North Florida concerns.

Agenda Item No. 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

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – March 10, 2026, Governing Board Meeting Minutes. 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 hydrological conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, recognized Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service, Ag and Water Policy, attendee to the Board.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the following:

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 26-003, Modified Phase II Water Shortage.

Chair Johns opened the Public Hearing for the Approval of Order Number 26-003, Modified Phase II Water Shortage.

Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

Board Member provided comments.

Public Comment received:

- Moses Klepper

Chair Johns closed Public Hearing.

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

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 11 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agriculture Projects

Agenda Item No. 12 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Riley Putnal, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Smith Farms of Bell, Inc., Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Sanchez Farms, LLC, Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Governing Board Directive Number 26-0003, Agricultural Cost-Share Program. Mr. Glass presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

Agenda Item No. 16 – February 2026 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 17 – Resource Management Division Updates. Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division, provided this update to the Board.

Kulvir Singh, AECOM, provided the FEMA CTP Program project status presentation update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Statement of Agency Organization and Operation. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 20 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Water Quality Improvement Grant Funds. Mary Diaz, Chief, Office of Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 22 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Acquisition

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

Agenda Item No. 24 – Resolution 2026-03, Sale of Riverbend Estates Lots 2, 6, 7, 8, and 30 to Calvin and Mary Peck, Dixie County. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Resolution 2026-04, Sale of Three Rivers Estates Lot 135 to Alachua Conservation Trust, Columbia County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

Mrs. Potter notated an update to the resolution to remove the language that states: Whereas the property will be sold at \$10,000 or the appraised value, whichever is greater, and replaced it with Whereas, the property will be sold at appraised value.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM WITH THE UPDATED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Lenard Gainey Access Easement, Mud Swamp Tract, Alachua County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 27 – Plantation at Deep Creek Conservation Easement Amendment, Stephen Jaeb, Columbia County. Approved on Consent.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 28 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Land Management Review Team Report. Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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

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

Agenda Item No. 32 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:



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

Workshop began at 11:19 a.m.

Bradford Silviculture Project Presented by Matthew Cohen, UF/IFAS

Matt Cohen, UF/IFAS, provided a power point presentation on Water Yield from Florida's Managed Forests.

Workshop adjourned at 12:23 p.m.



**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

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April 14, 2026
 Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
 Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 12:23 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Virginia Johns		X
Charles Keith	X	
Richard Schwab	X	
William Lloyd	X	
Larry Sessions	X	

-Mr. Schwab served as Chair of Audit Committee.

-Board Members Smith and Thompson also attended the Audit Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

Discussion Items

Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance, introduced Sam McCall and Brad Hough, with Powell and Jones, CPA, to the Committee.

3. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit Report. Mr. Hough presented this report to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY KEITH TO ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Inspector General Report #26-01, Follow-up on District Corrective Actions Regarding Auditor General Audit Report No. 2026-022. Mr. McCall presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO ACCEPT INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT #26-01, FOLLOW-UP ON DISTRICT CORRECTIVE ACTIONS REGARDING AUDITOR GENERAL AUDIT REPORT NO. 2026-022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Inspector General Report #26-02, Internal Audit of Timber Sales. Mr. McCall presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SESSIONS, SECONDED BY KEITH TO ACCEPT INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT #26-02, INTERNAL AUDIT OF TIMBER SALES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Announcements. None
7. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair

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: May 1, 2026
RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Land Agri-Business, LLC, Lafayette and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with Land Agri-Business, LLC to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$85,732.69.

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 April 10, 2025, for \$70,748.48. This TWA will be implemented across 440 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):	Watermelon		
District Mission:	Cost Share Items:	Estimated Benefit:	Project Location(s):
Water Conservation	Centralized Remote Control System Soil Moisture Probe Service Agreements Remote Controls Soil Moisture Probe Purchase	0.0605 million gallons per day	Eastern and Western Water Supply Planning Area Suwannee Basin Management Action Plan Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth Priority Focus Area
Water Quality	Stationary Fertigation Systems	15,000 pounds of Nitrogen per year	

Attachment A lists the cost-share items and funding breakdown. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Final Budget.

JC/ak
Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

PRODUCER	LAND AGRI-BUSINESS, INC		
WATER USE PERMIT	250841, 218371, 250607		
BMAP	SUWA	Contract	24/25-104
PFA	Troy Peacock LafayetteBlue Falmouth	TWA #	2
COUNTY	Suwannee		
COUNTY	Lafayette		
APPLICATION	618		

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					\$85,732.69		
Soil Moisture Probe Service Agreement	75%	\$500.00		14	\$7,000.00	\$2,333.33	1 year from effective date
LPS Soil Moisture Probes	90%	\$2,100.00		2	\$4,200.00	\$466.67	1 year from effective date
*GBD23 Remote Controls	85%	\$1,474.86	\$1,735.13	4	\$5,899.44	\$1,041.08	1 year from effective date
*GBD23 Remote Controls	85%	\$828.75	\$975.00	1	\$828.75	\$146.25	1 year from effective date
*GBD23 Remote Controls	85%	\$508.30	\$598.00	1	\$508.30	\$89.70	1 year from effective date
*GBD23 Remote Controls	85%	\$474.30	\$558.00	4	\$1,897.20	\$334.80	1 year from effective date

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*GBD Stationary Fertigation System	85%	\$3,570.00	\$4,200.00	3	\$10,710.00	\$1,890.00	1 year from effective date
*GBD Centralized Remote-Control System	85%	\$6,625.75	\$7,795.00	2	\$13,251.50	\$2,338.50	1 year from effective date
*GBD Centralized Remote-Control System	85%	\$3,612.50	\$4,250.00	3	\$10,837.50	\$1,912.50	1 year from effective date
*GBD Stationary Fertigation System	85%	\$10,200.00		3	\$30,600.00	\$5,400.00	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount	\$85,732.69
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Producer Share \$15,952.83

ATTACHMENT A CONT.

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

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

ATTACHMENT A

District Specifications

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

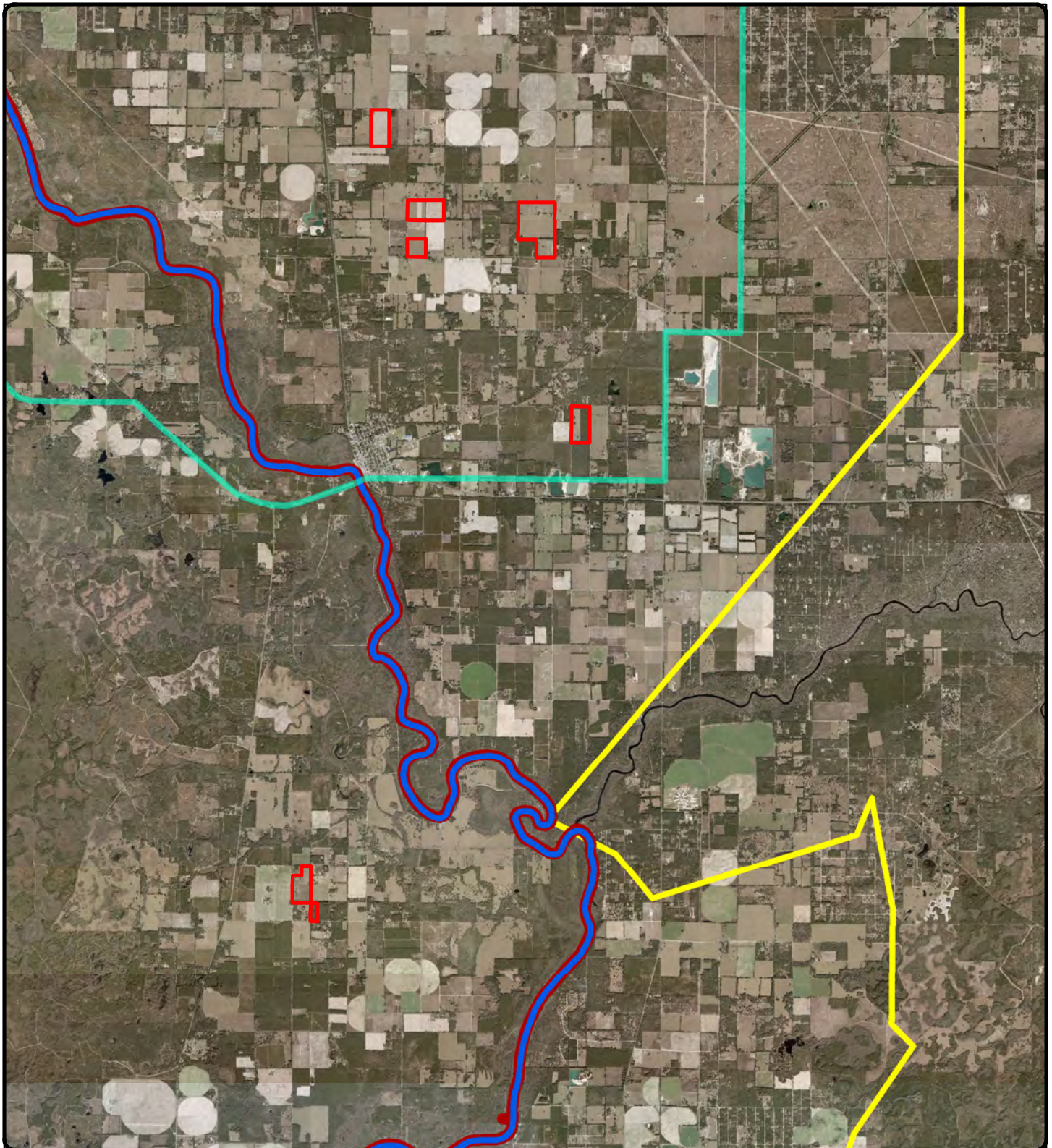
Fertigation Tank System

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.

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Soil Moisture Probes Purchase

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

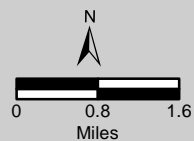


Land Agri-Business, LLC

Lafayette and Suwannee Counties

May 2026

- Land Agri-Business, LLC
- Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth PFA
- Water Supply Planning Area - East
- Water Supply Planning Area - West
- Suwannee BMAP



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: May 1, 2026
RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with North Florida Dairies, LLC, Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with North Florida Dairies, LLC to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$289,005.

BACKGROUND

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The original contract and task work assignment (TWA) was approved by the Executive Director on June 18, 2025, for \$36,000. The second TWA was approved by the Executive Director on November 11, 2025, for \$11,560. The third TWA was approved by the Executive Director on April 16, 2026, for \$145,795. This TWA will be implemented across 1,200 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 retrofits, controls, 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.

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Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

PRODUCER	North Florida Dairies		
WATER USE PERMIT	220828, 216430, 220604, 221600, 220677		
BMAP	SUWA	Contract	24/25-144
PFA	Fanning Manatee	TWA #	4
COUNTY	Gilchrist		
APPLICATION	628		

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
District Program		District Agricultural Cost-Share			\$289,005.00		
*LPS GPS end-gun shut-offs	90%	\$1,800.00		11	\$19,800.00	\$2,200.00	1 year from effective date
*GBD23 Remote Controls	90%	\$4,432.50	\$4,925.00	11	\$48,757.50	\$5,417.50	1 year from effective date
*GBD Portable Fertigation System	90%	\$14,400.00		2	\$28,800.00	\$3,200.00	1 year from effective date
*GBD Control Panel Upgrade	90%	\$5,422.50	\$6,025.00	11	\$59,647.50	\$6,627.50	1 year from effective date
GBD Center Pivot Retrofit	90%	\$12,000.00		11	\$132,000.00	\$14,666.66	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

TWA Amount \$289,005.00

Estimated PRODUCER funds \$32,111.66

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Stationary Fertigation System	
Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	
Weather Station w/ ET Measurement	
Any 1 - 75%	
Any 2 - 80%	
Any 3 - 85%	
Any 4 - 90%	

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Centralized and Remote Monitoring/Controlling of Equipment:

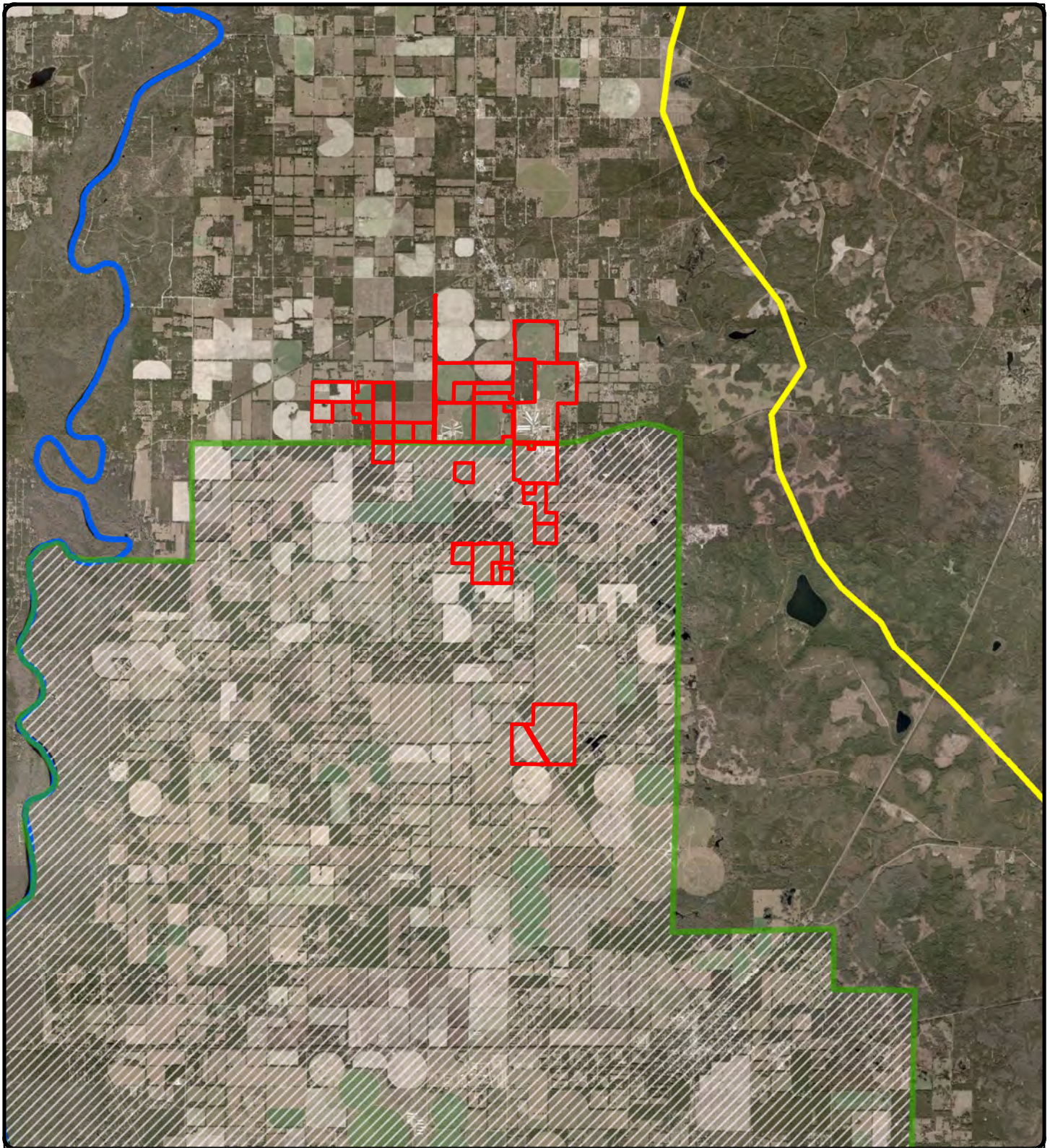
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Fertigation Tank System

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

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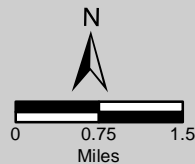


North Florida Dairies, LLC

Gilchrist County

May 2026

- North Florida Dairies
- ▨ Fanning Manatee PFA
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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: May 1, 2026
RE: Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with R & H Farms, Inc., Alachua, Bradford, and Columbia Counties

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a task work assignment with R & H Farms, Inc. to implement agricultural cost-share practices for an amount not to exceed \$191,232.40.

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.

This TWA will be implemented across 502 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):	Beans, Corn & Peanuts		
District Mission:	Cost Share Items:	Estimated Benefit:	Project Location(s):
Water Conservation	Pivot Retrofits GPS End-Gun Shutoffs Control Panels Remote Controls	0.1887 million gallons per day	Eastern Water Supply Planning Area Santa Fe Basin Management Action Plan Ichetucknee 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	R & H FARM, INC	Contract
WATER USE PERMIT	220172, 220811	TBD
BMAP	SAFE	TWA #
PFA	Ichetucknee	1
COUNTY	Columbia	
COUNTY	Bradford	
COUNTY	Alachua	

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					\$191,232.40		
*LPS GPS end-gun shut-offs	85%	\$2,140.30	\$2,518.00	8	\$17,122.40	\$3,021.60	1 year from effective date
*GBD23 Remote Controls	85%	\$4,186.25	\$4,925.00	8	\$33,490.00	\$5,910.00	1 year from effective date
GBD23 Center Pivot Retrofit	90%	\$11,925.00	\$13,250.00	8	\$95,400.00	\$10,600.00	1 year from effective date
*GBD Control Panel Upgrade	85%	\$5,652.50	\$6,650.00	8	\$45,220.00	\$7,980.00	1 year from effective date

FUNDING

Contract Amount \$191,232.40

Estimated PRODUCER funds

\$27,511.60

ATTACHMENT A CONT.

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

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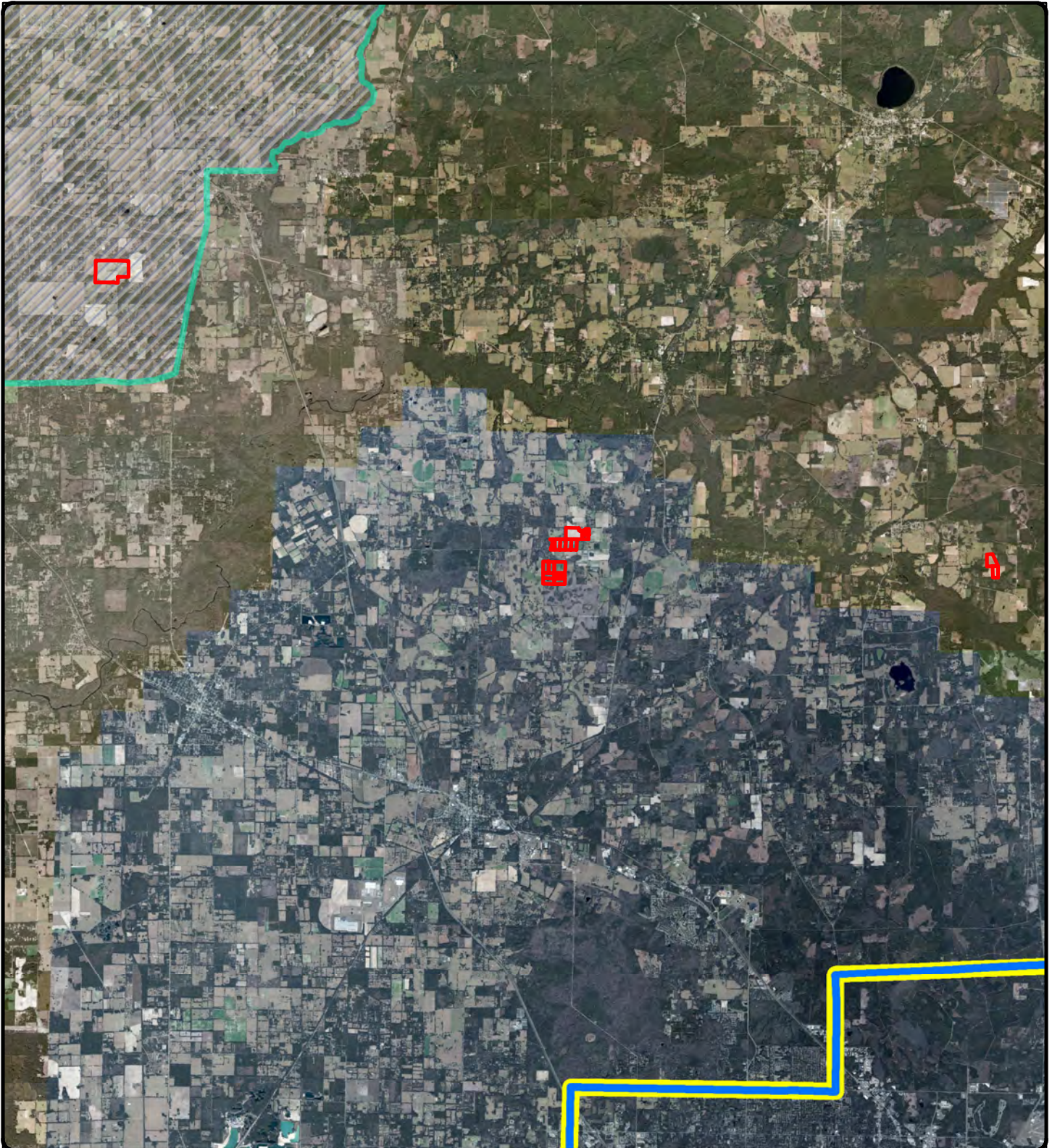
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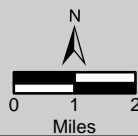
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R & H Farms, Inc.

Alachua, Bradford,
and Columbia Counties

May 2026



- R & H Farms, Inc.
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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: May 1, 2026

RE: March 2026 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the March 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
March 2026**

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$16.29	\$516.29
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$46.67	\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$338.17	\$177,364.73
First Federal Depository	\$581.64	\$497,600.87
Florida PRIME (SBA LGIA)	\$17,173.40	\$5,302,842.09
First Federal ICS Custodian Account	\$56,888.03	\$17,435,514.13
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$69,944.15</u>	<u>\$20,112,843.92</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$144,988.35</u></u>	<u><u>\$43,561,682.03</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 March 31, 2026
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 3/31/2026	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 7,307,624	\$ 6,317,943	\$ (989,681)	86.5%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 61,469,710	\$ 4,874,003	\$ (56,595,707)	7.9%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 250,000	\$ 755,791	\$ 505,791	302.3%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 300,000	\$ 135,090	\$ (164,911)	45.0%
Other	\$ 2,040,000	\$ 519,378	\$ (1,520,622)	25.5%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 12,261,991	\$ 402,416	\$ (11,859,575)	3.3%
Total Sources	\$ 83,629,325	\$ 13,004,621	\$ (70,624,704)	15.6%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 11,838,179	\$ 3,549,585	\$ 7,717,591	\$ 571,003	30%	95%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 57,259,654	\$ 4,165,757	\$ 26,980,260	\$ 26,113,637	7%	54%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 9,683,558	\$ 1,982,831	\$ 2,037,603	\$ 5,663,124	20%	42%
Regulation	\$ 2,507,619	\$ 804,539	\$ 46,362	\$ 1,656,718	32%	34%
Outreach	\$ 291,126	\$ 101,712	\$ 73,338	\$ 116,076	35%	60%
Management and Administration	\$ 2,049,189	\$ 859,448	\$ 97,129	\$ 1,092,612	42%	47%
Total Uses	\$ 83,629,325	\$ 11,463,873	\$ 36,952,283	\$ 35,213,169	14%	58%

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 March 31, 2026 and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 3/31/2026

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
Report Recap -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	7,728,202	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	402,416	0	12,261,991
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>13,004,621</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83,629,325</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	3,636,920	0	9,206,200
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,220,167	23,678,316	33,066,784
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,119,669	228,776	2,525,400
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,617	0	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	310,588	1,744,780	11,325,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	2,172,912	11,300,411	27,217,897
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>11,463,873</u>	<u>36,952,283</u>	<u>83,629,325</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>1,540,748</u>	<u>(36,952,283)</u>	<u>0</u>
General Fund -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	7,026,790	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	50,948	0	3,855,554
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>8,881,524</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,050,081</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	3,293,932	0	8,288,542
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	700,668	1,236,891	3,567,195
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,036,525	151,163	2,229,800
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,617	0	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	266,713	0	2,386,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	321,811	437,989	1,290,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>5,623,266</u>	<u>1,826,043</u>	<u>18,050,081</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>3,258,258</u>	<u>(1,826,043)</u>	<u>0</u>
Land Management and Acquisitions -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	611,887	0	1,578,097
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	458,469	0	2,985,369
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	631,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,089,937
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,070,356</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,284,903</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	342,988	0	912,584
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	605,603	1,392,461	2,817,219
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	82,149	77,613	251,100
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	38,595	318,528	1,439,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	115,025	387,836	865,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,184,360</u>	<u>2,176,438</u>	<u>6,284,903</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(114,004) *</u>	<u>(2,176,438)</u>	<u>0</u>

**To be reimbursed by State Appropriations*

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 3/31/2026

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
District Special Revenue -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	303,394	0	4,589,500
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>303,394</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,589,500</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	242,789	1,079,095	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	<u>303,395</u>	<u>2,724,522</u>	<u>4,589,500</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2,724,522)</u>	<u>0</u>
State Special Revenue -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	89,525	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	<u>1,700,882</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,184,841</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	5,074
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,594,953	13,828,723	19,990,870
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,280	1,426,252	7,500,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,675,469	8,829,159	21,682,397
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,275,702</u>	<u>24,084,134</u>	<u>49,184,841</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,574,820) *</u>	<u>(24,084,134)</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>*To be reimbursed by State Grants</i>			
Federal Special Revenue -			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,048,464	0	5,520,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,048,464</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,520,000</u>
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,076,155	6,141,146	4,508,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	995	0	8,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	1,004,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,077,150</u>	<u>6,141,146</u>	<u>5,520,000</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(28,686) *</u>	<u>(6,141,146)</u>	<u>0</u>
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GB - FUND REPORT

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: May 1, 2026

RE: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Audit Committee recommendation to accept the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit Report from Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants.

BACKGROUND

Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), has prepared the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit Report. Staff provided support to Powell and Jones, CPAs, during the preparation of the report. This report:

1. Contains the District's financial statements and accompanying notes and schedules;
2. Reflects the financial activities for Fiscal Year 2024-2025;
3. Contains the auditor's opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of September 30, 2025; and
4. Contains no findings.

On April 14, 2026, Brad Hough, from Powell and Jones, CPAs, presented the report to the Audit Committee and the committee voted to accept the report.

To view a copy of the audit, visit the District's website or click the link below.

<https://www.mysuwanneeriver.com/DocumentCenter/View/19634/SRWMD-FY-2024-2025-Financial-Audit-Report>

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance

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

DATE: May 1, 2026

RE: Inspector General Audit Report #26-01, Follow-up on District Corrective Actions Regarding Auditor General Audit Report No. 2026-022

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Audit Committee recommendation to accept the Inspector General Audit Report #26-01, Follow-up on District Corrective Actions Regarding Auditor General Audit Report No. 2026-022, from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A.

BACKGROUND

The Inspector General (IG) conducted follow-up activities on the corrective action plan related to Auditor General Audit Report No. 2026-022 dated September 2025. This report included two findings including interest allocation and extra compensation.

The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and generally accepted Government Audit Standards.

The IG's report concluded that the District has corrected the findings and recommendations in the Auditor General's report, and no further follow-up action is necessary.

On April 14, 2026, Sam McCall, Inspector General with Law, Redd, Crona & Monroe, P.A. presented the report to the Audit Committee, and the committee voted to accept the report.

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Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON
DISTRICT CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
REGARDING
AUDITOR GENERAL AUDIT REPORT NO. 2026-022**

REPORT #26-01

February 19, 2026

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February 19, 2026

Governing Board
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, Florida 32060

Pursuant to Section 20.055(6)(h), Florida Statutes, as the District's Inspector General, we are reporting on the status of the Suwannee River Water Management District corrective actions taken on the findings and recommendations in the Auditor General's Operational Audit Report No. 2026-022, dated September 2025. A copy of this report will also be filed with the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Sam McCall, CPA, CIG, CIA; or Geoffrey Adams, CPA, CISA, CFE.

Sincerely,

Law Redd Crona + Munroe P.A.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FOLLOW-UP ON AG REPORT NO. 2026-022
(February 19, 2026)

BACKGROUND

In September 2025, the Auditor General released Audit Report No. 2026-022, Operational Audit of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District). That report focused on selected District processes and administrative activities and contained two findings and recommendations for improvement.

Pursuant to Section 20.055(6)(h), Florida Statutes, the District's Inspector General is required to report to the Executive Director on the status of corrective actions taken on the Auditor General's report.

OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

The objective of this follow-up engagement was to determine the status of corrective action taken by the District to address the findings and recommendations in Auditor General Report No. 2026-022.

The scope of our follow-up activities focused on District actions taken to address the findings and recommendations made by the Auditor General regarding the District's Interest Allocation and Extra Compensation.

To achieve our audit objectives, we conducted the following procedures:

- 1) Examined Auditor General Report No. 2026-022, dated September 2025, to ascertain the findings, recommendations, and original District management response thereto.
- 2) Made inquiries of and obtained representations from District management regarding the current status of corrective actions taken to address the Auditor General's findings and recommendations.
- 3) Examined District policies, procedures, and on a sample basis reperformed the interest allocation procedure for FY 2025-26, then examined evidence of interest allocation for FY 2024-25.
- 4) Examined evidence of employee and supervisor goal setting and performance evaluation meetings for employees to achieve the bonus for FY 2025-26. We also examined evidence of employees' acknowledgement of the bonus, the eligibility requirements, and the method for achieving the bonus for FY 2024-25, and other documentation relating to management corrective actions.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

For this follow-up audit, we concluded that District management has corrected the findings and recommendations in the Auditor General's report. Please see Appendix A of this report for a schedule of the current status reported by management regarding the Auditor General's findings and recommendations.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank District staff for their assistance and cooperation in the conduct of our audit. If there are any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Sam McCall, CPA, CIG, CIA, or Geoffrey Adams, CPA, CISA, CFE.

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Appendix A-1	
Schedule of District Corrective Action for Auditor General Report No. 2026-022	
February 2026	
Finding 1: Interest Allocation	
AG Finding Summary	The District allocated interest earnings totaling \$300,000 to the General Fund that should have been allocated to the Special Revenue – Land Management and Operations Fund.
AG Recommendation	District procedures should continue efforts to ensure that interest earnings are properly calculated and allocated to the specific fund that produced the earnings. Such procedures should require and ensure that interest earnings from restricted resources, like timber sale revenue, remain available in the Land Management Fund to support land management activities.
Original District Response	As discussed during the audit visit, District staff have made significant modifications to the interest allocation process as they have documented a procedure to perform the monthly interest allocation for FY 2025-26, and adjusted the fund generated interest out of the general fund and back to the interest generating funds for FY 2024-25. We have reviewed the finding and recommendation, and we will continue to improve the interest allocation process to ensure that any changes continue to address the audit findings.
Status per Management as of February 2026	The District’s staff implemented changes to the interest allocation process for FY 2025-26 as of September 15, 2025, and have adjusted the interest out of the General Fund and allocated it back to the generating funds as of September 30, 2025. As such, the Auditor General’s finding has been corrected.

Appendix A-2 Schedule of District Corrective Action for Auditor General Report No. 2026-022 February 2026	
Finding 2: Extra Compensation	
AG Finding Summary	State law prohibits the District from making extra compensation payments to employees after services have been rendered. While State law provides for the payment of bonus awards, the law requires that any policy, ordinance, rule, or resolution designed to implement a bonus scheme must base the award of a bonus on work performance; describe the performance standards and evaluation process by which a bonus will be awarded; notify all employees of the policy, ordinance, rule, or resolution before the beginning of the evaluation period on which a bonus will be based; and consider all employees for the bonus.
AG Recommendation	The District should refrain from making extra compensation payments to employees after services have been rendered. If the District decides to implement a bonus scheme, an effective process should be established to ensure compliance with the statutory requirements for implementing the scheme.
Original District Response	As discussed during the audit visit, District staff have made significant modifications to their policies and processes by documenting performance standards, creating a performance evaluation process, and a bonus awarding plan. The policy has been updated to reflect formal goal-setting, performance evaluation, and bonus awarding processes. As of October 1, 2025, staff are made aware of and must acknowledge their supervisor's performance expectations and goals at the start of each fiscal year. The district was already in the process of issuing bonuses for FY 2024-25 when this finding was reported to management. As a corrective measure, the district collected staff acknowledgement of their awareness of their FY 2024-25 bonus award requirements and performance expectations to achieve a bonus. The policy and practice was formalized after the extant bonus awarding processes were already underway for FY 2024-25, and FY 2024-25 was drawing to a close. We have reviewed the finding and recommendation and are continuing to improve our staff communication, goal setting, performance evaluation, and bonus awarding practices to ensure that the changes implemented address the audit finding.
Status per Management as of February 2026	The District's staff implemented written performance standards and an evaluation process, as well as a bonus plan, in compliance with Section 215.425, F.S., and F.A.C. 60L-35 for FY 2025-26. As such, the Auditor General's finding has been corrected.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: May 1, 2026
RE: Inspector General Audit Report #26-02, Internal Audit of Timber Sales

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Audit Committee recommendation to accept the Inspector General Audit Report #26-02, Internal Audit of Timber Sales, from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A.

BACKGROUND

The Inspector General (IG) conducted an internal audit on the District's timber sales revenue for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025.

The objective of this audit was to test and evaluate selected District procedures and controls over timber revenue including harvests and monitoring.

The IG's report concluded that the District follows a formal bid process for establishing timber sale agreements with timber companies and monitors timber harvests from removal through milling, settlement, and payment to the District. For the timber sale agreements included in the test samples, the IG concluded that the District followed its policies and procedures for timber sales contracting and monitoring. There was one finding related to timber sales contract authorization and monitoring controls.

The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and generally accepted Government Audit Standards.

On April 14, 2026, Sam McCall, Inspector General with Law, Redd, Crona & Monroe, P.A. presented the report to the Audit Committee, and the committee voted to accept the report.

PS/ak
Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**REPORT ON INTERNAL AUDIT OF
TIMBER SALES**

REPORT #26-02

April 3, 2026

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Governing Board
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, Florida 32060

We have performed internal audit procedures at the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) to review the District's Timber Sales.

This audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions in light of our audit objectives.

The objective of our audit was to test and evaluate selected District procedures and controls over timber sales revenue. The accompanying report presents our analysis and is organized as follows:

- Background
- Objectives, Scope, and Methodology
- Observations and Recommendations
- Conclusion

The procedures we performed were applied to the District's timber sales revenues for the period October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025. These procedures were accomplished by:

- Obtaining and inspecting the District's documented policies and procedures;
- Analytical procedures to gain our understanding of timber sales revenue;
- Inquiries and discussions with District staff;
- Performing tests of selected aspects of the District's timber sales revenues;
- In-person observation of a timber harvest and delivery to the associated mill;

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governing Board, District management, and the Auditor General and is not intended to be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Law Redd Crona + Munroe P.A.

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Tallahassee, Florida

April 3, 2026

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
TIMBER SALES
April 03, 2026

BACKGROUND

Section 373.1391(1)(a), Florida Statutes, provides that lands owned, managed, and controlled by water management districts may be used for multiple purposes, including agriculture. Section 373.1391(5), Florida Statutes, further provides that water management districts may use lands acquired pursuant to the Florida Forever program and other state funded land purchase programs for certain activities, including sustainable agriculture and forestry, where approved by the Governing Board. The District’s land management program includes timber thinning and harvesting to improve and protect the habitat by removing diseased trees, opening stands to increase sunlight, promoting plant diversity, and providing the remaining trees with more room to grow.

Within its land management program, the District has established a written land management plan. The plan was established to formally document land management objectives and serve as an operational guide for all land management planning and operations in each region over a 10-year period. The District has also established Timber Management Standards (TMS) to document forest management practices, including timber harvesting. The TMS documents all timber-related processes, including reforestation and the steps to conduct a timber sale. The TMS provides guidance on when timber harvests may be appropriate, based on factors such as timber age, species, density, soil type, and reforestation objectives.

For District-owned lands with harvestable tree stands, the District establishes sales contracts with the highest-bidding timber company to harvest the identified timber at agreed-upon prices per ton, based on the type of tree being harvested. The following table provides details of the District’s timber sales revenue, contracts awarded, and acreage harvested within our audit scope:

Fiscal Year	2025	2024	2023
Timber Sales Revenue	\$2,134,379	\$1,504,701	\$2,528,013
Contracts Awarded	17	9	12
Acreage Harvested	2,300	1,223	1,302

The District issues a competitive Invitation to Bid (ITB) for a specific timber sale unit (tract) or combination of units for an estimated timber volume based on the District's timber database. Field staff verifies the estimated volumes and associated tonnage. The ITB is advertised through the State of Florida's procurement application MyFloridaMarketPlace Vendor Information Portal, the District Website, and the DemandStar Website. In addition, the District sends e-mail notifications to interested parties listed on an e-mail database who have expressed an interest in receiving timber sale ITBs.

Once the sealed bids are received, a tabulation sheet is prepared and posted on the District Website, Vendor Information Portal, and DemandStar Website. The bids and management's bid evaluation results are then submitted to the Governing Board for approval to enter into an agreement with the recommended contractor. The contract is awarded to the highest bidder based on the price per ton for each timber product class submitted through the bid process.

The District then initiates a Timber Sale Agreement (template) to outline the procedures for harvesting operations, timber sales, and payment remittance. Timber harvesting commences following an on-site meeting between the District and the contractor to review the agreement and procedures for managing load tickets.

Each week, the contractor provides the District with load sheets from the mill to which the timber is delivered, detailing the tonnage and classification of each load.

As a control for the harvesting process, the district uses a three-part, prenumbered ticket to monitor timber being hauled off the site to a lumber mill by the contractor. Part 1 of the ticket must be physically attached to the load before it leaves District property, so a District Forester can observe the ticket attached to a completed load being hauled offsite. Part 2 of the ticket must be attached to a scale ticket for timber weighed at the mill. Part 2 is then returned to the contractor, at which point the contractor is given a load sheet detailing the tonnage and type of timber of each load. Both the load sheet and Part 2 of the ticket are then provided to the contractor's accountant for use in preparing the weekly settlement report. Part 3 of the prenumbered ticket is provided to the District by the site foreman each week. Part 3 is used by the District to confirm the loads and the subsequent payment once the contractor's settlement report has been received.

Upon receipt by the District, the settlement report is entered into the timber sale spreadsheet reconciliation and matched to the pre-numbered tickets received each week. The Forester, and later a supervisor, match mill-scale ticket numbers to the District-supplied load tickets to ensure that all load-haul tickets are accounted for and that the tonnage reported on the

weekly logging diary matches the settlement report. The Forester retains the load tickets and the corresponding settlement reports in the District's files.

While most contracts follow this process, a small number are issued as "lump-sum contracts," in which the bidder pays a lump sum at contract execution, plus a deposit. This extra deposit is returned to the loggers at the end of the contract if they abide by its terms. These lump-sum payments are recognized as unearned revenue at the start of the contract and then moved to revenue after the harvest is complete.

Another noted exception to standard procedures occurs in the wake of hurricanes and other natural disasters. In line with the Governor's emergency declarations, the District has expedited the bidding process for "Hurricane Salvage" plots affected by the storms. Downed and flooded timber rots quickly and can be disastrous for local ecosystems, so the District can solicit bids directly from established contractors and accept a bid in a matter of days or weeks, rather than the usual month or more. Since the District would otherwise have to pay to have these plots cleared, the prices accepted for these salvage tracts can be substantially lower than the market price. The lower rates are deemed reasonable given the timber's poor condition and the timeliness demanded of the Contractors.

OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

The objective of this audit was to evaluate selected District procedures and controls over timber harvests and monitoring. The scope of this audit included the District's timber sales.

To achieve our audit objectives, we conducted the following procedures:

- 1) Interviewed District personnel to establish an understanding of the timber sale process, from the monitoring and forecasting to the end of each harvest contract.
- 2) Reviewed the District's Employee Procedures Manual, Chapter 22, to understand the Finance and Accounting policies.
- 3) Performed analytical procedures to understand the timber sales revenue trends.
- 4) Reviewed the Standard LM-02-2019-02, the Timber Management Standard, for procedures regarding timber management.
- 5) Reviewed the District's 2025 Land Management Plan, DLMP Goal I, for the most recent timber metrics and objectives.
- 6) Cross-referenced the 2024 timber sales summary and 2025 forecasting, from the District's 2024 Land Management Annual Report, with the activity reported.
- 7) Judgmentally selected settlement reports from active contracts between 10/1/22 and 9/30/25, to identify the most significant or irregular settlements.
- 8) Tested attributes included agreeing the tract data to internal monitoring data and adherence to the prescribed bidding and contract approval procedures.
- 9) Tested the existence and accuracy of the harvests via the three-way match of prenumbered load tickets given to the contractor. Matched tonnage reported on contractor's settlement reports with the amounts reported on each respective mill's scale tickets. Agreed settlement calculations and payments to both the established contractual prices and the District's settlement reconciliations.
- 10) Selected and investigated salvage tracts related to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Idalia, respectively, to ensure compliance with the Governor's emergency orders that superseded standard procedures.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the procedures described above, we concluded that the District follows a formal bid process for establishing timber sales agreements with timber companies and monitors timber harvests from removal through milling, settlement, and payment to the District. For the timber sales agreements included in the scope of our testing, we concluded that the District followed its policies and procedures for timber sales contracting and monitoring.

Finding 1: Timber Sales Contract Authorization and Monitoring Controls

Authorization and monitoring controls are essential safeguards to mitigate the opportunity for errors or irregularities. Having all necessary safeguards in place and enforced ensures that each contract is established and carried out as management intends. The District's TMS enumerates the procedures and requirements designed by management. Adherence to the TMS is expected.

Testing of timber sales contracts revealed a few minor exceptions relative to the District's TMS. One such exception was a blank field on an inspection log that helps reconcile a three-way match. Two other contracts were found to be missing a requisite cover sheet sign-off, as required by the TMS. We concluded that compensating controls mitigated any negative impact of these exceptions.

Recommendation:

The District should ensure that the required fields are populated on all relevant timber sale documentation before a document is considered completed.

Management Response:

We are pleased that your audit concluded that the District followed its policies and procedures for timber sales contracting and monitoring, with only a few minor exceptions noted in Finding 1. The District will ensure the required fields are populated on all relevant timber sale documentation before a document is considered complete.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of our audit objectives and procedures, we concluded that the District has established a timber sales process that adequately meets the objectives outlined in the District's Land Management Annual Reports. Aside from a minor finding regarding the application of controls, which we did not consider significant to our audit conclusion, the District has maintained adequate records relating to ITBs, bid awards, timber harvest, timber sales, and collections. In addition, the District provided substantial evidence that it has diligently monitored contractors' harvests.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank District staff for their assistance and cooperation in conducting our audit. If there are any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Sam McCall, CPA, CIG, CIA; or Geoffrey Adams, CPA, CISA, CFE.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Kristin Thompson, Finance Program Manager, Office of Finance

THRU: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance
Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 1, 2026

RE: Payment in Lieu of Taxes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Payment in Lieu of Taxes in the amount of \$361,416.19.

BACKGROUND

In order to offset the effect on the tax rolls of the small counties from public acquisition of land, the Florida Legislature enacted the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program in 1992. Each year, the District works with county commissions and staff to prepare applications for properties purchased or sold during the previous calendar year. The payment for a particular parcel is equal to the average of the actual taxes paid for the three years prior to the District's acquisition of the property. The reimbursement amount is only calculated one time, and that payment is paid for as long as the District owns the property, and as long as the county qualifies for PILT. All counties within the District that have an estimated population of 150,000 or fewer as of April 1 annually qualify for PILT. Population levels shall be determined pursuant to Section 186.901, Florida Statutes.

PILT only applies to fee simple properties owned by the District. Unless otherwise exempted, landowners continue to pay the taxes for lands on which the District holds conservation easements, and the parcels are still reassessed on a regular basis by the property appraiser's office. Once tax information is obtained from the counties, the acquired property information is sent to the Florida Department of Revenue for certification.

For the 2025 tax year, twelve (12) counties applied for PILT for a total of \$361,416.19. The reimbursement amounts for each county are shown in Attachment A. The state appropriated \$352,909 for the District for PILT. The balance will be paid from ad valorem revenues. The District's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget includes \$365,000 for PILT under code 13-6930-6-3100-99.

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ATTACHMENT A

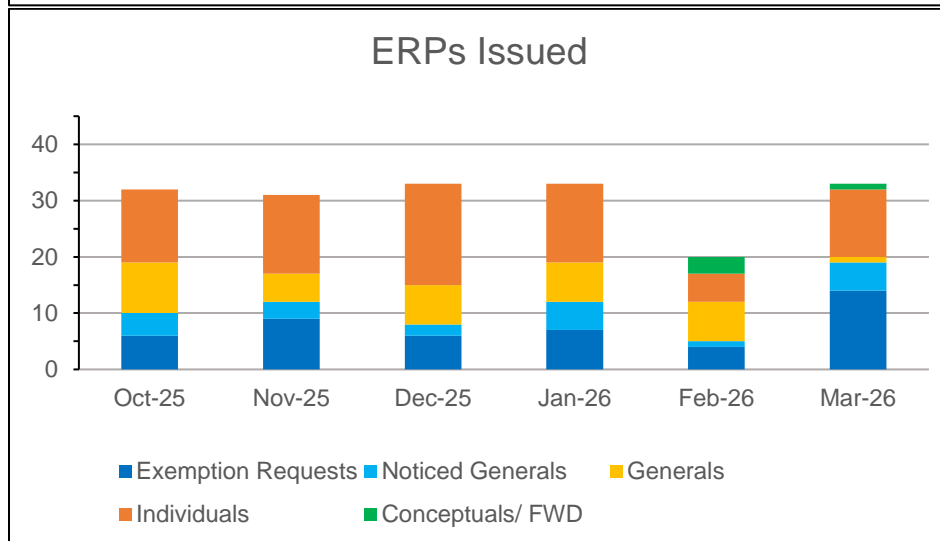
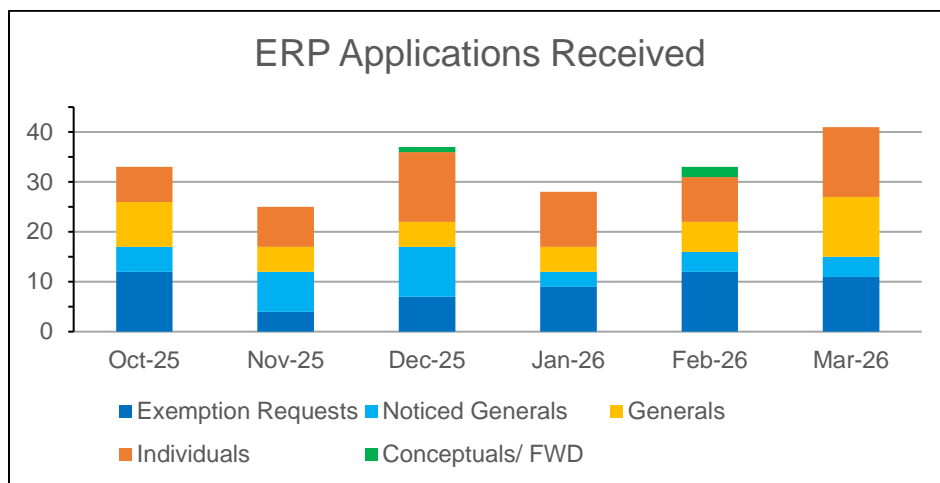
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PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR FY 2025-26

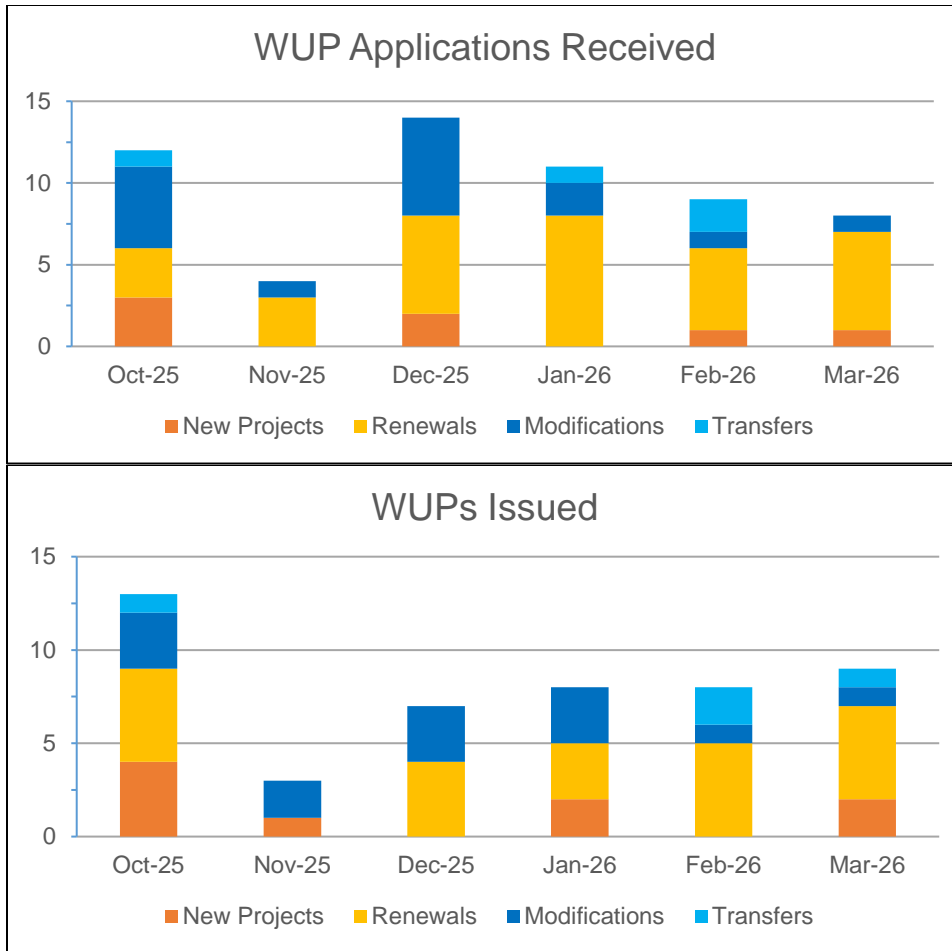
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COLUMBIA	\$	37,269.71
DIXIE	\$	21,119.21
GILCHRIST	\$	58,488.66
HAMILTON	\$	38,125.33
JEFFERSON	\$	9,682.99
LAFAYETTE	\$	80,047.63
LEVY	\$	30,425.25
MADISON	\$	19,875.40
SUWANNEE	\$	28,028.30
TAYLOR	\$	16,609.30
UNION	\$	832.71
TOTAL	\$	<u>361,416.19</u>

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

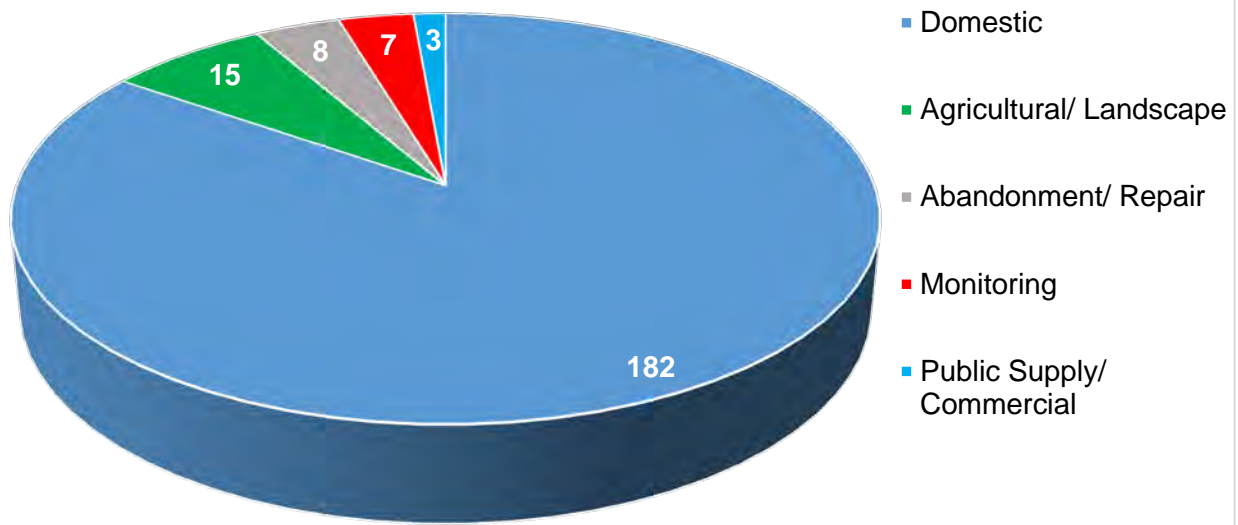
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/ Projects Division
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: May 1, 2026
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued - March 2026



40B-3.035 Materials Incorporated by Ref

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	3/13/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	3/26/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	4/27/2026
Effective Date	5/18/2026

40B-3.101 Content of Application

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	3/13/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	3/26/2026
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	4/27/2026
Effective Date	5/18/2026

40B-3.411 Completion Report

Proposed Action	Amend
Notice of Rule Development	3/13/2026
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	3/26/2026
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Effective Date	5/18/2026

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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: May 1, 2026
RE: Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

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

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Attachment

Offices of Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Period ending March 31, 2026

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	15	\$ 19,667,958
Contracts completed within the last 6 months	3	\$ 1,193,700
Active TWAs	9	\$ 1,358,272
TWAs completed in the last 6 months	5	\$ 262,077
Totals	18	\$ 22,482,006

AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	94	\$ 13,009,851
Completed within the last 6 months	25	\$ 1,197,859
Active TWAs	102	\$ 6,427,260
TWA completed in past 6 months	21	\$ 691,145
Totals	119	\$ 21,326,115

FLOOD RISK OUTREACH AND MAPPING PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Number of Contracts (TWAs)	20	\$ 10,474,593
Completed within the last 6 months	0	\$ -
Totals	20	\$ 10,474,593
TOTAL CONTRACTS / TWAs	157	\$ 54,282,714

AEP APPLICATIONS	
	Number of Projects
Agriculture Applications under review	14
AWS and Springs	0
Conceptual Projects under review	9
Projects in Queue	2
TOTAL	25

AEP FUNDING SOURCES		
	Number of Grants	Grant amount provided
District	3	\$ 10,461,592
EP FDEP	13	\$ 33,049,975
Ag FDEP	9	\$ 29,680,400
Federal (CTP Program)	9	\$ 13,009,917
Cooperator Match	-	\$ 9,049,402
TOTAL	34	\$ 95,251,286

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

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Troy Roberts, Office Chief, Communications and Outreach

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: April 15, 2026

RE: Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

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

Facebook	X	Instagram
Total Posts: 8 Total Views: 122,596 Content Interactions: 1,376	Total Posts: 9 Total Impressions: 764	Total Posts: Total Views: 899 Total Engagement: 234

Press Releases
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3 – March Governing Board Meeting • March 4 – Water Conservation / Drought Conditions • March 10 – Phase II Water Shortage • March 12 – Water First North Florida Community Open House • March 18 – Hydrologic Conditions Report

Media Inquiries / Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 10 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WCTV regarding the Phase II Water Shortage order. • March 13 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with First Coast News regarding drought conditions and water conservation. • March 18 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WCTV regarding the Water First North Florida community open house. • March 18 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WCJB TV 20 regarding the Water First North Florida community open house. • March 19 – Troy Roberts coordinated interviews with WCJB TV 20, WCTV, Lake City Reporter, and other local publications during the Water First North Florida community open house. • March 24 – Troy Roberts responded to a request from the Columbia County Observer regarding Water First North Florida. • March 25 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with the Levy Citizen regarding the Water First North Florida community open house.

- March 26 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with Mainstreet Daily News regarding drought conditions / water conservation.

Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public

- March 4 – Troy Roberts attended the District's Land Management Review Team meeting.
- March 6 – Troy Roberts and staff met with the Moore Agency to discuss an upcoming flood risk review educational outreach project.
- March 6 – Troy Roberts and staff met with Atkins and the Moore Agency regarding flood risk review information.
- March 12 – Troy Roberts and Katelyn Potter presented information on water conservation and Water First North Florida at the Lake City Rotary Club.
- March 16 – Troy Roberts and Hugh Thomas presented information on water conservation and Water First North Florida at the Gilchrist County Rotary Club.
- March 19 – Troy Roberts attended the Water First North Florida community open house.
- March 24 – Troy Roberts attended the Water Conservation Month proclamation at the Alachua County Commission in Gainesville.
- March 25 – Troy Roberts attended the monthly tag-up between DEP and water management district communications staff.
- March 26 – Troy Roberts met with Skye to discuss ongoing water conservation and land acquisition and surplus projects.

March Photo Highlight:

Executive Director Hugh Thomas, along with SJRWMD Executive Director Mike Register, are interviewed by a reporter from TV 20 during the Water First North Florida community open house on March 19, 2026.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: May 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.	Entered Contract. Pending Closing.	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.	Entered Contract. Pending Board approval on 05.12.2026.	10.11.1996	Save Our Rivers	10.11.2019	11.12.2019
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 10897010010 Lot 1 10897010020 Lot 2 10897010030	Subject to conservation.	Available.	04.24.1998	Save Our Rivers	--	06.08.2010

			Lot 3 10897010040 Lot 4							
Riverbend Estates (Remaining Lots) Lots 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 39	9.5	Dixie	06-11-14-7070-000-A0100 Lot 10 06-11-14-7070-000A-0090 Lot 9 06-11-14-7070-000A-0110 Lot 11 06-11-14-7070-000A-0160 Lot 16 06-11-14-7068-0000-0390 Lot 39 06-11-14-7070-000A-0150 Lot 15	Subject to advanced septic requirements.	Available.	07.01.1998	Save Our Rivers	12.09.2025	01.13.2026	
Riverbend Estates Lots 2,6,7,8 and 30*	6	Dixie	06-11-14-7070-000A-0300 Lots 2,6,7,8, and 30	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Pending Closing.	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
Lake City Wellfield and Country Club Road	1,160	Columbia	Assorted	CCR North to be used for water resource project. Wellfield must be	Under negotiations	May 2001 (LC Wellfield)	Local Government Assistance Program and	--	02.10.2026	City of Lake City

				used for wellfield purposes. If either are not used as described, will revert back to District. Includes payment of \$157,250		July 2015 (CCR)	Court Judgement			
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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 finalized.	

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director

DATE: April 15, 2026

RE: Resolution 2026-05, Sale of Declared Surplus Forest Woodlands Lots 37 and 38 to Alan J Drescher, Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2026-05 for the sale of declared surplus Forest Woodlands Lots 37 and 38 to Alan J Drescher, Gilchrist County, consisting of 10.56 +/- acres.

BACKGROUND

These Forest Woodlands lots were purchased on October 11, 1996, using Save Our Rivers funds for a total of \$29,650. Due to the natural community type, small acreage, proximity to residential areas, and isolation from other tracts, the parcels were not actively managed. On November 12, 2019, the Governing Board authorized staff to surplus the lots.

On March 9, 2026, Alan J Drescher offered \$44,000 for parcels 32-08-14-0083-0000-0370 (lot 37) and parcel 32-08-14-0083-0000-0380 (lot 38). A market analysis of recent sales in the area found the offer to be reasonable given the terms. Lot 38 will be sold with deed restrictions due to the lot primarily being a wetland. The deed restrictions for Lot 38 will include no development, no well, and no septic, but allow construction of a pole barn. Additionally, Parcel 32-08-14-0083-0000-0370 (Lot 37) will allow for structures but require advanced septic. 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 April 08, 2026, Alan J Drescher 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 April 06, 2026, and in the local newspaper on April 10, 2026, April 17, 2026, and April 24, 2026, pursuant to Section 373.089(3) Florida Statutes. 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.

A map of the property is attached.

AO/kcp
Attachments

Table 1 – Surplus Lands Guidelines
Forest Woodlands Lots 37 and 38, Gilchrist County
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 contain 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. 2026-05

**RESOLUTION SALE OF SURPLUS LAND LOCATED IN GILCHRIST COUNTY OWNED BY
THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ALAN J DRESCHER**

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) declared as surplus, by 2/3 vote, certain parcels of real property identified as Forest Woodlands Lots 37 and 38, a platted subdivision consisting of 10.56 acres +/- located in Gilchrist County, Florida as described in Exhibit "A".

WHEREAS surplus of the property was authorized by the Governing Board on November 12, 2019;

WHEREAS on March 9, 2026, Alan J Drescher made an offer to purchase Parcels 32-08-14-0083-0000-0370 (lot 37) and parcel 32-08-14-0083-0000-0380 (lot 38) for \$44,000;

WHEREAS the property will be sold at \$44,000 or the appraised value, whichever is greater;

WHEREAS On April 8, 2026, Alan J Drescher 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 lot 38 will be sold with deed restrictions due to the lot primarily being a wetland to prohibit future permanent development and maintain the conservation value of the property;

WHEREAS lot 37 will allow for development but require advanced septic;

WHEREAS the property was purchased on October 11, 1996, using Save Our Rivers funds, for a total of \$29,650, 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 April 06, 2026, and posting in the local newspaper on April 10, 2026, April 17, 2026, and April 24, 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 12th DAY OF MAY 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**
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ATTEST:

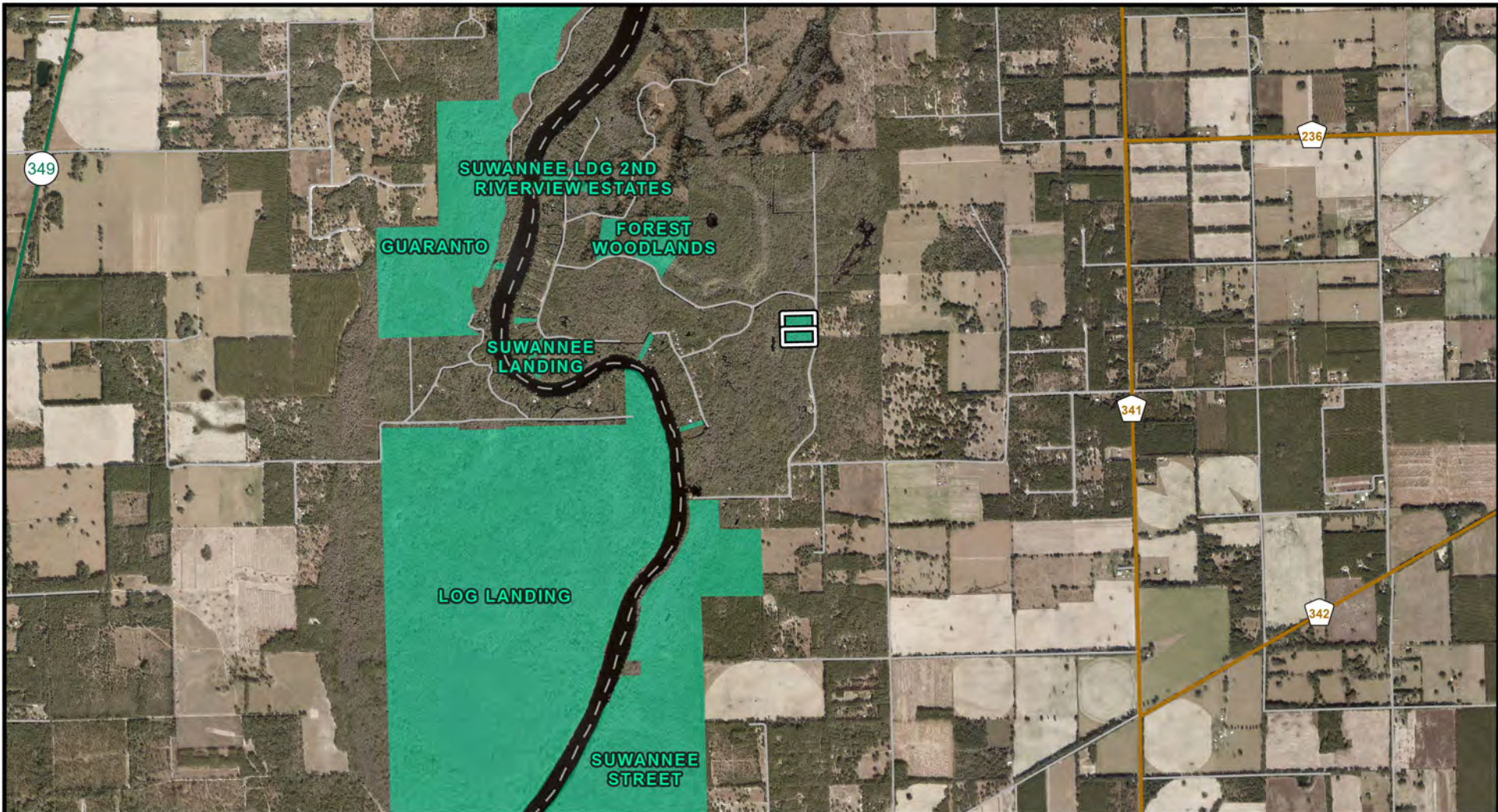
EXHIBIT A

DISTRICT PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Description:

Parcel No. 32-08-14-0083-0000-0370 and Parcel No. 32-08-14-0083-0000-0380 located in Gilchrist County, Florida; more specifically described as:

Lots 37 and 38, Platted Subdivision Forest Woodlands, in Gilchrist County. The property described in OR Book 0245, Page 0410, public records of Gilchrist County, Florida, being in Section 32, Township 8, Range 14.



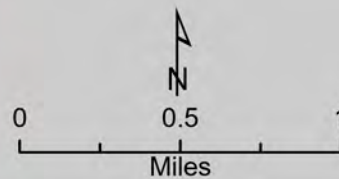
Forest Woodlands Lots 37 & 38
 ± 10.6 ac
 Gilchrist County



Forest Woodlands Lots 37 & 38



SRWMD 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: April 15, 2026

RE: Memorandum of Agreement for Partnership Funding of the Bascom Southern and Williams Family Investments, LLC Projects with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into memorandums of agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as part of the Rural and Family Lands Partnership Program for the less-than-fee partnership acquisition of Bascom Southern, Dixie County and the Williams Family Investments, Levy County projects.

BACKGROUND

On September 22, 2025, the Governing Board approved the Bascom Southern, Dixie County and Williams Family Investments, Levy County projects for inclusion on the FY 2026 Land Acquisition project list. Both projects are for the purchase of conservation easements.

Funding was identified for each project in partnership with the Rural and Family Lands Partnership program (RFLPP), administered through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Both projects are ranked for RFLPP funding.

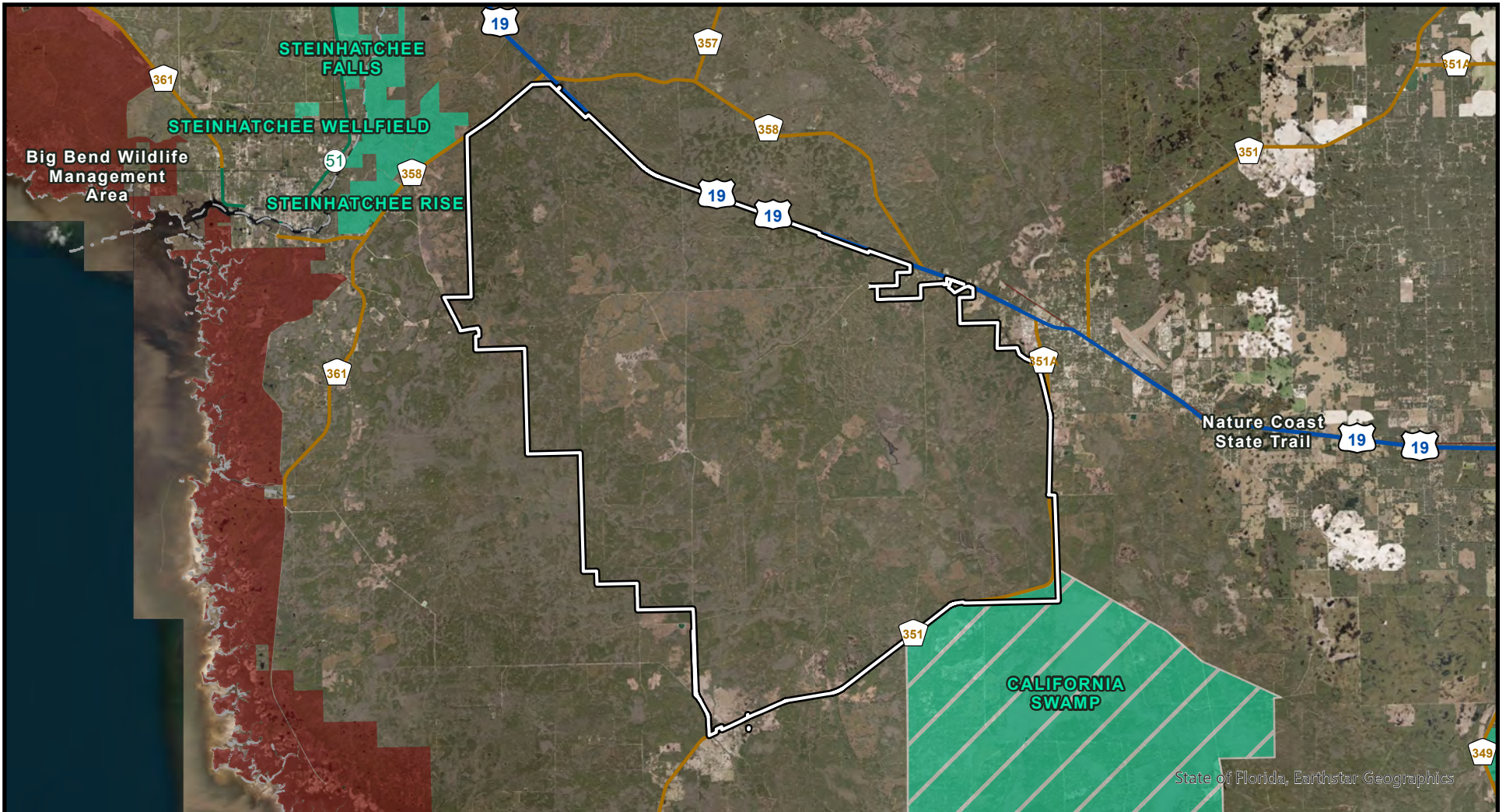
As part of the partnership funding, the District will hold co-title with FDACS for each property with equal rights for enforcement on the terms of the easement. FDACS will monitor the terms of the conservation easements and conduct any necessary enforcement.

The Bascom Southern property is 52,121 acres +/- and is located in Dixie County. The District funding request is for 0.5% or \$260,605 of the appraised value, whichever is less. RFLPP will fund the remainder of the acquisition. The property is currently used for silvicultural operations, hunting, and recreation. These activities will continue to be allowed as part of the easement. Impacts to wetlands, disturbance of surface waters, mining operations, development, land conversion, and similar activities will be prohibited.

The Williams Family Investments property is 947 acres +/- and is located in Levy County. The District funding request is for 10% or \$350,000 of the appraised value, whichever is less. RFLPP will fund the remainder of the acquisition. The property is currently used for silvicultural operations, passive cattle operations, and recreation. These activities will continue to be allowed as part of the easement. Impacts to wetlands, disturbance of surface waters, mining operations, development, land conversion, and similar activities will be prohibited.

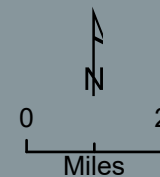
The District reserves the right to terminate the memorandums of agreements at any time if the agreements do not align with the District's budget, policies, or conservation standards.

KCP/ao

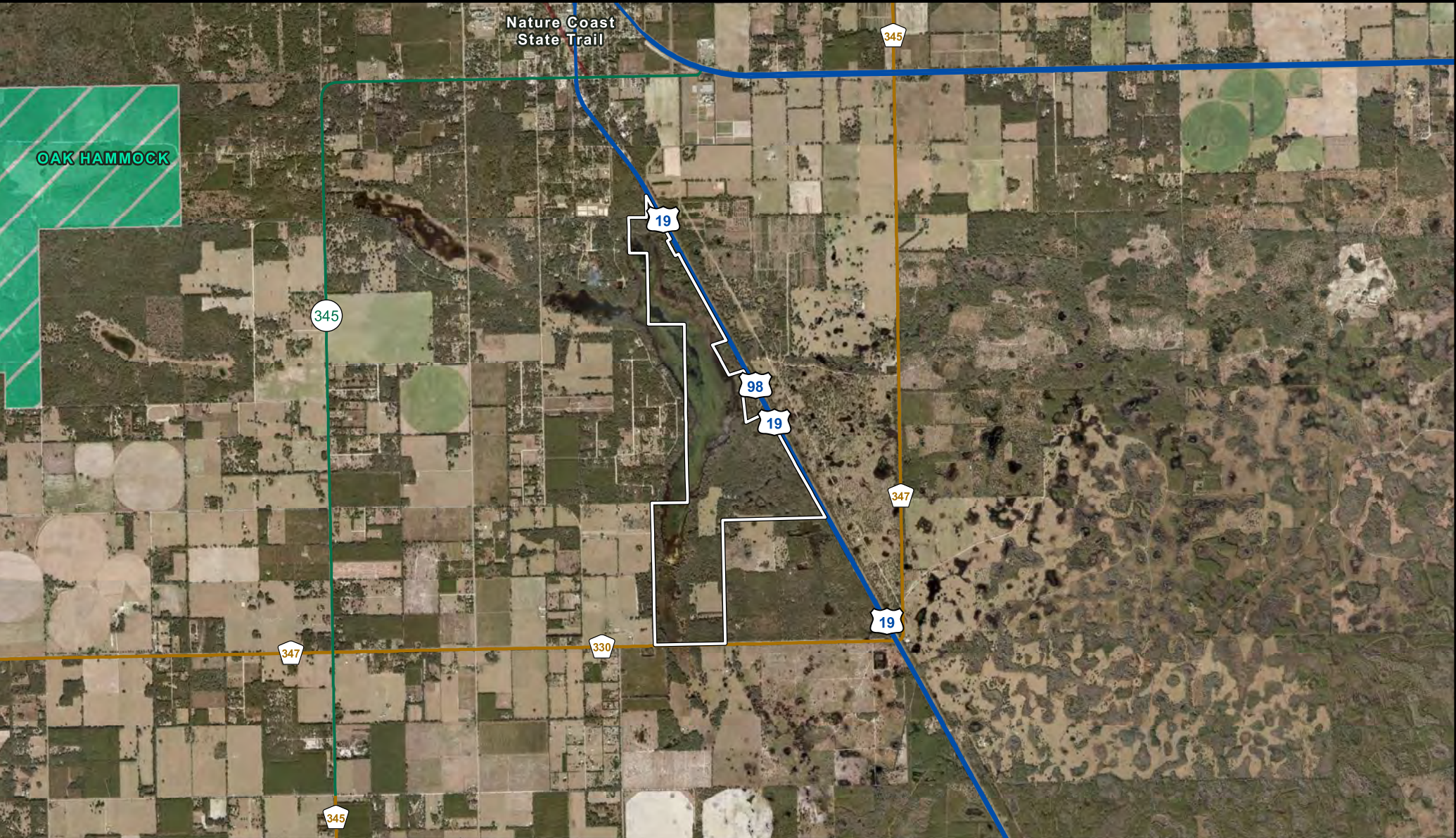


Bascom Southern and Campbell Global
± 52,000 ac
Dixie County





-  Property Boundary
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  SRWMD Conservation Easement
-  Other Public Ownership



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**Williams Family Investments
± 947 Ac
Levy County**

-  Property Boundary
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  Conservation Easement
-  Other Public Ownership



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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: April 14, 2026
 RE: Land Management Update Report

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

Ecological Services Monitoring	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Wading Bird Rookeries (sites)	14	Start 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, Division of Outreach and Operations

DATE: April 22, 2026

RE: Cooperative Agreement with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service for Management of District Lands

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service for the management of District lands referred to as Twin Rivers State Forest.

BACKGROUND

On January 24, 2006, the District and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service (Department) entered into an agreement for management of District-owned lands referred to as Twin Rivers State Forest. The agreement is a 20-year term that allows for an additional 20-year extension. The agreement was extended for an additional 20 years in January 2026 and will expire in January 2046.

District staff are actively reviewing agreements for outdated language, services, or contract terms. Based upon the review of Agreement 04/05-131 with the Department, staff drafted a new agreement consistent with the current services and contract terms. The contract has been amended to include the Withlacoochee Quail Farm and Withlacoochee Hills Tracts under the management of the Florida Forest Service as part of Twin Rivers State Forest.

Additionally, the process for conducting timber sales has been updated with the District issuing the bid, contract, and collecting the revenue and the Florida Forest Service monitoring the sale.

The proposed changes are essential to resolve inconsistencies between the original contract and our present-day workflows.

Substantive edits are complete, and the agreement is pending legal review. Upon approval by the District, the agreements will be routed for final signatures.

LLR/ao

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management

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

DATE: April 10, 2026

RE: Cooperative Agreement with Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission for Law Enforcement of District Lands

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission to provide law enforcement services on District lands.

BACKGROUND

On April 22, 1999, the District and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperative management of District-owned lands.

District staff are actively reviewing agreements for outdated language, services, or contract terms. Based upon the review of Agreement 98/99-098 with FWC, staff drafted a new agreement consistent with the current services and contract terms. The new agreement removes services and terms that are obsolete.

Terms that were removed include the Commission staff assisting with implementation of land management plans and cooperatively creating annual operating plans. Agreement language restricting the fiscal reimbursement amount to \$60,000 for FWC salaries and expenses was removed since this is a twenty-year contract and is mutually approved annually in writing.

District staff will continue to review agreements with cooperators to ensure accuracy.

Substantive edits are complete, and the agreement is pending legal review. Upon approval by the District, the agreements will be routed for final signatures.

LLR/ao

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Office of Outreach and Operations

DATE: April 28, 2026

RE: Resolution 2026-06, Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant Funds for Steinhatchee Falls Park

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2026-06 authorizing the Executive Director to apply for grant funds through the Florida Boating Improvement Program for the Steinhatchee Falls Park Improvements.

BACKGROUND

In September 2023, the District approved a task work assignment (TWA) with Eutaw, Inc for the purposes of designing, engineering, and permitting services for the planned rehabilitation or replacement of the boat ramp and seawall located at Steinhatchee Falls Park.

Permitting by the United States Army Corp of Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection have been received. The engineer is finalizing plan designs based on the permit requirements.

Recent hurricanes in the area have perpetuated existing issues and have increased degradation to this site. The existing facilities have reached the end of their service life and are inadequate for their intended purposes. The Steinhatchee Falls Park boat ramp is the only concrete boat landing north of the town of Steinhatchee and provides access to remote sections of the Steinhatchee River.

The Florida Boating Improvement Program grant application window opened February 2026. The Office of Land Management would like to apply for grant funds to improve the Steinhatchee Falls Park boat ramp and seawall through this program overseen by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The planned improvements promote motorized boat access, improve boater safety through improved access, and offer bank stabilization to the recreational site as well as reducing sediment within the Steinhatchee River.

At this time, the total funding request based upon the engineer plan is \$408,000.

LLR/ao
Attachment

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

RESOLUTION APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR STEINHATCHEE FALLS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS; The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is applying for grant funds through the Florida Boating Improvement Program for the Steinhatchee Falls Park Improvements.

WHEREAS the District approved task work assignment with EUTAW, Inc. in September 2023 for designing, engineering, and permitting services for the planned rehabilitation or replacement of the boat ramp and seawall located at Steinhatchee Falls Park;

WHEREAS permitting by the United States Army Corp of Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection have been received;

WHEREAS the engineer finalized plan designs based on the permit requirements;

WHEREAS the property was impacted in 2024 hurricanes, perpetuating the issues and increasing degradation of the site;

WHEREAS the Steinhatchee Falls Park is in a historically significant area;

WHEREAS the Steinhatchee Falls Park is within the Steinhatchee River Basin;

WHEREAS the Steinhatchee Falls Park is within the Springs Protection Buffer Zone;

WHEREAS the Beaver Creek Spring is located within the Steinhatchee Falls Tract;

WHEREAS the Steinhatchee Falls Park is within the floodway;

WHEREAS the Steinhatchee Falls Park is within the Special Flood Hazard Area;

WHEREAS the Steinhatchee Falls Park boat ramp provides the public motorized boat access to a remote section of a major river, the Steinhatchee River;

WHEREAS the District Land Management Plan identifies the goal of Natural Resource Protection and Water Resources is an area with objectives to design water resource projects that protect or enhance water resources;

WHEREAS the District Land Management Plan identifies the goal to be fiscally responsible and objectives to locate and obtain grants to assist with special projects;

WHEREAS the application is consistent with Section 373.1391, 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 application for grant funds through the Florida Boating Improvement Program are hereby further certified to be consistent with this District's Land Management Plan, and Section 373.1391, 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 apply for grant funds through the Florida Boating Improvement Program. If awarded, the Land Management Chief has administrative authority.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF MAY 2026

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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ATTEST:
