



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

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June 9, 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 - May 12, 2026 Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
  - Agenda Item No. 10 – Contract with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services
  - Agenda Item No. 11 - April 2026 Financial Report
  - Agenda Item No. 18 - Declaration of Surplus for Small Lots, Lafayette County
  - Agenda Item No. 19 - Declaration of Surplus for Small Lots, Hamilton County
  - Agenda Item No. 22 - Task Work Assignment with Water & Air Research, Inc
6. May 12, 2026 Governing Board Meeting and Lands 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 Recognitions: Brandi Sistrunk (5 Years)

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**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**  
**Tom Reeves**

8. Update on Legal Activities

**BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director**

*Administration*

9. Facilities Update

*Agriculture Projects*

- BCS Page 1 10. Contract with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services – **Recommend Consent**

*Finance*

- BCS Page 2 11. April 2026 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**

*Resource Management*

12. Resource Management Division Update

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**OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**  
**Katelyn Potter, Division Director**

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*Land Management*

- OPS Page 26 20. Land Management Update Report



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

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

Definitions:

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



**AGENDA  
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GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP(S)**

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District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

- Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget Presentation



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

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May 12, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

**Governing Board**

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
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**

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

**Leadership Team**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
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:

- Larry Perry, Jr. – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Ray Hodge, United Dairy Farmers – Thanked the Board for support of the dairy community.
- Susan Cordera – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Steve Fontana, American Patriots North Florida – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Byron Frank Lowery – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Cat Cheever – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Frank Tobias – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Jeremy Bernal – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Lauren Jorgensen – Water First North Florida concerns.

- Jeff McGalliard – passed on public comments.
- Lisa Keep – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Moses Klepper – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Teresa Vail – Water First North Florida concerns.
- John Quarterman – Water First North Florida concerns.
- Felicia Lamb – Run-off concerns in Jefferson County.

Agenda Item No. 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

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - April 14, 2026, Governing Board Meeting, Workshop, and Audit Committee 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. None
- C. Service Recognition. Kelly Wooley, Human Resources Manager, recognized Jonathan Crain for five years of service.

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on pending litigation regarding Jeff Hill.

**BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Agriculture Projects

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Finance

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Agenda Item No. 16 – Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 17 – Resource Management Division Updates. Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division, provided update to the Board regarding FEMA, Trulieve compliance update in Jefferson County, and introduction of new employees,

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

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 19 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Board Member William Lloyd left the meeting for other obligations.

**OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 20 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 21 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Resolution 2026-05, Sale of Declared Surplus Forest Woodlands Lots 37 and 38 to Alan J Drescher, Gilchrist County. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – 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. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 24 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Cooperative Agreement with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service for Management of District Lands. Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 26 – Cooperative Agreement with Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission for Law Enforcement of District Lands. Mrs. Radcliff presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 27 - Resolution 2026-06, Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant Funds for Steinhatchee Falls Park. Mrs. Radcliff presented this item to the Board.

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

Mrs. Radcliff provided an update on the South Canal fire, Lafayette County.

**WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 28 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 29 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 31 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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 MINUTES OF LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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May 12, 2026  
 Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
 Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:18 a.m.

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Richard Schwab		X
Charles Keith	X	
Larry Sessions	X	
Harry Smith	X	
Larry Thompson	X	
George Wheeler	X	
Virginia Johns – Chair	X	

2. Public Comment. None

**Discussion**

3. Governing Board Directive 26-0004, Conservation Easements Guidelines. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

**Property Exchange / Surplus / Conveyance**

4. Declaration of Surplus for Small Lots, Lafayette County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Declaration of Surplus for Small Lots, Hamilton County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Announcements: None
7. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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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: June 1, 2026

RE: Contract with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for conservation technician services for an amount not to exceed \$211,410.

**BACKGROUND**

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and the District, through the Suwannee River Partnership (SRP), have recognized the need to provide technical support services to agricultural producers for best management practice (BMP) implementation. These services have been critical to the SRP mission to help conserve water and improve water quality in the region.

The FDACS, FDEP, and District funding for this initiative is accomplished through FDACS entering into separate agreements with the Gilchrist County Soil and Water Conservation District, Suwannee County Soil and Water Conservation District, Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Science North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) – Live Oak for positions that provide services to 13 counties.

These conservation districts employ up to six conservation technicians that work under the direction of FDACS to assist producers with fertilization, irrigation, and waste management BMPs. The technicians provide significant assistance to District staff regarding water use permitting, agricultural land use assessments (Florida Statewide Agricultural Irrigation Demand model), and cost-share outreach.

In addition, the NFREC employs an SRP Outreach Coordinator, who is co-funded by FDEP and FDACS. The SRP Outreach Coordinator spearheads its Steering Committee's efforts, SRP events, and other public outreach and educational activities throughout the District.

The contract period aligns with the State of Florida Fiscal Year (FY) of July 1 through June 30.

Funding for this contract is available in the FY 2025-2026 Final Budget and funding for the remaining portion of the contract is contained in the FY 2026-2027 Tentative Budget.

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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: June 1, 2026  
RE: April 2026 Financial Report

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the April 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 District Governing Board has directed staff to prepare a financial report as attached.

PS/ak  
Attachments

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

<b>Financial Institution/Account</b>	<b>Monthly Interest</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
First Federal Permit Fee	\$22.41	\$522.41
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$43.75	\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$836.12	\$760,657.81
Florida PRIME (SBA LGIA)	\$16,728.07	\$5,319,570.16
First Federal ICS Custodian Account	\$51,507.68	\$16,337,021.81
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	\$60,151.96	\$20,172,995.88
TOTAL	<u>\$129,289.99</u>	<u>\$42,625,768.07</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 April 30, 2026  
(Unaudited)**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Actuals Through 4/30/2026</b>	<b>Variance (Under)/Over Budget</b>	<b>Actuals As A % of Budget</b>
<b>Sources</b>				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 7,307,624	\$ 6,643,415	\$ (664,209)	90.9%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 61,469,710	\$ 9,310,765	\$ (52,158,945)	15.1%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 250,000	\$ 885,117	\$ 635,117	354.0%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 300,000	\$ 176,985	\$ (123,016)	59.0%
Other	\$ 2,040,000	\$ 645,535	\$ (1,394,465)	31.6%
Fund Balance <sup>1</sup>	\$ 12,261,991	\$ 470,236	\$ (11,791,755)	3.8%
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$ 83,629,325</b>	<b>\$ 18,132,052</b>	<b>\$ (65,497,273)</b>	<b>21.7%</b>

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Encumbrances <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Available Budget</b>	<b>%Expended</b>	<b>%Obligated <sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Uses</b>						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 11,838,179	\$ 3,950,760	\$ 7,571,303	\$ 316,116	33%	97%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 57,259,654	\$ 4,682,944	\$ 26,794,298	\$ 25,782,412	8%	55%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 9,683,558	\$ 2,344,634	\$ 1,765,077	\$ 5,573,847	24%	42%
Regulation	\$ 2,507,619	\$ 950,826	\$ 55,887	\$ 1,500,906	38%	40%
Outreach	\$ 291,126	\$ 114,799	\$ 76,938	\$ 99,389	39%	66%
Management and Administration	\$ 2,049,189	\$ 1,041,857	\$ 77,876	\$ 929,456	51%	55%
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$ 83,629,325</b>	<b>\$ 13,085,820</b>	<b>\$ 36,341,379</b>	<b>\$ 34,202,126</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>59%</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This financial statement is prepared as of April 30, 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 4/30/2026**

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b><u>Report Recap -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	8,351,051	0	9,897,624
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	8,099,493	0	55,318,210
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,211,272	0	6,151,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	470,236	0	12,261,991
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>18,132,052</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83,629,325</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	4,147,055	0	9,206,200
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,866,912	23,190,951	33,066,784
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,453,569	145,648	2,525,400
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,617	2,174	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	349,088	1,714,863	11,325,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	2,265,579	11,287,743	27,217,897
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>13,085,820</b>	<b>36,341,379</b>	<b>83,629,325</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,046,232</b>	<b>(36,341,379)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>General Fund -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	7,488,632	0	7,819,527
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	3,755,509	0	6,375,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	54,537	0	3,855,554
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>11,298,678</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,050,081</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	3,753,593	0	8,288,542
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	792,436	1,159,506	3,567,195
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,354,684	70,891	2,229,800
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,617	2,174	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	266,713	0	2,386,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	368,528	421,272	1,290,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>6,539,571</b>	<b>1,653,843</b>	<b>18,050,081</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,759,107</b>	<b>(1,653,843)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>Land Management and Acquisitions -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	758,036	0	1,578,097
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,116,354	0	2,985,369
FEDERAL REVENUES	135,118	0	631,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,089,937
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,009,508</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,284,903</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	393,461	0	912,584
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	787,647	1,179,609	2,817,219
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	97,890	74,757	251,100
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	77,095	280,028	1,439,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	125,314	377,547	865,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,481,407</b>	<b>1,911,941</b>	<b>6,284,903</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>528,101</b>	<b>(1,911,941)</b>	<b>0</b>

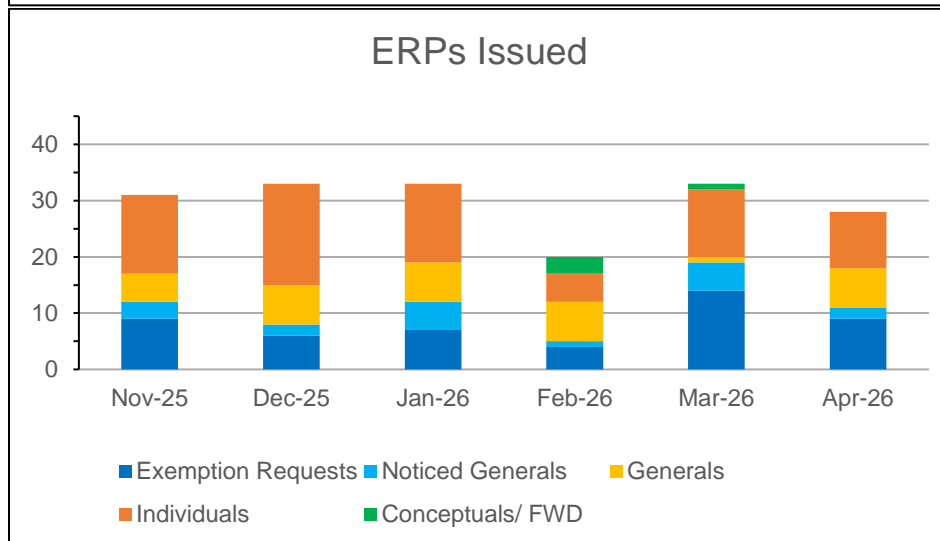
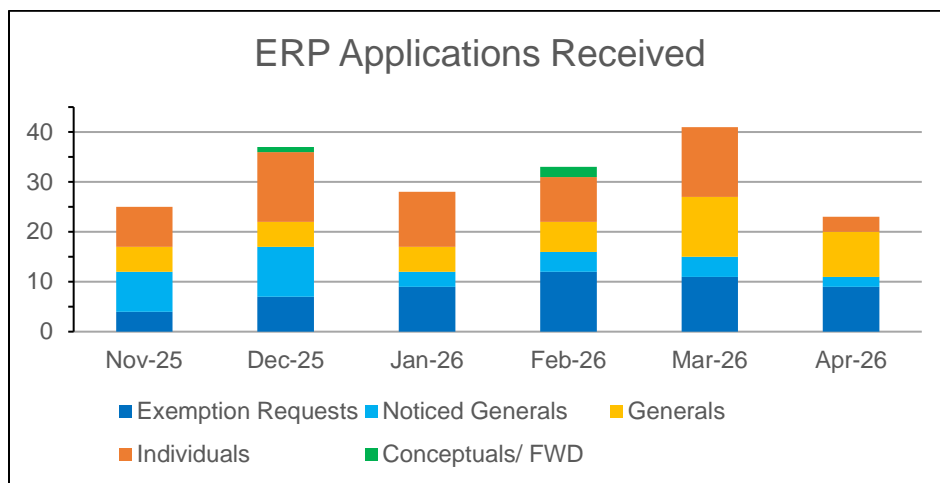
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**FOR 4/30/2026**

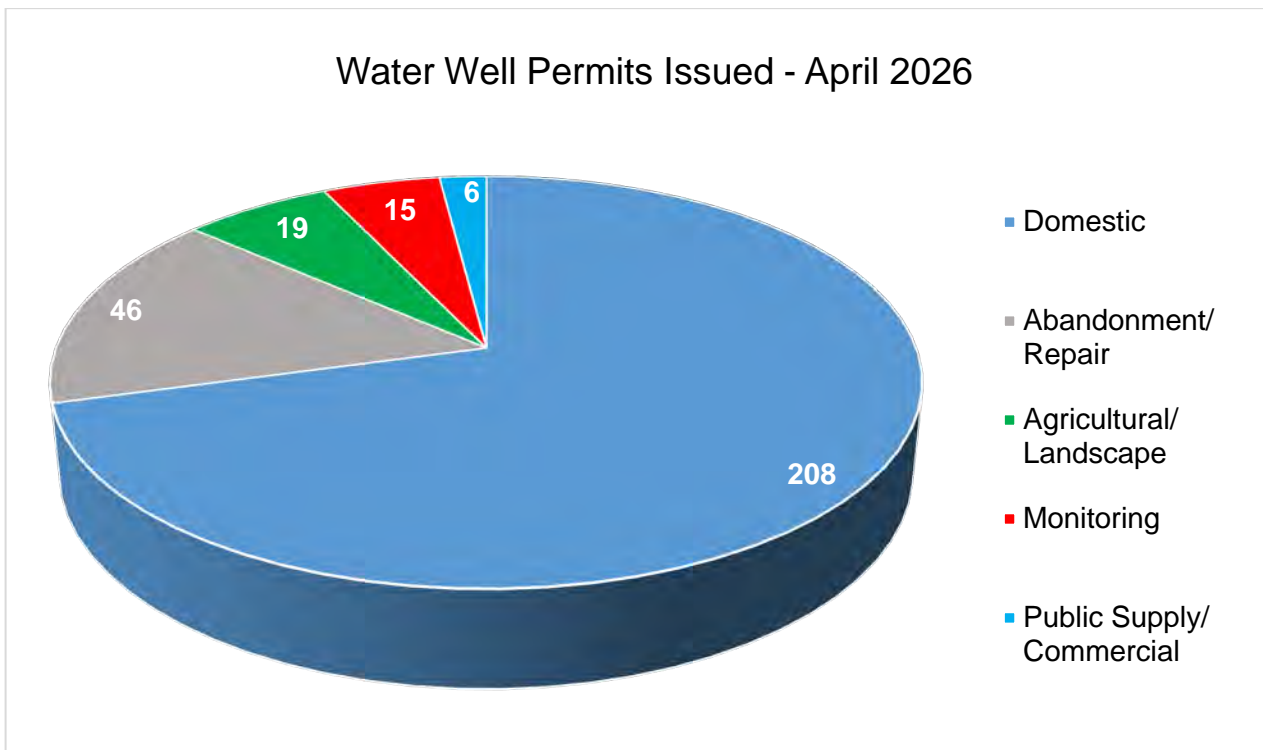
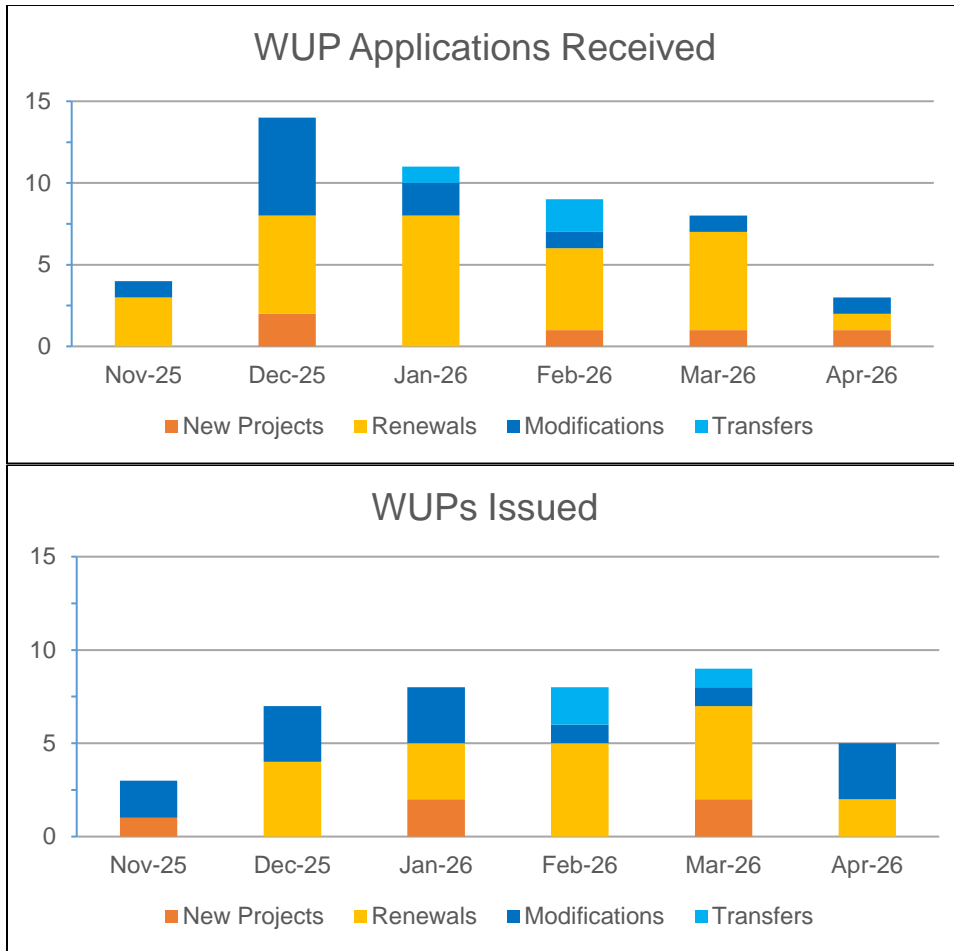
	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b><u>District Special Revenue -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	318,351	0	4,589,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>318,351</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,589,500</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	257,745	1,079,138	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	1,695,427	2,376,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>318,351</b>	<b>2,774,565</b>	<b>4,589,500</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,774,565)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>State Special Revenue -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	104,383	0	500,000
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	3,227,630	0	45,957,841
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	97,349	0	2,727,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,429,362</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,184,841</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	5,074
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,952,930	13,631,551	19,990,870
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,500
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,280	1,434,836	7,500,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,711,131	8,793,497	21,682,397
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,669,341</b>	<b>23,859,884</b>	<b>49,184,841</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(239,979) *</b>	<b>(23,859,884)</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>*To be reimbursed by State Grants</i>			
<b><u>Federal Special Revenue -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,076,155	0	5,520,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,076,155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,520,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,077,150</b>	<b>6,141,146</b>	<b>5,520,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(995) *</b>	<b>(6,141,146)</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>*To be reimbursed by Federal Grants</i>			

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 29, 2026  
RE: Permitting Summary Report





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 29, 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 April 30, 2026

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS PROGRAM</b>		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	15	\$ 19,667,958
Contracts completed within the last 6 months	2	\$ 1,093,700
Active TWAs	9	\$ 1,358,272
TWAs completed in the last 6 months	5	\$ 262,077
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$ 22,382,006</b>

<b>AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM</b>		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	170	\$ 12,810,860
Completed within the last 6 months	22	\$ 1,124,927
Active TWAs	143	\$ 8,247,800
TWA completed in past 6 months	22	\$ 699,743
<b>Totals</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>\$ 22,883,330</b>

<b>FLOOD RISK OUTREACH AND MAPPING PROGRAM</b>		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Number of Contracts (TWAs)	20	\$ 10,474,593
Completed within the last 6 months	0	\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$ 10,474,593</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTS / TWAs</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>\$ 55,739,929</b>

<b>AEP APPLICATIONS</b>	
	Number of Projects
Agriculture Applications under review	11
AWS and Springs	0
Conceptual Projects under review	9
Projects in Queue	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>

<b>AEP FUNDING SOURCES</b>		
	Number of Grants	Grant amount provided
District	3	\$ 10,425,278
EP FDEP	14	\$ 30,673,775
Ag FDEP	9	\$ 29,680,400
Federal (CTP Program)	9	\$ 13,009,917
Cooperator Match	-	\$ 9,049,402
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$ 92,838,772</b>

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: May 21, 2026  
RE: Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

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

Facebook	X	Instagram
Total Posts: 15 Total Views: 144,473 Content Interactions: 1,500	Total Posts: 15 Total Impressions: 890	Total Posts: 11 Total Views: 2,407 Total Engagement: 575

Press Releases
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 2 – <a href="#">Water Conservation Month</a></li><li>• April 3 – <a href="#">Springs Protection Awareness Month</a></li><li>• April 8 – <a href="#">SRWMD Governing Board Meeting</a></li><li>• April 8 – <a href="#">Land Acquisition Portal</a></li><li>• April 14 – <a href="#">Phase II Water Shortage</a></li><li>• April 15 – <a href="#">Hydrologic Conditions Report</a></li></ul>

Media Inquiries / Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 10 – Troy Roberts responded to the Monticello News regarding a permit violation question.</li><li>• April 20 – Troy Roberts responded to a question from the Florida Phoenix regarding the “threatened” status of the Suwannee River.</li><li>• April 24 – Troy Roberts provided a feature story to the Florida Specifier for its upcoming publication.</li><li>• April 28 – Troy Roberts responded to WCJB TV 20 regarding questions about groundwater pumping and beverage processing.</li><li>• April 28 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with Fresh Take Florida regarding questions about drought conditions and water conservation.</li><li>• April 30 – Troy Roberts provided an interview to WUFT regarding ongoing drought conditions and water conservation.</li></ul>

### Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public

- April 3 – Troy Roberts was a special guest speaker for a University of Florida Policy and Communications class.
- April 8 – Troy Roberts and staff met with Atkins to discuss ongoing FEMA grant project work.
- April 13 – Troy Roberts met with Strategic Digital Services to discuss feature story interview schedules.
- April 21 – Troy Roberts attended an interagency PIO meeting in Columbia County ahead of the start of hurricane season.
- April 22 – Troy Roberts met with Civic Plus (District website host) to discuss items related to accessibility.
- April 23 – Troy Roberts attended the UF-IFAS Bellamy's Water Celebration at Ichetucknee Springs State Park to educate students on water conservation.
- April 23 – Troy Roberts attended the Suwannee Pineview Elementary School STEMposium to provide educational materials to students.
- April 24 – Troy Roberts and staff attended a meeting with Atkins and the Moore Agency to discuss work related to flood risk review outreach.
- April 29 – Troy Roberts attended a monthly meeting with DEP and other WMD communications teams to discuss ongoing issues.

### April Photo Highlight:

Troy Roberts talks to kids about water conservation during the UF-IFAS Bellamy's Water Celebration at Ichetucknee Springs State Park in April.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

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Attachment

Surplus Properties – Available										
Tract	Acres	County	Parcel Number(s)	Terms	Status	Acquired Date	Funding	Lands Committee Date	Board Surplus Date	
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	
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, Lot 3 10897010040, Lot 4	Subject to conservation.	Available.	04.24.1998	Save Our Rivers	--	06.08.2010	
Surplus Properties - Contract for Sale										
Three Rivers Estates, Lot 135	1	Columbia	1017000, Lot 135	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Pending Closing. Sale approved on 04.14.2026.	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	07.09.2019	08.13.2019	
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. Sale approved on 04.14.2026.	07.01.1998	Save Our Rivers	12.09.2025	01.13.2026	
Forest Woodlands Lot 37 & 38	11	Gilchrist	320814008300000370, Lot 37 320814008300000380, Lot 38	Subject to a restrictive deed that no well, no septic, and no permanent development be installed.	Pending Closing. Sale approved on 05.12.2026.	10.11.1996	Save Our Rivers	10.11.2019	11.12.2019	

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	03-04S-17-07486-001 (portion of) 03-04S-17-07486-001 (portion of) 03-04S-17-07487-000 (portion of)	CCR North to be used for water resource project. Wellfield must be used for wellfield purposes. If either are not used as described, will revert back to District. Includes payment of \$157,250	Negotiating final terms.	May 2001 (LC Wellfield) July 01 2015 (CCR)	Local Government Assistance Program and Court Judgement	--	02.10.2026 CCR originally surplusd on 07.09.2019	City of Lake City

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. Funds encumbered and committed. Working with FDACS on partnership purchase.		
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 30, 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	\$350,000 or 10% of Total	Conservation Easement	09.25.23	10.10.23	Ranked #5. Funds encumbered and committed. Working with FDACS on partnership purchase.		

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: Governing Board Directive Number 26-0004, Conservation Easement Guidelines

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Governing Board Directive Number 26-0004 for Conservation Easement Amendment Guidelines.

**BACKGROUND**

On July 14, 2020, the Governing Board approved Governing Board Directive (GBD) 20-0005 Conservation Easements Amendment Guidelines, which outlines practices and Board direction regarding conservation easements amendments in accordance with Florida Statutes and Chapter 40B-9, Florida Administrative Code.

This revised directive recommends primarily administrative changes consisting of:

- 1) Prioritizing the terms/condition information in Section 4 and deleting repetitive text in Section 5.
- 2) Moving section definitions from Section 3 to Section 5 to better explain the amendment types.
- 3) Organizing procedural information for improved staff understanding.

One substantive change is included that removes the requirement for amendments to be considered by the Lands Committee and instead go directly to the Governing Board. This practice has been allowed by the Lands Committee Chair for the last three conservation easement amendments and has improved efficiency and customer service. Staff desire to codify the practice.

Approval of GBD26-0004 will supersede GBD20-0005, along with all former versions of similar content, become effective upon Governing Board approval.

A redline and clean copy of the directive are attached.

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Attachments

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



Directive Number: GBD20-0005  
Date Approved: July 14, 2020 June 9, 2026  
Subject: Conservation Easements Amendment Guidelines  
Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Johns, Chair

Richard Schwab, Secretary/Treasurer  
Charles Keith, Secretary/Treasurer

**1.0 Reference to Prior Directive**

Supersedes Directives GBD15-0002, GBD18-0001, ~~and~~ GBD 19-0002, and GBD20-0005.

**2.0 Purpose and Intent**

It is the intent of this Directive to outline the policy and procedures approved ~~for responding to requests from landowners~~ to modify the terms of the conservation easements ~~on their properties~~ held by the Suwannee River Water Management District (District).

The Governing Board has purchased substantial real-estate rights through the use of conservation easements, as provided in sections 373.139 and 704.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to protect water and other resources on property located in the District. -These conservation easements were the product of negotiation and were purchased based upon the appraised value of the rights obtained. -The terms of each conservation easement were approved by the Governing Board after conducting a public hearing thereon. -All conservation easements owned by the District are valid in perpetuity.

**3.0 Definitions**

- A. ~~Conservation Value Amendments means amendments in which the landowner or grantee requests the return or release of all, or some portion of rights purchased by the District under the terms of the conservation easement.~~
- B. ~~Mutually Beneficial Amendments means amendments initiated by the Landowner or District for which there are no substantive changes to the conservation easement and both parties benefit from the modification such as but not limited to, map revisions, or clarifications of language, or improvement of natural of natural resource protection.~~
- C. ~~Corrective Amendments means amendments to correct errors in previous agreements such as scrivener's errors, mapping or similar graphic errors, or similar errors or omissions, which do not change the intent of the original documents.~~
- D. ~~District Sponsored Water Resource Projects Amendments means amendments which will provide a significant public and water resource benefit.~~

**4.0 Elements of Directive**

- A. It is the policy of the Governing Board that modifications of the terms of existing conservation easements shall be minimized to protect the rights and resources that were

purchased for public benefit. ~~Any amendment requests proposals that are submitted shall be for the most limited manner to achieve the stated request. The request must not conflict with the protection of the resources intended in the conservation easement. The request must be consistent with protection of the rights listed in section 704.06(1), F.S. If there is no other option to avoid adverse impacts to these rights, then a plan to mitigate for the impacts must be presented. In all cases, the public must receive a net-positive benefit for the request to be approved.~~

- B. Except as provided elsewhere in this Directive, Landowners ~~initiating requesting~~ amendments shall be responsible for District expenses associated with the amendment, including but limited to, staff time, legal fees, surveying fees, appraisal fees, recording costs, and other expenses incurred by the District in pursuing the amendment. The District shall provide an estimate of the expenses to the Landowner. The Landowner shall pay the estimated expenses prior to District beginning evaluation of proposed amendment. If the actual expenses are greater than the estimated expenses, the Landowner shall pay the balance in advance of the execution of the amendment by the District. If the actual expenses are less than the estimated expenses, the District will refund the overpayment to the Landowner.
- C. All requests for an amendment must be in writing. Any amendment must provide additional protection for water resources on the easement property, or nearby water resources. District expenses required to process the request shall be received prior to processing an amendment request for amendments proposed by landowner or grantee.
- ~~D. After staff review to determine a request is complete, a staff report will be provided to the Lands Committee of the Governing Board. The Lands Committee Governing Board will review the report and either request more information, approve or reject the request, or move the request to the full Governing Board for consideration.~~
- ~~E.D. The Lands Committee and~~ Governing Board will consider whether to allow a modification to a conservation easement based on general resource benefits which may or may not be subject to clear measurement in the real estate market, or otherwise.
- ~~E. District staff shall seek to reserve the right to implement future water resource projects within the easement wherever practicable.~~
- F. For landowner-initiated amendments, the landowner shall provide: information including, but not limited to, completing necessary field reviews, submitting amended language, completing ArcGIS analyses, maps and delivering all data to the District, or a combination of providing District information and paying for District staff time and expenses.
- ~~G. This Directive does not require that the Governing Board take any action on any request.~~

## 5.0 Types of Amendments:

Amendment requests are divided into four different types (1) Mutually Beneficial Amendments, (2) Conservation Value Amendments, (3) Corrective Amendments, and (4) District Sponsored Water Resource Projects Amendments.

### A. Mutually Beneficial Amendments:

Mutually Beneficial Amendments means amendments for which there are no substantive changes to the conservation easement, and both parties benefit from the

modification such as but not limited to, map revisions, or clarifications of language, or improvement of natural resource protection.

- ~~1. Landowner initiated amendments must provide the following:
  - a. Mutually beneficial A amendments must result in equal or net increase in conservation values.  
These amendments must be made with written consent from the landowner. District-initiated amendments do not require a sharing of the expenses by the landowner or grantee.
  - b. ~~Information including, but not limited to, completing necessary field reviews, submitting amended language, completing ArcGIS analyses, maps and delivering all data to the District, or a combination of providing District information and paying for District staff time and expenses.~~
  - c. ~~Landowner shall pay the District for its expenses associated with the amendment such as staff time, legal fees, surveying fees, appraisal fees, recording costs, and other related expenses.~~
  - d. ~~The District shall provide an estimate of the expenses to the Landowner. Landowner shall pay the estimated expenses prior to District beginning evaluation of proposed amendment. If the actual expenses are less than the estimated expenses, the District will refund the overpayment to the Landowner. If the actual expenses are greater than the estimated expenses, the Landowner shall pay the balance in advance of the execution of the amendment by the District.~~~~
2. ~~District initiated amendments must provide the following:
  - a. ~~Written consent of the landowner.~~
  - b. ~~Cost estimate of the amendment.~~
    - c. ~~District initiated amendments do not require a sharing of the expenses by the landowner or grantee.~~~~
3. ~~Provided that the Executive Director finds a request for a Mutually Beneficial Amendment which does not seek a substantive change in the Conservation Easement and that the District will benefit from the requested modification (only map revisions or the clarification of language), the Executive Director may bypass the Lands Committee and have the request placed directly on the Governing Board meeting agenda for consideration.~~

#### **B. Conservation Value Amendments:**

Conservation Value Amendments means amendments in which the landowner or grantee requests return or release of all, or some portion of rights purchased by the District under the terms of the conservation easement.

- ~~1. Landowner must pay all the expenses associated with the amendment such as staff time, legal fees, surveying fees, appraisal fees, recording costs, and other related expenses.
  - a. ~~The District shall provide an estimate of such expenses to Landowner.~~
  - b. ~~Landowner shall pay the estimated expenses to the District prior to District beginning evaluation of proposed amendment. If the actual expenses are less than the estimated expenses, the District shall refund the overpayment to the Landowner. If the actual expenses are greater than the estimated expenses, the Landowner shall pay the balance in advance of the execution of the amendment by the District.~~~~

2. ~~Landowner must provide the District with a complete request before the District will process the request.~~
  - a. ~~Information may include, but is not limited to, completing necessary field reviews, preparing amended language, completing ArcGIS analyses, survey, appraisal, maps, and other pertinent data as appropriate.~~
  - b. ~~Upon staff's determination that the information is complete, it will be submitted for Lands Committee Governing Board consideration, and, if approved, Governing Board consideration.~~
3. District staff may have proposed changes in conservation values of the easements appraised or professionally valued at the landowner's cost, if applicable.
4. Landowner requests for amendments must result in a net increase in conservation value, and landowners may propose measures to offset losses in conservation values. Offsets in losses to conservation values must occur on the land encumbered by the conservation easement.
5. Landowner may be required to pay to the District the value of the rights returned under the modified conservation easement.
6. In the event that there is a release of any conservation lands or a net loss of conservation lands, in addition to the above, the Landowner shall provide evidence of compliance with Florida Statute 193.501(4) prior to the Amendment becoming effective. No amendment by which there is a release of any conservation lands or a net loss of conservation lands shall be recorded in the public records or be binding on the District until such compliance has been demonstrated.

### **C. Corrective Amendments:**

Corrective Amendments means amendments to correct errors in previous agreements such as scrivener's errors, mapping or similar graphic errors, or similar errors or omissions, which do not change the intent of the original documents.

1. ~~Corrective Amendments must provide the following:~~
  - a. ~~Corrective amendments shall include Written consent of both the District and landowner or grantee.~~
  - b. Landowner and District ~~will, may~~ share equally in the expenses, or as otherwise agreed upon, such as ~~but not limited to legal fees, surveying fees, appraisal fees, and recording costs associated with the amendment. The expenses shall be documented by both parties and retained at District Headquarters.~~
  - c. ~~The District shall provide an estimate of the Landowner's share of the expenses to Landowner. Landowner shall pay its share of the estimated expenses prior to District beginning evaluation of proposed amendment.~~
  - d. ~~If the actual expenses are less than the estimated expenses, the District will refund the overpayment to the Landowner.~~
  - e. ~~If the actual expenses are greater than the estimated expenses, the Landowner shall pay the balance in advance of the execution of the amendment by the District.~~

### **D. District Sponsored Water Resource Projects Amendments:**

District Sponsored Water Resource Projects Amendments means amendments which will provide a significant public and water resource benefit.

1. Landowner and District may find improvements that can be made to the easement property which will provide a significant public and water resource benefit.
2. The parties will negotiate an equitable share of the expenses associated with projects on conservation easements.

3. ~~District shall provide an estimate of the Landowner's share of the expenses to Landowner, where appropriate. Landowner shall pay its share of the estimated expenses prior to District beginning evaluation of proposed amendment. If the actual expenses are less than the estimated expenses, the District will refund the overpayment to the Landowner. If the actual expenses are greater than the estimated expenses, the Landowner shall pay the balance in advance of the execution of the amendment by the District.~~

#### 6.0 **Amendment Information Requirements:**

The following information must be provided, where appropriate. Additional information may be requested by District staff during the evaluation of the amendment.

1. Specify the terms of the easement to be modified, and why the terms are no longer acceptable.
2. Identify the proposed modified terms and map revisions.
3. Provide a professional assessment of the impact to natural resources on the easement property.
4. Provide an estimate of the value of the modification to the whole easement developed by a real estate appraiser or other professional.
5. Provide a brief explanation as to how the proposed modifications are mutually beneficial or provide resolution for changes in conservation values.
6. Identify how the landowner plans to share the cost and responsibility of the mutually beneficial amendments.
7. Provide an appraisal to determine conservation value modifications by a qualified appraiser who is registered, licensed, or certified under Part II, Chapter 475, F.S.
8. Provide information to support the appraisal.
9. Identify proposed public resource impacts, positive or negative, of the proposed amendment.
10. Provide a survey that meets District standards with legal description of requested changes or a boundary sketch whichever is deemed the most appropriate to protect the District's conservation interest.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE



**Directive Number:** GBD26-0004  
**Date Approved:** June 9, 2026  
**Subject:** Conservation Easements Amendment Guidelines

**Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Johns, Chair

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Charles Keith, Secretary/Treasurer

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**3.0 Elements of Directive**

- A. It is the policy of the Governing Board that modifications of the terms of existing conservation easements shall be minimized to protect the rights and resources that were purchased for public benefit. Any amendment requests shall be for the most limited manner to achieve the stated request. The request must not conflict with the protection of the resources intended in the conservation easement. The request must be consistent with protection of the rights listed in section 704.06(1), F.S. If there is no other option to avoid adverse impacts to these rights, then a plan to mitigate for the impacts must be presented. In all cases, the public must receive a net-positive benefit for the request to be approved.
- B. Except as provided elsewhere in this Directive, Landowners requesting amendments shall be responsible for District expenses associated with the amendment, including but limited to, staff time, legal fees, surveying fees, appraisal fees, recording costs, and other expenses incurred by the District in pursuing the amendment. The District shall provide an estimate of the expenses to the Landowner. The Landowner shall pay the estimated

expenses prior to District beginning evaluation of proposed amendment. If the actual expenses are greater than the estimated expenses, the Landowner shall pay the balance in advance of the execution of the amendment by the District. If the actual expenses are less than the estimated expenses, the District will refund the overpayment to the Landowner.

- C. All requests for an amendment must be in writing. Any amendment may provide additional protection for water resources on the easement property, or nearby water resources. District expenses required to process the request shall be received prior to processing an amendment request for amendments proposed by landowner or grantee.
- D. The Governing Board will consider whether to allow a modification to a conservation easement based on general resource benefits which may or may not be subject to clear measurement in the real estate market, or otherwise.
- E. District staff shall seek to reserve the right to implement future water resource projects within the easement wherever practicable.
- F. For landowner-initiated amendments, the landowner shall provide information including, but not limited to, completing necessary field reviews, submitting amended language, completing ArcGIS analyses, maps and delivering all data to the District, or a combination of providing District information and paying for District staff time and expenses.

#### **4.0 Types of Amendments:**

Amendment requests are divided into four different types (1) Mutually Beneficial Amendments, (2) Conservation Value Amendments, (3) Corrective Amendments, and (4) District Sponsored Water Resource Projects Amendments.

##### **A. Mutually Beneficial Amendments:**

Mutually Beneficial Amendments means amendments for which there are no substantive changes to the conservation easement, and both parties benefit from the modification such as but not limited to, map revisions, or clarifications of language, or improvement of natural resource protection. Mutually beneficial amendments must result in equal or net increase in conservation values. These amendments must be made with written consent from the landowner. District-initiated amendments do not require a sharing of the expenses by the landowner or grantee.

##### **B. Conservation Value Amendments:**

Conservation Value Amendments means amendments in which the landowner or grantee requests return or release of all, or some portion of rights purchased by the District under the terms of the conservation easement.

1. District staff may have proposed changes in conservation values of the easements appraised or professionally valued at the landowner's cost, if applicable.
2. Landowner requests for amendments must result in a net increase in conservation value, and landowners may propose measures to offset losses in conservation values. Offsets in losses to conservation values must occur on the land encumbered by the conservation easement.
3. Landowner may be required to pay to the District the value of the rights returned under the modified conservation easement.

4. In the event that there is a release of any conservation lands or a net loss of conservation lands, in addition to the above, the Landowner shall provide evidence of compliance with Florida Statute 193.501(4) prior to the Amendment becoming effective. No amendment by which there is a release of any conservation lands or a net loss of conservation lands shall be recorded in the public records or be binding on the District until such compliance has been demonstrated.

**C. Corrective Amendments:**

Corrective Amendments means amendments to correct errors in previous agreements Such as scrivener's errors, mapping or similar graphic errors, or similar errors or omissions, which do not change the intent of the original documents.

1. Corrective amendments shall include written consent of both the District and landowner or grantee.
2. Landowner and District may share equally in the expenses, or as otherwise agreed upon.

**D. District Sponsored Water Resource Projects Amendments:**

District Sponsored Water Resource Projects Amendments means amendments which will provide a significant public and water resource benefit.

1. Landowner and District may find improvements that can be made to the easement property which will provide a significant public and water resource benefit.
2. The parties will negotiate an equitable share of the expenses associated with projects on conservation easements.

**5.0 Amendment Information Requirements:**

The following information must be provided, where appropriate. Additional information may be requested by District staff during the evaluation of the amendment.

1. Specify the terms of the easement to be modified, and why the terms are no longer acceptable.
2. Identify the proposed modified terms and map revisions.
3. Provide a professional assessment of the impact to natural resources on the easement property.
4. Provide an estimate of the value of the modification to the whole easement developed by a real estate appraiser or other professional.
5. Provide a brief explanation as to how the proposed modifications are mutually beneficial or provide resolution for changes in conservation values.
6. Identify how the landowner plans to share the cost and responsibility of the mutually beneficial amendments.
7. Provide an appraisal to determine conservation value modifications by a qualified appraiser who is registered, licensed, or certified under Part II, Chapter 475, F.S.
8. Provide information to support the appraisal.
9. Identify proposed public resource impacts, positive or negative, of the proposed amendment.
10. Provide a survey that meets District standards with legal description of requested changes or a boundary sketch, whichever is deemed the most appropriate to protect the District's conservation interest.

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: Declaration of Surplus for Small Lots, Lafayette County

**RECOMMENDATION**

Declare as surplus small lots consisting of 46 lots located in Lafayette County.

**BACKGROUND**

The Lafayette County small lots were acquired in various transactions from 1995-1998 using Save Our Rivers funds. These parcels are isolated, have very little resource value, are not currently managed, are a burden to manage, do not provide a footprint for a potential water resource development project, and many are in residential neighborhoods.

The parcels recommended for surplus are listed in Table 1. Lots allowing structures are required to include advanced septic. For lots within the new spring priority focus area (PFA), Enhanced Nutrient Reducing Septic systems (ENRs) are now required regardless of the size of the lot. Any lots allowing structures outside of that PFA will include deed restrictions to require ENR septic.

Pursuant to GBD25-0004, the lots were screened using the water resource evaluation shown in the triage summary maps and surplus land guidelines shown in Table 2. Based on the analysis, the parcels do not further the District's land conservation purposes and the lots are recommended for surplus. The table below identifies lots that permit development with advanced septic systems and those that do not allow development.

Site visits were performed on April 8, 2026. Based on the date of acquisition, a 2/3 vote will be required by the Governing Board to surplus the parcel in accordance with section 373.089(6)(a), Florida Statutes.

The Lands Committee approved the surplus on May 12, 2026. Any property not sold through an adjacency sale will be sold to the general public. A map indicating the surplus parcels is attached.

AO/kcp  
Attachments

<b>Table 1</b>									
<b>Tract Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>GIS Acres</b>	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Translink#</b>	<b>Acquisition Date</b>	<b>Acquisition Price</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Site Visit</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Canoe Country Lot 152	Lafayette	3.1	2804110051000001520	9177	04.19.1998	\$10,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
Suwannee River Country Estate Lot 2	Lafayette	1.19	2704110048000000020	9183	04/23/1998	\$22,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
Cedar Shoals* Lot 18 and 19	Lafayette	0.97	3604110010000000180	9049	01/06/1995	\$13,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
Hankins	Lafayette	3.84	0205120000000001000	9060	02/13/1995	\$29,250	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, no development
Hidden Acres A30 and A31	Lafayette	2.19	140714004100A000300	9185	07/24/1998	\$3,000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
Suwannee River Bend 9D	Lafayette	5.61	200614002800D000090	9213	04.28.1998	2,085.71	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
Suwannee River Bend 29* 34* 37* 42*43* 44*	Lafayette	3	1706140028000000290	9058	05.23.1995	\$26,600	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, no development.
Suwannee River Bend  29A* 34A* 37A* 42A* 43A* 44A*	Lafayette	5.99	17061400280A000290				Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
		1.5		9210	04.28.1998	\$2,085.71			
		1.5		9211	04.28.1998	\$2,085.71			
		1.5		9212	04.28.1998	\$2,085.71			
		0.5		9207	04.28.1998	\$2,085.71			
		0.5		9208	04.28.1998	\$2,085.71			
		0.5		9209	04.28.1998	\$2,085.71			
Suwannee Shores Lot 2 and 3*	Lafayette	0.93	Updated Parcel# 34-04-12-0020-2000020 Original Parcel # 3404120020002000000	9059	12.21.1998	\$16,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
Forest Glades Lots 26 and 28	Lafayette	1.9	3306140052001000260	9053	04.20.1995	\$1000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, no development
Forest Glades Lots 27 and 31	Lafayette	3.26	2806140052001000270	9052	04.20.1995	\$3000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic

Tract Name	County	GIS Acres	Parcel	Translink#	Acquisition Date	Acquisition Price	Funding Source	Site Visit	Recommendation
Forest Glades Lots 14, 15, and 16	Lafayette	3.07	2806140052001000140	9054	02.02.1995	\$21,000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
Majestic Suwannee Lot 24	Lafayette	3.26	3407140037000000240	9186	04.22.1998	\$5,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, No development
Dixie Ranchettes Lots 5, 6, and Portion of 7	Lafayette	14.28	33-07-14-0055-00000-0050	9057	12.31.1994	\$14,000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic.
Dixie Ranchettes Lots 2 and 3	Lafayette	10.23	33-07-14-0055-0000-00020	9050 and 9051	02.27.1995 02.27.1995	\$4,750 \$4,750	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
Dixie Ranchettes Lot 1	Lafayette	5.03	33-07-14-0055-0000-0010	9056	01.19.1995	\$4,750	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, no development
Devil's Elbow Lot 33	Lafayette	1.7	11-07-14-0053-0010-00330	9215	06.19.1998	\$7,000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, no development
Devil's Elbow North Lot	Lafayette	3.07	11-07-14-0053-0010-00260	9139	04.29.1998	\$42,000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, no development
Devil's Elbow	Lafayette	1.45	11-07-14-0053-0010-00300	9139	04.29.1998	\$42,000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, no development
Devil's Elbow Lots 26,27,28,29,31, and 32	Lafayette	4.47	1107140053001000260 (South Lot)	9139	04.29.1998	\$42,000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
Devil's Elbow Lot 24	Lafayette	1.2	1107140053001000240	9214	06.19.1998	\$7,000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic

\*Lots within the Troy Falmouth PFA which require advanced septic.

<b>Table 2 – Surplus Lands Guidelines</b>
<b>Lafayette County Small Lots – All Lots Listed in Table 1.</b>
<b>The extent to which disposing of the lands will adversely affect management effectiveness and efficiency.</b>
None, the parcels are not actively managed.
<b>The extent to which the lands are currently used by the public for recreational purposes.</b>
None, the parcels have no known recreation or established recreation facilities.
<b>Whether disposal of the lands would result in a net loss of lands open to public hunting.</b>
None, the parcels are not open to hunting.
<b>The extent to which the lands provide other significant archaeological, historical, or ecological value.</b>
None, there are no observed significant cultural resources on the parcels.
<b>The extent to which the lands provide a valuable linkage to conservation property owned by the District or other publicly owned conservation lands.</b>
None, the parcels are located within a residential neighborhood.
<b>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.</b>
None, the parcels are not actively managed.
<b>The extent to which the lands are marketable.</b>
High, the lands are located with a residential neighborhood and desired for purchase.
<b>The extent to which concerns of other public conservation land managers or members of the public have been addressed.</b>
There are no known concerns.
<b>The extent to which disposing of the lands will adversely affect potential future water resource development projects.</b>
None, this property is not suitable for a project due to its small size and location.
<b>The extent to which lands are more suitable for management by others due to size or location with the District retaining a conservation easement.</b>
None, these parcels are located within a residential neighborhood. Permitting will address conservation concerns. The lot associated with boat trailer parking is recommended for conveyance to the county.
<b>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.</b>
N/A
<b>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.</b>
N/A
<b>For lands with merchantable timber, the extent to which disposing of the land would reduce timber revenue available to the District.</b>
None, the parcels contains hardwoods of negligible value and are not harvestable.
<b>Access to public or private water and/or wastewater utilities.</b>
N/A



# SUWANNEE TRIAGE ANALYSIS RESULTS

## General

Property Name: Lafayette County Lots

Date: 4/6/2026

30 Parcels and 46 Lots

SRWMD Florida Forever: N/A

Sum Acreage: ± 72.2 ac

Range: Min: .47 ac - Max: 14.2 ac

SRWMD 5 Year Acquisition Plan: N/A

Mean: 2.5 ac | Median: 1.3 ac

Transaction Type: Surplus

Statewide Florida Forever: N/A

County: Lafayette

## Surface Water Protection

## Flood Protection

Major River: (Y) 17/30

Floodway: (Y) ± 66.8 ac | 28/30

Riverine Surface Waters: (Y) ± 21.7 ac 19/30

10 Year Floodplain: ± 76 ac | 30/30

Wetland Acreage: ± 26.4 ac | 22/30

100 Year Floodplain: ± 71.2 ac | 30/30

Upland Acreage: ± 55.1 ac | 30/30

River Frontage: (Y) 16/30

## Springs Protection

## Land Management

Springshed: (Y) 26/30

Adjacency: (SRWMD OWNED) (Y) 16/30

Spring on Site: (N) 0/30

Rare Species: (N)

Cultural Resources: (N)

Impacts to Existing Land Management Activities (N)

## Miscellaneous

Priority Focus Area: (N)

Wildlife Corridor: (Y) 30/30

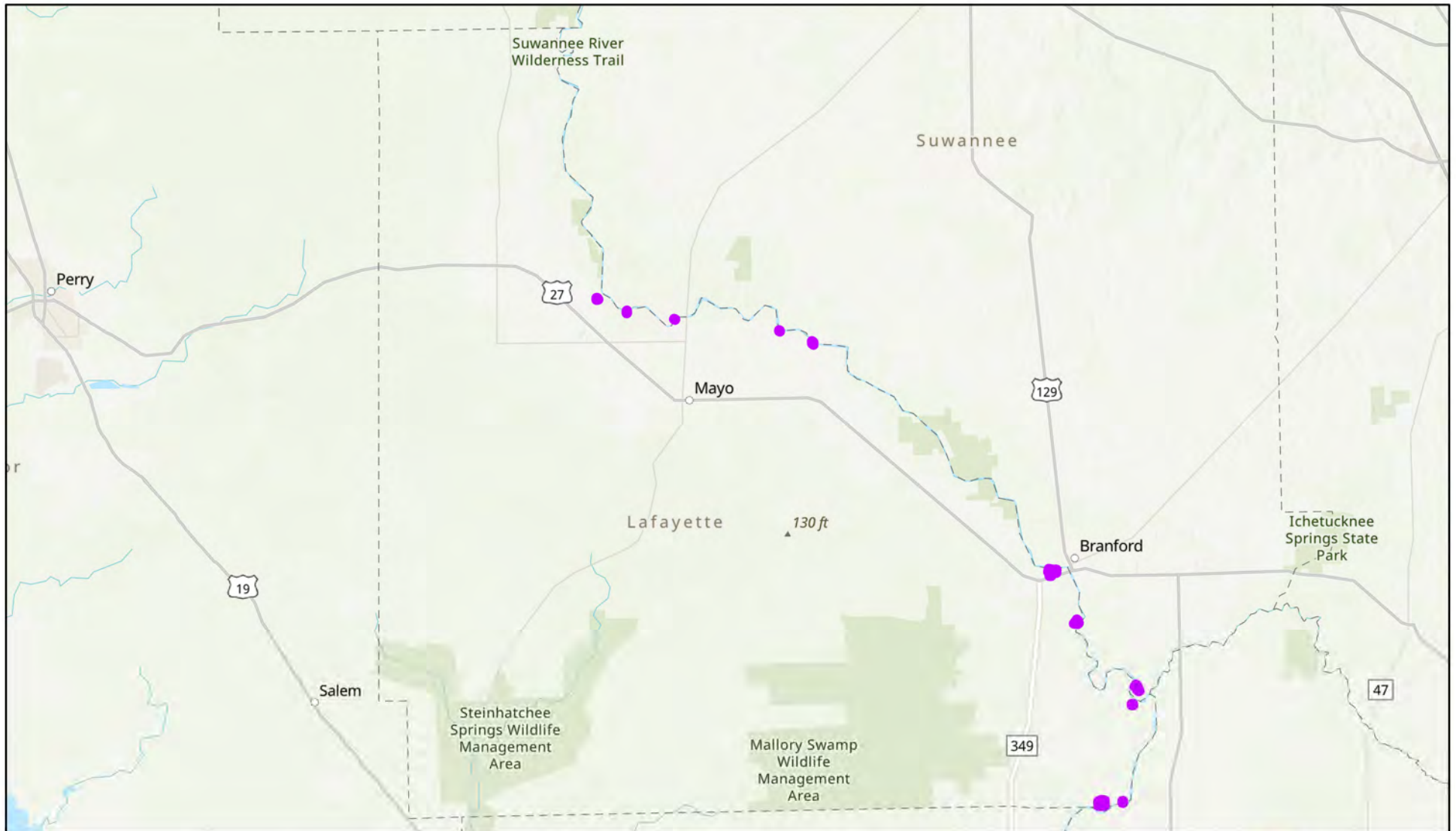
Water Supply Planning Area: (Y) Western

Wells: (N) 0/30


Basin Management Action Plan: (Y) Suwannee

Potential Future Water Resource Development Projects (N)

Impacts to Natural Resources or Existing Acquisition Holdings (N)



### Surplus Overview Map Lafayette County

 Recommended Surplus



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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: Declaration of Surplus for Small Lots, Hamilton County

**RECOMMENDATION**

Declare as surplus small river lots consisting of 15 lots located in Hamilton County.

**BACKGROUND**

The Hamilton County small lots were acquired in various transactions from 1998-2000 using Save Our Rivers funds for a total of \$98,150 across 17 acres +/- . These parcels are isolated, have very little resource value, are not currently managed, are a burden to manage, do not provide a footprint for a potential water resource development project, and many are in residential neighborhoods.

The parcels recommended for surplus are listed in Table 1. Lots allowing structures are required to include advanced septic. For lots within the new spring priority focus area (PFA), Enhanced Nutrient Reducing Septic systems (ENRs) are now required regardless of the size of the lot. Any lots allowing structures outside of that PFA will include deed restrictions to require ENR septic.

Pursuant to GBD25-0004, the lots were screened using the water resource evaluation shown in the triage summary maps and surplus land guidelines shown in Table 1. Based on the analysis, the parcels do not further the District's land conservation purposes and are recommended for surplus, allowing for development with advanced septic requirements.

Site visits were performed on April 8, 2026. Based on the date of acquisition, a 2/3 vote will be required by the Governing Board to surplus the parcel in accordance with section 373.089(6)(a), Florida Statutes.

The Lands Committee approved the surplus on May 12, 2026. Any property not sold through an adjacency sale will be sold to the general public. A map indicating the surplus parcels is attached.

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Attachments

<b>Table 1</b>									
<b>Tract Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>GIS Acres</b>	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Translink#</b>	<b>Acquisition Date</b>	<b>Acquisition Price</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Site Visit</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
ALAPAHA WOODS Lot#31	Hamilton	0.34	3144310	9159	02/17/1998	\$4000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
ALAPAHA WOODS Lot#34	Hamilton	0.93	3144340	9160	02/17/1998	\$8000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
HOLLY POINT Lot#3	Hamilton	0.5	5074040	9127	02/18/1998	\$12,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
HOLLY POINT Lot#40	Hamilton	0.62	5074410	9131	02/18/1998	\$5000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
HOLLY POINT Lot# 33	Hamilton	2.23	5074340	9129	02/18/1998	\$5000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
HOLLY POINT Lot# 41	Hamilton	0.63	5074420	9132	02/18/1998	\$5000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
HOLLY POINT Lot# 19	Hamilton	0.62	5074200	9128	02/18/1998	\$12,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
HOLLY POINT Lot# 43	Hamilton	0.51	5074440	9133	02/18/1998	3,250	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
HOLLY POINT Lot#34	Hamilton	1.82	5074350	9130	02/18/1998	5,000	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
SUWANNEE RIVER FARMS Lot#10	Hamilton	5.87	2763024	9106	02/19/1998	23,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Convey to USFS as part of FL National Scenic Trail
WITHLACOOCHEE RAMP Lot#143	Hamilton	0.64	4539000	9141	02/17/1998	1,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
WITHLACOOCHEE RAMP Lot#301	Hamilton	0.62	4687000	9162	02/18/1998	1,450	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
WITHLACOOCHEE RAMP Lot#300	Hamilton	0.62	4686000	9161	02/18/1998	1,450	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
WITHLACOOCHEE RAMP Lot#144	Hamilton	0.6	4540000	9180	02/17/1998	1,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Surplus, allow development with advanced septic
WITHLACOOCHEE RAMP Lot#40	Hamilton	0.48	4441000	293	07/07/2000	8,500	Save Our Rivers	04.08.2026	Convey to Hamilton County for boat ramp

<b>Table 1 – Surplus Lands Guidelines, Lots 3, 10, 19, 31, 33, 34, 40 (Holly Point), 40 (Withlacoochee Ramp), 41, 43, 143, 144, 300, and 301</b>
<b>Hamilton County Small Lots</b>
<b>The extent to which disposing of the lands will adversely affect management effectiveness and efficiency.</b>
None, the parcels are not actively managed.
<b>The extent to which the lands are currently used by the public for recreational purposes.</b>
None, the parcels have no known recreation or established recreation facilities.
<b>Whether disposal of the lands would result in a net loss of lands open to public hunting.</b>
None, the parcels are not open to hunting.
<b>The extent to which the lands provide other significant archaeological, historical, or ecological value.</b>
None, there are no observed significant cultural resources on the parcels.
<b>The extent to which the lands provide a valuable linkage to conservation property owned by the District or other publicly owned conservation lands.</b>
None, the parcels are located within a residential neighborhood.
<b>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.</b>
None, the parcels are not actively managed.
<b>The extent to which the lands are marketable.</b>
High, the lands are located with a residential neighborhood and desired for purchase.
<b>The extent to which concerns of other public conservation land managers or members of the public have been addressed.</b>
There are no known concerns.
<b>The extent to which disposing of the lands will adversely affect potential future water resource development projects.</b>
None, this property is not suitable for a project due to its small size and location.
<b>The extent to which lands are more suitable for management by others due to size or location with the District retaining a conservation easement.</b>
None, these parcels are located within a residential neighborhood. Permitting will address conservation concerns. The lot associated with boat trailer parking is recommended for conveyance to the county.
<b>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.</b>
N/A
<b>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.</b>
N/A
<b>For lands with merchantable timber, the extent to which disposing of the land would reduce timber revenue available to the District.</b>
None, the parcels contains hardwoods of negligible value and are not harvestable.
<b>Access to public or private water and/or wastewater utilities.</b>
N/A



# SUWANNEE TRIAGE ANALYSIS RESULTS

## General

Property Name: Hamilton County Lots

Date: 4/6/2026

15 Parcels

SRWMD Florida Forever: N/A

Sum Acreage: ± 16.7 ac

Range: Min: .3 ac - Max: 5.8 ac

SRWMD 5 Year Acquisition Plan: N/A

Mean: 1.1 ac | Median: .6 ac

Transaction Type: Surplus

Statewide Florida Forever: N/A

County: Hamilton

## Surface Water Protection

## Flood Protection

Major River: (Y) 5/14

Floodway: (Y) ± 16.3 ac | 14/14

Riverine Surface Waters: (Y) ± .9 ac 3/14

10 Year Floodplain: ± 16.7 ac | 14/14

Wetland Acreage: ± 1 ac | 4/14

100 Year Floodplain: ± 16.7 ac | 14/14

Upland Acreage: ± 16 ac | 11/14

River Frontage: (Y) 5/14

## Springs Protection

## Land Management

Springshed: (Y) 8/14

Adjacency: (SRWMD OWNED) (Y) 14/14

Spring on Site: (N) 0/14

Rare Species: (N)

Cultural Resources: (N)

Impacts to Existing Land Management Activities (N)

## Miscellaneous

Priority Focus Area: (N)

Wildlife Corridor: (Y) 14/14

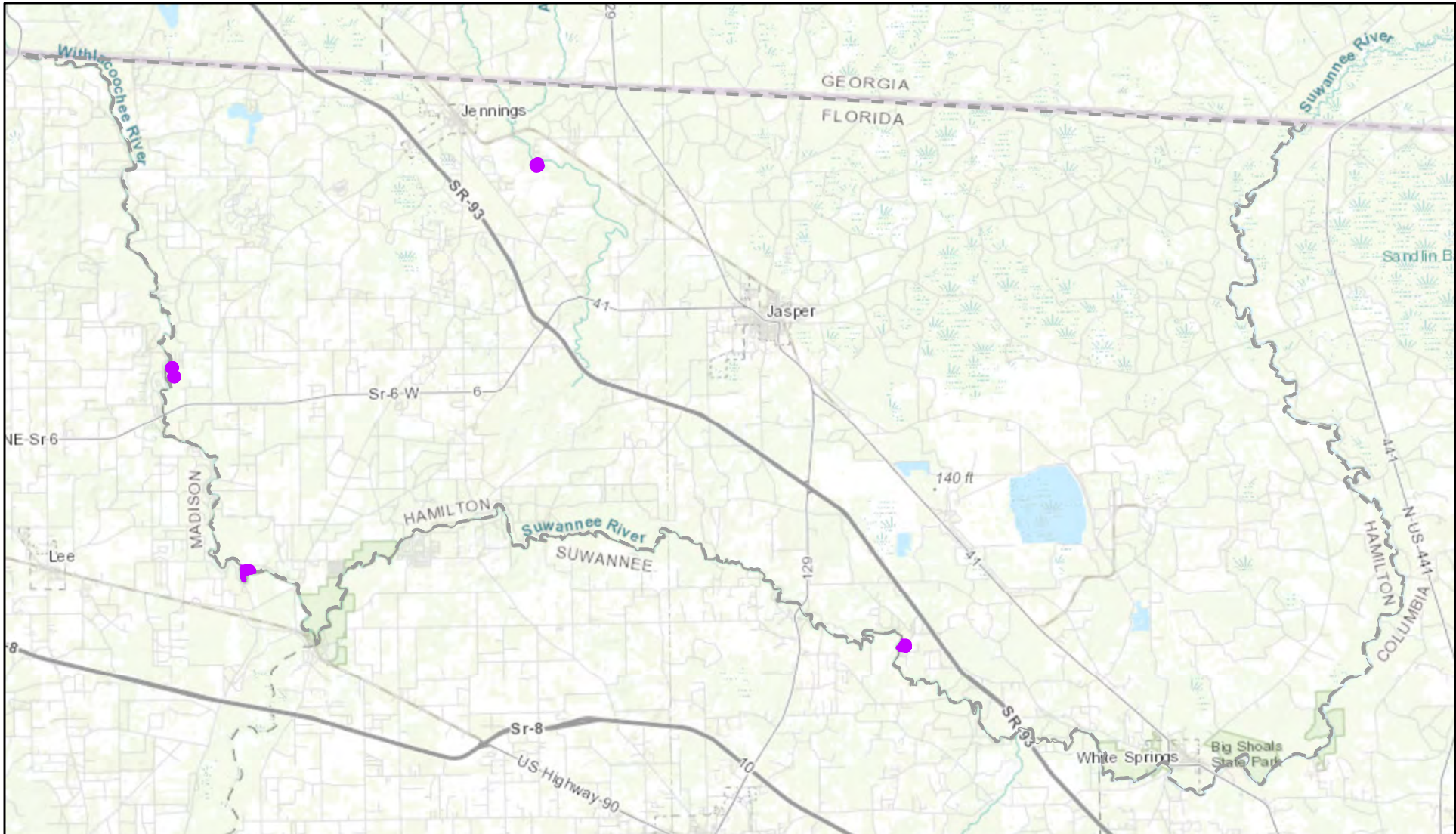
Water Supply Planning Area: (Y) Eastern

Wells: (N) 0/14

Basin Management Action Plan: (Y) Suwannee

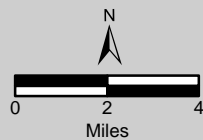
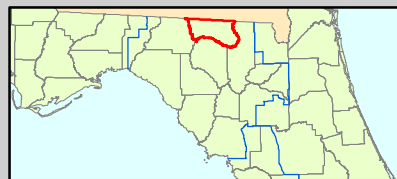
Potential Future Water Resource Development Projects (N)

Impacts to Natural Resources or Existing Acquisition Holdings (N)



Recommended Surplus

### Surplus Overview Map Hamilton County



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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: May 14, 2026  
 RE: Land Management Update Report

**BACKGROUND**

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

<b>Vegetative Management (acres)</b>	<b>FY 2026 Planned</b>	<b>Reporting Period Completed</b>	<b>Percent Complete</b>
<b>Herbicide Treatments</b>	160	Start in June	0%
<b>Mechanical Treatments</b>	1,657	486	29%

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

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

<b>Ecological Services Monitoring</b>	<b>FY 2026 Planned</b>	<b>Reporting Period Completed</b>	<b>Percent Complete</b>
<b>Wading Bird Rookeries (sites)</b>	14	Start in May	0%
<b>Natural Community Mapping (acres)</b>	617	Second Visit Completed	0%
<b>Gopher Tortoise Surveys (acres)</b>	158	99	63%

<b>Timber Harvests</b>	<b>FY 2026 Planned</b>	<b>Reporting Period Completed</b>	<b>Percent Complete</b>
<b>Acreage Sold</b>	2,327	1753	75%
<b>Revenue (estimated)</b>	\$1,300,000	\$565,790	44%

<b>Reforestation</b>	<b>FY 2026 Planned</b>	<b>Reporting Period Completed</b>	<b>Percent Complete</b>
<b>Reforestation (acres)</b>	248	250	101%

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	1	6%
Road maintenance (miles)	181	184	102%
Tract Maintenance	FY 2026 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Mowing (total miles)	1,614	360	22%
Site Maintenance (total visits)	2052	1156	56%
Enhanced Patrols (hours)	800	444	56%
Sign Replacements	42	9	21%
Cultural Resource Monitoring	60	75	125%

### Special Projects

**Starke Bypass Mitigation Area:** Contractors conducted invasive plant treatment. Plans being reviewed for wetland plant permit compliance by March 2027.

**Falmouth Springs Park:** Wetland delineation and topographic survey are complete. Design and permitting in tentative budget for FY2026-2027.

**Steinhatchee Falls Park:** Design and permitting is complete. Renovation of the boat ramp is pending funding. Florida Boating Improvement Program grant applied for.

**Lasky Tract:** Guardrail installation and new gates installed. Cleanup in tentative budget for FT2026-2027.

**Parking Area Improvements:** New parking areas created for Woods Ferry, Jerry Branch, Swift Creek, and Rocky Creek. Guardrail installation for the parking areas planned for completion by September 30, 2026.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Water Resources

DATE: May 15, 2026

RE: Task Work Assignment with Water & Air Research, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Task Work Assignment and any associated no-cost amendments with Water & Air Research, Inc. to provide groundwater chemistry sample collection, analysis, and reporting for an amount not to exceed \$134,936.60 beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027.

**BACKGROUND**

The District supports the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in their evaluation of Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) progress and water quality improvement as existing and new management strategies are implemented.

Springs in the Suwannee River and Wacissa Springs are impaired for nitrogen. FDEP and SRWMD began this grant-funded sampling project in 2023, to evaluate pollutant loading in the basins and track nitrogen concentrations for existing and new management strategies implemented across these springsheds. The project was designed to sample water quality from several groundwater monitoring wells installed by FDEP within the Suwannee River and Wacissa Springs basins. In April 2026, FDEP requested to extend the project through June 2027. This task work assignment (TWA) will provide continued quarterly sampling through that time.

Project services for this TWA will include sampling and laboratory analysis of groundwater for up to eighteen wells in the Suwannee River springs Basin and up to eight wells in the Wacissa Springs Basin.

At the April 2024 Governing Board meeting, the Board authorized the Executive Director to enter contracts with qualified firms to conduct environmental and engineering services for the District. Water & Air Research, Inc. is a pre-qualified firm under Chapter E - Environmental Data Collection and Assessments of the Engineering and Environmental Services contract and has provided excellent service to the District in the first three years of this project.

This is an FDEP grant-funded project (MN032, SRWMD contract #22/23-167), and execution of this TWA is contingent upon execution of a supporting grant agreement for FY26-27 with FDEP.

Funding for this TWA is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY 2026) Final Budget, and the FY 2027 tentative budget, and is contingent upon approval of the FY 2027 Final Budget.

SH/ak