

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, P.G., Division Director, Resource Management

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: August 2, 2019

RE: Authorization to Enter into an Interagency Agreement with Northwest Florida Water Management District, Simpson Nurseries Project, Jefferson County

### RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends the Governing Board execute an Interagency Agreement with the Northwest Florida Water Management District accepting water use and water well construction permitting responsibilities for Water Use Permit number 2-065-217812-4, Simpson Nurseries Project, Jefferson County.**

### BACKGROUND

Simpson Nurseries is a 900-acre project located in north-central Jefferson County, on the border between Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) and Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD). Currently the existing agreement with NFWFMD assigns only water use permitting responsibilities for the project to SRWMD. This updated Interagency Agreement will add water well construction permitting responsibility; allowing SRWMD to issue all water well permits within the Simpson Nursery project area. This updated agreement will streamline the permitting process for both the permittee and the Districts. As part of the permit review process, SRWMD staff will provide all application information to NFWFMD.

The Interagency Agreement is attached to this memorandum (Attachment A).

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Attachments