

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management

THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources

DATE: July 31, 2020

RE: Contract Renewal for 98/99-098 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for Enhanced Law Enforcement

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to renew Contract 98/99-098 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for enhanced law enforcement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

**BACKGROUND**

The District entered a cooperative management agreement with the FWC in 1999. The agreement was amended in 2003 to provide enhanced law enforcement on District lands. "Enhanced law enforcement" is additional hours spent patrolling and investigating complaints on District lands other than regular patrols. Both agencies meet on a regular basis to prioritize and schedule areas for enhanced patrols. The officers working enhanced patrol submit activity reports at the end of each two-week pay period.

Enhanced law enforcement enables the FWC to patrol all District lands as assigned. At the present level of funding, the District receives approximately 1,000 hours of enhanced law enforcement.

Funding for this contract is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FY 2021) Tentative Budget under budget code 13-6-930-3-3100-05-10. and is contingent upon approval of the FY 2021 final budget.

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