

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: John Good, P.E., Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

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

DATE: September 30, 2020

RE: Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.014 with HSW Engineering, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to approve Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.014 with HSW Engineering, Inc. for Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels development support on the Upper Suwannee River.

**BACKGROUND**

A draft Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFL) report for the Upper Suwannee River was submitted to the District in August 2016 by HSW Engineering, Inc. (HSW). The finalization of the MFL was delayed due to the desired use of the then-impending completion of the North Florida-Southeast Georgia (NFSEG) groundwater model.

Beginning October 1, 2020, the District seeks to further implement the MFL Priority List, including modifying and updating the previously received draft report. The consultant, HSW, will use a Reference Timeframe Flow record generated using output from the NFSEG groundwater model, update general background information with data and analyses through September 2015, and make modifications to the draft MFL report to reflect Peer Review comments and responses to both the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs MFL and the Middle Suwannee River draft MFL reports.

Funding for this contract is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 final budget under code 20-2-586-1-1102-18. The amount is not to exceed the amount of \$179,000 with an end date of September 30, 2021.

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