

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE

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Subject: [Agricultural Cost-Share Program](#)
Approval:

Virginia Johns, Chair

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1.0 Reference to Prior Directive

Supersedes Directives [GBD20-0002](#), GBD19-0003 and GBD12-0005.

2.0 Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Directive is to establish a policy and procedure for the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program. The intent of this Directive is to offer District funding assistance to agricultural producers, through an application and evaluation process, to implement projects that increase irrigation efficiency, implement water conservation practices, and assist with nutrient management technology.

3.0 Statement of Directive

In accordance with chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Governing Board may participate and cooperate with landowners in water management projects of mutual benefit, provided such projects are consistent with the District's statutory authority and will ensure proper development, utilization, and conservation of the water resources and ecology within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.

4.0 Program Eligibility Requirements

At minimum, the following will be considered:

1. The Board will give priority consideration to those projects designed to further the implementation of the District's core mission.
2. The project area must have a valid Water Use Permit.
3. An Individual Water Use Permit holder must implement monitoring of groundwater withdrawals in accordance with Section 4.0, Water Use Permit Applicant's Handbook. Projects which are considered a General Permit by Rule are exempt from this requirement.
4. District Staff will consider if the applicant has enrolled in the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Notice of Intent to implement best management practices.
5. Funding may be provided to assist with the cost of alternative water supplies, water conservation, advanced irrigation management, and nutrient management technology.