

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, Office of Finance

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

RE: Resolution No. 2020-11, Release of Funds from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 2020-11, authorizing the Executive Director to request the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to encumber and release up to \$180,000 from the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND

Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature included funding for alternative water supplies for the water management districts in Chapter 2020-111, Laws of Florida, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FY 2021) General Appropriations Act.

A total of \$1,800,000 line item 1622 was appropriated from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund of which, up to ten percent or \$180,000 is allocated to the District pursuant to subsection 373.707(8)(b), Florida Statutes.

The funding can be used for the development of alternative water supplies and conservation projects. These funds are administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and will be made available for use by the District. Approval of the recommendation will enable staff to receive funds for FY 2021 to implement alternative water supply and water conservation projects. Disbursement of these funds will be made based on a payment schedule agreed upon between the District and FDEP.

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Attachment