

**AGENDA**  
**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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November 10, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair  
**Amendments Recommended by Staff:** None
4. Public Comment
5. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:
  - Agenda Item No. 6 - October 13, 2020 Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
  - Agenda Item No. 11 - September 2020 Financial Report
  - Agenda Item No. 22 - Task Work Assignment #19/20-025.001 with Greenman Pedersen, Inc.
  - Agenda Item No. 23 - Task Work Assignment #19/20-009.016 with HSW Engineering, Inc.
  - Agenda Item No. 24 - Task Work Assignment #19/20-041.011 with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

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6. October 13, 2020 Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
  - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
  - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
  - C. Service Recognition – Louis Mantini (20 years)

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**  
**Tom Reeves**

8. Legal and Enforcement Updates
  9. Governing Board Directive Number 20-0006, Agricultural Cost-Share Program
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**BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director**

*Administration*

BCS Page 1      10. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

*Finance*

BCS Page 4      11. September 2020 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**

BCS Page 14     12. Resolution No. 2020-11, Release of Funds from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund

BCS Page 17     13. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Modifications

*Resource Management*

BCS Page 19     14. Permitting Summary Report

BCS Page 22     15. Water Use Permit 2-075-217981-10, Alliance Dairies LLP, Levy and Gilchrist Counties

BCS Page 33     16. Emergency Variance Request for General Works of the District Permit Application WOD-029-237339-1, Cothron Residence, Dixie County

*Agriculture and Environmental Projects*

BCS Page 43     17. Contracts for Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program

BCS Page 46     18. Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Full Circle Dairy, LLC, Madison County

**WATER AND LAND RESOURCES**  
**Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director**

*Land Management*

WLR Page 1      19. District Land Management and Twin Rivers State Forest Activity Summary

*Water Resources*

WLR Page 5      20. Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

*Water Supply / MFL*

21. MFL Update

WLR Page 9      22. Task Work Assignment #19/20-025.001 with Greenman Pedersen, Inc. – **Recommend Consent**

- WLR Page 10     23. Task Work Assignment #19/20-009.016 with HSW Engineering, Inc.-  
**Recommend Consent**
- WLR Page 11     24. Task Work Assignment #19/20-041.011 with Wood Environmental and  
Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. - **Recommend Consent**
25. Water Supply Update

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**  
**Hugh Thomas, Executive Director**

- EO Page 1     26. District's Weekly Activity Reports
27. Communications - Year in Review and Looking Ahead
28. Announcements
29. Governing Board Comments

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida

December 8, 2020     9:00 a.m.     Board Meeting  
Workshop / Committee Meetings

**\*\*Board Workshops immediately follow Board Meetings unless otherwise noted.**

30. Adjournment

Any member of the public, who wishes to address the Board on any agenda item, or any other topic, must sign up (including the completion of the required speaker forms) with the Executive Director or designee before the time designated for Public Comment. During Public Comment, the Chair shall recognize those persons signed up to speak on agenda items first. To the extent time permits, the Chair shall thereafter recognize those persons signed up to speak on non-agenda items. Unless, leave is given by the Chair, (1) all speakers will be limited to three minutes per topic, (2) any identifiable group of three persons or more shall be required to choose a representative, who shall be limited to five minutes per topic. When recognized by the Chair during Public Comment, a speaker may request to be allowed to make his or her comments at the time the Board considers an agenda item. The Chair may grant or deny such request in the Chair's sole discretion.

Definitions:

•"Lobbies" is defined as seeking to influence a district policy or procurement decision or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a district official or employee. (112.3261(1)(b), Florida Statutes [F.S.]

•"Lobbyist" is a person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. (112.3215(1)(h), F.S.)

The Board may act upon (including reconsideration) any agenda item at any time during the meeting. The agenda may be changed only for good cause as determined by the Chair and stated in the record. If, after the regular time for Public Comment, the agenda is amended to add an item for consideration, the Chair shall allow public comment on the added agenda item prior to the Board taking action thereon.

All decisions of the Chair concerning parliamentary procedures, decorum, and rules of order will be final, unless they are overcome by a majority of the members of the Board in attendance.

If any person decides to appeal any decision with respect to any action considered at the above referenced meeting and hearing, such person may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made to include testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

AGENDA  
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

November 10, 2020  
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

- Projects Credits Discussion Continued
- Municipal Water Systems Estimates and Efficiencies
- Fiscal Year 2022 Preliminary Budget Discussion
- Annual Ethics and Sunshine Law Discussion

**MINUTES  
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
October 13, 2020

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Tommy Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Larry Sessions, Suwannee River Water Management District’s newly appointed Board Member.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

**Governing Board**

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present In-Person</b>	<b>Present Telephonically</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X		
Lower Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Vacant		-	-	-
Upper Suwannee Basin	Larry Sessions		X		
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X		
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X		
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X		
At Large	Harry Smith		X		

**Governing Board Legal Counsel**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Firm</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

**Leadership Team**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Executive Director	Hugh Thomas	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tom Mirti	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

**Guests Present Telephonically/Webinar:**

Kathleen Greenwood	Craig Varn
Elisa Ramirez	Chuck Clemons
Jennifer Sagan	Peter Kleinhenz
Charles Shinn	Madeline Hart
Jon Dinges	Samantha Saucier
Benjamin Wyche	Adam Collins
The Florida Channel	Loretta Tennant
Kelly Aue	Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson
John S. Quarterman	Debra Preble
Anthony Crain	Terry Phelan
Greg Lang	Charles Barrett
Jim Tatum	Michael Roth
Stefani Weeks	Andrew Gude
Daniel Jenkins	Erica Hernandez
Sara Phelps	Larame Ferry
Tom Kay	Melissa Hill
Lucinda Merritt	Steve Gladin
Roberto Denis	

**Staff:**

Tyler Jordan	Steve Schroeder
Sharon Hingson	Patrick Webster
Katelyn Potter	Lisa Cheshire
Tilda Musgrove	Paul Buchanan
Wri Irby	Lindsey Garland
Tara Rodgers	Sky Notestein
John Good	Bo Cameron
Amy Brown	

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair: Mr. Keith requested Agenda Item No. 42 - Employee Health Care Insurance Coverages, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Merrillee M. Jipson spoke for Jim Tatum, Mike Roth, and Kristin Rubin, Our Santa Fe River – Concerns regarding water bottling and Seven Springs water use permit application and associated science. Mrs. Jipson submitted her written public comments via email on October 15, 2020. These comments are filed in the permanent files of the District and can also be heard verbatim on the digital recording.
- John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeeper – Thanked the Board for the Drufter Conservation Easement proposed purchase. Concerns regarding water bottling and Seven Springs water use permit application.
- Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau – Support of Agenda Item No. 19 and 20 regarding on-farm BMP's.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item No. 6 - September 8, 2020 Board Meeting and First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Millage and Budget, September 21, 2020 Board Workshop, Audit and Lands Committee Meetings, and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Millage and Budget
- Agenda Item No. 10 - Sale of Surplus Property, Santa Fe Oasis, Gilchrist County

- Agenda Item No. 11 - Resolution 2020-10 - Acquisition of a 10 Acre +/- Parcel of Real Property (Drufner), Hamilton County
- Agenda Item No. 14 - August 2020 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Contract 12/13-40 Amendment, Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A
- Agenda Item No. 24 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc. for the Ellaville #19 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 25 - Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc. for the Ellaville #20 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Contract with Resolute Cross City Timber Management LLC for the Nature Coast Regional Wellfield #2 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc. for the Seven Bridges #1 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc. for the Westwood West #4 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Contract with Superior Timber and Land Management, LLC for Forest Inventory Services
- Agenda Item No. 34 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.011 with HSW Engineering, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 36 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-036.001 with Applied Technology and Maintenance, Inc,
- Agenda Item No. 37 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-042.001 with Resource Planning, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 38 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-042.002 with Resource Planning, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 39 - Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report
- ~~Agenda Item No. 42 - Employee Health Care Insurance Coverages~~ – **Removed from Consent Agenda**

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION WITH AGENDA ITEM NO. 42, EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE COVERAGES, REMOVED FROM CONSENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 – September 8, 2020 Board Meeting and First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Millage and Budget, September 21, 2020 Board Workshop, Audit and Lands Committee Meetings, and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Millage and Budget. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- Hydrologic conditions report. Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, provided the report to the Board.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None

### **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the following:

- Still Final Hearing
- Seven Springs Final Hearing

Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, introduced Sharon Hingson, Records and Contracts Manager, to the Board.



## **BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### Administration

Agenda Item No. 9 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Sale of Surplus Property, Santa Fe Oasis, Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Resolution 2020-10 - Acquisition of a 10 Acre +/- Parcel of Real Property (Drufner), Hamilton County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Release of Confidential Appraisal Reports on the R.O. Ranch/McB-Pinehatchee Exchange in Lafayette County. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Florida Power and Light North Florida Resiliency Corridor Counteroffer. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### Finance

Agenda Item No. 14 – August 2020 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Contract 12/13-40 Amendment, Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A. Approved on Consent.

### Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 16 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Emergency Variance Request for General Works of the District Permit Application WOD-029-237339-1, Cothron Residence, Dixie County. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Adam Collins, ACE Engineering
- Sable Bolling
- Forrest Cothron

Board members requested a site visit to the property. Forrest Cothron granted permission for the site visit.

AMENDED MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO GRANT A VARIANCE FOR THE ONE-STORY RESIDENCE ON LOT 5 FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD AND CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE VARIANCE. MOTION CARRIED.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 18 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Springs Grant Funds and to Enter into Local Cooperative Agreements. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Erica Hernandez, Alachua Conservation Trust
- Merrillee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
- Melissa Helm, Alachua Conservation Trust
- Lu Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Charles Barrett, UF IFAS, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding Agenda Item No. 19 and Agenda Item No. 20.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Equipment Purchase for On-Farm Best Management Practices and Sustainable Suwannee Project. Matt Cantrell, Project Manager, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Dr. Charles Barrett, UF IFAS
- Lu Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
- Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
- Merrillee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB TO TABLE THIS RECOMMENDATION UNTIL NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING TO PROVIDE ACTUAL YIELD NUMBERS AND INPUT PERSPECTIVE TO THE BOARD MEMBERS. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 20 - On-Farm Best Management Practices Task of Sustainable Suwannee Project. Mr. Cantrell presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 21 - Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge Engineering and Design of Hydrologic Restoration Opportunities. Dave Christian, Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 22 - Mallory Swamp Modeling Efforts. Mr. Christian presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **WATER AND LAND RESOURCES**

### *Land Management Program*

Agenda Item No. 23 - District Land Management and Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc. for the Ellaville #19 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 25 - Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc. for the Ellaville #20 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Contract with Resolute Cross City Timber Management, LLC. for the Nature Coast Regional Wellfield #2 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc. for the Seven Bridges #1 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 28 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc. for the Westwood West #4 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 29 - Contract with Superior Timber and Land Management, LLC. for Forest Inventory Services. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Construction and Maintenance of Hydrologic Improvements and Roads. Bill McKinstry, Land Management Chief, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### *Water Resources Program*

Agenda Item No. 31 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

### *Water Supply / MFL Programs*

Agenda Item No. 32 – MFL Update. John Good, Chief Professional Engineer, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 33 – 2020 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels. Mr. Good presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 34 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.011 with HSW Engineering, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 35 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.014 with HSW Engineering, Inc.  
Mr. Good presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 36 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-036.001 with Applied Technology and Maintenance, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 37 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-042.001 with Resource Planning, Inc.  
Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 38 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-042.002 with Resource Planning, Inc.  
Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 39 – Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report.  
Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 40 – Water Supply Update. Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief, provided an update to the Board.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 41 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 42 – Employee Health Care Insurance Coverages. This item was removed from Consent Agenda. Lisa Cheshire, Human Resource Chief, presented this item to the Board.

AMENDED MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY KEITH, TO RENEW THE COVERAGE AND FOR THE DISTRICT TO COVER THE COST OF THE INCREASE IN THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 43 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 44 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 45 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP**

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Workshop began at 1:21 p.m.

**Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M CORES)**

Warren Zwanka, Resource Management Division Director, provided a presentation to the Board regarding the Northern Turnpike Connector Draft Final Report and the Suncoast Draft Final Report.

**Water Quality Review**

Darlene Velez, Water Resource Chief, provided a presentation to the Board regarding an overview of the water quality program and current status and trends of nutrients within the District.

**Poe Springs Park Septic Upgrades and Rum Island Park Projects**

Kris Esklin, Senior Project Manager, provided a presentation to the Board on the completion of the Poe Springs Park project upgrades and the Rum Island Park project.

Workshop adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: George T. Reeves, General Counsel  
DATE: October 30, 2020  
RE: Governing Board Directive Number 20-0006, Agricultural Cost-Share Program

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Directive Number 20-0006 updating the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program Guidelines.

**BACKGROUND**

In GBD20-0002, the Governing Board set out the policy and procedure applicable to the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program. GBD20-0002 included a notice (at subsection 8) that, pursuant to certain opinions of the Florida Commission on Ethics, the District's officers and employees were prohibited from having or holding any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity which participated in the District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program.

Since the Governing Board adopted GBD20-0002, the Florida Commission on Ethics has issued CEO 20-09, which provides that such prohibition does not apply to members of the District's Governing Board. A copy of CEO 20-09 is included.

The proposed GBD20-0006 recognizes the change set out in CEO 20-09. A copy of proposed GBD20-0006, in "Clean" and "Redline" formats is included. This Directive will supersede GBD20-0002.

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Attachments

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**MEMBER OF GOVERNING BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
HAVING CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BUSINESS ENTITY APPLYING  
FOR COST-SHARE GRANT**

To: *George T. Reeves, Attorney (Suwannee River WMD)*

**SUMMARY:**

Under the unique circumstances presented, members of the Governing Board of a water management district will not have a conflict of interest under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, if their tenants or businesses apply to their agency for reimbursement of irrigation equipment under a cost-share grant program created by the agency. CEO 88-65, CEO 12-7, and CEO 12-14, are referenced.

**QUESTION:**

Will a member of the governing board of a water management district (WMD) have a prohibited conflict of interest if he or she has a contractual relationship with an agricultural producer that applies for and receives a cost-share grant from the WMD?

Under the unique circumstances presented, this question is answered in the negative.

According to your inquiry, the Governing Board of a water management district (District/WMD) created a grant program in 2012. The grant program allows eligible agricultural producers who control property within the District to purchase approved improvements at their own expense and, subsequent to the purchase, the District will reimburse seventy-five percent of the cost, to a maximum of \$300,000. Approved improvements include retrofitting or modernizing irrigation systems to make them more efficient, saving groundwater in the District. According to you, the upgrades are typically nozzle and end gun changes to irrigation systems, which use less water, and soil moisture probes. In the case of soil moisture probes, the District will also reimburse the service costs of the first few years of monitoring of the probes.

To avail themselves of this program, agricultural producers must submit an application to the District and District staff review the application to ensure the upgrade to be purchased satisfies the goals of the grant program and verify that the agricultural producer is eligible for the grant. Once the staff completes its review, eligible applications are sent to the District's Executive Director or its Governing Board for final approval.<sup>1</sup> Upon that final approval, the District then

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<sup>1</sup> In response to a Commission staff inquiry, you inform us that, in practice, the Executive Director, who has contracting authority of up to \$30,000, approves the applications and contracts for reimbursement for \$30,000 or less with no review or action by the Governing Board. If the cost-

enters into a contract regarding the reimbursement with the agricultural producer before the agricultural producer makes their purchase and the reimbursement is thereafter issued.

According to you, no eligible applicant has ever been denied reimbursement funding. You state that the District is not placed in the position of prioritizing applications in a competitive environment.

In response to questions from Commission staff, you state that the Governing Board of the District has the authority to change the maximum reimbursement amount and has done so in the past. For example, in April 2019, the District added alternative water supply projects and added variable frequency drives as purchases eligible for cost-share, both reimbursed at seventy-five percent of the cost. In January 2020, the District began allowing cost-share reimbursement for a fourth, fifth, and sixth year of service agreements, reimbursed at a rate of fifty percent of the cost.

You request this opinion on behalf of two members of the Governing Board of the District. One member is not an agricultural producer, but owns property within the District that the member leases to agricultural producers who may attempt to avail themselves of the grant program during the member's tenure on the Governing Board. The other member has, in the past, and may, in the future, be an officer and/or director in the member's family's agricultural company, which may seek to avail itself of the grant program. You ask whether these two members would have a prohibited conflict of interest if their respective tenants or company received a grant from the District.

Analysis under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, is appropriate. It states:

No public officer or employee of an agency shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity or any agency which is subject to the regulation of, or is doing business with, an agency of which he or she is an officer or employee . . . ; nor shall an officer or employee of an agency have or hold any employment or contractual relationship that will create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his or her private interests and the performance of his or her public duties or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of his or her public duties.

The first clause of this statute would prohibit a public officer from having any contractual relationship with a business entity that is regulated by or does business with his or her agency. The second clause of this statute would prohibit a public officer from having a contractual relationship that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict of interest or would create an impediment to the full and faithful discharge of his or her public duties.

As a predicate to answering your question, we take this opportunity to reaffirm our longstanding interpretation of Section 112.313(7)(a) that an entity is "doing business" with an agency when it has entered into a contract or other legal arrangement under which one party would have a cause of action against the other if a breach or default were to occur. See, e.g., CEO 12-7 (citing CEO 88-65).

We found a conflict of interest and declined to apply any exemption in CEO 12-7. In that opinion, a city's CRA offered a façade grant that provided up to \$10,000 to allow applicants to improve the exteriors of buildings. We opined that a CRA board member would have a conflict

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share agreement will require the expenditure of more than \$30,000 of District funds, then it must be approved by the Governing Board.



of interest under Section 112.313(7)(a) if his or her business received a façade grant from the CRA. Similarly, in CEO 12-14, a city's CRA offered redevelopment incentive grants to allow property owners and lessees to make residential, commercial, and business façade improvements and other improvements. The grant program was administered by the staff of the city's Development Services Department, who could approve the grant applications without a vote from the city council or the CRA, and the grants were processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Once again, we opined that the CRA board member would have a conflict of interest if he or she, individually or through his or her businesses, received the grant offered by the CRA.

However, we find the situation you present to be distinguishable from these prior opinions because of the particular nature of the grant program in the context of a water management district. We find that Section 112.316, Florida Statutes, applies to exempt any conflict of interest for the two WMD board members because the narrow and specific circumstances that form the basis of their inquiry indicate the public trust is not jeopardized by allowing their businesses or tenants to apply for the cost-share reimbursement grant.

In coming to that conclusion we rely upon all of the following circumstances, the absence of any one of which would result in our finding of a conflict and also our declining to apply Section 112.316 to negate the conflict.

First, we note that, by its nature, a WMD encompasses many, many thousands of acres of agricultural land and many, many farmers who are similarly situated, some of whom very often are members of the governing board of WMDs, no doubt, in great part due to their familiarity with land and agriculture irrigation and related matters. We do not believe it to be the intent of the law to preclude participation by such farmer-WMD board members in programs available to all other farmers in the WMD, especially where, as here, there is no history of denial of participation or lack of funding for any who apply.

Second, we note that the program's history is void of denial of participation or lack of funding because the program has been structured to accept every eligible application, as judged only by objective criteria, rather than discretionary criteria. There are no discretionary criteria by which to judge the applications and, thus, there is no risk that a WMD board member could leverage the application process to achieve a personal benefit not available to similarly-situated applicants.<sup>2</sup>

Third, we note that the program is not a competitive environment among applicants. The program is budgeted such that there are ample funds to admit all foreseeable applicants in the geographic jurisdiction of the WMD without risking the program's solvency.

Fourth, we recognize that the public benefit from applicants achieving participation in this program is substantial. The program aims to achieve water conservation by making agricultural producers more efficient in their water usage; to preclude landowning WMD board members from participation would materially reduce the water conservation by reducing substantial amounts of acreage from the program.

Lastly, we note the circumstances unique to a program administered by a water management district. Unlike, for example, a situation involving someone who is both an attorney

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<sup>2</sup> While the WMD board's decision making in the application process is not discretionary, its involvement in the setting of the terms of the program, such as the reimbursement rates or the maximum reimbursement amount, is entirely discretionary. If the WMD board changes any of the program terms, the board members should no longer rely on this opinion and should seek a new opinion.

and a local public official, who could practice in many municipalities other than the one on which he sits on the governing board, an agricultural producer who is a member of a WMD board does not have the ability to move his or her real estate outside of the WMD, the boundaries of which encompass many counties.

For all these reasons together and for as long as all these circumstances are present and maintained, we find that Section 112.316 operates to negate any conflict of interest the two WMD board members would otherwise create under Section 112.313(7)(a) if their business or tenants applied for a cost-share reimbursement grant from their agency. If any of the circumstances upon which we rely change, we encourage you to seek a new opinion from us.

Your question is answered accordingly.<sup>3</sup>

**ORDERED** by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on October 23, 2020, and **RENDERED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Daniel Brady, *Chair*

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<sup>3</sup> The members, however, are subject to the voting conflicts law codified in Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, regarding any vote (measure/matter) that would inure to their special private gain or loss or to that of any person or entity standing in a relationship to the members as listed in the statute. The members are also subject to the prohibition against misusing one's public position found in Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes.

# SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE

**Directive Number:** [GBD20-00020006](#)  
**Date Approved:** [April 14](#)~~November 10~~, 2020  
**Subject:** [Agricultural Cost-Share Program](#)  
**Approval:**



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Virginia Johns, Chair

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~~Richard Schwab~~, ~~Charles Keith~~, Secretary/Treasurer

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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.

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9. Officers and employees of the District are not eligible to participate.

## **5.0 Review Guidelines**

At minimum, staff will review:

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3. Staff shall consider the quality of the application as measured by thoroughness and clarity including the location information; the effectiveness of the project to protect, conserve, restore, or augment the areas of water resource and ecology; the use of best management practices; the cost benefit of the project (for multi-year or phased projects, the project benefits to be realized if future phases are not funded); the location of the project; the potential of the project to start, and proceed in a timely manner.
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# SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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**Directive Number:** GBD20-0006  
**Date Approved:** November 10, 2020  
**Subject:** Agricultural Cost-Share Program  
**Approval:**



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration  
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services  
DATE: October 30, 2020  
RE: Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

Attached for your information is the Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report.

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Attachments

## LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION ACTIVITY REPORT NOVEMBER 2020

Property Offers						
Tract	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
Gilchrist Lyme	17,854	Gilchrist	03.2019	Exchange acreage dependent on configuration/ Sandlin Bay 2,023 acre (USFS)	Easement	Tabled by Lands Committee 6.11.2019. Offeror has contract for sale of property. On hold.
Quail Heights	40.63	Columbia	07.2019	\$2,000,000	Fee	Staff review on 8.8.2019 recommended purchase in partnership with FDOT. Approved by Lands Committee on 2.11.2020. Approved by Governing Board 3.10.2020. Submitted for Springs Grant funding. Springs Grant funding not obtained for FY 2020. Property acquired by FDOT on 9.10.2020. On Lands Committee agenda for 11.10.2020 for partnership consideration with FDOT.
Columbia County Grasslands (ACT) a/k/a Wilson Trust	512	Columbia	08.2019	TBD	Conservation Easement	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed analysis and negotiations approved by Lands Committee 12.12.2019. Approved by Governing Board on 1.14.2020. Approved by Lands Committee as a Springs Grant acquisition funding project. Approved by Governing Board 3.10.2020. Awaiting Springs Grant funding notification. Funded on Springs Grant list. FDEP will contract with ACT for acquisition.
Santa Fe Springs (ACT) a/k/a Zow, Graham Springs	282	Columbia	08.2019	\$139,041	Fee	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed analysis and negotiations approved by Lands Committee on 12.12.2019. Approved by Governing Board on 1.14.2020. Due diligence documentation submitted by ACT and being reviewed. Drafting CE to prepare for closing after Springs Grant Funding released. Funded on Springs Grant list. Staff beginning process to finalize transaction including completion of CE terms.
Alapaha Bearden Conservation Easement	430	Hamilton	02.2020	Donation	Conservation Easement	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed assessment and negotiations. Scheduled for Lands Committee 6.9.2020. Approved by Lands Committee on 6.9.2020 with proviso that if a Phase 2 ESA is required it will come back to Lands Committee. Approved by Governing Board on 7.14.2020.
Luken's Addition	10.7	Levy	07.2020	TBD	Fee	Lands Committee authorized expenditure not to exceed \$3,500 for an appraisal. Approved by Governing Board on 8.11.2020. Request for detailed assessment and negotiations to be taken back to Lands Committee after appraisal received. Awaiting proposals for appraisal. Property was under contract and sale closed 10.15.2020. Property was sold and an appraiser was not retained.
Riverbend Estates	1.1	Dixie	03.2020	\$11,000	Fee	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed assessment and negotiations. Approved by Lands Committee on 6.9.2020. Approved by Governing Board agenda on 7.14.2020. In discussions with Offeror to exchange for Timber River parcel in Madison County. Offeror has tentatively agreed to exchange. Contract being prepared.
Easement Requests						
Name	Type	County	Acres	Comments		
Approved for Detailed Assessment						
Owner	Project Name	Acres	County	Comments		
McB-Pinehatchee	Steinhatchee North/ RO Ranch West-Equestrian	2950/1,277	Lafayette	Approved by Governing Board 11.12.2019. Negotiations in progress. Appraisals received 8.18.2020. Staff reviewing values with NFLT and McB for negotiations. 10.13.2020 Governing Board authorized release of appraisals. Appraisals provided and negotiations ongoing.		
Drufner	Withlacoochee Hills	10	Hamilton	Approved by Governing Board 11.12.2019. Offer submitted to Seller. Counteroffer tentatively accepted subject to final Board approval and satisfactory Environment Survey Assessment. ESA contractor selected and engaged. ESA report received. On Lands Agenda for 9.21.2020 for approval. Final acquisition approved by Governing Board on 10.13.2020. Title work underway for closing.		
Hickman	Alapaha Point	39.8	Hamilton	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed analysis and negotiations approved by Lands Committee on 12.12.2019. Approved by Governing Board on 1.14.2020. Appraisal received on 5.15.2020. Staff preparing an offer. Environment Survey Assessment pending. Offer submitted. Counter-offer received. Staff has tentative accepted pending satisfactory preliminary title search. Title issues clarified through public records research. Staff will move forward with assessments and negotiations.		
Madison Avenue LLC	Madison Ave Conservation Easement	2,015	Levy	On 12.12.2019 Lands Committee recommended consideration by Governing Board. Governing Board directed staff to commence detailed assessment to determine scope of conservation easement (CE) and potential costs on 1.14.2020. Basic CE terms agreed to. Now pending further assessment with TWA to NFLT. Timber cruise being scheduled with report due no later than 7.15.2020. Timber cruise complete and report submitted. Appraisals still being conducted. Appraisal received 8.18.2020. Request to authorize Exec. Dir. to release in accordance with Law on 8.27.2020 Governing Board agenda. Offer submitted 9.2.2020 negotiations ongoing. Offeror declined to make a counter-offer. File closed.		
Bishop	Econfinia Timberland	300	Jefferson	Detailed assessment and negotiations approved by Lands Committee 8.8.2020. Approved by Governing Board 9.8.2020. After continued negotiations the offeror withdrew the offer on 10.12.2020. File closed.		
Michael and Freda Shaw	Shaw Conservation Easement Exchange	1,099	Lafayette	Negotiations ongoing.		

Proposed for Surplus							
Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding	Appraisal Date	Price	Comments
None pending.							

Authorized for Surplus							
Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding	Appraisal Date	Price	Comments
Branford Bend	50	Suwannee	6.30.2004	Florida Forever	N/A	TBD by appraisal update.	Suspended until further review. Staff review scheduled for 8.8.2019. Staff recommends continuing surplus process to explore potential land exchanges adjacent to tract. <u>Appraisal update required.</u>
Country Club Road	80	Columbia	7.1.2015	Enforcement Action	TBD	TBD by appraisal update.	Title commitment and survey completed. Governing Board reaffirmed surplus 7.9.2019. Engineering and design process underway. Negotiations for potential sale ongoing <u>pending final engineering/project plans.</u>
Forest Woodlands (Padgett)	11	Gilchrist	10.11.1996	Save Our Rivers	TBD	To be determined by appraisal.	Staff recommended for surplus. Approved by Lands Committee on 10.10.2019. Approved by Governing Board 11.12.2019. Will be offered to adjacent property owners.
Santa Fe Oasis (Weaver)	1	Gilchrist	4.28.1998	Save Our Rivers	TBD	TBD by appraisal update.	Approved by Lands Committee on 4.14.2020. Approved by Governing Board 5.12.2020. Offered for surplus via District website. Offered for sale to adjacent owners, two offers received. Approved by Lands Committee 8.11.2020 to accept highest offer. Scheduled for Governing Board agenda 9.8.2020. Withdrawn from Board on 9.8.2020. Being resubmitted to Lands Committee for its 9.21.2020 meeting for staff recommendation to reject all offers and offer for sale to the general public. Governing Board approved Lands Committee recommendation on 10.13.2020. All bids rejected and property will be offered for sale to the general public.
Suwannee Run Shores	1.175	Dixie	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	TBD	To be determined by appraisal.	Staff recommended for surplus. Approved by Lands Committee 7.9.2019. Approved by Governing Board 8.13.2019. To be offered to adjacent property owners. Adjacent Property owners notified, responses/bids with appraisals due 4.15.2020. No responses received, will be posted on website and offer for sale to general public.
Three Rivers Estates	1	Columbia	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	N/A	TBD by appraisal update.	Staff recommended for surplus. Approved by Lands Committee 7.9. 2019. Approved by Governing Board 8.8.2019. To be offered to adjacent property owners. Adjacent Property owners notified, responses/bids with appraisals due 4.15.2020. Two offers received, highest offer approved by Lands Committee 6.9.2020. On Governing Board agenda for 7.14.2020. Approved by Governing Board 7.14.2020. Contract being drafted.
Turtle Spring Surplus Tract	32	Lafayette	5.13.2015	Florida Forever	5.24.2015	TBD by appraisal update.	Suspended until further review. Attempting to verify final surplus status/approval by Governing Board.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance  
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services  
DATE: October 30, 2020  
RE: September 2020 Financial Report

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the September 2020 Financial Report and confirm the expenditures of the District.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 373.553(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the delegation of authority by the Governing Board to the Executive Director to disburse District funds, providing certification is made to the Board at the next regular meeting that such disbursement is proper, in order, and within budgetary limits. In compliance with the statutory provisions in Chapter 373, F.S., the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District has directed staff to prepare a Financial Report as attached.

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Attachments

**Suwannee River Water Management District  
Cash Report  
September 2020**

<b>Financial Institution/Account</b>	<b>Monthly Interest</b>	<b>Interest Rate %</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
First Federal Permit Fee	\$0.00		\$500.00
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$0.00		\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00		\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$55.74	0.01%	\$667,836.16
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$89,370.46</u>	2.42%	<u>\$43,267,382.66</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$89,426.20</u></u>		<u><u>\$43,970,718.82</u></u>

\*SPIA is part of the Florida Treasury Investment Pool

**Suwannee River Water Management District  
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds  
For the Month ending September 30, 2020  
(Unaudited)**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Actuals Through 9/30/2020</b>	<b>Variance (Under)/Over Budget</b>	<b>Actuals As A % of Budget</b>
<b>Sources</b>				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 5,848,822	\$ 6,057,219	\$ 208,397	103.6%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 49,603,103	\$ 15,083,933	\$ (34,519,170)	30.4%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 1,284,753	\$ 1,154,753	988.3%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 163,000	\$ 205,956	\$ 42,956	126.4%
Other	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,771,592	\$ 771,592	177.2%
Fund Balance <sup>1</sup>	\$ 9,116,055	\$ 2,355,010	\$ (6,761,045)	25.8%
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$ 65,860,980</b>	<b>\$ 26,758,464</b>	<b>\$ (39,102,516)</b>	<b>40.6%</b>

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Encumbrances <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Available Budget</b>	<b>%Expended</b>	<b>%Obligated <sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Uses</b>						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 9,907,414	\$ 5,556,920	\$ 2,088,169	\$ 2,262,325	56%	77%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 47,402,057	\$ 10,576,056	\$ 21,611,492	\$ 15,214,510	22%	68%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 5,132,262	\$ 4,367,353	\$ 374,572	\$ 390,337	85%	92%
Regulation	\$ 1,500,457	\$ 1,465,476	\$ 21,646	\$ 13,335	98%	99%
Outreach	\$ 231,018	\$ 184,765	\$ -	\$ 46,253	80%	80%
Management and Administration	\$ 1,687,772	\$ 1,543,290	\$ 6,600	\$ 137,882	91%	92%
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$ 65,860,980</b>	<b>\$ 23,693,859</b>	<b>\$ 24,102,479</b>	<b>\$ 18,064,642</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>73%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Actual Fund Balance used is recorded at the end of the fiscal year. This amount represents Fund Balance used for the Agricultural and RIVER Cost-Share, Regional Water Resource Development, and Project Effectiveness Metrics Programs.

<sup>2</sup> Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders and contracts.

<sup>3</sup> Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This financial statement is prepared as of September 30, 2020 and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)**  
**FOR 9/30/2020**

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b><u>FUND Report Recap -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	9,319,520	0	7,141,822
LOCAL REVENUES	86,480	0	91,600
STATE REVENUES	14,160,992	0	45,319,003
FEDERAL REVENUES	836,462	0	4,192,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	2,355,010	0	9,116,055
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>26,758,464</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,860,980</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	5,897,583	0	6,499,032
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	6,810,258	7,378,713	25,412,300
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,108,010	39,553	1,511,700
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	470,911	0	598,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	211,893	27,790	4,047,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	9,195,204	16,656,423	27,792,904
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>23,693,859</b>	<b>24,102,479</b>	<b>65,860,980</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,064,605</b>	<b>(24,102,479)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 01 - GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	6,448,482	0	5,038,023
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,768,661	0	2,740,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	92,515	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	769,184
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>9,309,658</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,547,207</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	4,688,619	0	5,160,643
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	908,495	167,750	1,350,786
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	705,160	24,355	955,822
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	101,797	0	165,456
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	910,937	0	914,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>7,315,008</b>	<b>192,105</b>	<b>8,547,207</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,994,650</b>	<b>(192,105)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 03 - ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	42,095	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	180,432	0	5,100,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>222,527</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,100,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	31,872	116,628	1,100,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	148,560	3,210,564	4,000,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>180,432</b>	<b>3,327,192</b>	<b>5,100,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>42,095</b>	<b>(3,327,192)</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b><u>FUND 05 - MIDDLE SUWANNEE</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	27,458	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>27,458</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	27,458	2,500	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>27,458</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 06 - SPRINGS GRANTS</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	104,000	0	60,000
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	7,238,553	0	32,168,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7,342,553</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,228,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,370,879	3,310,957	11,930,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	2,200,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	5,971,674	12,361,049	18,098,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>7,342,553</b>	<b>15,672,006</b>	<b>32,228,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(15,672,006)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 07 - LOCAL REVENUE</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	86,480	0	91,600
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>86,480</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91,600</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	86,480	0	91,600
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>86,480</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91,600</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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<b><u>FUND 08 - WMLTF - SPRINGS</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	4,853	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	150,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,853</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	150,000	150,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,853</b>	<b>(150,000)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 09 - PROJECT EFFECTIVENESS METRICS</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	14,490	0	50,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>14,490</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	14,490	2,410	50,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>14,490</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,410)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 10 - LAND CONSERVATION - FLORIDA FOREVER &amp; P2000</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	1,117	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	23,883	0	25,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	25,000	4,800	25,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(4,800)</b>	<b>0</b>

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	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b><u>FUND 12 - DOT ETDM</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	1,188	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	5,458
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,458</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	5,458
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,458</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 13 - LAND MANAGEMENT &amp; OPERATIONS</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	2,455,160	0	2,043,799
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,228,957	0	2,311,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	40,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	255,159	0	1,044,344
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,939,276</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,439,262</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	685,575	0	667,047
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,060,533	321,800	2,530,014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	386,543	9,758	513,878
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	161,697	0	192,588
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	211,893	27,790	877,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	635,506	15,224	658,735
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,141,747</b>	<b>374,572</b>	<b>5,439,262</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>797,529</b>	<b>(374,572)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 19 - FDOT MITIGATION</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	13,074	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	100,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	111,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>13,074</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>211,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	11,201	0	211,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,103	5,440	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>12,304</b>	<b>5,440</b>	<b>211,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>(5,440)</b>	<b>0</b>

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	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b><u>FUND 20 - MINIMUM FLOWS AND MINIMUM WATER LEVELS</u></b>			
<b><u>(MFL)</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,456,206	0	1,949,884
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,456,206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,949,884</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	520,654	0	665,884
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	771,751	522,254	1,029,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	13,801	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	150,000	0	225,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,456,206</b>	<b>522,254</b>	<b>1,949,884</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(522,254)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 29 - SUWANNEE RIVER PARTNERSHIP (SRP)</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	26,030	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	122,373	0	153,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>148,403</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,403	0	6,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	147,000	0	147,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>148,403</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 33 - PCS MITIGATION - LAND ACQUISITION</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	223,520	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,000,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>223,520</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	970,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>223,520</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b><u>FUND 51 - DISTRICT AG COST-SHARE</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	694,546	0	2,020,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>694,546</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,020,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	694,546	1,254,350	2,000,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	3,574	20,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>694,546</b>	<b>1,257,924</b>	<b>2,020,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,257,924)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 52 - REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	399,512	0	1,680,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>399,512</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,680,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	99,512	16,141	450,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	300,000	100,000	1,230,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>399,512</b>	<b>116,141</b>	<b>1,680,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(116,141)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 53 - DISTRICT RIVER COST-SHARE</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	845,048	0	2,258,069
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>845,048</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,258,069</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	845,048	816,011	2,258,069
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>845,048</b>	<b>816,011</b>	<b>2,258,069</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(816,011)</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b><u>FUND 56 - FEMA</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	594,446	0	3,696,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>594,446</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,696,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	594,446	1,448,707	3,690,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>594,446</b>	<b>1,448,707</b>	<b>3,696,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,448,707)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>FUND 60 - REIMBURSABLE GRANTS</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	260,725	0	800,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	149,501	0	456,500
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>410,226</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,256,500</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,735	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	200,074	210,417	1,016,500
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	207,417	0	240,000
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>410,226</b>	<b>210,417</b>	<b>1,256,500</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(210,417)</b>	<b>0</b>

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

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-11**

**REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE RELEASE OF  
STATE APPROPRIATIONS  
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

**WHEREAS** the District requested funds for the development of alternative water supplies and conservation projects; and

**WHEREAS** Chapter 2020-111, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 1622, Governor DeSantis approved the Florida Legislature appropriation of one million eight hundred thousand dollars, of which, up to ten percent or one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) is allocated to the Suwannee River Water Management District from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS** the state provides revenue for funding assistance from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund for the development of alternative water supplies and conservation projects, and

**WHEREAS** subsection 373.707(8)(b), Florida Statutes, stipulates a funding formula for disbursing the funds to the water management districts;

**WHEREAS** subsection 373.707(8)(b)4., Florida Statutes, provides for the Suwannee River Water Management District to receive ten percent from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund and;

**WHEREAS** the Suwannee River Water Management District may request, and the Department of Environmental Protection has established a process to release revenue deposited in the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby requests the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to release, in accordance with a payment schedule to be agreed upon between the District and the Department, those funds designated pursuant to Chapter 2020-111, Laws of Florida, as listed below:

Line Item 1622	\$1,800,000 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)(4), Florida Statutes.
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these funds shall be subject to the requirements of section 215.97, Florida Statutes, the Florida Single Audit Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these funds shall be subject to the requirements of section 216.347, Florida Statutes (Grant and Aids Lobbying Restriction); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Department; and

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-11**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair of the Governing Board is authorized to affix their signature to this resolution on behalf of the Board and attested by its Secretary.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY of November 2020.**

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

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HARRY SMITH  
LARRY SESSIONS**

**ATTEST :**

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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: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Modifications

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize budget modifications to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Adopted Budget.

**BACKGROUND**

District procedures allow for budget modifications for transactions that do not change the original intent of the approved budget. These modifications will not increase or decrease the total District budget.

Based on actual expenditures in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (FY 2020), changes are requested to properly align revenues, expenditures, and reserves with actuals. Modifications include workforce allocations, contractual services, expenses, capital outlay, and interagency expenditures within and across programs, funds, and projects.

The attached Budget Modification Report includes budget modifications to the FY 2020 budget by fund and expense category.

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Attachment

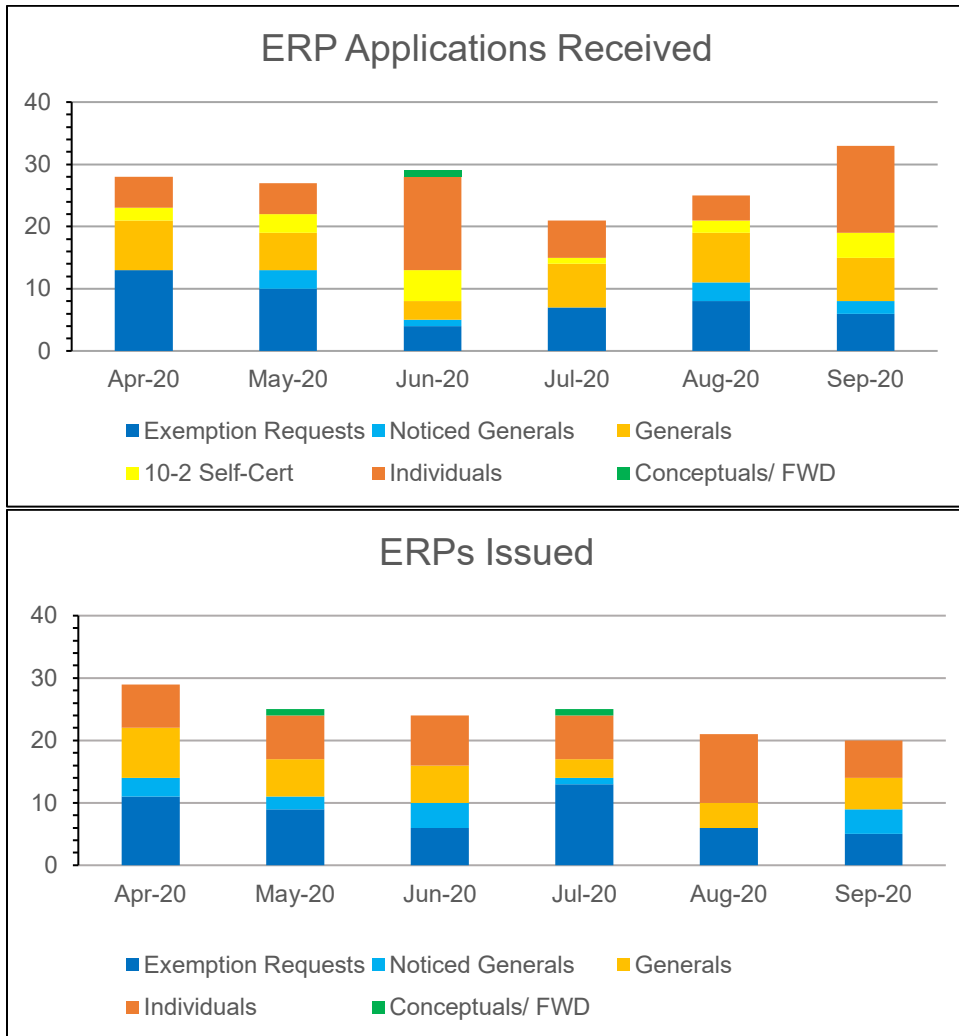
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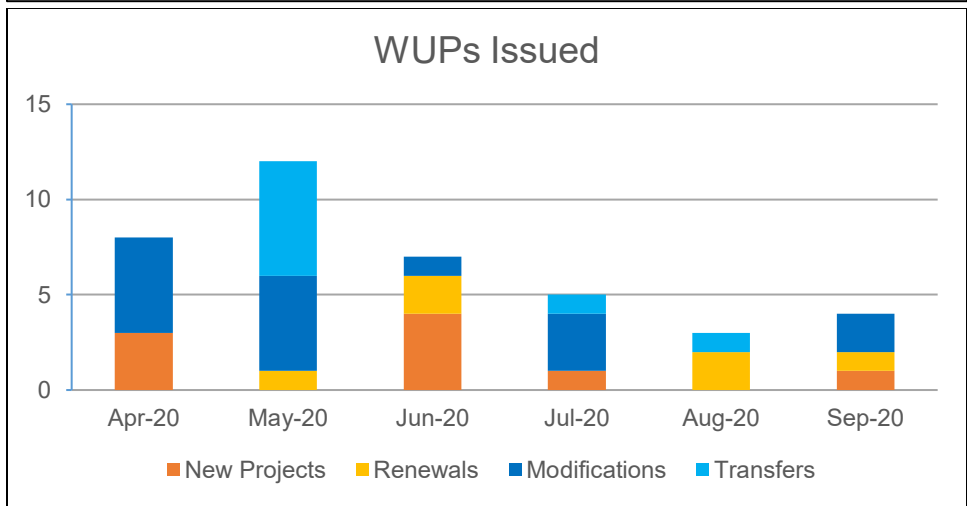
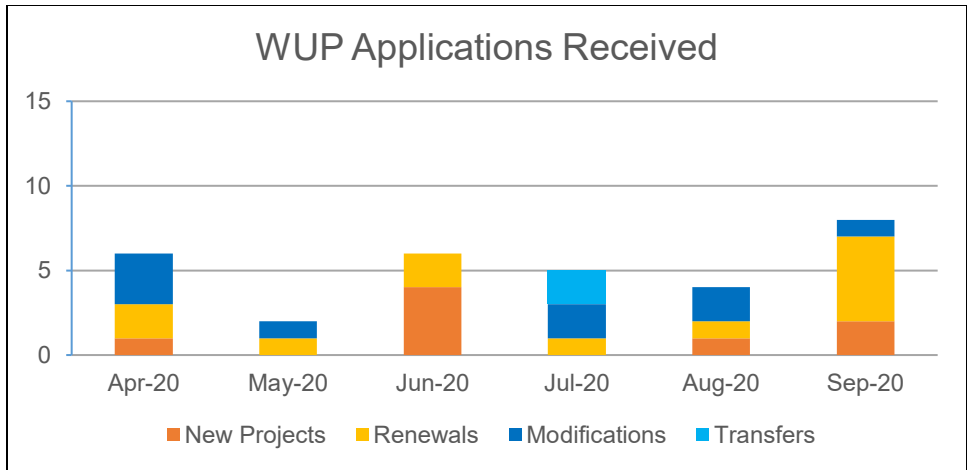
Budget Modification FY2019-20	Total Amended Budget	General Fund	Increase	Decrease	Amended General Fund	Middle Suwannee	Increase	Decrease	Amended Middle Suwannee	Land Management Operations Fund	Increase	Decrease	Amended Land Management Operations	DOT Mitigation	Increase	Decrease	Amended DOT Mitigation	Reimbursable Grants	Increase	Decrease	Amended Reimbursable Grants
		(01)				(05)				(13)				(19)				(60)			
<b>Revenues</b>																					
District Revenue	\$ 7,141,822	\$ 5,098,023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,098,023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,043,799	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,043,799	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local Revenue	\$ 91,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Revenue	\$ 45,319,003	\$ 2,740,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,740,000	\$ -	\$ 27,460	\$ -	\$ 27,460	\$ 2,311,119	\$ -	\$ (27,460)	\$ 2,283,659	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800,000
Federal Revenue	\$ 4,192,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 456,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 456,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 56,744,925</b>	<b>\$ 7,838,023</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,838,023</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,460</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,394,918</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,394,918</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,500</b>
Transfers In	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers Out	\$ (60,000)	\$ (60,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (60,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balance Utilization	\$ 9,116,055	\$ 2,449,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,449,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,044,344	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,044,344	\$ 111,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION</b>	<b>\$ 65,860,980</b>	<b>\$ 10,227,207</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,227,207</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,460</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,460</b>	<b>\$ 5,439,262</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (27,460)</b>	<b>\$ 5,411,802</b>	<b>\$ 211,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 211,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,500</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>																					
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 6,499,032	\$ 5,160,643	\$ -	\$ (21,735)	\$ 5,138,908	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 667,047	\$ 19,000	\$ -	\$ 686,047	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,735	\$ -	\$ 2,735
Contractual Services	\$ 25,411,197	\$ 1,800,786	\$ 21,735	\$ -	\$ 1,822,521	\$ -	\$ 27,460	\$ -	\$ 27,460	\$ 2,530,014	\$ -	\$ (46,460)	\$ 2,483,554	\$ 211,000	\$ -	\$ (1,103)	\$ 209,897	\$ 1,016,500	\$ -	\$ (2,735)	\$ 1,013,765
Operating Expenditures	\$ 1,512,803	\$ 955,822	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 955,822	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 513,878	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 513,878	\$ -	\$ 1,103	\$ -	\$ 1,103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Capital Outlay	\$ 598,044	\$ 165,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 192,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 192,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	\$ 4,047,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 877,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 877,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interagency Expenditures	\$ 27,792,904	\$ 2,144,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,144,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 658,735	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 658,735	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 65,860,980</b>	<b>\$ 10,227,207</b>	<b>\$ 21,735</b>	<b>\$ (21,735)</b>	<b>\$ 10,227,207</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,460</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,460</b>	<b>\$ 5,439,262</b>	<b>\$ 19,000</b>	<b>\$ (46,460)</b>	<b>\$ 5,411,802</b>	<b>\$ 211,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 211,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,500</b>

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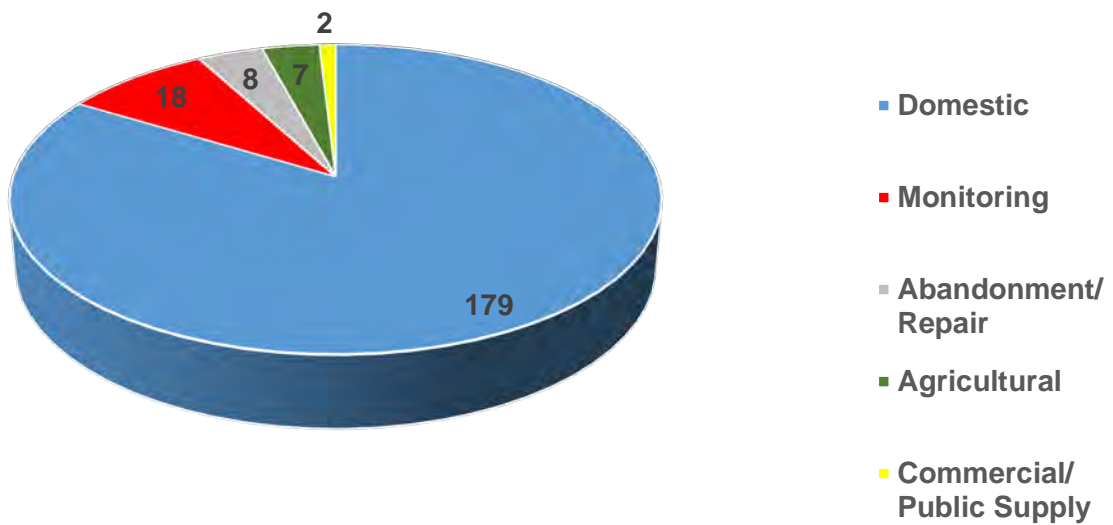
## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Warren Zwanka, P.G., Director, Division of Resource Management  
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services  
DATE: October 30, 2020  
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued September 2020



**40B-4.1020 Definitions**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	8/27/2020
Notice of Rule Development	9/25/2020
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
Mail to DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**40B-4.1040 Permits Required**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	8/27/2020
Notice of Rule Development	9/25/2020
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
Mail to DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**40B-4.1100 Duration of Permits**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	8/27/2020
Notice of Rule Development	9/25/2020
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
Mail to DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**40B-4.1110 Modification of Permits**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	8/27/2020
Notice of Rule Development	9/25/2020
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
Mail to DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**40B-4.3000 Adopted Works of the District**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	8/27/2020
Notice of Rule Development	9/25/2020
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
Mail to DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

GB Authorized Rulemaking	
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
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Mail to DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**Compliance Agreements:**

Item No. 137383: Hess, removal of unauthorized berm from surface water in lieu of \$755.18 penalty, Gilchrist County.

Item No. 138392: Cothron floating dock \$1500.00 and dock removal, No WOD requested, Dixie County.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Christina Carr, Chief Environmental Scientist, Office of Environmental Compliance

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

RE: Water Use Permit 2-041-217981-10, Alliance Dairies LLP, Levy and Gilchrist Counties

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Water Use Permit 2-041-217981-10 with seventeen standard conditions and eleven special limiting conditions to Alliance Dairies LLP, in Levy and Gilchrist counties.

**BACKGROUND**

The permit is a modification of an existing agricultural use to add 140 irrigated acres, modify the crop type of one existing 120-acre field, add a proposed 6-inch well and a proposed 10-inch well, and combine with Water Use Permit (WUP) 2-075-217580-2. The applicant is requesting to combine WUP 2-075-217580-2, Gail Asbel Farm, consisting of 105 irrigated acres located in Levy County with the Alliance Dairies LLP water use permit consisting of 1,473 irrigated acres in Levy and Gilchrist counties. Also, the existing Alliance Dairies LLP water use permit will be modified to add an additional 140 irrigated acres that were not previously in production. The modified project consists of 2,856 controlled acres of which 1,718 are irrigated acres, located 0.5 miles southwest of Trenton in Gilchrist and Levy counties.

Groundwater will be used from 21 existing wells and two proposed wells to irrigate row crops through 17 existing center pivots and two proposed center pivots, and groundwater will be used from eight existing wells and one proposed well for livestock watering. The increase in allocation is due to a change in crop type, a revision of crop demands using updated irrigation models, and the addition of 245 irrigated acres. Supplemental irrigation models and industry standards were used to determine the 4.1149 mgd 1-in-10-year drought allocation, a 0.6514 mgd increase from the previous sequence.

All wells larger than 8-inch diameter (19) will be monitored though electrical consumption. There have been no reports of interference or observed harm to water resources associated with previous withdrawals at this project; and no lower quality water sources are available for use. The project is located in the Eastern Water Supply Planning Area.

In 2011, the Alliance Dairies LLP water use permit was modified to reflect the application of wastewater to irrigated acres. The permit currently includes an alternative water supply project offset of 0.6946 mgd from the onsite wastewater treatment facility in lieu of groundwater withdrawals. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection issued permit number FLA116521 allowing the land application of wastewater.

Staff has determined the proposed withdrawals are in accordance with minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFLs) and MFL recovery strategies pursuant to Chapters 62-42, 40B-8, and Emergency Rule 40BER17-01, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The application is complete and satisfies the conditions for issuance in Chapter 40B-2, F.A.C.

CC/tm  
Attachments

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT  
21-Oct-2020  
APPLICATION NO.: 2-041-217981-10

**Owner:** Jan Henderson  
Alliance Dairies LLP  
4951 NW 170th St  
Trenton, FL 32693-7859  
(352) 463-6613

**Applicant:** Jan Henderson  
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**Compliance Contact:** Jan Henderson  
Alliance Dairies LLP  
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**Project Name:** Alliance Dairies LLP  
**Counties:** Levy; Gilchrist

**WSPA:** Yes  
**Objectors:** No

**Authorization Statement:**

The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 3.3572 mgd of groundwater for agricultural use. The permittee is also authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.7559 mgd of groundwater for livestock watering and 0.0018 mgd of groundwater for employee use.

**Recommendation:** Approval

**Reviewers:** Christina Carr; Greg Trotter; Monica Schott; Warren Zwanka

<b>Allocation Summary</b>		
<b>Average Daily Rate (Million Gallons Per Day)</b>	<b>Freeze Protection (Million Gallons Per Year)</b>	<b>Allocation Change (Million Gallons Per Day)</b>
4.1149	0.0000	0.6514

**Permit Expiration:** April 12, 2031

**ACTION REQUESTED:** This is a modification of an existing agricultural use to add 140 irrigated acres, modify the crop type of one existing 120-acre field, add a proposed 6-inch diameter well



and a proposed 10-inch diameter well, and combine with Water Use Permit 2-075-217580-2 to add 105 irrigated acres.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project is located approximately 0.5 mile southwest of Trenton, south of SR-26 in Gilchrist and Levy counties; and consists of 2,856 controlled acres of which 1,718 acres are irrigated. The applicant is requesting to combine WUP 2-075-217580-2, Gail Asbel Farm consisting of 105 irrigated acres located in Levy County, with the Alliance Dairies LLP water use permit. Also, the applicant is requesting to place 140 acres into production on the Alliance Dairies LLP project for a total of 245 additional irrigated acres. Groundwater from one proposed 10-inch well (SF 22 Well, Station ID 140401) will be used to irrigate corn, sorghum, and winter forage through a center pivot, and groundwater from one existing 10-inch well (Well #13 Love 1, Station ID 119959) will be used to irrigation grass for silage through a center pivot. Groundwater from one existing 10-inch well (SF 129 Well, Station ID 34951) will be used to irrigate grass for silage, corn, sorghum, winter forage, peanuts, and melons, and groundwater from one proposed 6-inch well (HPI6 Cooling, Station ID 140400) will be used to water livestock.

Currently 15 existing wells, 8-inch or greater in diameter, are monitored using electrical consumption reporting, and the permittee has elected reporting of electrical consumption for two proposed and two inactive wells 8-inches or greater in diameter to comply with the water use reporting requirements of special condition 18.

**WATER USE CALCULATIONS:**

The Alliance Dairies LLP WUP, issued in 2011, accounted for 0.6946 mgd of wastewater reuse for supplemental irrigation to offset groundwater withdrawals, 2.2928 mgd of groundwater for supplemental irrigation, 0.6906 mgd for 4,604 milking dairy cattle, 0.0621 mgd for 3,101 dry dairy cattle, and 0.0018 for 120 employees. In 2015, the WUP was modified to add 0.4163 mgd for 255 irrigated acres. The combined previously permitted water use total of 3.4635 mgd together with the requested total allocation of 0.6514 mgd is 4.1149 mgd.

This modification also includes the livestock watering requirements for pregnant cattle based on the industry standard of 30 gallons per cow per day for 800 pregnant cattle.

The District's WUPAR model was used to determine the 15.61 inches/year of supplemental irrigation for corn grown from March 1 to July 1. The GIS-Based Water Resources and Agricultural Permitting and Planning System was used to determine the following supplemental irrigation requirements are provided for areas served by each respective well added with this modification:

**SF 22 Well** (Station ID 140401)

Corn from March 1 to July 1: 15.61 inches/ year  
Corn from July 1 to October 15: 15.61 inches/ year  
Winter forage from November 1 to February 28: 1.84 inches/ year  
Sorghum from July 1 to October 15: 1.50 inches/ year

**#13 Love 1** (Station ID 119959)

Grass for silage as a perennial: 31.84 inches/year

**SF 129 Well** (Station ID 34951)

Grass for silage as a perennial: 31.84 inches/year  
Corn from March 1 to July 1: 15.61 inches/ year

Corn from July 1 to October 15: 15.61 inches/ yea  
 Peanut from April 1 to October 31: 9.59 inches/ year  
 Melons from February 28 to July 1: 9.13 inches/ year  
 Winter forage from November 1 to March 31: 3.88 inches/ year  
 Winter forage from November 1 to February 28: 2.03 inches/ year  
 Sorghum from July 1 to October 15: 1.50 inches/ year

**PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:**

Staff have determined this application meets the conditions for issuance set forth in section 373.223, Florida Statutes and rule 40B-2.301, Florida Administrative Code. A summary of the staff review is provided below:

Project withdrawals were modeled and showed a simulated Upper Floridan aquifer drawdown of less than 0.5 feet at the project boundary. Therefore, groundwater withdrawals at this project are not expected to interfere with any presently existing legal uses of water, or cause harm to natural systems or the water resources of the area.

Water use consistent with the aforementioned supplemental irrigation model is economic and efficient. The permittee will implement the following water conservation measures for the agricultural uses: checking periodically for irrigation leaks and repairing them as needed, adding a new pivot and/or retrofitted system, efficiency testing the pivot to ensure that an 80% distribution uniformity will be maintained, using soil moisture probes for irrigation scheduling, using operational pump shutdown safety to prevent pump operation in the event of irrigation system shutdown, using cover crops and conservation tillage to increase soil health and soil water holding capacity, using a sod-based rotation with a minimum of 2 years sod in a 4 year rotation, and making sure that the automated end gun shutoff works properly and waters only target crops.

The proposed withdrawals are in accordance with MFLs and MFL recovery strategies pursuant to Chapters 62-42 and 40B-8, F.A.C.; and Emergency Rule 40BER17-01. Additionally, cumulative reductions in flow from the allocation were evaluated at the Outstanding Florida Springs (OFS) and no measurable reductions were recorded. No OFS listed in 40BER17-01 has an estimated cumulative flow decline of 9.9%.

**WITHDRAWAL POINT INFORMATION:**

**Site Name:** Gail Asbell Farm

Well Details						
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
34951	SF 129 Well	8	750	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural

**Site Name:** Alliance Dairies North

Well Details						
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
119273	#18 - 640 Pivot Well	12	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
119959	#13 Love 1	10	958	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
120413	#19 - Love 2 Pivot Well	10	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
120766	#20 New Owens Well	8	--	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Inactive	Agricultural
120767	#17 Tom's Pivot Well	8	616	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
121426	#11 South of North Pivot	8	891	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
123610	145 Acre Well	10	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
123611	80 Acre Well	8	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
140401	SF 22 Well	10	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Proposed	Agricultural

**Site Name:** Alliance Dairy South

Well Details						
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
118630	#6 MAGNOLIA	4	150	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Inactive	Agricultural
118634	#23 Shop Well	4	20	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Public Supply
118880	#11 North Pivot Well	6	450	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
118976	#16 HEIFER SOUTH	4	20	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
119280	North and South Milking Barn Well	8	500	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
16014	#1 Middle Pivot Well	12	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural

Well Details						
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
119737	#10 Barn East Well	10	350	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
120525	North Pivot West Scavenger Well	6	451	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
120708	#12 Duke Pivot	8	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
121062	#24 Watson Pivot Well	8	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
121063	#15 South Pivot	10	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Inactive	Agricultural
121064	#14 South Pivot Scavenger Well	6	402	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
121215	#22 LARGE MILK PARLOR	6	300	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
121604	SF 3	10	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
123612	Digester Pivot Well	10	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
131082	Heifer AC Pens	6	--	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
137230	#25 New Watson Well	10	1000	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Proposed	Agricultural
139088	New Magnolia	6	150	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Active	Agricultural
140400	HPI6 Cooling	6	--	FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer	Proposed	Agricultural

### Conditions

1. All water uses authorized by this permit shall be implemented as conditioned by this permit, including any documents incorporated by reference in a permit condition. The District may revoke this permit, in whole or in part, or take enforcement action, pursuant to sections 373.136 or 373.243, F.S., unless a permit modification has been obtained. The permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.
2. This permit does not convey to the permittee any property rights or privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the permittee from complying with any applicable local government, state, or federal law, rule, or ordinance.
3. The permittee shall notify the District in writing within 30 days of any sale, transfer, or conveyance of ownership or any other loss of permitted legal control of the Project and /

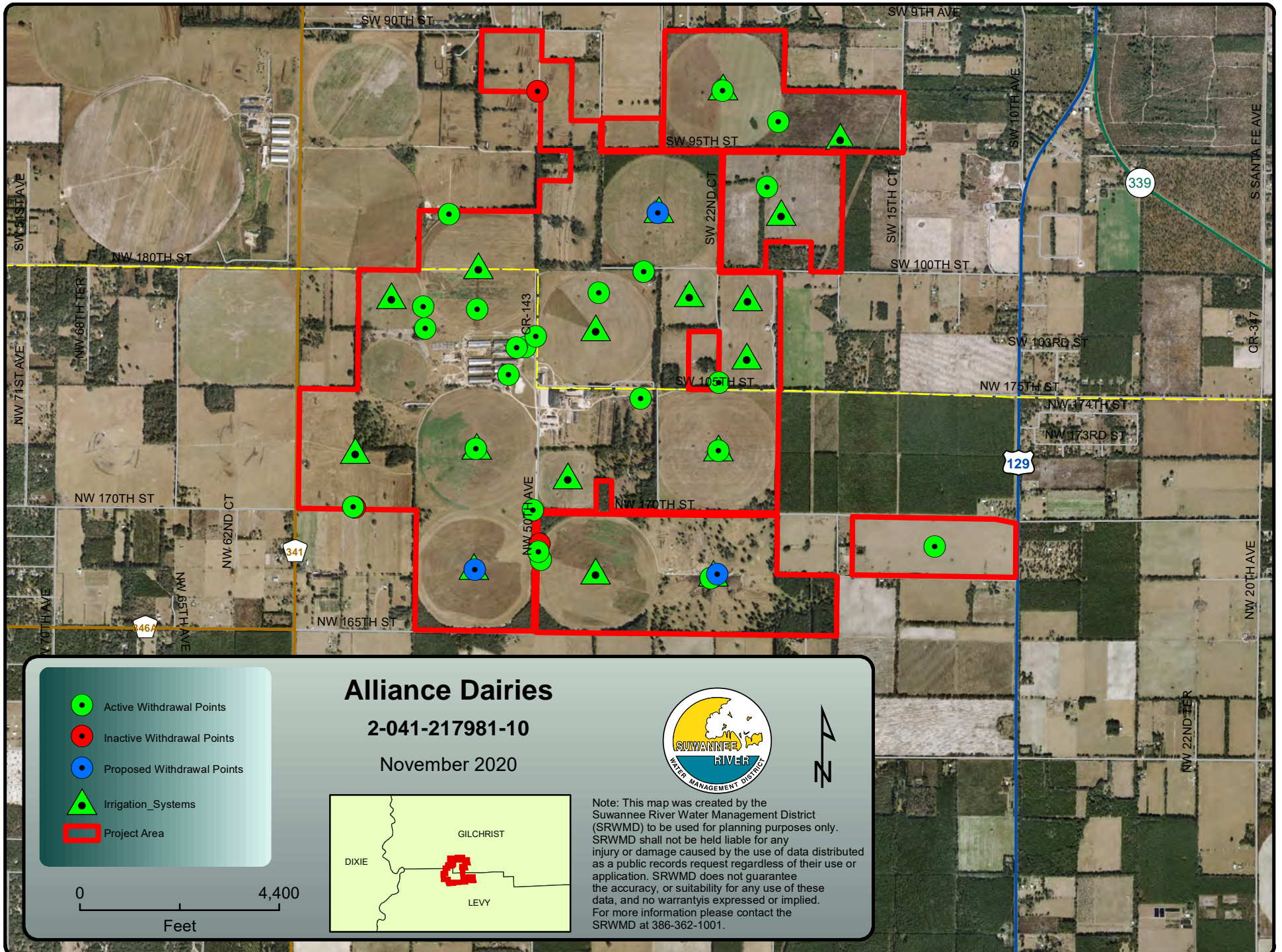
or related facilities from which the permitted water use is made. Where the permittee's control of the land subject to the permit was demonstrated through a lease, the permittee must either submit documentation showing that it continues to have legal control or transfer control of the permitted system / project to the new landowner or new lessee. All transfers of ownership are subject to the requirements of rule 40B-2.351, F.A.C. Alternatively, the permittee may surrender the water use permit to the District, thereby relinquishing the right to conduct any activities under the permit.

4. Nothing in this permit should be construed to limit the authority of the District to declare a water shortage and issue orders pursuant to chapter 373, F.S. In the event of a declared water shortage, the permittee must adhere to the water shortage restrictions, as specified by the District. The permittee is advised that during a water shortage, reports shall be submitted as required by District rule or order.
5. With advance notice to the permittee, District staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, observe, collect samples, and take measurements of permitted facilities to determine compliance with the permit conditions and permitted plans and specifications. The permittee shall either accompany District staff onto the property or make provision for access onto the property.
6. A permittee may seek modification of any term of an unexpired permit. The permittee is advised that section 373.239, F.S. and rule 40B-2.331, F.A.C., are applicable to permit modifications.
7. This permit shall expire on **4/12/2031**. The permittee must submit the appropriate application form incorporated and the required fee to the District pursuant to rule 40B-2.361, F.A.C., up to one year prior to this expiration date in order to continue the use of water.
8. Use classification is **Agricultural**.
9. Source classification is **Groundwater**.
10. The permitted water withdrawal facilities consist of the stations in the Withdrawal Point Information table(s).
11. The permittee must mitigate interference with existing legal uses caused in whole or in part by the permittee's withdrawals, consistent with a District-approved mitigation plan. As necessary to offset such interference, mitigation may include, but is not limited to, reducing pumpage, replacing the existing legal user's withdrawal equipment, relocating wells, changing withdrawal source, supplying water to existing legal user, or other means needed to mitigate the impacts.
12. The permittee must mitigate harm to existing off-site land uses caused by the permittee's withdrawals. When harm occurs, or is imminent, the permittee must modify withdrawal rates or mitigate the harm.
13. The permittee must mitigate harm to the natural resources caused by the permittee's withdrawals. When harm occurs or is imminent, the permittee must modify withdrawal rates or mitigate the harm.

14. If any condition of the permit is violated, the permittee shall be subject to enforcement action pursuant to chapter 373, F.S.
15. The permittee must notify the District in writing prior to implementing any changes in the water use that may alter the permit allocations. Such changes include, but are not limited to, change in irrigated acreage, crop type, irrigation system, water treatment method, or entry into one or more large water use agreements. In the event a proposed change will alter the allocation, permittee must first obtain a permit modification.
16. All correspondence sent to the District regarding this permit must include the permit number **(2-041-217981-10)**.
17. The District reserves the right to open this permit, following notice to the permittee, to include a permit condition prohibiting withdrawals for resource protection.
18. The permittee shall implement automated monitoring of groundwater withdrawals, at permittee's expense, upon commencement of withdrawals. Monthly reports shall include volume pumped by each well of inside diameter eight inches or greater at land surface and shall be delivered within the following month in an approved District format. The permittee may opt for a standardized SRWMD automated monitoring system to fulfill this requirement.
19. The permittee shall implement and/or maintain the conservation practices selected in the Water Conservation Plan submitted to the District. Any new practices selected shall be implemented within one year from the date of permit issuance. Practices that involve scheduling methods or maintenance shall be documented. Documentation for implementation and/or maintenance shall be maintained on all practices and available upon request.
20. The permittee's water use shall be consistent with the MFL prevention or recovery strategy developed for any water body from which this permitted water use directly or indirectly withdraws or diverts water, pursuant to subsection 40B-2.301(2)(h), F.A.C.
21. The permittee shall ensure that the irrigation systems will water target areas only under field operations. Irrigation of non-target areas (roads, woods, structures, etc.) is prohibited.
22. The lowest quality water source, such as reclaimed water or surface water, shall be used in lieu of groundwater for agricultural irrigation at this project when technically, economically, and environmentally feasible.
23. The permittee agrees to participate in a Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) program and allow access to the Project Site for the purpose of conducting a MIL evaluation at least once every five years.
24. Following the effective date of the re-evaluated Minimum Flows and Levels adopted pursuant to subsection 62-42.300(1)(e), F.A.C., this permit is subject to modification during the term of the permit, upon reasonable notice by the District to the permittee, to achieve compliance with any approved MFL recovery or prevention strategy for the Lower Santa Fe River, Ichetucknee River, and Associated Priority Springs. Nothing

herein shall be construed to alter the District's authority to modify a permit under circumstances not addressed in this condition.

25. The permittee shall install and maintain no less than one backflow prevention device when fertigating and no less than two backflow prevention devices when chemigating on all wells or surface water pumps connected to the irrigation system. The backflow prevention device(s) shall be installed between the water source and the injection point.
26. The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 3.3572 mgd of groundwater for irrigation purposes. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis and the maximum allocation is only authorized in 1-in-10 year drought conditions.
27. The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.7559 mgd of groundwater for livestock watering. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis.
28. The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.0018 mgd of groundwater for employee use. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis.



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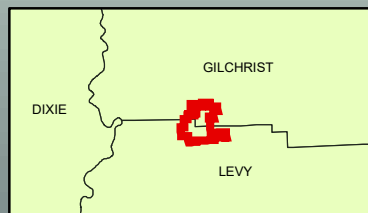
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- Active Withdrawal Points
- Inactive Withdrawal Points
- Proposed Withdrawal Points
- ▲ Irrigation Systems
- Project Area

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Chief, Office of Engineering/Environmental Resource Permitting

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

RE: Emergency Variance Request for General Works of the District Permit Application WOD-029-237339-1, Cothron Residence, Dixie County

**RECOMMENDATION**

Deny, without prejudice, an emergency variance from section 40B-4.3030(13), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), for General Works of the District Permit Application WOD-029-237339-1 to Forrest Cothron; and formalize the Governing Board's decision through the issuance of a Final Order executed by the Executive Director.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., states in part, "No construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of a water, except for one deck per parcel located at the top of the bank no larger than 200 square feet and a boardwalk no wider than five feet to provide reasonable pedestrian access to water dependent structures such as docks.." and a variance from this rule must demonstrate a hardship or the principles of unfairness; and that the purpose of the underlying statute has been achieved by other means. Furthermore, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, the agency decision deadline for variance requests will be reduced from 90 days to 45 days if the request is demonstrated by the petitioner to be an emergency situation that will cause immediate adverse impacts.

Staff determined that the petitioner had failed to demonstrate any unusual hardship to keep the concrete cap and tie backs as constructed. The hardship the petitioner is asserting is self-imposed as the petitioner constructed the seawall, cap, and tiebacks without permits or consultation with District staff.

The petitioner has also not provided an alternative means of meeting the underlying purpose of the rule by proposing to offset the impact of the unpermitted concrete by removing grandfathered concrete. Although the petitioner requests that 802 square feet remain, the petitioner does not include the sidewalks that have been allowed to remain. Including these areas, the actual amount of impervious to remain within the 75-foot setback would be 1,041, leaving no net reduction of impervious surfaces within the 75-foot setback. In addition, there is no proof that the grandfathered impervious is still under the new capped concrete.

Denial of the emergency variance request will require, as part of the after-the-fact permit, all concrete to be removed from within the 75-ft. setback, with the exception of a 5 ft. wide path to access stairs and a 5 ft. wide cap/access along the seawall. Granting of the variance will allow the concrete to remain in the 75-ft. setback as part of the after-the-fact permit. The District published a notice regarding the project in the Florida Administrative Register on September 14, 2020. To date, no objections have been received.

LM/tm  
Attachments

October 5, 2020  
Suwannee River  
Water Management District  
9225 CR 49  
Live Oak, FL 32060

**(a) Petition for variance from Ch 40B-4, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)**

Subject: Works of the District (WOD) Application # WOD-029-237339-1 - Cothron Residence, Dixie County

**(b) Petitioner: Forrest Cothron**

250 893rd Ave.  
Branford, FL 32008  
352-562-6000  
[forrest@saltwaterbuilders.com](mailto:forrest@saltwaterbuilders.com)

**(c) Agent: Adam Collins**

Adam Collins Engineering, Inc.  
12558 Bass Road  
Live Oak, FL 32060  
386-320-7400  
[adam@collinseng.com](mailto:adam@collinseng.com)

**(d)** The applicable portion of the rule in which the variance is requested is 40B-4.3030(13).

**(e)** The citation to the statute the rule is implementing:

40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., States, "No construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of a water, except for one deck per parcel located at the top of the bank no larger than 200 square feet and a boardwalk no wider than five feet to provide reasonable pedestrian access to water dependent structures such as docks."

**(f)** Type of variance requested:

The type of action requested is a permanent variance from rule 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C. This will allow the existing residence with all additions and a portion of the seawall concrete tieback anchor at the top of bank to remain in place.

**(g)** Facts that demonstrate hardship:

In 2006 the residence and its additions were constructed. The owner hired the mobile home company to obtain permits for the structure prior to construction. At the time, 14 years ago, the owners Claude and Joyce Cothron, received an approved building permit with notations on it verifying exemption from District permitting (Exhibit 2). The residence is still currently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cothron. Their ages are 91 and 89,

respectively. They owned the property and home until 3 years ago. It was purchased by Forrest, their grandson, to alleviate some financial burdens they were experiencing. The structure is only +/- 3.5 feet within the setback plus 8.5 feet of deck. The effort it would take to move the structure would displace them from their home for weeks. This is a burden on them, not just because of their age, but also because they just recently recovered from Covid-19. Please refer to Exhibit 1 for an illustration of the residence and its encroachment in the setback.

The concrete pad at the top of bank is part of the anchoring system of the existing grandfathered seawalls. The concrete was capped with integrated steel piles to maintain the structural integrity of the entire seawall system. The chosen retrofit design of the existing seawall was the most viable option to prevent failure of the system. An analysis was performed to calculate the force to be resisted by the concrete anchor tieback. The force acting on the seawall is approx. 70,000 lbs. The combined resisting force of the concrete and the steel piles integrated into the concrete is approx. 85,000 lbs. Therefore, a portion of concrete must remain. See Exhibit 1.

(h) The reason the variance or waiver requested would serve the purpose of the underlying statute:

The purpose of the underlying statute is to limit construction in the 75 ft setback. To meet the intent of the rule and mitigate the elements to remain, existing grandfathered elements will be removed from the 75 ft setback. The total footprint of elements for which a variance is sought totals 220 sf of the residence and +/- 802 sf of concrete. The total footprint of elements to be removed from the within the 75 ft setback is approximately 2,538 sf. Of this total, approximately 1,497 sf are structures, and 1,041 sf is concrete. Therefore, the structure mitigation exceeds the structure to remain in the 75 ft setback by 1,277 sf, and the concrete mitigation exceeds the concrete to remain by 239 sf. Please refer to Exhibit 1. Trees and/or offsite mitigation can also be done at the direction of the District.

(i) Permanent waiver/variance requested

It is our request that a permanent waiver or variance be granted for the following:

1. The 220 sf of the residence and its additions be allowed to remain per rule 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Adam Collins

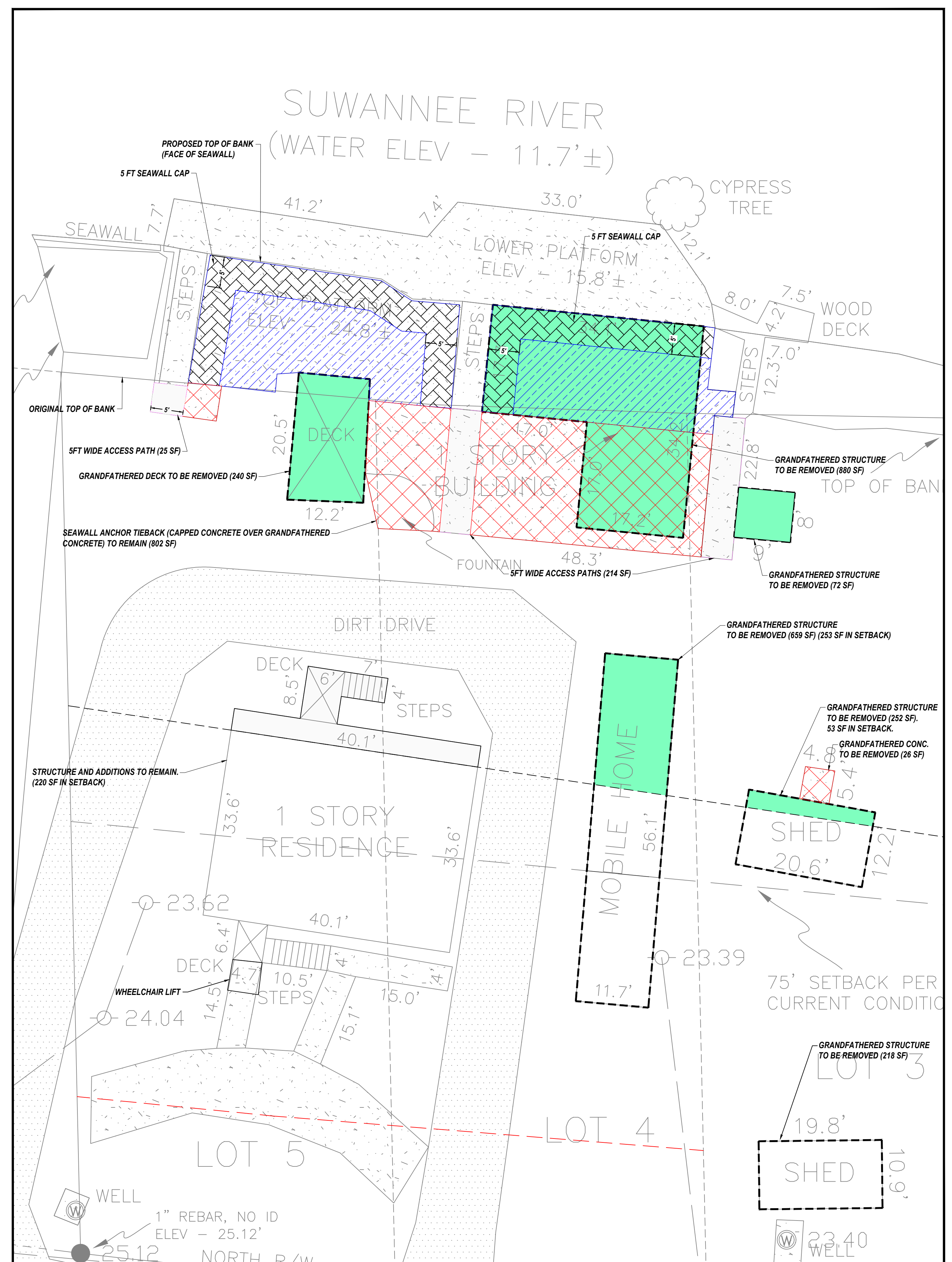
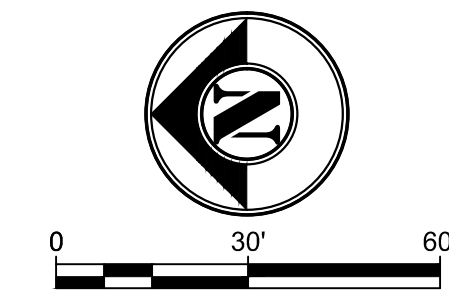
**NON-GRAND-FATHERED AREAS IN 75 FT SETBACK TO REMAIN:**  
 STRUCTURE (RESIDENCE AND ATTACHED DECK) = 220 SF  
 CONCRETE (CAPPED CONCRETE THAT IS PART OF SEAWALL ANCHORING SYSTEM) = 802 SF

**GRAND-FATHERED AREAS IN 75 FT SETBACK TO BE REMOVED:**  
 CONCRETE = 1,041 SF  
 STRUCTURES = 1497 SF

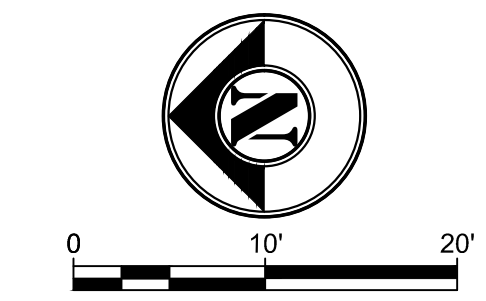
**EXEMPT AREAS:**  
 5 FT WIDE ACCESS PATH TO STAIRS = 239 SF  
 5 FT OF SEAWALL CAP = 585 SF



**OVERALL SITE PLAN**



**SITE PLAN**



NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE

PREPARED BY  
 FORREST COTHRON  
 250 NE 893RD AVE  
 BRANFORD, FL 32008

ADAM COLLINS  
 ENGINEERING INC.  
 CA# 31728 - P. 386.320.7400 - WWW.COLLINSENG.COM

COTHRON RESIDENCE  
 SHEET  
 EXHIBIT 2

DATE	2020.10.05
DRAWN	JBP
DESIGNED	ATC
CHECKED	ATC
JOB No.	18031
SHEET	1

Application for Building Permit

Application #: 06-894

Date Of Permit 9/18/2006

Applicant Name CLAUDE & JOYCE COTHRON

Mailing Address 233 N E 893 AVE OLD TOWN,, FL 32680 Phone (352) 542-7927

Description of Construction MOBILE HOME 2006 24X44

Heated S/F: 933 Unheated S/F: Value of Construction \$0.00

Size Of Building: Floor 933 Width 24 Depth 44 Height Stories

Materials: Foundation Walls Roof Inside Floors

Lot: 4 Block: Unit #:

SubDivision: ANDYS S/D Parcel: 08-08-14-6860-0000-0040

Legal Description of Property

08-08-14

Directions To Property: 340 TO 948 TURN L RIGHT ON 893 ST DOWN ON LEFT

Flood Zone: A-9 Present Zoning: Benchmark: 25.33

Bottom of Lowest Horizontal Member: MinFinishedFloor: 30'

Set Back Requirements:(from property lines)

Front 30' Back Sides 25'

River/Canal 75'

"Warning to Owner: Your failure to record a notice of commencement may result in your paying twice for improvements to your property. If you intend to obtain financing, consult with your lender or an attorney before recording your Notice of Commencement."

I hereby certify that I understand and will fully comply with all requirements of the Dixie County Construction Codes in connection with the herein proposed construction

ContractorLicenseNumber

Joyce Cotron Signature

Approved By: Jack A. Spruay Date 09-18-06

Building Department

Application Fee \$305.00 Septic Tank Number EXISTING

Impact Fee Receipt Number Swapout ImpactFee \$0.00

Radon Surcharge \$0.00

Radon Receipt Number

John did permit  
Exempted from  
SRWMD permit  
per John J.  
place on  
Review

Notice of Variances and Waivers

**WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS**

**Suwannee River Water Management District**

RULE NO.:       RULE TITLE:

[40B-4.3030](#)       Conditions for Issuance of Works of the District Permits

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 8, 2020, the Suwannee River Water Management District, received a petition for an emergency variance from Forrest Cothron, 250 NE 893<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Branford, FL. Pursuant to Section 120.542, F.S., Petitioner is seeking a variance from section 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., which provides that no construction, additions or reconstructions shall occur in the front 75-foot area immediately adjacent to and including to normally recognized bank of a water. The applicant is requesting to construct a structure. The project is located in Section 8, Township 8S, Range 14E of Dixie County, and has been assigned permit number ERP-001-237339-1, Cothron Residence.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Tilda Musgrove, Business Resource Specialist, Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 in Florida only.

GENERAL WORKS OF THE DISTRICT PERMIT  
TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT  
18-October-2020  
APPLICATION NO. WOD-029-237339-1

**Applicant:** Forrest Cothron  
250 NE 893<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Branford, FL 32008  
(352) 562-6000

**Owner:** Forrest Cothron  
250 NE 893<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Branford, FL 32008  
(352) 562-6000

**Consultant:** Adam Collins, P.E.  
Adam Collins Engineering  
12558 Bass Rd  
Live Oak, FL 32060-6653  
(850) 888-2326

**Project Name:** Cothron Residence

**Project Acreage:** 0.475

**County:** Dixie

**Recommended Agency Action**

Staff recommends the Governing Board deny, without prejudice, a variance from section 40B-4.3030(13), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), for General Works of the District Permit WOD-029-237339-1 to Forrest Cothron; and formalize the Board's decision through the issuance of a Final Order executed by the Executive Director.

**Project Review Staff**

Warren Zwanka, P.G., Division Director, Leroy Marshall, P.E., Chief Engineer,

**Project Location**

The project is located adjacent to the Suwannee River in Township 08 South, Range 14 East, Section 8 of Dixie County.

**Project Description**

The District received an after-the-fact application and an emergency variance request from section 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., which states in part, "No construction, additions or

reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of a water, except for one deck per parcel located at the top of the bank no larger than 200 square feet and a boardwalk no wider than five feet to provide reasonable pedestrian access to water dependent structures such as docks..”

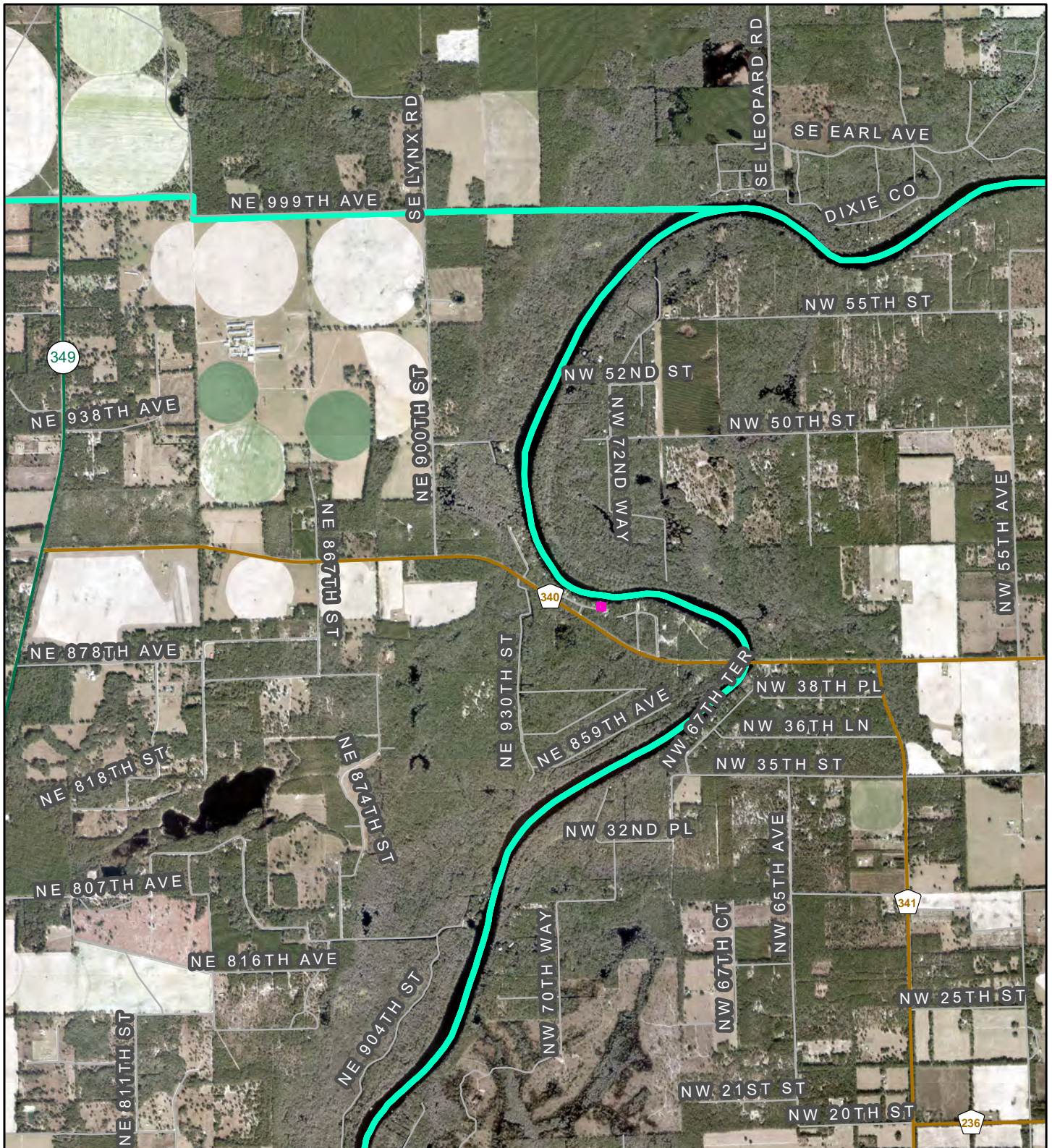
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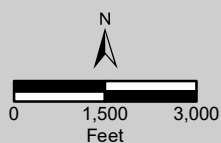


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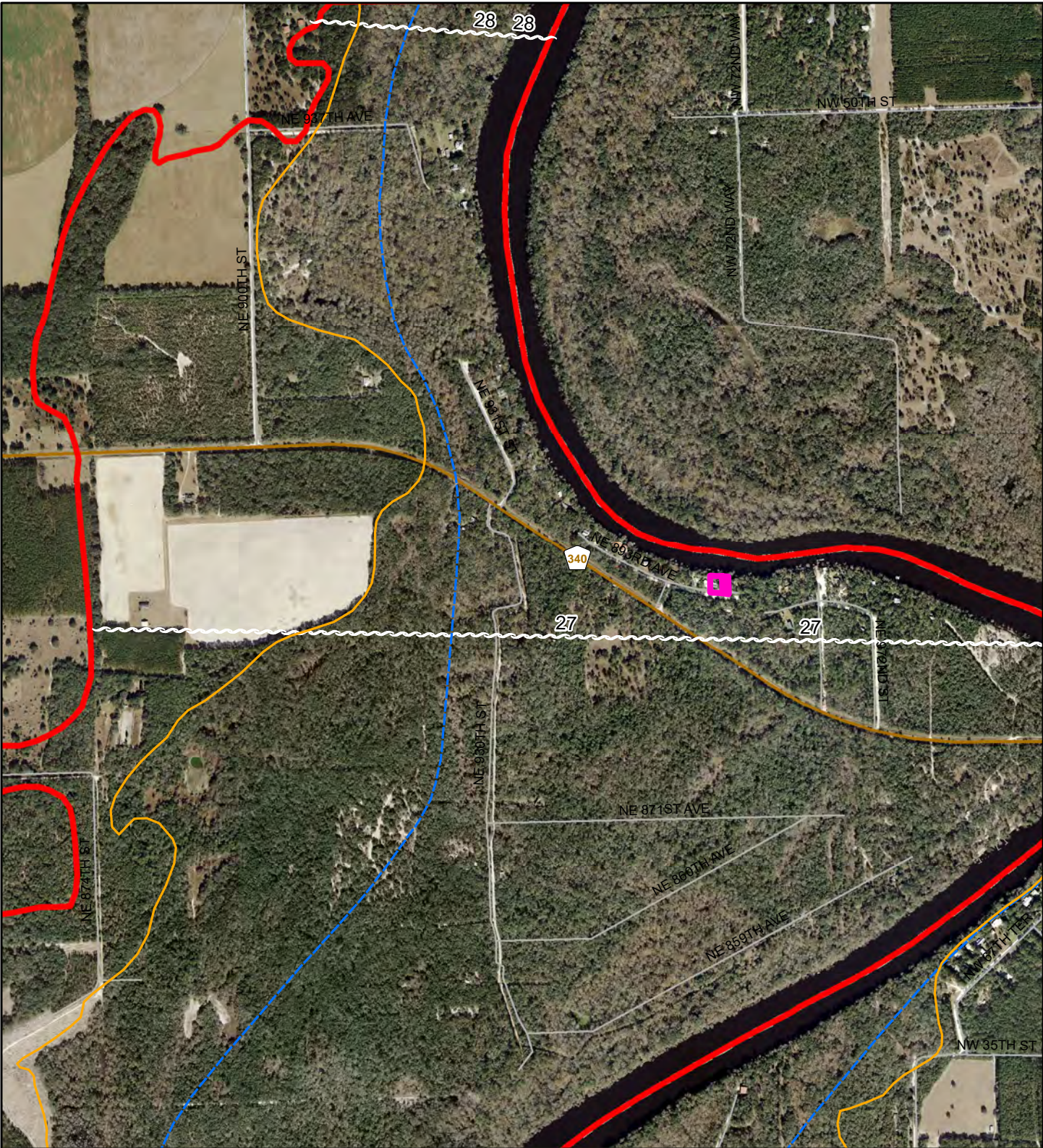
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 Project Area



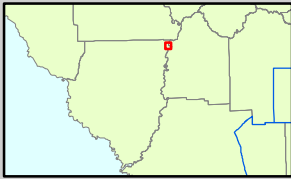
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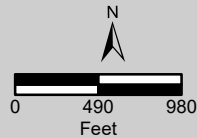
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-  Project Area
-  Floodway\_Suwannee\_24k
-  Flood\_BFE\_Dixie\_FEMA
-  Zone AE



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Patrick Webster, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

RE: Contracts for Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements with the appropriate entities for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program to implement the projects.

**BACKGROUND**

The Governing Board final budget includes funding for Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) projects that enhance or address the District's water supply, water quality, flood protection and/or natural systems responsibilities. This funding is consistent with sections 373.703 and 373.705, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which state that water management districts may provide assistance to local governments, regional water supply authorities, and water utilities. The funding awarded in prior years has facilitated the District mission and achieved improvements to the infrastructure, economy, and public health of communities throughout the District.

Since 2013, the District has funded 74 projects, reducing over 8,000 pounds of nutrients, conserving 0.5 million gallons of water, protecting over 50,000 acres from flood protection, and restoring five acres of natural systems.

Applications submitted to the District through June 16, 2020 were considered for the 2020 RIVER funding cycle. Staff recommends dispersing a total of the \$512,000 for four projects. Attached is a list of the proposed recipients and proposed funding amounts, a map showing the recommended project locations and a brief description of project submittals recommended for the Calendar Year 2020 RIVER Cost-Share Program.

Funding for this recommendation is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget and will be funded under budget codes 53-6-930-7-2201-00-00, 53-6-930-7-2202-00-00, 53-6-930-7-2300-00-00, and 53-6-930-7-2400-00-00.

PW/tm  
Attachments

**FY 2020 / 2021 RIVER Cost-Share Program Recommended Projects**

No.	Project Name	Cooperator	Resource Benefitted	RIVER Revenue Requested	Applicant's Share	Total Estimate Cost	Notes
1	Stormwater Runoff Collection Enhancement	Mayo, Town of	Flood protection	\$112,000	\$0	\$112,000	Construct a SWF to alleviate flooding and sanitary sewer infiltration.
2	Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Extension	Newberry, City of	Devil's Ear Complex PFA	\$200,000	\$4,223,661	\$4,423,661	Extend sewer service to Equestrian Center, remove 12 ERU's OSTDS.
3	SE Old County Camp Road Stormwater Facility	Madison County	Madison Blue Spring	\$100,000	\$317,554	\$417,554	Obtain flood easements over 3 properties (78 Ac).
4	TCWSD System Loss Monitoring	Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer District	Coastal Rivers	\$100,000	\$0	\$446,655	4 Master meters and valve equipment for leak detection.

<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$512,000</b>	<b>\$4,541,215</b>	<b>\$5,399,870</b>
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**FY 2020 / 2021 applications to be considered for Alternate Water Supply funding**

No.	Project Name	Cooperator	Resource Benefitted	RIVER Revenue Requested	Applicant's Share	Total Estimate Cost	Notes
1	Starke Critical Water Loss Improvements	Starke, City of	UFA / Santa Fe River	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	Water tower repairs for conservation.
2	Archer Master Plan	Archer, City of	UFA / Santa Fe River	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	Master Plan for water line repairs to reduce water loss
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>				<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	

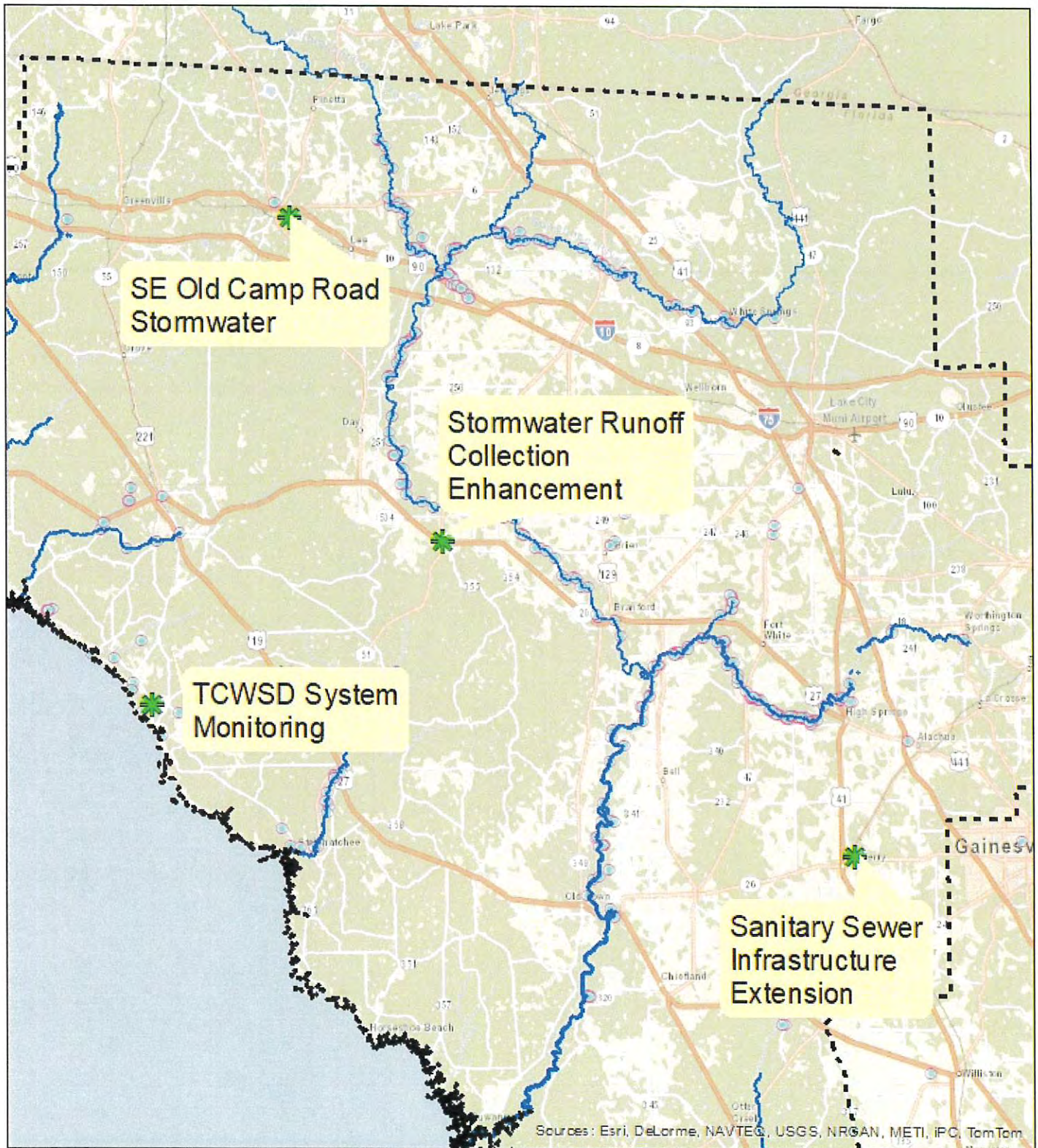
**FY 2020 / 2021 applications to be considered for Land Acquisition funding**

No.	Project Name	Cooperator	Resource Benefitted	RIVER Revenue Requested	Applicant's Share	Total Estimate Cost	Notes
1	Santa Fe and New River Floodplain Protection Acquisition	Alachua Conservation Trust	Santa Fe River, New River	\$220,000	\$75,000	\$295,000	Preservation of Florida Forever floodplain land.

Legend:

AWS Alternative Water Supply  
 PFA Priority Focus Area  
 BMAP Basin Management Action Plan  
 ERU Equivalent Residential Units

OSTDS On site treatment and disposal system  
 UFA Upper Floridan Aquifer  
 SWF Storm Water Facility

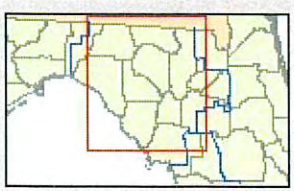


Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, USGS, NRGAN, METI, IPC, TomTom

### RIVER FY 2020 / 2021

-  RIVER\_FY2021\_Apps selection
-  District\_24k\_Poly
-  Major Rivers Line (USGS)
-  Major Rivers from Lidar
-  Major Rivers Polygon (USGS)
-  Springs\_DEP\_24k\_FL

World Street Map



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Matthew Cantrell, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

RE: Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Full Circle Dairy, LLC, Madison County

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize Executive Director to enter into contract with Full Circle Dairy, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$366,075.

**BACKGROUND**

At the October 2015 Governing Board meeting, the Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for installation of screen separators and retrofit irrigation systems to reduce nutrient impacts and/or conserve water for an amount totaling \$2,120,000.

This cost-share project is with Full Circle Dairy, LLC. This project is located in Madison County, the Western Water Supply Planning Area, and the Suwannee Basin Management Action Plan. The District has previously cost-shared on a sand settling lane, screens, and pivot retrofits to improve wastewater management. Full Circle Dairy currently houses 100% of their milking cows inside free stall barns which were designed to flush with recycled wastewater. The flush water for three of the existing barns currently flows through the barns, into the main travel lane and eventually travels to the existing sand settling lane. The dairy discovered the quality of recycled sand decreased due to the wastewater/sand accumulation along the main travel lane and switched to flushing with freshwater.

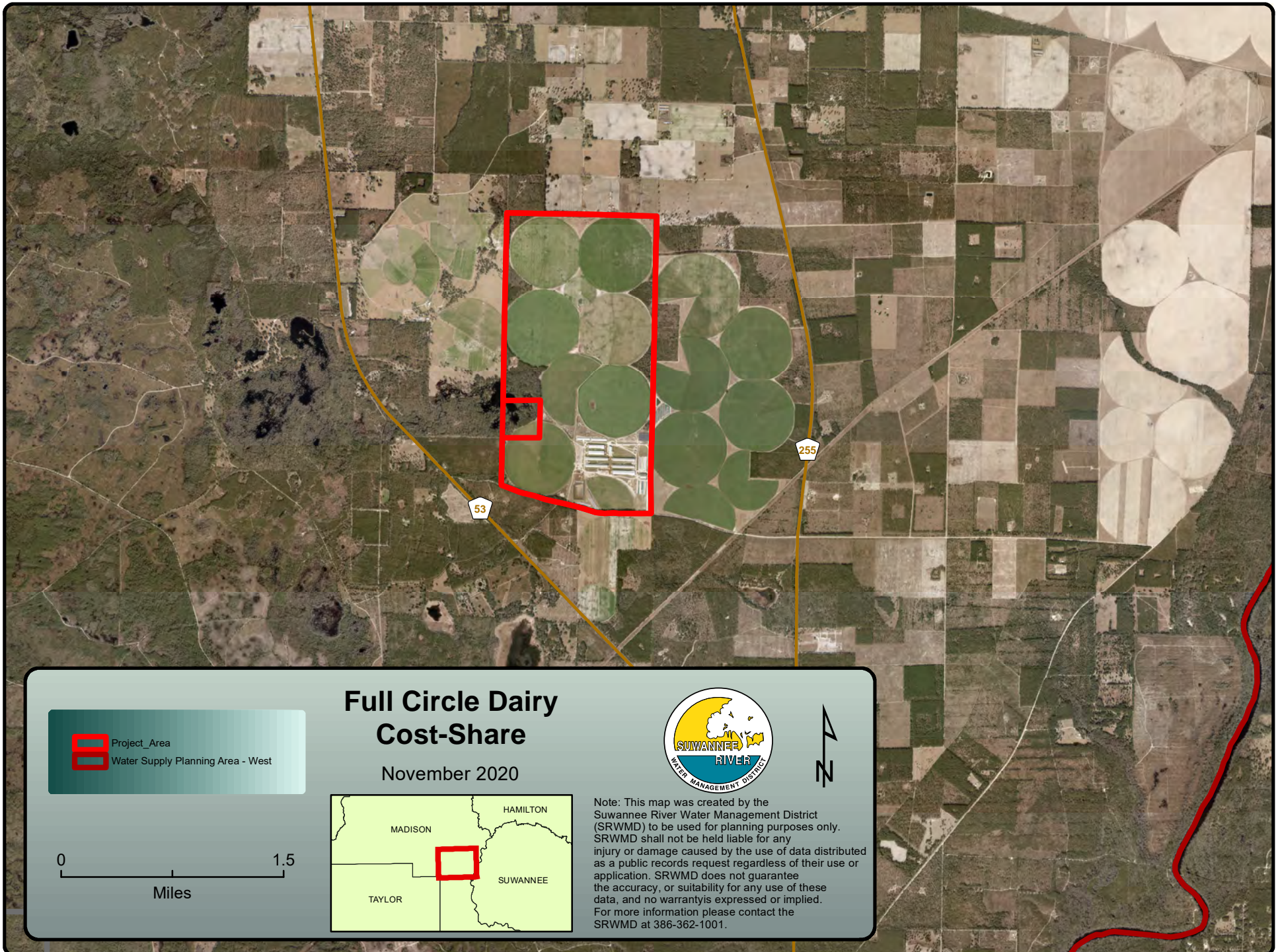
To solve this problem, the dairy is proposing constructing a new concrete waste transfer channel for these three barns and add a finishing screen in the wastewater system. With the addition of this concrete channel and screen, it is estimated the dairy will reduce their freshwater usage by approximately 0.8200 million gallons per day at a cost of \$0.06 per thousand gallons. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$488,100. The FDEP Springs Funding will contribute \$366,075 or 75% of the project's cost, with the producer contributing \$122,025 or 25% of the total project cost. See attachment for a project cost breakdown.



Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget under account code 06-2586-7-2400-06-06 and 51-2586-7-2400-06-07.

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Attachments

**Exhibit A – Itemized List**

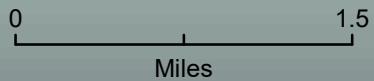
<b>Producer</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Cost-Share Funding Total</b>	<b>Producer Share</b>
Full Circle Dairy, LLC	Waste Channel	\$198,220	\$148,665	\$49,555
	Secondary Screen	\$289,880	\$217,410	\$72,470
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>\$488,100</b>	<b>\$366,075</b>	<b>\$122,025</b>



 Project\_Area  
 Water Supply Planning Area - West

## Full Circle Dairy Cost-Share

November 2020



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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: September 30, 2020  
RE: District Land Management and Twin Rivers State Forest Activity Summary

**BACKGROUND**

District staff began planning for work at the Woods Ferry Canoe Launch and restoration work at River Access Mile 16.7, also known as Lost Dog Rapids.

A District contractor completed the perimeter fence project at J. H. Anderson Jr. Memorial Park-Rock Bluff Springs Tract.

The mechanical site preparation, raking, piling, and burning of residual logging debris on the Twin Rivers State Forest (TRSF) Withlacoochee #3 clear-cut timber sale area was completed.

The road improvement project for the TRSF Ellaville Tract Trailwalker Trail entrance road was completed.

An ongoing survey of exotic invasive continues on District lands by the Florida Forest Service on the TRSF Ellaville Tract, north side of Myrrh Road was completed, resulting in a newly identified area (<1 Acre) of invasive cogon grass which will need to be treated this year.

The attached report summarizes the status of current District and TRSF activities for the preceding month.

## Conservation Easement Monitoring

None during the reporting period.

**Vegetation Management Projects:** During the reporting period, approximately 79 additional acres of herbicide work was completed. Vegetation management work was completed for fuel reduction, natural community restoration, and wildfire mitigation purposes.

FY 2021 Activity Table – Vegetation Management (10/01/2019 – 10/20/2020)

ACTIVITY	ACRES		MILES	
	Planned	Complete	Planned	Complete
Herbicide	300	79	0	0
Roller Chop Uplands	248	0	0	0
Roller Chop (Mallory Swamp)	1000			
Woods Mow	2000	0	0	0
Ditch Mow	0	0	25	0

**Invasive Plant Monitoring Program:** During the reporting period, four plant infestations were monitored or treated.

FY 2021 Activity Table – Invasive Plant Treatments (10/01/2019 – 10/20/2020)

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF INFESTATIONS	
	Planned	Complete
Invasive Plant Monitoring/Treatment	153	4

**Rare Plant Monitoring Program:** No additional rare plant occurrences were monitored during the reporting period.

FY 2021 Activity Table – Rare Plant Monitoring (10/01/2019 – 10/20/2020)

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF SPECIES OCCURRENCES	
	Planned	Complete
Rare Plant Species Monitoring	140	0

**Prescribed Fire Program:**

- Contractors conducting prescribed burns on District lands this year include B&B Dugger (B&B), Schmidt Reforestation Services (SRS), and Wildlands Services (WS). Also, included in this report are the acres the FFS burns on TRSF. When available, the FFS will provide a crew to burn additional acres on both District tracts and TRSF.
- The following table provides information on the District’s Prescribed Burn Program through the reporting period. During this period, no additional acres were burned.

FY 2021 Activity Table Prescribed Fire Summary Table (10/1/2019 – 10/20/2020)

	<b>2021 TARGET ACRES</b>	<b>ACRES COMPLETE</b>
SRWMD	7000	0
FFS TRSF	2000	0
TOTAL	9000	0

FY 2021 Activity Table - Prescribed Fire (10/01/2019 – 10/20/2020)

<b>TRACT</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>B &amp; B</b>	<b>WS</b>	<b>SRS</b>	<b>FFS</b>	<b>TOTAL SRWMD ACRES</b>	<b>TOTAL TRSF ACRES</b>	<b>TOTAL WILDFIRE ACRES</b>
Sub Total for Period	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Previous Acres Burned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Timber Sales:**

## Activity Table – Open and Recently Completed Timber Sales

<b>TRACT</b>	<b>CONTRACT</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>TONS HARVESTED</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>CONTRACT END DATE</b>
Withlacoochee #3	18/19-072	283	29,904	\$421,548.47	Complete	09/23/2020
Wolf Creek #1	19/20-011	72			Inactive	12/2/2020
Natural Well Branch #1	19/20-063	240			Active	11/26/2020
Steinhatchee Springs #19	19/20-139	330			Inactive	3/13/2021
Cuba Bay #2	19/20-129	315			Inactive	3/04/2021
Steinhatchee Springs #20	19/20-145	208			Inactive	04/24/2021
Steinhatchee Springs #21	19/20-146	366			Inactive	04/24/2021
Ellaville #19	20/21-009	176		\$300,507.17	Inactive	10/14/2021
Ellaville #20	20/21/013	276			Pending Contract	
Westwood West #4	20/21/010	89		\$133,107.77	Inactive	10/14/2021
Nature Coast Wellfield #2	20/21/011	110			Pending Contract	
Seven Bridges #1	20/21/012	224			Pending Contract	

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Darlene Velez, Chief, Office of Water Resources

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

RE: Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

**BACKGROUND**

In September 2012, the District began a program of water use monitoring for agricultural water use reporting on wells of 8" diameter or larger. Where possible, agricultural water use is estimated using monthly power consumption records provided by the electrical power provider. Estimation by power use is the most cost-effective method of water use reporting. To date, farmer agreements authorizing the District to receive power usage reports directly from the cooperatives are in effect on 681 (123.7 MGD) monitoring points.

Not all withdrawal points are suitable for estimation using power consumption. Diesel-powered pumps and complex interconnected irrigation systems still require direct methods of monitoring. The District employs telemetry to conduct water use monitoring on diesel-power systems. There are currently 273 (45.2 MGD) telemetry systems installed by the District for this purpose.

Some withdrawal points have very limited use and are monitored by individual site visits, typically less than 0.05 MGD each. There are currently 489 (31.9 MGD) limited-use monitoring points in the District. Some users monitor their water use and report that data to the District. There are currently two (0.3 MGD) self-monitored points.

To date, the District has permitted 1,731 (231.6 MGD) irrigation wells which include a water use monitoring condition, of which 1,495 (206.2 MGD) wells are active, i.e., the wells have been drilled already. Of the 1,495 active wells, 1,449 (201.3 MGD) are being monitored as of October 19, roughly 96.9% of existing active wells (97.7% of allocation) with water use permit monitoring conditions.

Of the remaining estimated 46 (4.9 MGD) active stations that currently will require water use monitoring, 10 (0.5 MGD) are diesel- or gas-powered systems requiring District telemetry, 30 (3.7 MGD) are electric systems, and six (0.7 MGD) systems still require identification. There are 226 (25.5 MGD) proposed stations (that is, the wells are yet to be drilled); 43 (3.7 MGD) are expected to be diesel or gas, 147 (18.6 MGD) are expected to be electric, and 36 (3.1 MGD) are yet to be determined.

Since April 2017, the District has consistently had over 94% of active wells and permitted allocation under monitoring. The attached figures show the progress made on these efforts since 2016 for the number of wells monitored (Figure 1), total permitted allocation monitored (Figure 2), and percent of active wells monitored (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Graph shows the progress since February 2016 of the number of permitted wells with a water use monitoring condition (EN50), the number of EN50 wells that are active (wells that have been drilled), and the number of active wells that are currently being monitored.

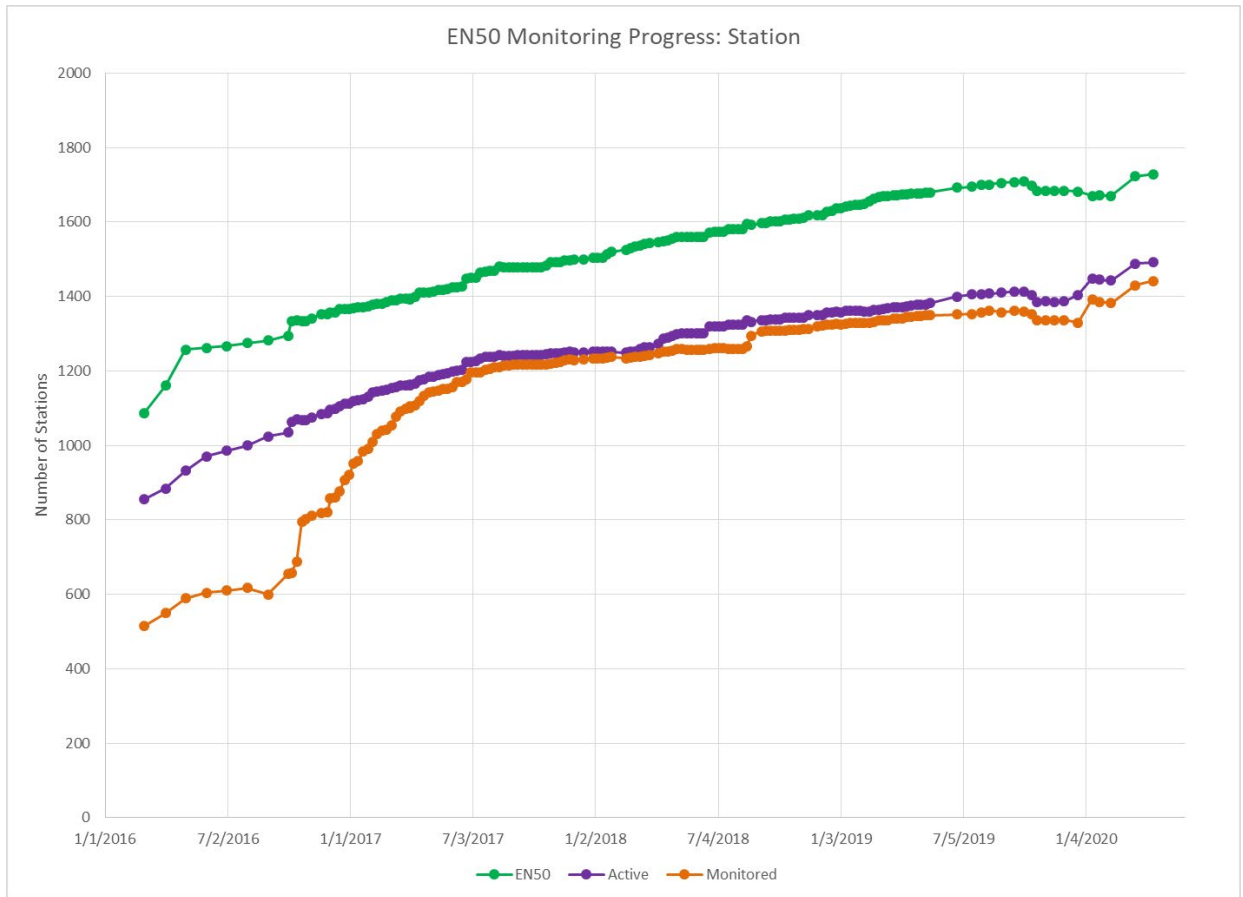


Figure 2: Graph shows the progress since October 2016 of the total permitted allocation of wells with a water use monitoring condition (EN50), the total permitted allocation amount of EN50 wells that are active (wells that have been drilled), and the total permitted allocation amount of active wells that are currently being monitored.

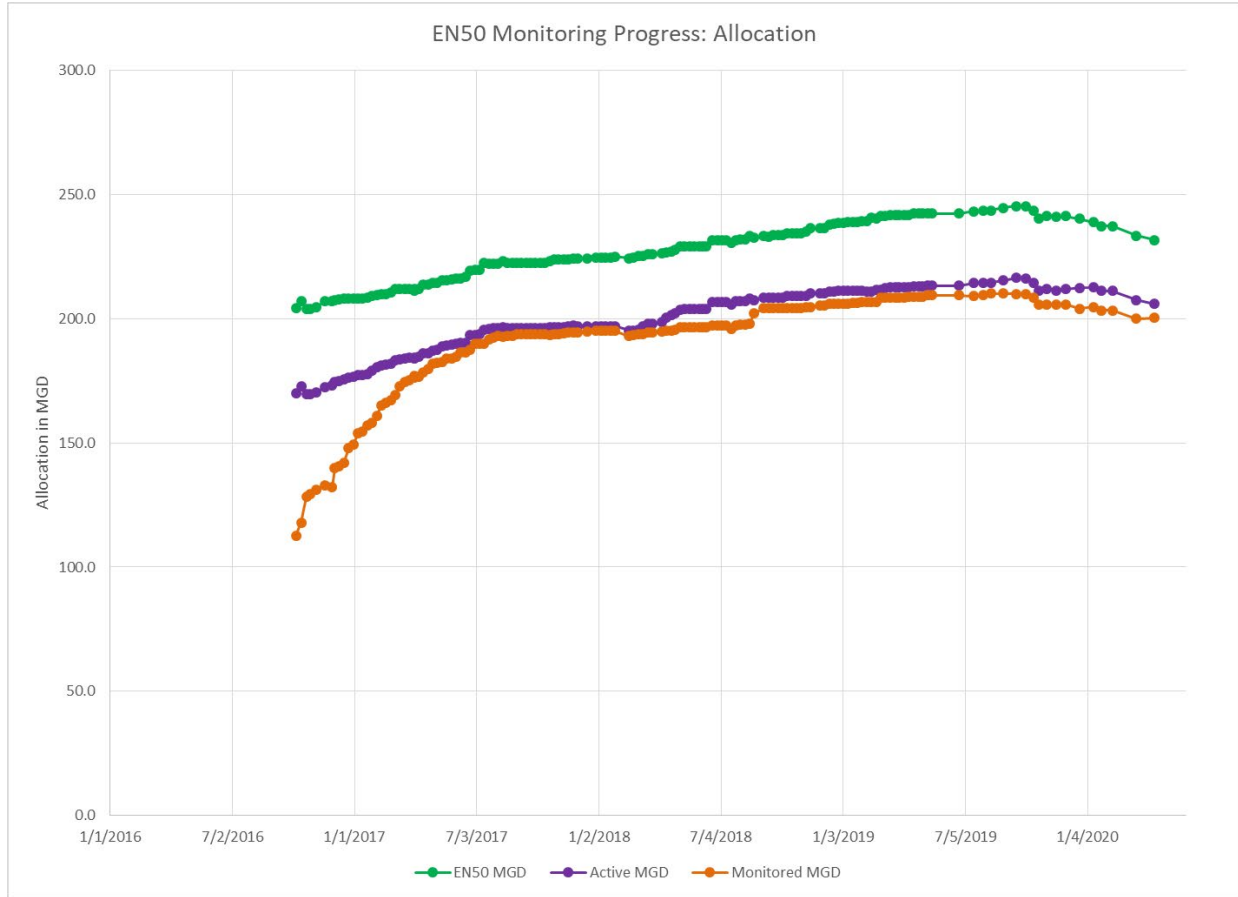
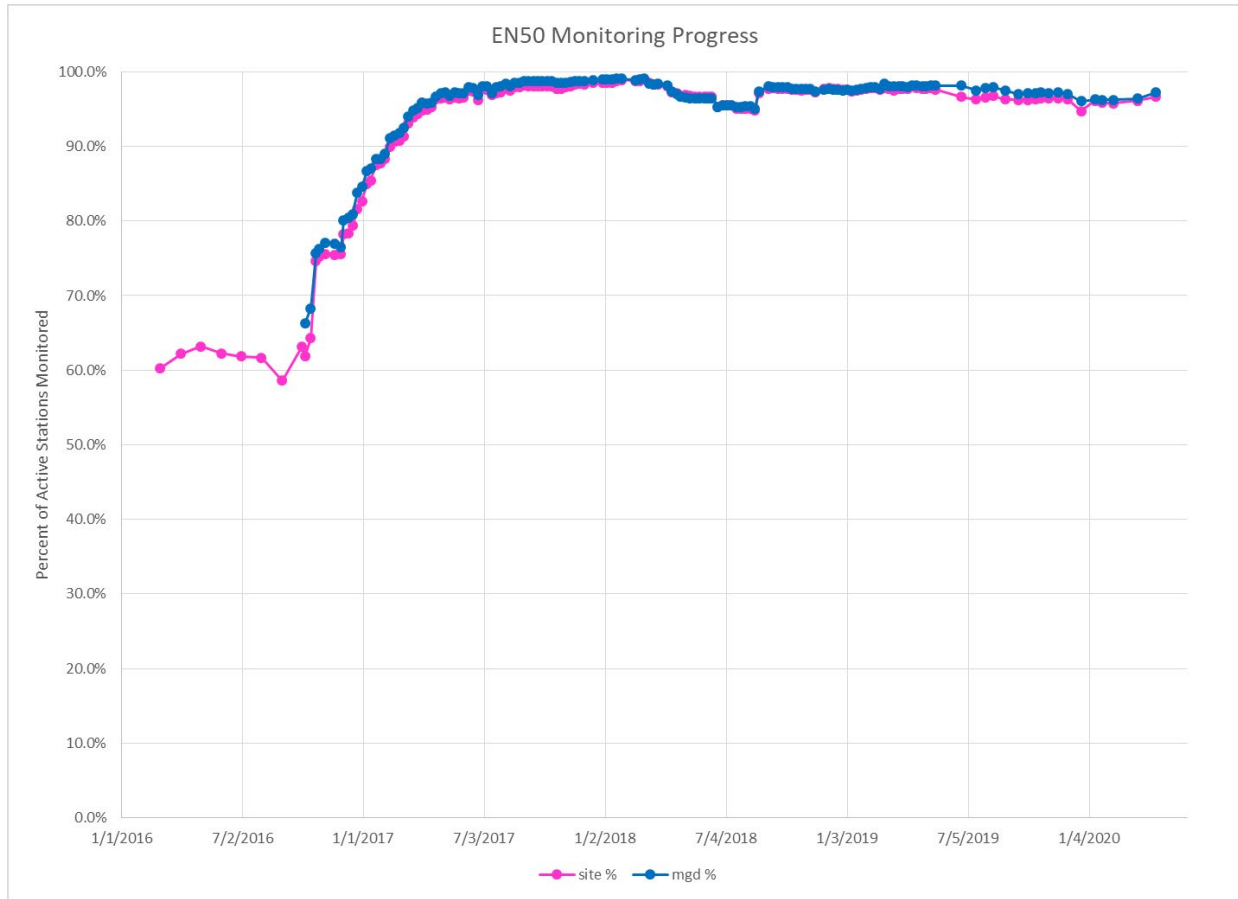


Figure 3: Graph shows the progress of the percent of permitted wells with a water use monitoring condition (EN50) being monitored since February 2016, and the percent of total permitted allocation of wells with a water use monitoring condition (EN50) being monitored since October 2016.



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

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

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

RE: Task Work Assignment #19/20-025.001 with Greenman Pedersen, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to approve Task Work Assignment #19/20-025.001 with Greenman Pedersen, Inc for surveying services for an amount not to exceed \$136,405.54.

**BACKGROUND**

The District is requesting the services of a Florida Licensed Professional Surveyor and Mapper in support of sampling and collection of hydrologic and biological data on the Santa Fe River. This sampling and data collection effort includes in-stream studies by HSW Engineering, Inc. and floodplain studies by Resource Planning, Inc., both approved by the Governing Board on October 13, 2020. Greenman-Pedersen, Inc (GPI) will provide surveying efforts to assist the sampling and data collection efforts by the other contractors. The work is necessary for future support and refinement of minimum flows and minimum water levels for the Lower Santa Fe River.

In accordance with the survey standards specified in District Contract #19/20-025, GPI will establish temporary and permanent elevation benchmarks adjacent to the river from its confluence with Olustee Creek downstream to the river sink at O'leno State Park. The temporary benchmarks will provide vertical references for instream aquatic habitat suitability and floodplain vegetative community structure and the permanent benchmark will provide an elevation reference location for future gauging of Santa Fe Spring.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget under code 20-2586-1-1102-01-00-000-0000.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

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

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

RE: Task Work Assignment #19/20-009.016 with HSW Engineering, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to approve Task Work Assignment #19/20-009.016 with HSW Engineering, Inc. (HSW) for additional services in the re-evaluation of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs not to exceed \$66,000.

**BACKGROUND**

Peer review of the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs (LSFI) re-evaluation report concluded on September 30, 2020. The District's Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFL) contractor for this task, HSW, has provided an initial draft response to peer review on October 9, 2020. Further work efforts will be required to incorporate all reviewer comments and finalize the response to the Peer Review panel, as well as the MFL re-evaluation report and any needed responses to other public comments received.

HSW has provided MFL services for the District on the LSFI since 2018 and this Task Work Assignment (TWA) will support the completion of the LSFI MFL re-evaluation and associated peer review. Services for this TWA will include finalization of the District's response to peer review, completion of draft and finalized responses to public comments, finalization of the MFL re-evaluation report, and associated meetings.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget under code 20-2-586-1-1102-18-00.

JCG/pf

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

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

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

RE: Task Work Assignment #19/20-041.011 with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to approve Task Work Assignment #19/20-041.011 with Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for minimum flows and minimum water levels development support on the Middle Suwannee River \$197,787.00.

**BACKGROUND**

A draft minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFL) report for the Middle Suwannee River was submitted to the District in September 2016 by Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. (now WOOD). While the report was peer-reviewed, finalization of the report was delayed due to the desired use of the then-impending completion of the North Florida-Southeast Georgia (NFSEG) groundwater model.

Beginning November, 2020, the District seeks to further implement the MFL Priority List, specifically updating and finalizing the previously received draft report. WOOD will incorporate data from the NFSEG groundwater model, update general background information with data and analyses through September 2015, make modifications to the draft MFL report to reflect previous peer review comments, and utilize applicable District responses from both the current Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs MFL and the Upper Suwannee River draft MFL reports.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget under code 20-2-586-1-1102-18-00.

JCG/pf

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director  
DATE: October 28, 2020  
RE: District's Weekly Activity Reports

Attached are the weekly District activity reports.

Please feel free to contact staff prior to the Governing Board meeting if you would like further information.

HT/rl  
Attachments



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO GOVERNING BOARD FOR SEPTEMBER 20 – 26, 2020

#### Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas and Ben Glass attended the Levy County Commission meeting in Bronson to present the 2020 Payment in lieu of Taxes.
- Hugh Thomas attended the North Florida Research and Education Center groundbreaking at UF/IFAS NFREC Suwannee Valley in Live Oak.

#### Legislative and Community Affairs

- Ben Glass attended the Industry Planning Reception in Cedar Key.
- Throughout the week, Ben Glass virtually attended the governor's press conferences.

#### Administration

- No reporting activity.

#### Finance

- Pam Shaw presented at the Audit Committee meeting at District Headquarters.
- Christina Green presented and Pam Shaw attended the FY 2020-2021 Final Millage and Budget at District Headquarters on Monday, September 21, 2020.

#### Land Management

- District staff received bids for the baseline inventory project.
- District staff removed a campsite that a member of the public built on the Steinhatchee Rise Tract along the Steinhatchee River.

#### Resource Management

- Warren Zwanka attended the FDOT M-CORES Northern Turnpike virtual meeting to finalize guiding principles.
- Ashley Stefanik attended the FDOT M-CORES Suncoast Corridor online meeting to finalize guiding principles.

#### Water Resources

- No reporting activity.

#### Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- Sky Notestein and Louis Mantini provided guidance to Consultants on 14 potential wetlands transects along the Santa Fe River between Olustee Creek confluence and Oleno State Park. The information will be used in future MFL efforts on the Santa Fe River.

#### Water Supply

- No reporting activity.

#### Hydrological Data

- No reporting activity.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### **Agriculture and Environmental Projects**

- Bob Heeke and David Christian performed site visits to Mallory Swamp in Lafayette County.
- Libby Schmidt virtually attended the Tri-State Cover Crop meeting.
- Pat Webster and David Christian attended a virtual meeting discussion with the USACE along with representatives from the City of Starke and Bradford County regarding Alligator Creek.
- Libby Schmidt and Matt Cantrell attended the SRP Breakfast and the Inter-Agency Ag Team virtual meetings.
- Pat Webster and David Christian performed a site visit to Edwards Bottomlands project in Starke and attended a meeting to make acquaintances with the new Bradford County Emergency Manager and the County Manager.
- Kris Eskelin attended a virtual coordination meeting with EDM/WMD/DEP RWSP.

### **Information Technology and GIS**

- Paul Buchanan coordinated with UF Center for Hydro-generated Urbanism for the Upper Suwannee River Resilience Plan application with GIS data and map graphics.
- Andrew Neel, along with Patrick Webster, Bob Heeke, and David Christian, created maps of the Alligator Creek project for work in cooperation with the US Corps of Engineers, Bradford County, and City of Starke.



# SUWANNEE RIVER


## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### Communications

- Lindsey Garland met with Moore Communications to discuss the progress of the 319 Grant.
- Lindsey Garland and Kris Eskelin attended the Rum Island Park reopening that featured a springs restoration project to reduce nitrates in the water.
- Weekly Top Performing Post

**Suwannee River Water Management District** is at Ichetucknee Springs State Park.  
Published by Lindsey Garland · September 23 at 9:30 AM · Fort White

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### Announcements for the week of October 4 – 10, 2020

- The District office will remain closed to the public. Only essential staff will be present on site. Staff will continue to maximize remote work options during the COVID-19 crisis.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO GOVERNING BOARD FOR SEPT. 27 – OCT. 3, 2020

#### Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas and other District staff attended the third and final Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and associated priority springs (LSFI) Peer Review Panel Discussion public meeting via webinar.
- Hugh Thomas, and all supervisors, attended the Dynamic Corporate Solution Information facilitated human resource supervisor training.

#### Legislative and Community Affairs

- Ben Glass, Leroy Marshall, Ashley Stefanik, and Pam Sanders met with Lowell Garrett from the Town of Fort White regarding potential projects.
- Ben Glass, Matt Cantrell, and Libby Schmidt met with a representative from the Alachua Conservation Trust to discuss potential agricultural projects.
- Throughout the week, Ben Glass virtually attended the Governor's press events.

#### Administration

- The Office of Administration welcomed Sharon Hingson to the District in the position of Records and Contracts Manager.

#### Finance

- The Finance team met with Charles Keith to provide an overview of the finance team responsibilities and functions.
- The Finance team began meeting with the District program areas regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget.

#### Land Management

- District staff began planning work at the Woods Ferry Canoe Launch, as well as restoration work at River Access 16.7, also known as Lost Dog Rapids.

#### Resource Management

- Warren Zwanka participated in the State Emergency Operations Center teleconferences to discuss statewide COVID-19 emergency response and missions.

#### Water Resources

- Tom Mirti, Darlene Velez, and Louis Mantini virtually attended the Fall Nature Coast Snook Meeting.
- Darlene Velez and Tara Rodgers virtually attended the FDEP WIN Continuous Monitoring Discovery and Scoping Meeting.

#### Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- Tom Mirti, along with John Good, Tyler Jordan, Pennie Flickinger, and George Reeves, hosted the third and final LSFI Peer Review Panel Discussion public meeting via webinar.

#### Water Supply

- Tom Mirti and Amy Brown virtually presented an introduction of the Suwannee River Water Management District to the Suwannee Satilla Regional Planning Council.





# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### Hydrological Data

- Tara Rodgers, Leroy Marshall, Paul Buchanan, and Alex Garcia met virtually with NWS staff about Flood Extant Mapping along the lower Suwannee River.

### Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Libby Schmidt presented a District update at the quarterly Suwannee River Partnership Steering Committee meeting.
- Pat Webster and Dave Christian attended the Dixie County SPRINGS MBAR Planning Meeting along with representatives of Dixie County and their engineers.
- Matt Cantrell attended the virtual FDEP Springs Ag Team Kick-off meeting.
- Pat Webster and Kris Eskelin attended a meeting with the Florida Rural Water Association to discuss water audits and water losses.
- Dave Christian performed a site visit to Mallory Swamp in Lafayette County.


### Information Technology and GIS

- No reporting activity.

### Communications

- Weekly Top Performing Post

Post Details





**Suwannee River Water Management District** is at Rum Island Springs.

Published by Lindsey Garland (P) · September 30 at 9:35 AM · Fort White · 🌐

Rum Island Park is open to the public! 🌳

The District partnered with Columbia County to enhance water quality in the spring by improving bank stabilization and installing a septic system advanced treatment unit.

👉 Read more on our website - <https://bit.ly/2HKIEqy>

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# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### **Announcements for the week of October 11 – 17, 2020**

- The District office will remain closed to the public. The District will begin opening the office to staff members via a phased approach.
- The District will hold its monthly Governing Board Meeting and Workshop on October 13, 2020, via a Go-To Webinar and call-in beginning at 9:00 a.m.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO GOVERNING BOARD FOR OCTOBER 4 – 10, 2020

#### **Executive / Management**

- Hugh Thomas presented at the Wedgeworth Leadership Institute meeting in Cedar Key.
- Hugh Thomas virtually attended the FDEP/WMD's Monthly Coordination.

#### **Legislative and Community Affairs**

- Steve Minnis, Steve Schroeder, and Bill McKinstry met virtually with staff from the City of Newberry regarding the Newberry wellfield property.
- Ben Glass and Pam Sanders completed a site review of the Forrest Cothron property in Dixie County.
- Ben Glass, Pat Webster, and additional Projects staff met virtually with Bradford County regarding potential projects.
- Throughout the week, Ben Glass virtually attended the Governor's press events.

#### **Administration**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Finance**

- Pam Shaw and Christina Green met with office Chiefs to develop the FY 2021-22 preliminary budget.

#### **Land Management**

- Bill McKinstry reviewed the Florida Power and Light/Gulf Power easement across District lands.
- Bill McKinstry presented the Land Management FY 22 budget to Leadership.
- Ryan Sims and Wri Irby cleaned the storage area around the Kirby Building of debris collected on District lands.

#### **Resource Management**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Water Resources**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels**

- Louis Mantini presented on-going MFL work at Cherry Lake in Madison County to staff from FWC, FDEP, and stakeholders during a virtual meeting to share information on the work each agency has been conducting as well as aquatic ecology, watershed assessment, fisheries, and invasive plant management.

#### **Water Supply**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Hydrological Data**

- No reporting activity.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### **Agriculture and Environmental Projects**

- Project review team met with representatives of Bradford County to discuss a potential project meeting.
- Leroy Marshall and Pat Webster participated in a teleconference to discuss grant funding for Cedar Key.
- Warren Zwanka and Dave Christian assisted in the West Farm Low well search in Madison County.
- Pat Webster performed maintenance of the Edwards Bottomlands project in Bradford County.

### **Information Technology and GIS**

- Paul Buchanan provided the City of Live Oak with GIS data and onsite technical assistance.

### **Communications**

- Lindsey Garland met with Moore Communications to discuss the progress of the 319 Grant.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

- Weekly Top Performing Post

Post Details

**Suwannee River Water Management District**  
Published by Lindsey Garland · 191 · October 6 at 3:19 PM · 🌐

Madison and Hamilton County Florida Department of Health (DOH) lifted the health advisory for the Withlacoochee River. More information can be found in DOH's press release.

October 6, 2020

**WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER MEETS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS**  
*Health Advisory Has Been Lifted After Recent Samples*

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**Jasper, Fla.** —The Florida Department of Health in Hamilton and Madison counties have lifted a health advisory issued on October 2, 2020.

Water samples taken by the Florida Department of Health indicate the river water meets surface water quality standards ensuring the public may resume water-related activities.

**About the Florida Department of Health**  
The department, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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2 Shares	2 On Post	0 On Shares

**10** Post Clicks

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**Madison County Emergency Management**  
October 6 at 2:25 PM · 🌐

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👍 Kay McCullough, Dennis Paul and Donna May Engelman-Evans    2 Shares

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### Announcements for the week of October 18 – 24, 2020

- The District office remains closed to the public. The District will begin opening the office to staff members in phases.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO GOVERNING BOARD FOR OCTOBER 11 – 17, 2020

#### **Executive / Management**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Legislative and Community Affairs**

- Ben Glass attended a Suwannee Chamber of Commerce board meeting on Thursday morning.

#### **Administration**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Finance**

- Pam Shaw met with project managers to review quarterly grant status.

#### **Land Management**

- District contractors harvested timber on the Natural Well Branch #1 timber sale area.
- District contractors have completed fall mowing on Mallory Swamp Tract.

#### **Resource Management**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Water Resources**

- Darlene Velez attended Natural Resource Leadership Institute Training in Gainesville.

#### **Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Water Supply**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Hydrological Data**

- No reporting activity.

#### **Agriculture and Environmental Projects**

- Pat Webster virtually attended the North Florida Water Conservation meeting highlighting outdoor water conservation programs for utilities.
- Pat Webster, Bob Heeke, and Dave Christian virtually attended a meeting hosted by Michelle Hays of Jones Edmunds discussing the Madison County well search.
- Bob Heeke and Dave Christian performed a site visit to Mallory Swamp to perform a progress inspection.
- Pat Webster performed maintenance to the Edwards Bottomlands project in Bradford County.
- Kris Eskelin virtually participated in a meeting hosted by FDEP and The Taproot Agency discussing Non-Point Source messaging.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### Information Technology and GIS

- Paul Buchanan provided the City of Live Oak with GIS data and onsite technical assistance.

### Communications

- Weekly Top Performing Post

**Post Details**

Video | **Post** | Shares | See Metrics for All Videos

**Suwannee River Water Management District** is at Ichetucknee Springs State Park.  
Published by Lindsey Garland (P) · October 15 at 3:44 PM · Fort White · 🌐

Listen to the peaceful sound of running water 🎧

**Performance for Your Post**

- 551 People Reached
- 245 3-Second Video Views
- 43 Reactions, Comments & Shares

30 Like	18 On Post	12 On Shares
9 Love	7 On Post	2 On Shares
0 Comments	0 On Post	0 On Shares
5 Shares	5 On Post	0 On Shares

38 Post Clicks

10 Clicks to Play	1 Link Clicks	27 Other Clicks
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551 People Reached | 81 Engagements | **Boost Post**

Stacy Gill, Sherry Lynn Tillman and 23 others | 5 Shares

Like | Comment | Share

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