

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

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June 8, 2021  
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. New Governing Board Members Oath of Office
4. Lands Committee Member Assignments
5. Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair  
**Amendments Recommended by Staff:** None
6. Public Comment
7. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:
  - Agenda Item No. 8 - May 11, 2021 Board Meeting, Lands Committee Meeting, and Workshops Minutes
  - Agenda Item No. 12 - Governing Board Directive 21-0003, Updated Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands
  - Agenda Item No. 13 - Rayonier Lake Sampson Tract, Bradford County
  - Agenda Item No. 14 - April 2021 Financial Report

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8. May 11, 2021 Board Meeting, Lands Committee Meeting, and Workshops Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
9. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
  - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
  - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
  - C. Service Recognitions:  
***Five Years of Service:***  
Amy Brown                      Tim Beach  
Kevin Jones                      Mary Diaz

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

10. Update on Legal Activities / Enforcement Status Updates

**BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director**

**Administration**

- BCS Page 1      11. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report
- BCS Page 4      12. Governing Board Directive 21-0003, Updated Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 16     13. Rayonier Lake Sampson Tract, Bradford County – **Recommend Consent**

**Finance**

- BCS Page 18     14. April 2021 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**
- BCS Page 23     15. Resolution Number 2021-02, Release of Funds for Alternative Water Supply Projects
16. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget Status Update

**Resource Management**

- BCS Page 26     17. Permitting Summary Report
- BCS Page 29     18. Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-1.703, 40B-1.704, 40B-1.706, and 40B-4.709; and Repeal Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code

**Agriculture and Environmental Projects**

19. Soil Moisture Probe Presentation
- BCS Page 33     20. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services Contract Number 16/17-250 Renewal
- BCS Page 35     21. Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Circle H Ranch, Inc., Bradford County
- BCS Page 39     22. Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Wayne Lane, Jefferson and Madison Counties

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

**Land Management**

- WLR Page 1      23. District Land Management and Twin Rivers State Forest Activity Summary
- WLR Page 5      24. Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Water Resources

WLR Page 10 25. Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

Water Supply / MFL

- 26. Water Supply Plan Update
- 27. Prevention and Recovery Strategy for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs Discussion

**Hugh Thomas, Executive Director**

- EO Page 1
- 28. District's Weekly Activity Reports
  - 29. CCR Update
  - 30. Announcements
  - 31. Governing Board Comments

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

**July 13, 2021                      9:00 a.m.      Off-Site Board Meeting  
Projects Tour  
City of Alachua Commission Room  
15100 NW 142<sup>nd</sup> Terrace  
Alachua, FL 32615**

- 32. 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**

June 8, 2021  
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

- Multi-Basin Aquifer Recharge (MBAR) Project Update

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
May 13, 2021

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:58 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

**Governing Board**

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry K. Thompson		X	
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**

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

**Leadership Team**

Position	Name	Present	Not Present
Executive Director	Hugh Thomas	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tom Mirti	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

**Guests:**

Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk	Doug Manson, Manson Law Group
Matt Hurd, Eutaw, Inc.	Andy Townsend, City of Live Oak
Merrillee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River	Michael Roth, Our Santa Fe River
Ryan Smart, Florida Springs Council	George Curtis, City of Live Oak Manager
Kelly Aue, IFAS	Del Bottcher
The Florida Channel	Roberto Denis
Steve Gladin	Madeline Hart
Jacki Hodges	Christian Merricks
Lucinda Merritt	Bob Moresi
Stan Murphy	Kristin Rubin

Thomas Skierski  
Jacob Spradley  
Stephani Weeks  
Benjamin Wyche  
Kevin Coyne

Mike Smith  
Craig Varn  
Terry White  
Paria Shirzadi  
Sean Stevenson

**Staff:**

Libby Schmidt  
Jonathan Crain  
Ben Glass  
Steve Schroeder  
Tara Rodgers  
Tyler Jordan  
Sean King  
Amy Brown  
Alex Garcia  
Bo Cameron  
Lindsey Covington  
Sky Notestein  
Jon Wood

Pat Webster  
Katelyn Potter  
Warren Zwanka  
Pam Shaw  
Darlene Velez  
Tilda Musgrove  
Leroy Marshall  
Christina Green  
Paul Buchanan  
Dave Christian  
Kris Eskelin  
Emily Ryan  
Stasi Wachter

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

**Amendments Recommended by Staff:**

Addition:

Supplemental Page 1 - Governing Board Legal Counsel - Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Johns Water Management District allowing each District to include its Recovery and/or Prevention Strategies as part of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment. None

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 – April 13, 2021 Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting, and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 14 - March 2021 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Payment in Lieu of Taxes
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Financial Audit
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-4.1110, 40B-4.1140, 40B-4.3020, and 40B-4.3040 for Works of the District Permits
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Contract with University of South Florida to Update the Soil and Water Assessment Tool Model

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – April 13, 2021 Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting, and Workshop Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Update on Legal Activities / Enforcement Status Updates. None

Agenda Item No. 9 - Final Order Number 21-008, Florida Springs Council, Inc. vs. Seven Springs Water Company and Suwannee River Water Management District, DOAH Case No. 21-1180 and Final Order Number 21-009, Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson vs. Seven Springs Water Company and Suwannee River Water Management District, DOAH Case No. 21-1179. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

-Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River. (Doug Manson, Attorney, Manson Law Group, objected to public comments at this time.)

-Ryan Smart, Florida Springs Council. (Mr. Manson objected to public comments at this time.)

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL ORDER 21-008. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL ORDER 21-009. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Supplemental Page 1 - Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Johns Water Management District allowing each District to include its Recovery and/or Prevention Strategies as part of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.** Mr. Reeves presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Administration

Agenda Item No. 10 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Resolution 2021-01, Quail Heights Acquisition, Columbia County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 – RO Ranch Update. Mr. Schroeder provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 13 – HVAC Update. Mr. Schroeder provided an update to the Board.



Finance

Agenda Item No. 14 –March 2021 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Payments. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Financial Audit Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 17 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-4.1110, 40B-4.1140, 40B-4.3020, and 40B-4.3040 for Works of the District Permits. Approved on Consent.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 19 – Florida Department of Environmental Protection Alternative Water Supply and Conservation Funds Agreements. Pat Webster, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

George Curtis, City of Live Oak Manager, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 20 – Cost-Share Funding to Southern Cross Organics and Energy, LLC, Suwannee County. Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk, provided comments to the Board.

Mrs. Sanchez publicly announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The conflict-of-interest form was completed and signed by Mrs. Sanchez. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board Meeting minutes files of the District.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MRS. SANCHEZ.

Agenda Item No. 21 - Cost-Share Funding to Murphy Farms of Hamilton County, LLC, Hamilton County. Ms. Schmidt presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 - Cost-Share Funding to Murphy Farms 2, LLC, Hamilton County. Ms. Schmidt presented this item to the Board.

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

## **WATER AND LAND RESOURCES**

### **Land Management**

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

### **Water Resources**

Agenda Item No. 24 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

### **Water Supply / MFL**

Agenda Item No. 25 – Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40B-8.021 and Adopt New Rule 40B-8.121, Florida Administrative Code, for the Lake Butler Minimum Surface Water Levels. Warren Zwanka, Director, Division of Resource Management, and Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 26 – Contract with University of South Florida to Update the Soil and Water Assessment Tool Model. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Water Supply Update. Amy Brown, Chief, Office of Water Supply, provided an update to the Board.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 28 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Legislative Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Legislative and Community Affairs, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities and provided an update regarding the Country Club Road project status.

Agenda Item No. 31 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 32 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
**MINUTES OF DISTRICT LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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May 13, 2021  
Following Board Workshops

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:21 a.m.

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Richard Schwab (Chair)	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Virginia Sanchez	X	

Board Members Johns, Session, Smith, and Thompson also attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

Board Members Smith, Session, and Thompson were nominated by Mr. Schwab to be added to the Lands Committee. This recommendation will be on the June Board agenda for approval.

2. Public Comment. None

**General Discussion / Updates.**

3. Bailey Brothers Conservation Easement Update – Dixie/Lafayette. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY SESSION TO SEND TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

4. GBD21-0003 – Updated Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands Directive. Mr. Schroeder presented this update to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE REGARDING APPRAISALS ADDED TO THE DIRECTIVE. MOTION CARRIED.

**Exchanges**

None

**Land Acquisition / Property Offers**

5. Rayonier Lake Sampson Tract – Bradford County. Mr. Schroeder and Bob Heeke, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Committee.

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

**Conservation Easement Modification Requests**

*None*

**Surplus Lands**

*None*

6. Announcements: None
7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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

Workshop began at 11:52 a.m.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget Discussion

Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, Office of Finance, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget.

Agricultural Monitoring Discussion

Darlene Velez, Chief, Office of Water Resources, and Tara Rodgers, Chief, Office Hydrologic Data Services, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Directive.

Workshops adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration  
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services  
DATE: May 28, 2021  
RE: Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

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

SS/tm  
Attachments

LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION ACTIVITY REPORT  
JUNE 2021

Property Offers							
Owner	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)	Conservation Easement	Tabled by Lands Committee 6.11.2019. Offeror has contract for sale of property. On hold.
Approved for Detailed Assessment							
Owner	Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
McB-Pinehatchee	Steinhatchee North/ RO Ranch West-Equestrian	2950/1,277	Lafayette	09.2019	Exchange	Exchange - Fee for Fee	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. NFLT to conduct mineral rights exploitation feasibility study as it relates to a portion of the proposed exchange tract. Proposed final offer being submitted to Lands Committee 3.9.21 for recommendation to Governing Board. LC approved offer on Governing Board agenda 4.13.21. Governing Board approved offer on 4.13.21. Final steps underway including surveys and ESA Phase 1 inspection. Update provided to Governing Board 5.11.21.
Hickman	Alapaha Point	39.8	Hamilton	08.21.19	\$159,200	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. Appraisal received on 5.15.2020. Staff preparing an offer. Offer submitted. Counter-offer received. Counter-offer raised some title concerns. Title issues clarified through public records research and will be verified through formal title search. Staff is accepting counter-offer and will move forward with assessments and negotiations. ESA Phase 1 being ordered.
Michael and Freda Shaw	Shaw Conservation Easement Exchange	1,099	Lafayette	Unknown	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	Negotiations ongoing.
Crosby Lake	Crosby Lake	1,380	Bradford	11.2020	TBD	TBD - possibly mixed fee and CE	Approved for detailed assessment and negotiations 12.8.2020. Staff proceeding with discussions and project assessment including Bradford County and the City of Starke. Staff met with Offeror on 2.25.21 to update on status and timelines. Staff met with County and City staff 3.8.21. Joint meeting of County and City commissions being scheduled possibly April or May.
Camp and Abel	Camp and Abel	266	Hamilton	09.23.20	\$948,000	Fee	Approved for detailed assessment and negotiations 12.8.2020. Property being tasked to NFLT for negotiation and assessment.
Pfeiger	Riverbend Estates	1.1	Dixie	03.20.20	\$11,000/Possible exchange	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. Draft contract submitted to Counsel for review on 3.3.21.
Alachua Conservation Trust	Santa Fe Springs (ACT) a/k/a Zow, Graham Springs	282	Columbia	10.2019	\$139,041	Conservation Easement	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. Draft CE submitted to ACT for review 12.9.2020. ACT comments received and being reviewed. Internal review complete. Will be submitted to legal for final approval. CE submitted for legal review 3.3.21.
Florida Department of Transportation	Quail Heights	40.63	Columbia	7.2019	\$651,105	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. Lands Committee approved contribution to acquisition costs 11.10.2020. Governing Board approved on consent agenda 12.8.2020. Draft agreement provided by FDOT under review. FDOT contract completed. Resolution for acquisition on Governing Board agenda 5.11.2021. Resolution approved by Governing Board 5.11.21. Final revisions and resolution of all contingencies complete and satisfied. Funds will be distributed to FDOT before 6.1.21.
Harpo Holdings, LLC	Rio Lindo Conservation Easement	313	Gilchrist	10.2.20	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	Lands Committee requested additional information at its 11.10.2020 meeting. Requested information submitted at the 12.8.2020 meeting and staff recommendation to proceed with detailed assessments and negotiations was unanimously approved. On Governing Board agenda 1.12.21. Approved by Governing Board on 1.12.21. Discussions underway with seller on due diligence cost sharing. Seller is editing SRWMD Template CE for property. Sellers edits received, being reviewed internally.
Lasky	Lasky	351.74	Gilchrist	11.2020	\$855,000	Fee	Being submitted to Lands Committee 3.9.21. Approved for detailed assessment and negotiation by LC 3.9.21. On Governing Board agenda 4.13.21. Approved by Board. Request for quotes for ESA Phase 1 being prepared.
R.L. Henderson	Telford Springs	94	Suwannee	12.2020	\$1,135,000	Fee	Submitted to Lands Committee 3.9.21 as a Springs Restoration program acquisition. Approved by LC on Governing Board agenda 4.13.21. Approved by Governing Board as part of Spring Restoration Grant application.
Adams	Adams Tract	231.1	Madison	08.2020	TBD	Fee	Submitted to Lands Committee 3.9.21 as a Springs Restoration program acquisition. Approved by LC on Governing Board agenda 4.13.21. Approved by Governing Board as part of Spring Restoration Grant application.
Rayonier	Lake Sampson	30+/-	Bradford	District Initiated	TBD	Fee	Submitted to Lands Committee on 5.11.21 to be funded through FDEP grant; acquisition is AWS project related. Approved by Lands Committee. On Governing Board Agenda for 6.8.21.



**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
Forest Woodlands	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	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. Staff is trying to obtain a review appraisal to reconcile disparate appraisals received and determine minimum price for bids. Awaiting legal guidance on establishing minimum price for public notice of intent to sell.
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. <b>Contract being drafted.</b>
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.
Newberry Wellfield	58.66	Alachua	1.11.00	P-2000	N/A	\$0	3.9.21 Lands Committee recommended surplus and conveyance to the City of Newberry with specified conditions. Approved by Governing Board 4.13.21. Conveyance documents being drafted for legal review.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: Governing Board Directive 21-0003, Updated Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of Governing Board Directive 21-0003 Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands.

**BACKGROUND**

The proposed revisions update the directive to reflect current practice regarding land acquisition and surplus; clarify the Governing Board's policy reflecting a preference for less-than-fee acquisitions when possible; clarify staff responsibilities in the area of surplus properties; and provide clarification for disposition of funds derived from the sale of surplus properties. The revisions also delete obsolete language and define additional relevant terms.

The proposed revisions are part of an ongoing staff initiative to simplify and clarify District directives, policies and procedures. The revised directive will supersede Directive GBD19-0005.

The proposed update was approved unanimously by the Lands Committee at its meeting on May 11, 2021 with an amendment to delegate authority to the Executive Director to disclose specified confidential and exempt information in accordance with Florida Statutes.

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# SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE



Directive Number: GBD19-0005

Date Approved: July 9, 2019

Subject: **Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands**

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Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Johns, Chair

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

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### **1.0 Reference to Prior Directive**

Supersedes Directives 99-01 LA, 06-01 LA, 2009-01 LA, 2011-03LM, 2011-01LM, 2015-001, GBD17-0002, GBD18-0003, ~~and GBD19-0001~~, and GBD 19-005.

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#### **45.0 Elements of Directive**

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~~d. The owner's initial asking price for the property;~~

~~e. Identification of any easements, deed restrictions, mineral interests, or other rights held by persons other than the fee title owner; and,~~

~~f. Identification of any existing purchase agreement, option contract, listing agreement, or any other agency arrangement or agreement entered into by the seller relating to the subject property~~

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~~Staff shall seek to reserve the right to implement future water resource projects within a conservation easement wherever practicable.~~

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- 5.4. At a regular-scheduled Governing Board meeting of which notice was given, the Governing Board shall receive public comment with regards to the lands considered for surplus. For lands acquired for conservation purposes as specified in sections 373.089(6)(c) and (d), F.S., including all lands in which the title was vested in the District prior to July 1, 1999, the Governing Board must determine the lands are no longer needed for conservation purposes by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Governing Board membership (six Board members) consistent with Article X, Section 18 of the Florida Constitution. All other lands may be designated as surplus and approved for disposal by a simple majority vote of the Governing Board.
- 6.5. At the time of the Governing Board's determination of lands as surplus, the Governing Board may also consider retention of a conservation easement or deed restrictions over the property as a condition of the ultimate sale or exchange of the District's fee interest in the property.
- 7.6. At the time of the Governing Board's determination of lands as surplus, the Governing Board may also consider reservation of rights that may be needed for implementation of projects (restoration or water resource development) as a condition of the ultimate sale or exchange of the District's fee interest in the property.
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- 9.8. For surplus properties without a current appraisal, upon receipt of a bona fide offer to purchase, an appraisal shall be initiated only at the direction of the Lands Committee, ~~for surplus properties without a current appraisal.~~
- 10.9. Requests for undeclared lands to be surplus shall be initiated only upon receipt of a current appraisal performed by an appraiser ~~from the District's approved appraisal list or payment to the District to perform an appraisal listed as qualified on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection website.~~
- 11.10. Request for ~~undeclared~~ lands to be surplus and or subdivided shall be initiated only upon receipt of payment for a survey and appraisal.

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Staff may contract with one or more real estate brokers for purposes of listing for sale surplus parcels. Staff shall maintain an updated surplus property webpage on the District's website which, at a minimum, will list all parcels declared as surplus, provide a general location map of the parcel, provide the County property appraisers parcel ID number, and identify any interest to be retained by the District.

All surplus land shall be sold at or above the current appraised value.

**D. Revenue Derived from the Proceeds of Surplus Lands:**

1. Revenue derived from the sale of Preservation 2000 lands shall be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with section 259.101(5)(c), F.S.
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3. Florida Forever Program funds that are unencumbered shall be managed pursuant to section 259.105, F.S.
4. The District's lands database shall be used to track and monitor sales of surplus lands and disclosed within the Annual Florida Forever Work Plan updates.

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**Directive Number:** GBD21-0003

**Date Approved:** June 8, 2021

**Subject:** Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands

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**Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Johns, Chair

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Charles Keith, Secretary/Treasurer

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

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

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: Rayonier Lake Sampson Tract, Bradford County

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to contract with North Florida Land Trust to begin negotiations with Rayonier regarding the purchase of approximately 30 acres in Bradford County for an amount not to exceed amount of \$30,000.

**BACKGROUND**

In May 2020, the District executed a contract with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Bradford County Silviculture Enhancement and Recharge Project. One component of this project is to replace the drainage well that was in Lake Sampson. This new drainage well would be designed to take waters above a defined lake elevation to potentially limit lake flooding and recharge water to the aquifer for the benefit of the Lower Santa Fe River.

In discussions with FDEP permitting, this new well must be of similar capacity and location within the basin as the original well. This "like for like" requirement is required to replace the old well without permitting of the well itself. The well site and conveyance structures are anticipated to require permitting. The Rayonier Tract is located within 2,500 feet of the location of the original well and has upland areas where the new well could be placed. It also is of sufficient size to provide a buffer around the well and its associated structures and has public road frontage for access. There are approximately 900 feet of frontage on Lake Sampson.

Staff plans to utilize North Florida Land Trust to assist with the real estate due diligence and negotiations.

At its May 11, 2021 meeting, the Lands Committee unanimously approved the staff recommendation.

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Attachment



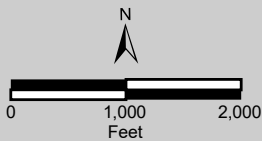
Estimated Old Well location

Lake Sampson

-  Rayonier Lake Sampson Tract
-  Bradford Ditches
-  Old Lake Sampson Drainage Well location

## Rayonier Lake Sampson Tract

Bradford County



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: April 2021 Financial Report

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the April 2021 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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**Suwannee River Water Management District  
Cash Report  
April 2021**

<b>Financial Institution/Account</b>	<b>Monthly Interest</b>	<b>Interest Rate %</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
First Federal Permit Fee	\$0.00		\$17,115.81
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$0.00		\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00		\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$34.19	0.01%	\$606,636.18
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$29,394.13</u>	0.78%	<u>\$45,524,903.95</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$29,428.32</u></u>		<u><u>\$46,183,655.94</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 April 30, 2021  
(Unaudited)**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Actuals Through 4/30/2021</b>	<b>Variance (Under)/Over Budget</b>	<b>Actuals As A % of Budget</b>
<b>Sources</b>				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 6,034,682	\$ 5,844,698	\$ (189,984)	96.9%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 39,950,983	\$ 4,820,675	\$ (35,130,308)	12.1%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 415,398	\$ 285,398	319.5%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 163,000	\$ 156,498	\$ (6,502)	96.0%
Other	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 438,139	\$ (561,861)	43.8%
Fund Balance <sup>1</sup>	\$ 11,789,923	\$ 494,922	\$ (11,295,001)	4.2%
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$ 59,068,588</b>	<b>\$ 12,170,330</b>	<b>\$ (46,898,258)</b>	<b>20.6%</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	\$ 11,309,318	\$ 2,831,927	\$ 3,597,471	\$ 4,879,920	25%	57%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 37,812,028	\$ 3,231,269	\$ 24,998,502	\$ 9,582,257	9%	75%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 6,127,699	\$ 1,662,108	\$ 1,206,681	\$ 3,258,910	27%	47%
Regulation	\$ 1,894,389	\$ 928,739	\$ 44,402	\$ 921,248	49%	51%
Outreach	\$ 243,657	\$ 100,423	\$ -	\$ 143,234	41%	41%
Management and Administration	\$ 1,681,497	\$ 899,013	\$ 60,108	\$ 722,376	53%	57%
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$ 59,068,588</b>	<b>\$ 9,653,480</b>	<b>\$ 29,907,164</b>	<b>\$ 19,507,944</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>67%</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 April 30, 2021 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 4/30/2021**

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b><u>Report Recap -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	6,854,734	0	7,327,682
LOCAL REVENUES	86,480	0	86,480
STATE REVENUES	4,196,849	0	36,208,503
FEDERAL REVENUES	537,345	0	3,656,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	494,922	0	11,789,923
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>12,170,330</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59,068,588</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	3,592,164	0	6,709,559
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	3,089,122	10,457,495	22,052,900
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	546,340	108,359	1,810,700
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	681,091	33,586	410,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	18,896	161,744	5,077,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,725,867	19,145,980	23,008,385
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>9,653,480</b>	<b>29,907,164</b>	<b>59,068,588</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,516,850</b>	<b>(29,907,164)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>General Fund -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	6,294,771	0	4,938,432
LOCAL REVENUES	86,480	0	86,480
STATE REVENUES	1,312,356	0	2,740,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,866,522
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7,693,607</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,631,434</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,830,798	0	5,181,595
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	375,270	562,589	2,074,290
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	304,757	62,305	1,016,233
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	76,001	0	253,336
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	415,593	408,230	1,105,980
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,002,419</b>	<b>1,033,124</b>	<b>9,631,434</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,691,188</b>	<b>(1,033,124)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>Land Management Operations -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	385,159	0	2,314,250
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	856,094	0	2,290,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	40,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	2,020,330
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,241,253</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,664,699</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	425,027	0	786,979
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	916,135	968,621	3,328,610
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	239,518	35,943	722,467
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	10,482	0	156,708
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	18,896	161,744	977,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	71,982	40,373	692,935
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,682,040</b>	<b>1,206,681</b>	<b>6,664,699</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(440,787)</b>	<b>(1,206,681)</b>	<b>0</b>

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)**  
**FOR 4/30/2021**

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b><u>District Special Revenue -</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	494,922	0	5,319,470
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>494,922</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,319,470</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	343,979	990,961	2,250,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	4,671	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	15,265	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	135,679	1,482,452	3,039,470
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>494,923</b>	<b>2,478,084</b>	<b>5,319,470</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2,478,084)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>State Special Revenue -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	174,804	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,028,400	0	31,178,384
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	2,583,601
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,203,204</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,761,985</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	335,302	0	724,985
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	890,713	6,437,581	10,749,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,064	5,440	36,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	579,344	33,586	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	4,100,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,102,613	17,214,925	18,152,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,910,036</b>	<b>23,691,532</b>	<b>33,761,985</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(706,832) *</b>	<b>(23,691,532)</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>*To be reimbursed by grants</i>			
<b><u>Federal Special Revenue -</u></b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	75,000
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	537,345	0	3,616,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>537,345</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,691,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,037	0	16,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	563,026	1,497,743	3,651,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	0	18,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>564,063</b>	<b>1,497,743</b>	<b>3,691,000</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(26,718) *</b>	<b>(1,497,743)</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>*To be reimbursed by grants</i>			

Fund SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

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

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: Resolution No. 2021-02, Release of Funds for Alternative Water Supply Projects

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Resolution No. 2021-02, authorizing the Executive Director to request the Secretary of Florida Department of Environmental Protection to encumber and release up to \$5,025,000 from the General Revenue Fund for Alternative Water Supply projects.

**BACKGROUND**

Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature included \$38,200,000 in funding from the General Revenue Fund for local governments and non-state entities for alternative water supply and water resource development grants in Chapter 2020-111, Laws of Florida, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FY 2021) General Appropriations Act, line item 1622.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) awarded the District \$5,025,000 for alternative water supply projects for FY 2021. This amount is included in the District's FY 2021 Adopted Budget.

Approval of the recommendation will enable staff to request and receive funds for FY 2021 to implement alternative water supply projects. Disbursement of these funds will be made based on a payment schedule agreed upon between the District and FDEP as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding – Agreement Number WP002 (20/21-073) that was approved by the Governing Board on January 12, 2021.

CG/tm  
Attachment

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-02**

**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 thirty-eight million two hundred thousand dollars (\$38,200,000), of which, up to five million twenty-five thousand dollars (\$5,025,000) is allocated to the Suwannee River Water Management District from the General Revenue Fund; and

**WHEREAS** the Suwannee River Water Management District may request, and the Department of Environmental Protection has established a process to release revenue from the General Revenue 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 as described in Memorandum of Understanding WP 002, those funds designated pursuant to Chapter 2020-111, Laws of Florida, as listed below:

Line Item 1622	\$38,200,000 from the General Revenue Fund of which, up to \$5,025,000 is allocated to the Suwannee River Water Management District.
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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 2021-02**

**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 8th DAY of June 2021.**

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

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**

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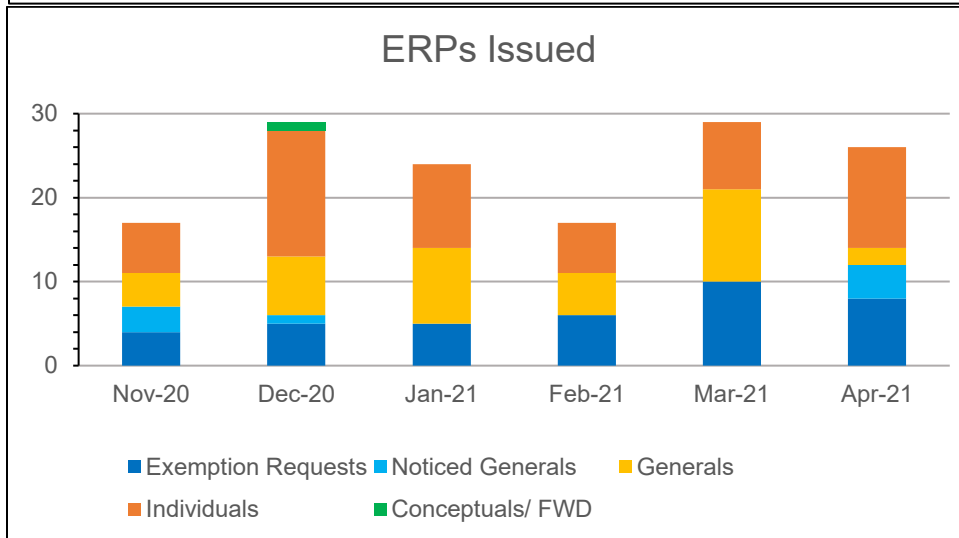
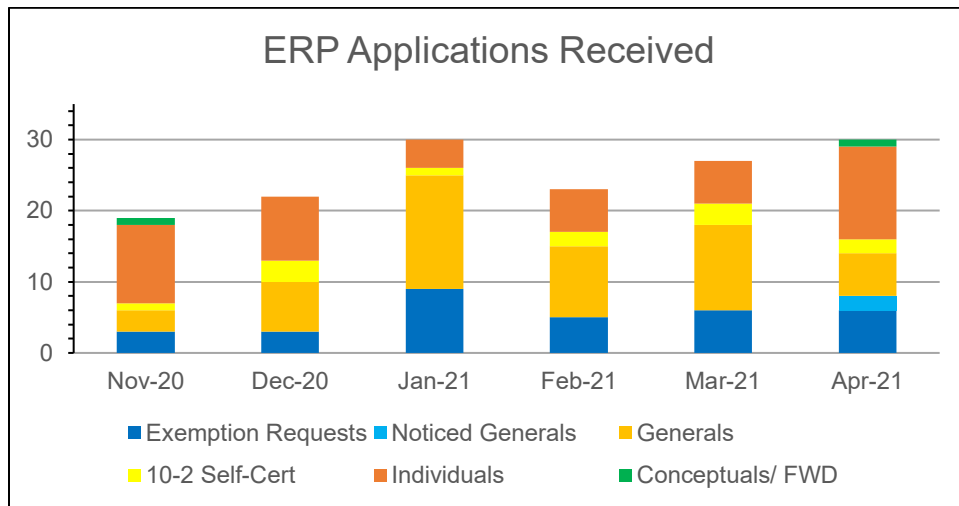
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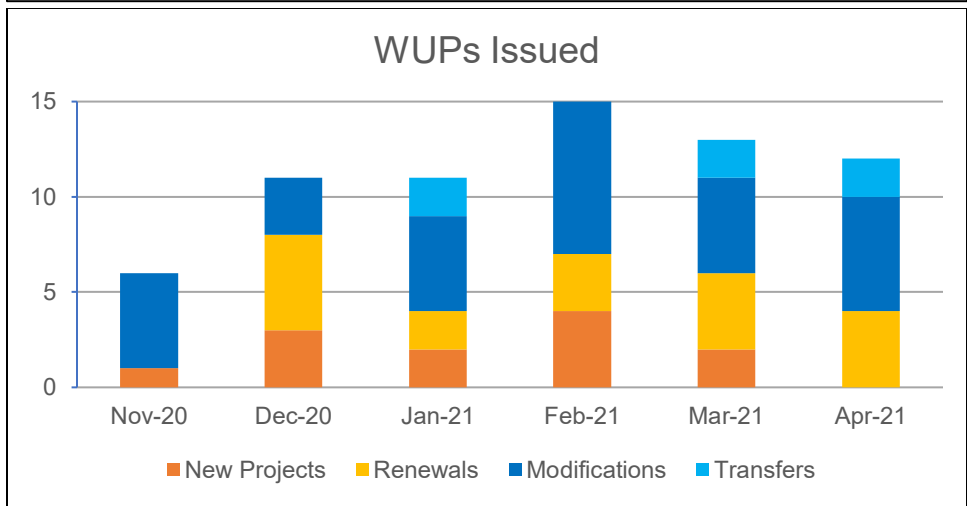
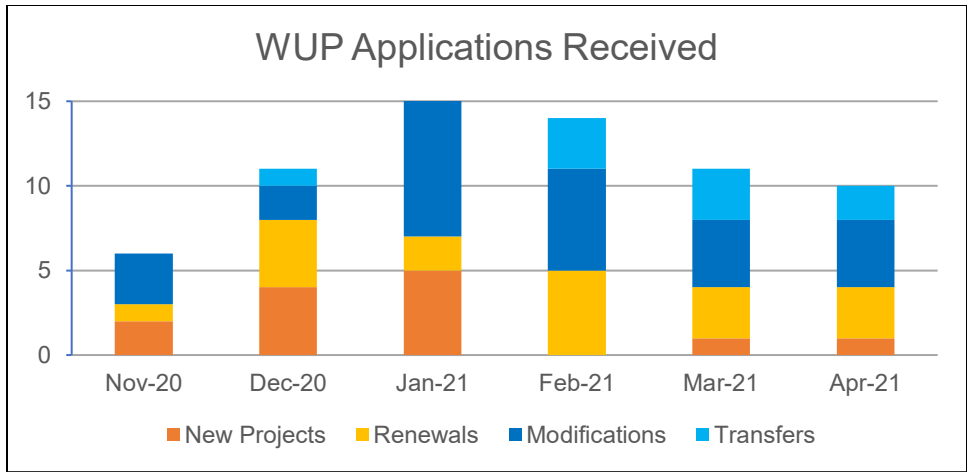
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MEMORANDUM

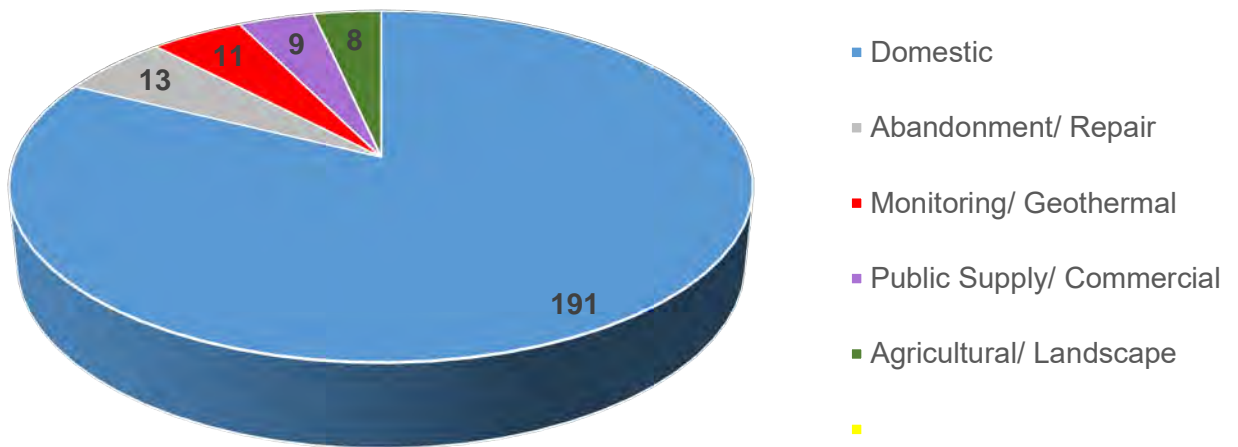
TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Warren Zwanka, Director, Division of Resource Management  
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services  
DATE: May 28, 2021  
RE: Permitting Summary Report







Water Well Permits Issued April 2021



**40B-400.091 Statewide Stormwater Rules**

GB Authorized Rulemaking	12/8/2020
Notice of Rule Development	12/21/2020
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Rule Change	
Mail to DOS	
<b>Effective Date</b>	

**40B-1.703 Consideration of Permit Apps**

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

**40B-1.704 Bond**

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

**40B-1.706 Fees**

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

**40B-1.709 Susp., Revoc., Mod. of Permits**

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

**40B-1.1010 Pt. of Entry into Proceedings**

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

**Compliance Agreements:**

None to report

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Warren Zwanka, Director, Division of Resource Management

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-1.703, 40B-1.704, 40B-1.706, and 40B-4.709; and Repeal Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize staff to amend the District general and procedural rules 40B-1.703, 40B-1.704, 40B-1.706, and 40B-4.709; and repeal rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code.

**BACKGROUND**

This recommended rulemaking includes publishing a Notice of Rule Development, publishing a Notice of Proposed Rule, and filing the proposed rules and any changes that do not change the intent of the rulemaking with the Department of State if no objections are received. It also includes authorizing the Executive Director to certify that violations of the rules would not be minor violations pursuant to section 120.695, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The intent of the rule amendments shown in Attachment A are as follows:

- 40B-1.703, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) – **Procedures for Consideration of Permit Applications** - amendments make rule consistent with Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) issuance authorization in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation.
- 40B-1.704, F.A.C. – **Bond** - amendments correct rule citations.
- 40B-1.706, F.A.C. – **Fees** - amendments add a less costly 'minor modification' permit fee category.
- 40B-1.709, F.A.C. - **Suspension, Revocation, and Modification of District Permits** – amendment corrects a misspelling.
- 40B-1.1010, F.A.C. - **Point of Entry into Proceedings** – repealing to re-adopt pursuant to paragraph 120.54(5)(a), F.S., in Chapter 40B-0, F.A.C.

These rule amendments largely clarify existing rule or reduce regulatory burdens; therefore, staff has determined that the requested rulemaking will have minimal impact on the regulated public.

WZ/tm  
Attachment

**CHAPTER 40B-1  
GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL RULES**

**40B-1.703 Procedures for Consideration of Permit Applications.**

(1) General Permits.

(a) through (c) no change.

(d) General permits by rule, as defined in rule 40B-2.041, F.A.C., are a category of general permits for activities which have established standards and conditions for issuance of permits in district rules. A permit application is not required for any use that meets the requirements of rule ~~40B-2.041, F.A.C. 40B-24.041, F.A.C.~~, and is thereby considered to be an existing legal ~~use~~ ~~user~~ of water.

(2) Individual Permits.

(a) through (b) no change.

(c) The Governing Board hereby delegates authority to the Executive Director or ~~their designee Assistant Executive Director~~ to issue individual environmental resource permits ~~that require no special limiting conditions or that require only the following special limiting conditions pursuant to subsection 40B-4.1140(1), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), under chapters 40B-4 and 40B-400, F.A.C.:~~

~~1. Permits that identify non profit associations as operation and maintenance entities under subsection 40B-4.2035(3), F.A.C.;  
or~~

~~2. Permits that require the following documents to be recorded in legal records:~~

~~a. Final plats; and~~

~~b. Deed restrictions; and~~

~~c. Drainage easements.~~

~~unless Unless~~ objection to the permit application or the notice of ~~application proposed agency action~~ is made according to statute and these rules by a substantially affected person, ~~the Executive Director or Assistant Executive Director shall either issue the permit or place the application on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board.~~

(3) no change.

*Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.083, 373.113, 373.118, 373.171, 373.4141 FS. Law Implemented 120.57, 120.59, 120.60, 373.084, 373.085, 373.086, 373.106, 373.116, 373.118, 373.229, 373.313, 373.413, 373.416, 373.426 FS. History—New 6-16-88, Amended 12-22-92, 10-3-95, 1-29-01, 12-10-07, 10-25-09, 3-24-14, 4-8-15, [DATE].*

**40B-1.704 Bond.**

(1) no change.

(2) Applicants for environmental resource permits under chapters 40B-4 and 40B-400, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), shall furnish a bond or other form of surety for certification of completion of construction as required by paragraphs 40B-4.1140(2)(c) and ~~40B-400.091(2) 40B-400.115(1)(j)~~, F.A.C. The forms of surety acceptable to the District include but are not limited to, cash deposit, letter of credit, and performance bond. Bonds and other forms of surety shall be in the following amounts: project area less than one acre, \$1,000; project area less than 10 acres, \$2,000; project area less than 40 acres, \$3,000; project area less than 100 acres, \$4,000; project area less than 200 acres, \$5,000; project area greater than or equal to 200 acres, \$10,000. The District shall release the bond or other form of surety, without interest, upon final acceptance of certification of completion of construction and transfer of operation and maintenance to an entity approved by the District as required by rule ~~40B-4.2035, F.A.C.~~ ~~40B-400.091(2)~~, F.A.C.

(3) through (4) no change.

*Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.085, 373.103, 373.219, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416 FS. History—New 9-15-81, Amended 1-10-10, [DATE].*

**40B-1.706 Fees.**

(1) no change.

(2) Upon delegation of the administration of a permitting program from the department to the district, the fees for such permits established by department rule shall be collected by the district pursuant to section 373.109, F.S.

TABLE 1.A. SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES

WATER USE PERMITS

Water Use Permits less than 2,000,000 GPD-ADR	\$230
Modification or Renewal of Water Use Permits less than 2,000,000 GPD-ADR	\$115
Water Use Permits equal to or greater than 2,000,000 GPD-ADR	\$530
Modification or Renewal of Water Use Permits equal to or greater than 2,000,000 GPD-ADR	\$265

TABLE 1.B. SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AND WORKS OF THE DISTRICT PERMITS

Use of the reviewing agency’s electronic self-certification system	\$0
Verification of exemption under sections 373.406, 403.813, F.S., chapter 62-330 or 40B-4, F.A.C.	\$100
Verification of qualification to use a General Permit under chapter 62-330, F.A.C., or Noticed General under chapter 40B-4, F.A.C.	\$250
Variance or Waiver under section 120.542, F.S.	\$0
Variances or Waivers	\$550
Works of the District General Permits	\$490
<u>Major</u> Modification of a Works of the District General Permit	\$245
<u>Minor Modification of a Works of the District Permit</u>	<u>\$100</u>
All Individual or Conceptual Approval Permits under chapters 62-330 or 40B-4, F.A.C.:	
(1) through (3) no change.	
New Determinations of the Landward Extent of Wetlands and Other Surface Waters.	
(1) through (2) no change.	
Reissuance of Informal Determinations.	\$50
Reissuance of Formal Determinations, in accordance with subsection 62-330.201(5), F.A.C.	\$350
Application for any activity when submitted by the Department of Defense.	\$0
Any fee in excess of \$100, as determined by this section, shall be reduced to this amount, which shall not exceed \$100, for public projects when the applicant is a county or municipality (or under contract thereto) that qualifies under section 218.075, F.S.	\$100

*Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.109, 373.113, 373.118, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 218.075, 373.109 FS. History—New 6-16-88, Amended 11-25-90, 12-22-92, 10-16-94, 11-8-94, 10-3-95, 1-3-96, 6-22-99, 5-6-12, 10-1-13, 3-24-14, [DATE].*

**40B-1.709 Suspension, Revocation, and Modification of District Permits.**

- (1) through (3) no change.
- (4) The Board shall consider any timely filed petition for a sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., hearing at the next available regular regulatory meeting following expiration of the 14-day time period in subsection (2).
- (5) no change.

*Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 120.53(1)(b), (c), 120.60(2), 373.119, 373.429 FS. History—New 9-15-81, Repromulgated 3-17-88, Amended 12-21-88, 10-25-09, [DATE].*

**40B-1.1010 Point of Entry into Proceedings.**

~~(1) For all District permitting decisions under part II and part IV of chapter 373, F.S., and decision on petitions for formal determination of wetlands or other surface waters, the District shall require an applicant to publish, or inform an applicant that the applicant has the right to publish, written notice of a District decision in a newspaper of general circulation as set forth in Chapter 50, F.S., in the county or counties where the activity is proposed.~~

~~(2)(a) “Written notice” as set forth in rule 28 106.111, F.A.C., means either receipt of actual written notice that the District has taken or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has taken or intends to take final agency action. If final agency action materially differs from a written notice of the District’s intended action, persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional 21 days, or for a notice of consolidated intent an additional 14 days, from the date of receipt or publication of notice of such action to request an administrative hearing. Such requests for an administrative hearing shall only address those aspects of the agency action which differ from the proposed agency action.~~

~~(b) Receipt of written notice of a District decision shall be deemed to be the fifth day after the date on which the written notice is deposited in the United States mail if actual notice is mailed, the date that the notice is sent if actual notice is issued by electronic mail, or the date that notice is published if actual notice is not issued to the persons who may be substantially affected. If the date of publication of a notice of District decision precedes the date that actual notice is received, the applicable 21-day or 14-day period in which to request an administrative hearing will be determined from the date that notice of District decision was published.~~

~~(3) When publication is made or notice is issued of a District decision on a permitting matter, the notice shall contain as a minimum:~~

- ~~(a) Name of applicant and a brief description of the proposed activity and its location;~~
- ~~(b) Location of the application and its availability;~~
- ~~(c) Statement of the District's intended action and basis for the issuance or denial except when issuance is a ministerial act;~~
- ~~(d) Scheduled date of Board action, if such action is necessary;~~
- ~~(e) Notification of administrative hearing opportunity or right to judicial review, the procedures which must be followed and applicable time limits; and~~
- ~~(f) Notification of whether mediation under section 120.573, F.S., is available as an alternative remedy.~~

~~(4) When an applicant publishes written notice of a District decision, the applicant shall provide an affidavit of publication to the District within 14 days of publication.~~

~~(5) For notices of agency action on a consolidated application for an environmental resource permit and use of state-owned lands concurrently reviewed by the District pursuant to section 373.427, F.S., any petition for an administrative hearing pursuant to sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., must be filed within 14 days of receipt of written notice of consolidated intent to issue or deny a permit.~~

*Rulemaking Authority 120.54(5), 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 120.54(5), 120.60, 253.115, 373.079(4)(a), 373.083(5), 373.216, 373.219, 373.308, 373.309, 373.323, 373.413, 373.4136, 373.414, 373.416, 373.418, 373.421, 373.426, 373.427 FS. History—New 4-8-15, Repealed [DATE].*

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services Contract Number 16/17-250 Renewal

**RECOMMENDATION**

Renew contract with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services for an amount not to exceed \$211,410.

**BACKGROUND**

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), as well as the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) through the Suwannee River Partnership (SRP), recognize the need to provide technical support services to agricultural producers to implement best management practices (BMPs). These services have been critical to the SRP mission to help conserve water and improve water quality in the District.

The FDACS, FDEP, and District funding for this initiative is accomplished with FDACS entering into separate agreements with the Gilchrist County Soil and Water Conservation District, Suwannee County Soil and Water Conservation District, Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Science North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) – Live Oak for these positions which provide service to thirteen counties.

These conservation districts currently employ five conservation technicians who assist producers with BMPs in fertilization, irrigation, and waste management associated with their farming operations. Staff, in collaboration with our SRP members, is recommending the addition of two SRP Technicians to address concerns associated with the adoption of the FDEP Suwannee River Basin Management Action Plan, the District's Water Supply Planning Areas, and increased record keeping relative to FDACS BMP program. The technicians provide significant assistance to District staff regarding water use permitting, cost-share, and District outreach. The District's portion of funding for these two positions is \$60,000 and is included in the \$211,410 funding amount being recommended.

Relative to coordination of the SRP activities, the NFREC employs a FDEP, FDACS, and District co-funded, SRP Outreach Coordinator, who coordinates the SRP Steering Committee's efforts, SRP events, and other public outreach and educational activities throughout the District on behalf of the SRP and in conjunction with the NFREC.

The contract period aligns with the State of Florida Fiscal Year (FY) of July 1st through June 30th and is renewed annually.

Funding for the period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 is included in the FY 2021-2022 budget under account code 29-6930-7-2201-05-02. Funding for the remaining portion of the contract is proposed in the FY 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget and is contingent upon final approval of the FY 2022-2023 budget.

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## SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Circle H Ranch, Inc., Bradford County

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize Executive Director to enter into contract with Circle H Ranch, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$91,900.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The District has provided agricultural cost-share funds along with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as part of the Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) to help agricultural producers implement best management practices (BMPs). These BMPs help farmers conserve water and improve water quality in the District.

The District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program has been supported through funding from the District, FDEP, and FDACS over time. In Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (FY 2012), the Governing Board allocated \$7 million dollars to the program.

At the November 2019 Governing Board meeting, the Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the FDEP for pivot retrofits to improve irrigation efficiency and reduce groundwater pumping for an amount totaling \$500,400.

This cost share project is with Circle H Ranch, Inc. located in Bradford County on approximately 420 acres of corn, soybean, and winter rye in the Eastern Water Supply Planning Area and the Santa Fe Best Management Action Plan.

The producer proposes to retrofit four pivots, install four new control panels, one centralized remote-control system, four remote controls on center pivots, four GPS end-gun shutoffs and purchase one weather station and four soil moisture probes. Pivot retrofits are performed to improve the performance and irrigation efficiency of center pivot irrigation equipment. Pump grades allow for improved irrigation management in equipment operating at low pressure and reduces water losses due to system blow outs. Remote monitoring and controlling of irrigation equipment is used to assist producers with advanced monitoring and scheduling of irrigation events. This equipment provides the producer with real-time remote irrigation/weather information which alerts the producer of issues and allows for improved visibility on water usage and efficiency resulting in an overall water savings.

The pivot retrofits are estimated to reduce water use by 0.076 million gallons per day at a cost to the District of \$0.19 per thousand gallons over the life of the equipment. The soil moisture probes are estimated to conserve 0.131 million gallons per day and the remote controlling equipment is

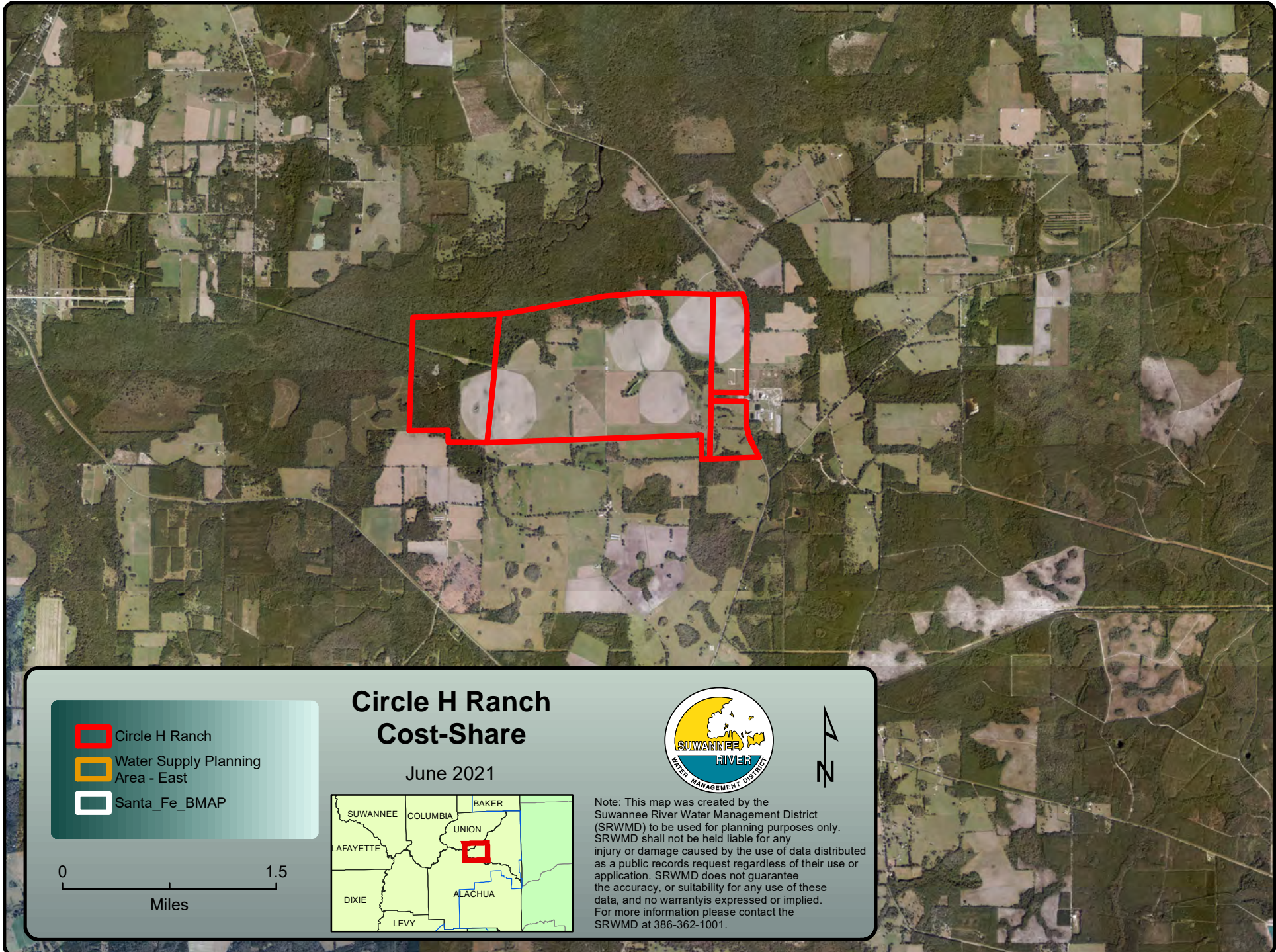
estimated to conserve 0.050 million gallons per day. The overall estimated water conservation for the project is 0.257 million gallons per day.




Exhibit A lists the cost share items and funding breakdown for each item. Funding for this project is included in the FY 2021 Budget under account codes 51-2586-7-2400-06-07 and 03-2586-7-2201-37.

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Attachments

**Exhibit A – Itemized List**

<b>Producer</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Maximum Cost-Share</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>SRWMD Total</b>	<b>Producer Share</b>
Circle H Ranch, Inc.	Pivot Retrofits	\$9,900	4	\$39,600	\$4,400.00
Circle H Ranch, Inc.	Centralized remote control system	\$9,000	1	\$9,000	\$3,000.00
Circle H Ranch, Inc.	Remote control center pivot	\$2,200	4	\$8,800	\$2,933.33
Circle H Ranch, Inc.	New control panel	\$4,500	4	\$18,000	\$6,000.00
Circle H Ranch, Inc.	GPS end-gun shutoffs	\$1,500	4	\$6,000	\$2,000.00
Circle H Ranch, Inc.	Weather Station w/ET measurement	\$2,500	1	\$2,500	\$833.33
Circle H Ranch, Inc.	Soil moisture probes	\$2,000	4	\$8,000	\$888.89
<b>Project Totals:</b>				<b>\$91,900</b>	<b>\$20,055.55</b>



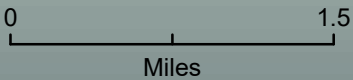
-  Circle H Ranch
-  Water Supply Planning Area - East
-  Santa\_Fe\_BMAP

## Circle H Ranch Cost-Share

June 2021



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Wayne Lane, Jefferson and Madison Counties

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize Executive Director to enter into contract with Wayne Lane for an amount not to exceed \$53,700.

**BACKGROUND**

The District has provided agricultural cost-share funds along with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as part of the Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) to help agricultural producers implement best management practices (BMPs). These BMPs help farmers conserve water and improve water quality in the District.

The District's Agricultural Cost-Share Program has been supported through funding from the District, FDEP, and FDACS over time. In Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (FY 2012), the Governing Board allocated \$7 million dollars to the program.

At the November 2019 Governing Board meeting, the Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the FDEP for pivot retrofits to improve irrigation efficiency and reduce groundwater pumping for an amount totaling \$500,400.

This cost share project is with Wayne Lane located in Jefferson and Madison counties on approximately 250 acres of corn, oats and soybeans in the Wacissa Best Management Action Plan.

The producer proposes to retrofit two pivots, upgrade one pump from high pressure to low pressure, and install two centralized remote-control systems, two remote center pivot controls and four GPS end-gun shut-offs. Pivot retrofits are performed to improve the performance and irrigation efficiency of center pivot irrigation equipment. Pump grades allow for improved irrigation management in equipment operating at low pressure and reduces water losses due to system blow outs. Remote monitoring and controlling of irrigation equipment is used to assist producers with advanced monitoring and scheduling of irrigation events. This equipment provides the producer with real-time remote irrigation/weather information which alerts the producer of issues and allows for improved visibility on water usage and efficiency resulting in an overall water savings.

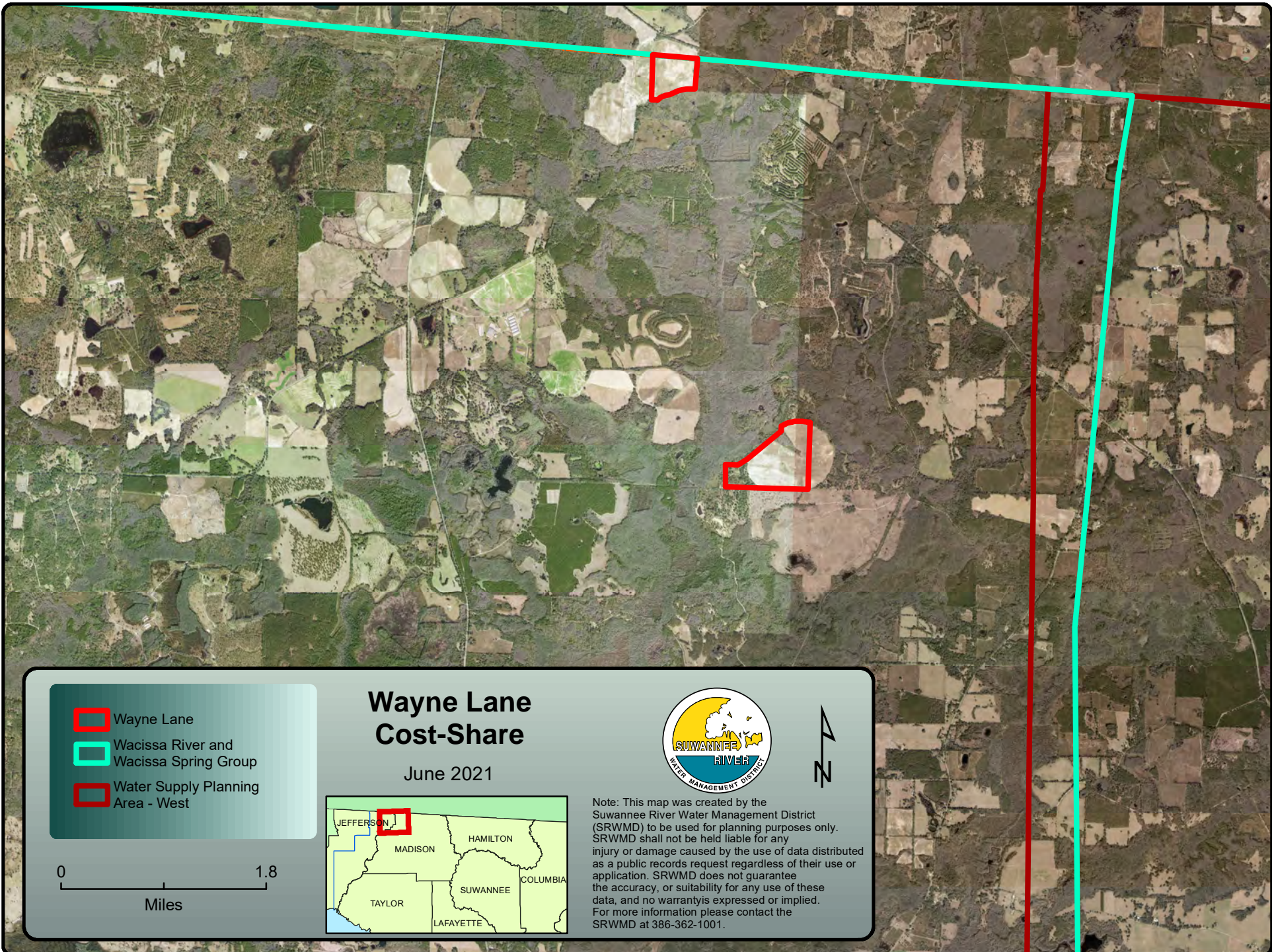
The pivot retrofits are estimated to reduce water use by 0.038 million gallons per day at a cost to the District of \$0.19 per thousand gallons over the life of the equipment. The remote controlling equipment is estimated to conserve 0.0298 million gallons per day. The overall water conservation estimated for the project is 0.0678 million gallons per day.

Exhibit A lists the cost share items and funding breakdown for each item. Funding for this project is included in the FY 2021 Budget under account codes 51-2586-7-2400-06-07 and 03-2586-7-2201-37.

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Attachments

**Exhibit A – Itemized List**

<b>Producer</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Maximum Cost-Share</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>SRWMD Total</b>	<b>Producer Share</b>
Wayne Lane	Pivot Retrofits	\$9,900	2	\$19,800	\$2,200.00
Wayne Lane	Pump Upgrade (high to low pressure)	\$5,500	1	\$5,500	\$1,833.33
Wayne Lane	Centralized remote-control system	\$9,000	2	\$18,000	\$6,000.00
Wayne Lane	Remote control center pivot	\$2,200	2	\$4,400	\$1,466.67
Wayne Lane	GPS end-gun shut-offs	\$1,500	4	\$6,000	\$2,000.00
<b>Project Totals:</b>				<b>\$53,700</b>	<b>\$13,500.00</b>

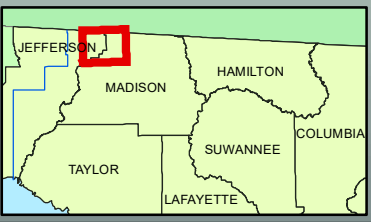
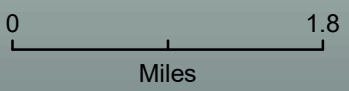


## Wayne Lane Cost-Share

June 2021



-  Wayne Lane
-  Wacissa River and Wacissa Spring Group
-  Water Supply Planning Area - West



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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: May 28, 2021

RE: District Land Management and Twin Rivers State Forest Activity Summary

**BACKGROUND**

District staff inspected tracts in northern Hamilton and Columbia counties for storm damage from severe weather. Multiple tracts have trees down across roads. Staff are developing a plan for contractors to remove the trees.

District staff removed tires and other trash from the Alligator Creek Tract in Columbia County.

District staff attended a webinar on Small Area Estimates sponsored by the Society of American Foresters on April 28.

District staff attended the Big Shoals Coordination Meeting at the Little Shoals Tract with Florida Park Service staff, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission staff, and Florida Forest Service (FFS) staff on April 19.

District staff and contractors completed wood fence repairs at Mattair Springs, Woods Ferry, Linville, and Rocky Creek tracts.

District contractors continue to repair roads in the Upper Suwannee and Sandlin Bay tracts.

The Mallory Swamp ATV Trail re-opened on May 1.

The annual timber inventory project on TRSF was completed successfully.

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

**Conservation Easement Monitoring:** One conservation easement was inspected and completed for term compliance: Mill Creek.

**Vegetation Management Projects:** During the reporting period, 637 additional acres of woods mowing and 22 additional miles of ditch mowing were completed.

Vegetation management work is being conducted for fuel reduction, natural community restoration, and wildfire mitigation purposes.

Vegetation Management (10/01/2020 – 05/17/2021)

ACTIVITY	ACRES	ACRES	MILES	MILES
	Planned	Complete	Planned	Complete
Herbicide	300	79	0	0
Roller Chop Uplands	248	254	0	0
Roller Chop (Mallory Swamp)	1,000	0	0	0
Woods Mowing	2,000	1,358	0	0
Ditch Mowing	0	0	25	49

**Invasive Plant Monitoring Program:** During the reporting period, 18 additional plant infestations were monitored or treated.

Invasive Plant Treatments (10/01/2020 – 05/17/2021)

ACTIVITY	INFESTATIONS	INFESTATIONS
	Planned	Complete
Invasive Plant	153	98

**Rare Plant Monitoring Program:** During the reporting period, 8 additional rare plant occurrences were monitored.

Rare Plant Monitoring (10/01/2020 – 05/17/2021)

ACTIVITY	OCCURRENCES	OCCURRENCES
	Planned	Complete
Rare Plant Species Monitoring	140	170

**Prescribed Fire Program:**

- Contractors conducting prescribed burns on District lands include B&B Dugger (B&B), Schmidt Reforestation Services (SRS), and Wildlands Services (WS). Also included in this report are the acres the Florida Forest Service (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. **No additional acres were burned during the report period.**

Prescribed Fire Summary Table (10/1/2020 – 05/17/2021)

	2021 TARGET ACRES	ACRES COMPLETED
SRWMD	7,000	5,045
FFS TRSF	2,000	1,357
TOTAL	9,000	6,402

Prescribed Fire (10/01/2020 – 05/17/2021)

TRACT	COUNTY	B&B	WS	SRS	FFS COOP	FFS TRSF	TOTAL SRWMD ACRES	TOTAL TRSF ACRES	TOTAL WILDFIRE ACRES
Cuba Bay	Madison	158.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	158.1	0.0	0.0
Natural Well Branch	Taylor	353.8	91.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	353.8	0.0	0.0
Grady	Lafayette	0.0	70.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.3	0.0	0.0
Chitty Bend West	Madison	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	257.0	0.0	120.0	0.0
Sub Total for Period		511.9	70.3	0.0	0.0	257.0	582.2	257.0	0.0
Previous Acres Burned		1471.9	353.3	0.0	0.0	160.0	1825.2	160.0	0.0
Total Acres		1983.8	423.6	0.0	0.0	417.0	2407.4	417.0	0.0

**Timber Sales: Open and Recently Completed Timber Sales**

## Open Timber Sales

<b>SALE NAME</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>HARVEST TYPE</b>
Wolf Creek #1	Jefferson	72	Thinning
Cuba Bay	Madison	315	Thinning
Steinhatchee Springs #19	Lafayette	330	Thinning
Steinhatchee Springs #20	Lafayette	208	Thinning
Steinhatchee Springs #21	Lafayette	366	Thinning
Ellaville #20	Madison	276	Thinning
Nature Coast Wellfield #2	Levy	110	Clear-cut
Seven Bridges #1	Jefferson	224	Thinning
Sandlin Bay #6	Columbia	192	Thinning
Sandlin Bay #7	Columbia	219	Thinning
Sandlin Bay #8	Columbia	233	Thinning
High Springs Wellfield #1	Alachua	239	Thinning

## Recently Completed Timber Sales

<b>SALE NAME</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>HARVEST TYPE</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
Ellaville #19	Madison	176	Clear-cut	\$300,507.17
Westwood West #4	Madison	89	Clear-cut	\$133,107.77
Natural Well Branch #1	Taylor	240	Thinning	\$236,996.71

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management  
THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Assistant Director, Water and Land Resources  
DATE: May 28, 2021  
RE: Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to approve the list of pre-qualified firms and execute contracts for prescribed fire and vegetation management services on District lands for an amount not to exceed \$802,500.

**BACKGROUND**

Prescribed burning and mechanical vegetation management are important tools needed to help meet the vegetation management and natural plant community restoration goals identified in the District's Land Management Plan. This work is also an important component used to help protect District resources against the damaging effects of wildfire.

In May 2021, the following five firms responded to the District's Request for Proposals (RFP) 20/21-012 WLR for prescribed fire and vegetation management services:

Request for Proposals 20/21-012 WLR Respondents

NAME OF FIRM	FIRM'S LOCATION
Attack-One Fire Management Services, Inc.	Tallahassee, Florida
B&B Dugger, Inc.	Crawfordville, Florida
Promise Habitat Services, LLC.	Plant City, Florida
Schmidt Reforestation Services, Inc.	Perry, Florida
Wildlands Service, Inc.	Tallahassee, Florida

Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Services Committee members for RFP 20/21-012 WLR met on May 5, 2021 to conduct the selection process. Based on information submitted in the proposals, Committee members determined that more information was needed to clarify if firms had met the proposal requirement of burning 3,000 – 5,000 acres in the state of Florida since January 2018. All five respondents were asked to submit this additional acreage information from the Florida Forest Service database.

After reviewing and discussing the proposals with the additional requested information, the Committee determined that four firms were pre-qualified to conduct prescribed fire and vegetative management services on District lands. This pre-qualification process followed guidelines listed in RFP 20/21-012 WLR and included evaluating the firm's experience, available equipment, ability to provide properly trained personnel, and the ability to provide turn-key services. Pre-qualified firms included Attack-One Fire Management Services, Inc., B&B Dugger, Inc., Schmidt Reforestation Services, Inc., and Wildland Services, Inc.

Promise Habitat Services, LLC was not pre-qualified because they did not meet the burn acreage requirements listed in the Request for Proposals and did not provide references for any prescribed fire work. Because of this, committee members did not feel that Promise Habitat Services, LLC could provide the turn-key services that were being requested in the proposal.

Based on their pre-qualified status, contractors will be issued task work assignments (TWA) that identify assigned work areas and completion date requirements. Although staff will use submitted bid rates as a factor when developing a TWA and will base the TWA on the lowest bid rate when possible, these rates will not exclusively govern where contractors will be assigned work. TWAs may also be based on:

- contractor's capacity to complete multiple projects at one time in a region,
- their short vs. long term availability to actually conduct work,
- their productivity in completing assigned projects,
- weather-related issues that may require contractors to be moved around between regions,
- type of equipment a contractor has and whether it is currently available,
- other efficiencies/logistical factors.

This process will provide the flexibility needed to facilitate project completion and will help staff develop TWAs that make the most sense from both a cost-effectiveness and efficiency standpoint. Submitted bid rates are listed in Tables 1 through 21 below.

All or part of a TWA may also be changed or canceled for reasons related to weather, changing fuel conditions, changes in management objectives, and/or contractor availability/performance. If a TWA is changed or canceled, additional TWAs may be issued for alternative work areas. If a TWA is changed or canceled for reasons related to contractor availability or performance, District staff may reassign work areas to other pre-qualified contractors.

Funding for this work is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY 2022) Tentative Budget under codes 13-2586-3-3100-04-01, 13-2586-3-3100-02-01, and 13-2586-3-3100-02-06 and is contingent upon the approval of the FY 2022 Final Budget. Approximately \$100,000 of the total not-to-exceed amount includes expected FY 2022 grant funding.

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Table 1. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Aucilla - Prescribed Fire Acre Rates			
Contractor	Large	Small	Smoke Sensitive
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$31.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$33.99	\$39.99	\$42.99
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$125.00	\$275.00	\$350.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$34.44	\$39.49	\$46.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

Table 2. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Steinhatchee- Prescribed Fire Acre Rates			
Contractor	Large	Small	Smoke Sensitive
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$33.99	\$39.99	\$42.99
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$125.00	\$225.00	\$325.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$34.44	\$39.49	\$46.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$35.00	\$38.00	\$39.00

Table 3. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Alapaha- Prescribed Fire Acre Rates			
Contractor	Large	Small	Smoke Sensitive
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$49.99	\$54.99	\$64.99
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$125.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$39.49	\$44.49	\$64.79
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$44.00	\$50.00	\$57.00

Table 4. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Middle/Lower Suwannee- Prescribed Fire Acre Rates			
Contractor	Large	Small	Smoke Sensitive
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$38.00	\$42.00	\$50.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$34.99	\$49.99	\$59.99
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$125.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$34.44	\$39.49	\$44.49
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$37.00	\$44.00	\$46.00

Table 5. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Econfina- Prescribed Fire Acre Rates			
Contractor	Large	Small	Smoke Sensitive
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$31.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$33.99	\$39.99	\$42.99
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$115.00	\$275.00	\$350.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$34.44	\$39.49	\$46.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

Table 6. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Withlacoochee- Prescribed Fire Acre Rates			
Contractor	Large	Small	Smoke Sensitive
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$45.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$33.99	\$39.99	\$42.99
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$95.00	\$225.00	\$325.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$34.44	\$39.49	\$46.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$40.00

Table 7. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Upper Suwannee- Prescribed Fire Acre Rates			
Contractor	Large	Small	Smoke Sensitive
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$34.99	\$49.99	\$59.99
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$135.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$39.49	\$44.49	\$64.79
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$39.00	\$54.00	\$54.00

Table 8. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Wacassassa- Prescribed Fire Acre Rates			
Contractor	Large	Small	Smoke Sensitive
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$48.50	\$53.00	\$60.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$49.99	\$59.99	\$64.99
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$51.50	\$57.50	\$69.50
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$46.00	\$52.00	\$65.00

Table 9. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Santa Fe- Prescribed Fire Acre Rates			
Contractor	Large	Small	Smoke Sensitive
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$49.99	\$54.99	\$64.99
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$51.50	\$57.50	\$69.50
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$55.00	\$62.00	\$65.00

Table 10. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Mallory Swamp - Prescribed Fire Rates					
Contractor	Gound Ignition (Acre)	Aerial (Acre)	Aerial (Day)	Aerial No Helicopter (Acre)	Aerial No Helicopter (Day)
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$65.00	NB	NB	NB	NB
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$60,000.00	\$42.99	\$48,000.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$135.00	\$450.00	\$45,000.00	\$200.00	\$15,000.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$52.25	NB	NB	NB	NB
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$41,000.00	\$42.00	\$33,000.00

Table 11. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Mallory Swamp - Roller Chopping Rates	
Contractor	Roller Chopping (Acre)
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$150.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$135.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$165.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$100.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$130.00

Table 12. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Roller Chopping - Skidder		
Contractor	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	NB	NB
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$170.00	\$120.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$250.00	\$175.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$135.00	\$90.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$140.00	\$130.00

Table 13. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Roller Chopping - Large Dozer		
Contractor	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	NB	NB
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$170.00	\$120.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$250.00	\$165.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$150.00	\$100.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$145.00	\$145.00

Table 14. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Roller Chopping - Small Dozer		
Contractor	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$150.00	\$300.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$150.00	\$150.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$200.00	\$165.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$125.00	\$95.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$135.00	\$135.00

Table 15. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Roller Chopping - Tractor		
Contractor	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$125.00	\$250.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$150.00	\$150.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$165.00	\$145.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$100.00	\$80.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	NB	NB



Table 16. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Woods Mowing - Skid Steer				
Contractor	Class 1		Class 2	
	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$150.00	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$165.00	\$285.00	\$165.00	\$200.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$250.00	\$345.00	\$200.00	\$424.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$165.00	\$300.00	\$165.00	\$190.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$170.00	\$210.00	\$170.00	\$210.00

Table 17. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Woods Mowing - 200 HP Mower/Mulcher (wheeled)				
Contractor	Class 1		Class 2	
	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	NB	NB	NB	NB
B&B Dugger Inc.	NB	NB	NB	NB
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$265.00	\$375.00	\$300.00	\$474.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$265.00	\$500.00	\$265.00	\$325.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00

Table 18. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Ditch Mowing - Tractor				
Contractor	Class 1		Class 2	
	Rate/Hour	Rate/Mile	Rate/Hour	Rate/Mile
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$85.00	\$510.00	\$85.00	\$255.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$165.00	\$2,250.00	\$165.00	\$1,500.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$300.00	\$650.00	\$300.00	\$550.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$135.00	\$1,820.00	\$135.00	\$1,080.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$145.00	\$700.00	\$145.00	\$700.00

Table 19. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Woods Mowing - 200 HP Mower/Mulcher (track)				
Contractor	Class 1		Class 2	
	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	250.00	500.00	250.00	250.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	350.00	475.00	350.00	425.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	285.00	375.00	300.00	474.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	NB	NB	NB	NB
Wildlands Service Inc.	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00

Table 20. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Woods Mowing - Tractor				
Contractor	Class 1		Class 2	
	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre	Rate/Hour	Rate/Acre
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	\$85.00	\$500.00	\$85.00	\$250.00
B&B Dugger Inc.	\$150.00	\$285.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$145.00	\$375.00	\$135.00	\$275.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$120.00	\$300.00	\$120.00	\$190.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$100.00

Table 21. RFP 20/21-012 Evaluation

Vegetative Management - Ditch Mowing - Excavator				
Contractor	Class 1		Class 2	
	Rate/Hour	Rate/Mile	Rate/Hour	Rate/Mile
Attack One Fire Management Services Inc.	NB	NB	NB	NB
B&B Dugger Inc.	NB	NB	NB	NB
Promise Habitat Services LLC.	\$400.00	\$900.00	\$400.00	\$750.00
Schmidt Reforestation Services	\$180.00	\$2,500.00	\$180.00	\$1,825.00
Wildlands Service Inc.	\$210.00	NB	\$210.00	\$700.00

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 NB  
 No Bid

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: May 28, 2021

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 greater. As of May 17, 2021, the District has permitted 1,832 (238.1 MGD) irrigation wells which include a water use monitoring condition, of which 1,449 (210.2 MGD) wells are active, i.e., the wells have been drilled already. The District is monitoring 1,405 (202.2 MGD) of the 1,499 active wells. The remaining 94 active wells not yet monitored are scheduled for site visits to determine the type of monitoring that will be implemented.

Where possible, agricultural water use is estimated using monthly electric 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, the farmer agreements authorizing the District to receive power usage reports directly from the cooperatives are in effect on 706 (127.2 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 265 (44.1 MGD) telemetry systems installed by the District for this purpose.

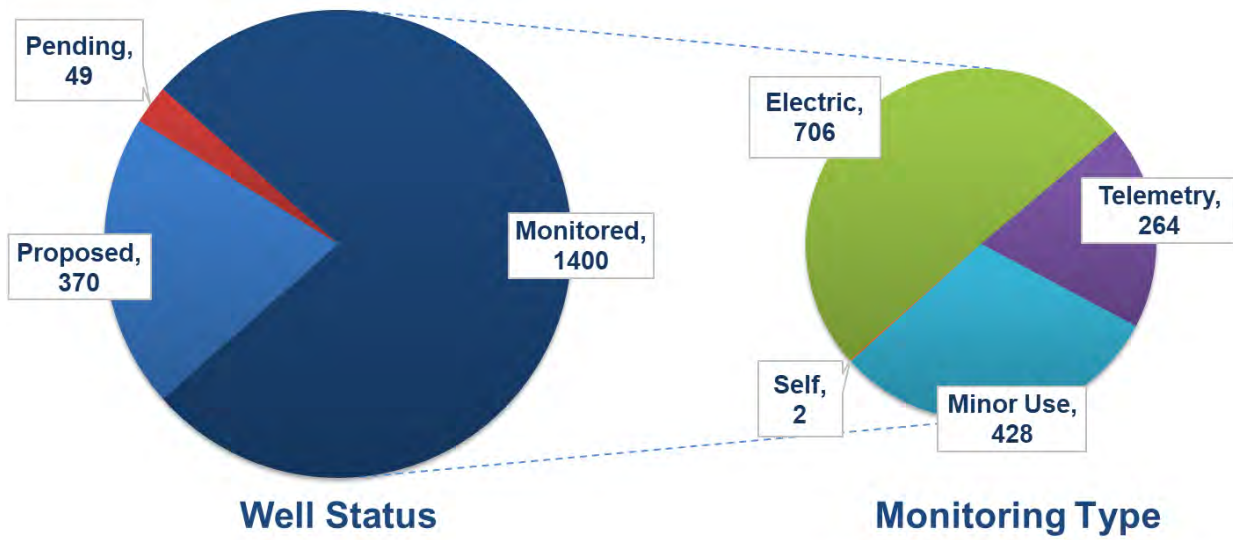
Some withdrawal points have very limited use (< 0.05 MGD each) and are monitored for status changes by individual site visits. There are currently 431 (30.5 MGD) limited use monitoring points in the District. Some users monitor their own water use and report that data to the District. There are currently 2 (0.28 MGD) self-monitored points.

Since April 2017, the District has consistently had over 94% of active wells and permitted allocation being monitored. To date, the District is monitoring approximately 93.7% of existing active wells (96.2% of allocation) with water use permit monitoring conditions.

The attached figure shows the current well status and monitoring type for all wells with water use monitoring conditions (Figure 1).

Figure 1: The pie chart on the left shows the current status of all permitted wells with a water use monitoring condition. The pie chart on the right shows the monitoring type for all currently monitored wells.

### Agricultural Water Use Stations with Monitoring Conditions



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board  
FROM: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director  
DATE: May 27, 2021  
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 APRIL 18 – 24, 2021

#### Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas performed a site visit to the Country Club Road property in Columbia County.
- Hugh Thomas attended the Dairy Cost-Share meeting at the District headquarters.
- Hugh Thomas and Libby Schmidt attended the Suwannee River Partnership Santa Fe River Paddling Tour.

#### Legislative and Community Affairs

- Ben Glass virtually attended Interim Committee Week 8 of the Florida Legislature.

#### Administration

- No reporting activity.

#### Finance

- No reporting activity.

#### Land Management

- Bill McKinstry visited the Alapahoochee Addition Tract that has been offered to the District.
- District contractors repaired roads on the Upper Suwannee tracts.
- District contractors conducted woods mowing at Natural Well Branch and Falmouth Springs.
- District contractors finished mowing Swift Creek and O'Steen tracts.
- District contractors vertical trimmed roads on the Cabbage Grove Tract.
- District contractors completed fence repairs at Mattair Springs, Woods Ferry and Linville tracts.
- William McKinstry repaired wood fences at Peacock Slough and Adams Tract, as well as reviewed the Alachua Conservation Trust management plan for Rock Bluff.
- Edwin McCook and Steve Carpenter attended the Big Shoals Coordinating meeting at the Little Shoals entrance picnic pavilion with State Parks, Florida Forest Service and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- District Staff unplugged the culvert at the Country Club Road property.
- Ryan Sims completed the GRU Wellfield Conservation Easement monitoring.

#### Resource Management

- No reporting activity.

#### Water Resources

- No reporting activities.

#### Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- Sky Notestein met with consultants from Water and Air Research, Inc. at Fanning, Hart and Otter Springs as part of a biological monitoring effort for 18 springs within the District.

#### Water Supply

- Water Supply staff met with SJRWMD to support implementation of regional modeling and development of the upcoming North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.
- Amy Brown virtually presented an overview of Regional Water Supply Planning to the North Florida Regional Planning Council.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### Hydrological Data

- No reporting activity.

### Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Bob Heeke and Dave Christian performed a site visit and inspection of the Mallory Swamp Project in Lafayette County.
- Bob Heeke and Dave Christian met with Josh Lindstrom NorthStar to discuss the surface water data collection at Mallory Swamp.
- Kris Eskelin performed site visits to the Tropic Traditions Project to inspect the liner installation.
- Kris Eskelin met with engineering consultants and Columbia County on a site visit to the Rum Island Park Project in Fort White.
- Kris Eskelin met with members of Our Santa Fe River, engineering consultants and Columbia County to review erosion control concerns at the River Rise Boat Ramp.
- Kris Eskelin attended a virtual meeting for “Reducing irrigated landscapes in Florida residential developments.”
- Bob Heeke performed a site visit and inspection of the Brooks Sink Project in Bradford County.
- Kris Eskelin virtually met with representatives of Tall Timbers to discuss their Springs application and process going forward.
- Libby Schmidt attended the UF Ag BMP Summit.

### Information Technology and GIS

- Andrew Neel provided a District FEMA contractor parcel data for the Waccasassa Watershed Risk MAP project.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### Communications



- Weekly Top Performing Post

**Suwannee River Water Management District** is at Mallory Swamp.

April 22 · Mayo · 🌐

In celebration of #EarthDay - we invite you to visit District lands across north Florida 🌍

Mallory Swamp is a hidden gem filled with a large variety of wildlife, including alligators, birds, turtles and much more!

**Get More Likes, Comments and Shares**  
When you boost this post, you'll show it to more people.

**828** People Reached      **63** Engagements      [Boost Post](#)

👍❤️🐼 Ofelia Perez, John Higgins and 20 others      1 Comment 3 Shares

**Performance for Your Post**

**828** People Reached

**30** Reactions, Comments & Shares

<b>22</b> Like	<b>20</b> On Post	<b>2</b> On Shares
<b>1</b> Love	<b>1</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares
<b>2</b> Wow	<b>1</b> On Post	<b>1</b> On Shares
<b>2</b> Comments	<b>2</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares
<b>3</b> Shares	<b>3</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares

**33** Post Clicks

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### Announcements for the week of May 2 – 8, 2021

- No announcement.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO GOVERNING BOARD FOR APRIL 25 – MAY 1, 2021

#### Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas attended the Monthly FDEP Board Agenda conference call.
- Hugh Thomas and Libby Schmidt attended the UF/NFREC Suwannee Valley Carrot Field Day in Suwannee County.
- Hugh Thomas performed a site visit to Townsend Farms in Gilchrist County.

#### Legislative and Community Affairs

- Ben Glass virtually attended Interim Committee Week 9 of the Florida Legislature.

#### Administration

- No reporting activity.

#### Finance

- No reporting activity.

#### Land Management

- Bill McKinstry visited the Alapahoochee Addition Tract that has been offered to the District.
- District contractors repaired roads on the Upper Suwannee tracts.
- District contractors conducted woods mowing at Natural Well Branch and Falmouth Springs, as well as finished mowing Swift Creek and O'Steen tracts.
- District contractors vertical trimmed roads on the Cabbage Grove Tract.
- District contractors completed fence repairs at Mattair Springs, Woods Ferry and Linville tracts.
- Bill McKinstry repaired wood fences at Peacock Slough and Adams Tract.
- Bill McKinstry reviewed the Alachua Conservation Trust management plan for J. H. Anderson, Jr. Memorial Park.
- Edwin McCook and Steve Carpenter attended the Big Shoals Coordinating meeting at the Little Shoals entrance picnic pavilion with State Parks, Florida Forest Service and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- District Staff unplugged the culvert at Country Club Road.
- Ryan Sims completed the GRU Wellfield Conservation Easement monitoring.

#### Resource Management

- No reporting activity.

#### Water Resources

- Tom Mirti and Darlene Velez participated in the Community and Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting for the Ecological and Economic Impacts of Land Use and Climate Change on Coastal Food Webs and Fisheries project in Cedar Key.
- Darlene Velez and Marc Minno virtually attended the Nature Coast Biological Station Internship Orientation meeting.

#### Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- No reporting activities.





# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### **Water Supply**

- No reporting activity.

### **Hydrological Data**

- No reporting activity.

### **Agriculture and Environmental Projects**

- Kris Eskelin virtually attended the Town of Fort White meeting that discussed the Wastewater Treatment Facility feasibility study.
- Kris Eskelin virtually attended the inter-district quarterly meeting on water conservation projects.
- Dave Christian performed a site visit to the Pot Springs Project.
- Pat Webster and Bob Heeke attended the Florida Certified Contract Managers training.
- Pat Webster, Bob Heeke and Libby Schmidt hosted a virtual meeting with Alachua Conservation Trust.
- Pat Webster and Libby Schmidt attended a pre-app project cost-share meeting at Jersey Juice Dairy in Suwannee County.

### **Information Technology and GIS**

- No reporting activity.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### Communications

- Lindsey Covington met with a vendor to kick-off the “Who We Are” campaign development.
- Lindsey Covington met with a vendor to kick-off the Suwannee River Partnership campaign development.
- Weekly Top Performing Post

**Performance for Your Post**

435 People Reached		
10 Likes, Comments & Shares		
5 Likes	2 On Post	3 On Shares
3 Comments	3 On Post	0 On Shares
2 Shares	2 On Post	0 On Shares
15 Post Clicks		
0 Photo Views	0 Link Clicks	15 Other Clicks
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### Announcements for the week of May 9 – 15, 2021

- The District will hold its monthly Governing Board Meeting and Workshop on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be accessible in-person and online via webinar technology.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO GOVERNING BOARD FOR MAY 2 – 8, 2021

#### Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas, Tom Mirti, and Sean King met with the Florida Farm Bureau to discuss MFLs and the Prevention and Recovery Strategy for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs in Gainesville.
- Hugh Thomas, Tim Alexander, Amy Brown, and Pat Webster met with Stan Posey of Nutrien to discuss potential projects.

#### Legislative and Community Affairs

- No reporting activity.

#### Administration

- Steve Schroeder met with the Florida Sentinel Landscape Partnership to discuss finalizing the Sentinel Landscape Partnership MOU.

#### Finance

- Kelly Landis completed Florida Certified Contract Manager Training.

#### Land Management

- District contractors conducted woods mowing at Steinhatchee Springs and Jones Mill Creek tracts. Contractors also completed mowing at Santa Fe Swamp and Natural Well Branch tracts.
- District contractors conducted ditch edge mowing at Cabbage Grove and Jones Mill Creek tracts.
- Ryan Sims completed monitoring the Mill Creek Conservation Easement

#### Resource Management

- Leroy Marshall and Paul Buchanan presented the SRWMD RiverView 360 imagery project to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, US Geological Survey, US Corp of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and University of Florida.

#### Water Resources

- Darlene Velez graduated from Natural Resources Leadership Institute in Gainesville.

#### Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- No reporting activity.

#### Water Supply

- Amy Brown completed Florida Certified Contract Manager Training.
- Water Supply staff attended a workshop on evapotranspiration hosted by the USGS.
- Water Supply staff met with staff from the SJRWMD to support implementation of regional modeling and development of the upcoming North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.

#### Hydrological Data

- No reporting activity.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Jonathan Crain joined the Agriculture and Environmental Projects Office as a Project Manager.
- Pat Webster and David Christian met with representatives of FDEP and Madison County to discuss the next steps in the Madison Blue Springs Aquifer Recharge Project.
- Pat Webster, Bob Heeke, and David Christian attended the Dixie County SPRINGS MBAR planning meeting.
- Bob Heeke and David Christian performed a site visit and inspection of the Mallory Swamp Project in Lafayette County.
- Patrick Webster attended a follow up meeting with Progressive Water Resources to discuss offsets and credits rule language.

### Information Technology and GIS

- No reporting activity.

### Communications

- Lindsey Covington met with Robin Shepherd Studios, Inc. to discuss educator materials for the Who We Are Campaign.
- Katelyn Potter met with Edge Media to discuss efforts related to the Institutional Knowledge Project.
- Katelyn Potter, Leroy Marshall, and Ashley Stefanik met with Brizaga, Inc. to discuss graphic design for the Permit to Protect Campaign.
- Weekly Top Performing Post

**Post Preview** Actions

**Suwannee River Water Management District**  
May 6

Find a career at the District!  
Hydrologic Data Collection Specialist  
MFL Environmental Scientist  
Regulatory Environmental Scientist... See More

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**1,599** People Reached    **119** Engagements    [Boost Post](#)

Kay McCullough, Kathy Keely Smith and 4 others    1 Comment    11 Shares

Like    Comment    Share

**Performance for Your Post**  
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**1599** People Reached

**31** Reactions, Comments & Shares

16 Like    1 Wow    0 Love  
0 Haha    0 Sad    0 Angry  
2 Comments    12 Shares

**88** Post Clicks

4 Photo Views    47 Link Clicks    37 Other Clicks

**Negative Feedback**

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### Announcements for the week of May 16 – 22, 2021

- No announcements.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO GOVERNING BOARD FOR MAY 9 – 15, 2021

#### Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas attended Florida Forestry Association Meeting in Lake Butler.
- Tim Alexander attended a Water Supply Planning Meeting with District staff and representatives from the town of White Springs.
- Tim Alexander attended a meeting with District Staff and representatives from Columbia County to discuss possible future septic to sewer projects.

#### Legislative and Community Affairs

- No reporting activity.

#### Administration

- No reporting activity.

#### Finance

- Pam Shaw attended a webinar on Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) updates hosted by James Moore CPAs and Consultants.

#### Land Management

- District contractors conducted woods mowing at Steinhatchee Springs and Jones Mill Creek.
- District contractors conducted ditch edge mowing at Cabbage Grove.
- Land Management staff completed repairs to the LA Bennett Bridge over the Steinhatchee River in compliance with Florida Department of Transportation requirements.
- Land Management staff completed gate repairs on Steinhatchee Springs Tract.

#### Resource Management

- Leroy Marshall, Ashley Stefanik and Sara Zybelle conducted Environmental Resource and Works of the District permitting training for Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette and Suwannee County Building Departments.

#### Water Resources

- No reporting activity.

#### Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

- No reporting activity.

#### Water Supply

- District Staff met with representatives of the City of Hampton to discuss water supply planning activities.
- District Staff met with representatives of the Town of Branford to discuss water supply planning activities.
- District Staff met with FDACS to discuss data inputs to the Florida Statewide Agricultural Irrigation Demand Model.
- Water Supply staff met with SJRWMD to support implementation of regional modeling and development of the upcoming North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### Hydrological Data

- No reporting activity.

### Agriculture and Environmental Projects

- Bob Heeke and Dave Christian performed a site visit to the Cross City Project in Dixie County.
- RIVER Funding Review Team kicked off the initial reviewing of RIVER applications for projects requesting cost-share funding from the District.
- Pat Webster, Kris Eskelin and Dave Christian performed plant maintenance of installed vegetation at the Edwards Bottomlands Project in Bradford County.
- Tim Alexander and Pat Webster attended a meeting with representatives of Columbia County and the Florida Department of Transportation about the Quail Heights Project.
- Libby Schmidt attended a Suwannee CARES planning meeting hosted by Florida Farm Bureau at the UF/IFAS NFREC.

### Information Technology and GIS

- Paul Buchanan and Andrew Neel participated the Florida Peninsular Stakeholder LIDAR Update Meeting hosted by Dewberry and the US Geological Survey.
- Paul Buchanan and Andrew Neel reviewed the draft version of the new LIDAR data of Gilchrist County.

### Communications

- Lindsey Covington met with a vendor to discuss educational materials for the “Who We Are” campaign.
- Weekly Top Performing Post

**Suwannee River Water Management District**  
May 12

This little fawn was spotted by our water monitoring equipment at Ruth B Kirby Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park! Our staff was on location conducting maintenance to the continuous water quality station.

**Performance for Your Post**

<b>869</b> People Reached		
<b>45</b> Reactions, Comments & Shares		
<b>33</b> Like	<b>33</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares
<b>9</b> Love	<b>9</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares
<b>1</b> Wow	<b>1</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares
<b>2</b> Comments	<b>2</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares
<b>0</b> Shares	<b>0</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares
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<b>40</b> Photo Views	<b>0</b> Link Clicks	<b>37</b> Other Clicks
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**869** People Reached    **122** Engagements    **Boost Post**

Susie Golden Blankenship, Krista Robinson and 40 others    1 Comment

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### Announcements for the week of May 23 – 29, 2021

- No announcements.