

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

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March 14, 2023
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair
Amendments Recommended by Staff: None
4. Public Comment
5. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:
 - Agenda Item No. 6 - February 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 11 - January 2023 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 20 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-172 with Southern Cross Organics & Energy, LLC., Suwannee County
 - Agenda Item No. 21 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-013, Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District
6. February 14, 2023 Governing Board Meeting Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL
Tom Reeves

8. Update on Legal Activities

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director

Administration

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9. Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report
- BCS Page 4
10. Camp & Abel Tract, Hamilton County

Finance

BCS Page 17 11. January 2023 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**

Resource Management

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13. Woodborough North Subdivision Update

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS
Katelyn Potter, Division Director

Outreach and Operations

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OPS Page 3 15. Water Conservation Proclamation
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Land Management

OPS Page 7 17. District Land Management and Twin Rivers State Forest Activity Summary

Hydrologic Data Services

OPS Page 10 18. Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report

WATER RESOURCES
Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director

19. Water Resources Division Updates

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

WR Page 1 20. Amendment to Contract 20/21-172 with Southern Cross Organics & Energy, LLC., Suwannee County - **Recommend Consent**

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

No Items

Water Supply

No Items

Water Resources

WR Page 4 21. Amendment to Contract 21/22-013, Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District - **Recommend Consent**

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February 14, 2023
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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	William Lloyd		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Larry Sessions		X	
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X	
At Large	Harry Smith		X	
At Large	Vacant		-	-

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	Tim Alexander	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Amy Brown	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair: None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Nancy Turner-Woodborough North Subdivision public records request concerns.
- Terri Rasmussen – Woodborough North Subdivision public records request concerns.
- Stew Lilker – District permitting and public records request concerns.
- Merrillee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River – Cornerstone Property, Columbia County, wetland concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - January 2023 Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - December 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 19 - 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Acceptance
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Task Work Assignment 20/21-067.002 with Dewberry Engineers, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Task Work Assignment 20/21-070.004 with Atkins North America, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Task Work Assignment 20/21-066.004 with AECOM, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Task Work Assignment 20/21-066.005 with AECOM, Inc.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 — January 10, 2023 Governing Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney, Hydrologic Program Manager, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, recognized Chris Wynn, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and Northwest Florida Water Management District guests to the Board Meeting. Mr. Thomas also recognized Harley Means, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Means discussed the Alapaha Rise/Jennings Bluff site which has been chosen as the seventh Florida Geologic site.
- C. Service Recognition. Kristin Thompson was recognized for five years of service.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Florida Springs Institute rule challenge case.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Electronic Bid Process Presentation. Sharon Hingson, Manager, Office of Administration, provided a powerpoint presentation update on this item.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Laboratory Building Task Work Assignment Update. Angela Leach, Facilities, Fleet, and Asset Specialist, Office of Administration, provided this update to the Board.

The Board and guests recognized a moment of silence at 10:17 a.m. in honor of Marjory Stoneman Douglas Remembrance Day following the Governor's request.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 12 – December 2022 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Governing Board Directive 23-0001, Education Reimbursement Program. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial; Officer, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

Board Members suggested changing the twelve month staff reimbursement period to a thirty six month reimbursement period in the District procedures manual.

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

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 14 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Woodborough North Subdivision Update. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, updated to the Board on this item.

Nancy Turner provided comments to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Amend Rule 40B-400.091, Florida Administrative Code Stormwater Quality Criteria in Environmental Resource Permit Applicant’s Handbook Volume II. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Amend Rule 40B-400.091, Florida Administrative Code Design Storm Criteria in Environmental Resource Permit Applicant’s Handbook Volume II. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Repeal Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Reeves updated the Board on the legal case with the Florida Springs Council.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 19 – 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Acceptance. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 20 – 2023 Consolidated Annual Report Update. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, provided this update to the Board.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 21 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 22 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 23 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 24 – Santa Fe Basin Flood Risk Review Overview. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this update to the Board with dates of upcoming meetings in our District.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-024.004 with Eutaw Utilities, Inc. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 26 – Task Work Assignment 20/21-067.002 with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Task Work Assignment 20/21-070.004 with Atkins North America, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Task Work Assignment 20/21-066.004 with AECOM, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Task Work Assignment 20/21-066.005 with AECOM, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 30 – North Florida Water Supply Plan Project Update. Emily Ducker, Chief, Office of Water Supply, provided this update to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 31 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities and programs.

Agenda Item No. 32 - Governing Board Comments. Board Member Schwab requested continued prayers for the Steve Carpenter family on the loss of their son.

Agenda Item No. 33 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair

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: March 3, 2023
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

Property Offers							
Owner	Tract	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
Approved for Detailed Assessment							
Owner	Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Comments
Camp and Abel	Camp and Abel	266	Hamilton	09.23.20	\$948,000	Fee	Approved for detailed assessment and negotiations 12.8.20. Property being tasked to NFLT for negotiation and assessment. Transaction will be processed in house and not contracted. ESA Phase 1 ordered. Appraisal ordered. Delayed completion due to flooding. ESA Phase 1 site visit scheduled 5.18. 2022. ESA report received and reported no concerns. Appraisal pending. Appraisal received. Offer being extended to offeror. On March 2023 Board for action.
Pfleiger	Riverbend Estates	1.1	Dixie	03.20.20	\$11,000/Possible exchange	Fee	Staff recommendation to proceed with detailed assessment and negotiations. Approved by LC on 6.9.20. Approved by GB on 7.14.20. In discussions with Offeror to exchange for Timber River parcel in Madison County. Offeror has tentatively agreed to exchange. Draft contract submitted to Counsel for review on 3.3.21. Awaiting additional guidance from Counsel regarding appraisals. Contract revised and submitted to Pfleiger. Staff will order an ESA Phase 1 and appraisal of the Riverbend property; Pfleiger will order an appraisal on the District land in Timber River. Signed contract received from Pfleiger to be submitted for GB Chair signature. Satisfactory Phase 1 ESA was received. Appraisal in process. Final exchange approved by LC 1.11.22. . Approved by GB 2.8.22. Will proceed to closing. Pending Closing. Closing in process. Closing date pending - likely March 2023.
Florida Department of Transportation	Quail Heights	40.63	Columbia		\$651,105	Fee	Staff review on 8.8.19 recommended purchase in partnership with FDOT. Approved by LC on 2.11.20. Approved by GB 3.10.20. Submitted for Springs Grant funding but not obtained for FY 20. Property acquired by FDOT on 9.10.20. LC approved contribution to acquisition costs 11.10.20. GB approved on consent agenda 12.8.20. FDOT contract completed. Resolution for acquisition on GB agenda 5.11.21 and was approved. Final revisions and resolution of all contingencies complete and satisfied. Funds will be distributed to FDOT before 6.1.21. Agreement with FDOT executed. Funds referred after due diligence. Staff is working on obtaining appropriate surveys and negotiating agreement with Columbia County. Interlocal agreement being drafted with Columbia County. Survey received from Columbia County. Determining next steps for completion of transaction. Staff met with County representatives 9.13.22 - MOA should be completed by 10.1.22. Still awaiting MOA from County.
Lasky	Lasky	351.74	Gilchrist	11.2020	\$855,000	Fee	Approved for detailed assessment and negotiation by GB 4.13.21. Phase 1 ESA report received. No issues noted. Appraisal complete. Negotiations underway with owner.Offer submitted to owner 1.18.22. Potential agreed price of \$770,000 subject to GB approval. Resolution on Agenda for 4.12.22. Approved by GB. Seller is clearing up title issues to get contract completed. Seller has received title report. Working on clearing title. Title issue resolved. Contract being prepared. Contract pending legal review and approval. Sellers title agent completing title search. Closing to occur before 9.30.22. Closing delayed due to Sellers not providing all required information to closing agent. Awaiting legal documentation of authority to sell from Offerors. Anticipate closing prior to 10.31.22 Status remains unchanged 11.14.22 Closing anticipated to occur in March.
Bierman	Luken's tract exchange	1 acre	Levy	8.2021	Exchange	Fee for Fee	10.12.21 LC approved staff moving forward with exchange negotiations. LC recommendation approved by GB 11.11.21. Survey completed for 1 acre parcel District will receive. Exchange agreement being reviewed by District's legal counsel. Revised Agreement being reviewed by Bierman. New 1 acre tract has been created with Property Appraiser and Deed recorded to facilitate trade. Legal description of District land being verified. Contract pending final review and signature.
Waldo Tree Farm, LLC	Waldo Tree Farm	38 +/-	Alachua	5.10.22	TBD based on appraisal	Fee	8.9.22 Lands Committee authorized staff to expend not more than \$5,000 to acquire an appraisal and negotiate a price with the sellers. Recommended acquisition price to be presented to Lands Committee when available for further approval and recommendations to the Governing Board. Quotes pending for appraisal. Appraisal pending. Anticipated completion in February 2023. Appraisal received. Proposed acquisition price being submitted to Lands Committee March 2023.

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 (LC) on 10.10.19. Approved by Governing Board (GB) 11.12.19. 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 LC on 4.14.20. Approved by GB 5.12.20. Offered for sale to adjacent owners, two offers received. Approved by LC 8.11.20 to accept highest offer. Withdrawn from GB on 9.8.20. Being resubmitted to LC for its 9.21.20 meeting for staff recommendation to reject all offers and offer for sale to the general public. GB approved LC recommendation on 10.13.20. 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 LC 7.9.19. Approved by GB 8.13.19. Adjacent Property owners notified, responses/bids with appraisals due 4.15.20. 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 LC 7.9.19. Approved by GB 8.8.19. Adjacent Property owners notified, responses/bids with appraisals due 4.15.20. Two offers received, highest offer approved by LC 6.9.20. On GB agenda for 7.14.20 and approved. Contract being drafted.
Turtle Spring Surplus Tract	32	Lafayette	5.13.2015	Florida Forever	5.24.2015	TBD by appraisal update.	Suspended until further review. Attempting to verify final surplus status/approval by GB.
Newberry Wellfield	58.66	Alachua	1.11.2000	P-2000	N/A	\$0	3.9.21 LC recommended surplus and conveyance to the City of Newberry with specified conditions. Approved by GB 4.13.21. Conveyance documents being drafted for legal review. Conveyance on hold pending resolution of issues relating to timber operations by the District. Timber operations underway. Once complete, transaction will be closed.

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: February 28, 2023
RE: Camp & Abel Tract, Hamilton County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for the acquisition of the Camp & Abel Tract in Hamilton County.

BACKGROUND

In December 2020, the Board approved the staff recommendation to enter into detailed assessments and negotiations for the acquisition of three parcels located in Hamilton County comprising a total of 266.16 acres +/- . Due to budgeting, COVID restrictions, and an inability for contractors to access the property due to water levels, the detailed assessment was delayed until 2021-2022. After obtaining an appraisal and a satisfactory Phase 1, Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), the District entered into negotiations with the sellers to acquire the property. The property was appraised with a value of \$959,000. During negotiations, staff has discussed the possibility of acquiring a conservation easement, in lieu of a fee acquisition, and has explored options to acquire only one of the parcels (Jerry Branch), however, the sellers are not amenable to these options.

After negotiations, the District and the sellers have reached an agreement for the District to acquire the property for \$870,000, subject to approval by the Governing Board. To date, the District has expended \$18,200 for pre-acquisition costs, including the appraisal and Phase 1, Environmental Site Assessment. Closing costs will be shared between the parties. The sellers will be required to provide clear and marketable title to the District subject only to approved exceptions.

The sellers have also requested, as part of the transaction, that the parcels be identified in District maps, literature and any signage which may be erected, as the "Camp Family Tract" to recognize the family for their conservation interests in this property.

Staff is aware of the letter of support for the acquisition submitted by the Florida Trail Association.

Staff is recommending that the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for sale on the above terms.

A copy of the Property Offer Sheet, triage, and summary maps of the property are attached.

SCS/tm
File # 2020-012
Attachments

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPERTY OFFER APPLICATION**

9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060

(386)362.1001

E-Mail: acquisitions@srwmd.org

Rule 40B-9.041(1), Florida Administrative Code, requires specific information to initiate the acquisition process.

Applicant Information Camp Et. AL, LTD
Name: Bette Camp Conine
Address: 3903 Halisport Lane City: Kennesaw State GA Zip: 30144
Phone: 770-722-9157 E-Mail bccconine@comcast.net
Applicant Signature: _____ Date 9-21-20

Owner of Record (Owner is Applicant yes no)
Name: Camp Et. AL, LTD and Sara Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership
Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail _____
Owner's Authorization: This is to advise the individual named above as applicant is the Authorized Representative of the owner(s) of the property described below. This authorization is for any communication and negotiations concerning conveyance of the property to the Suwannee River Water Management District.
Owner Signature: Bette Camp Conine Date: 9-21-20
Owner Signature: Bette Camp Conine, Managing Member Date: 9-21-20

Property/Project Information Price Negotiable based on appraisal.
Asking Price (Fee): 9948,000.00 (Conservation Easement): _____
General Location (address, intersection, etc.) _____
Acreage: 266.16 County: Hamilton
Tax Parcel Number(s): 1010-000; 1024-000; 2777-000
Legal Description: 4-IN-16E; 9-IN-16E; 36-15-14E
Improvements: None
In addition, please provide an aerial, survey, or map identifying property boundaries and a copy of the Deed. See attached. Deeds will be provided as needed.

Title Condition (Deed restrictions, easements, mineral interest, rights held by others, etc.)
Expiring PCA Timber Lease
Florida Greenwaves & Trails Designation

Agreements (Identify any existing purchase agreement, option contract, listing agreement, or any other arrangement or agreement.) None
Other Pertinent Information (Please provide any other information that may be helpful in evaluating the request.) Merchantable timber



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Applicant Information
Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail _____
Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

Owner of Record (Owner is Applicant yes ___no x___) *SARA Camp Abel Family Limited Partnership*
Name: Walter B. Abel, Jr.
Address: 4080 Walnut Cove Circle City: Fairfax State VA Zip: 22030
Phone: 704-577-9919 E-Mail: waltabel@aol.com
Owner's Authorization: This is to advise the individual named above as applicant is the Authorized Representative of the owner(s) of the property described below. This authorization is for any communication and negotiations concerning conveyance of the property to the Suwannee River Water Management District.
Owner Signature: Walter B. Abel, Jr. Date: 3/2/2020
Owner Signature: General Partner Date: _____

Property/Project Information
Asking Price (Fee): _____ (Conservation Easement) : _____
General Location (address, intersection, etc.) _____
Acreage: _____ County: _____
Tax Parcel Number(s): _____
Legal Description: _____

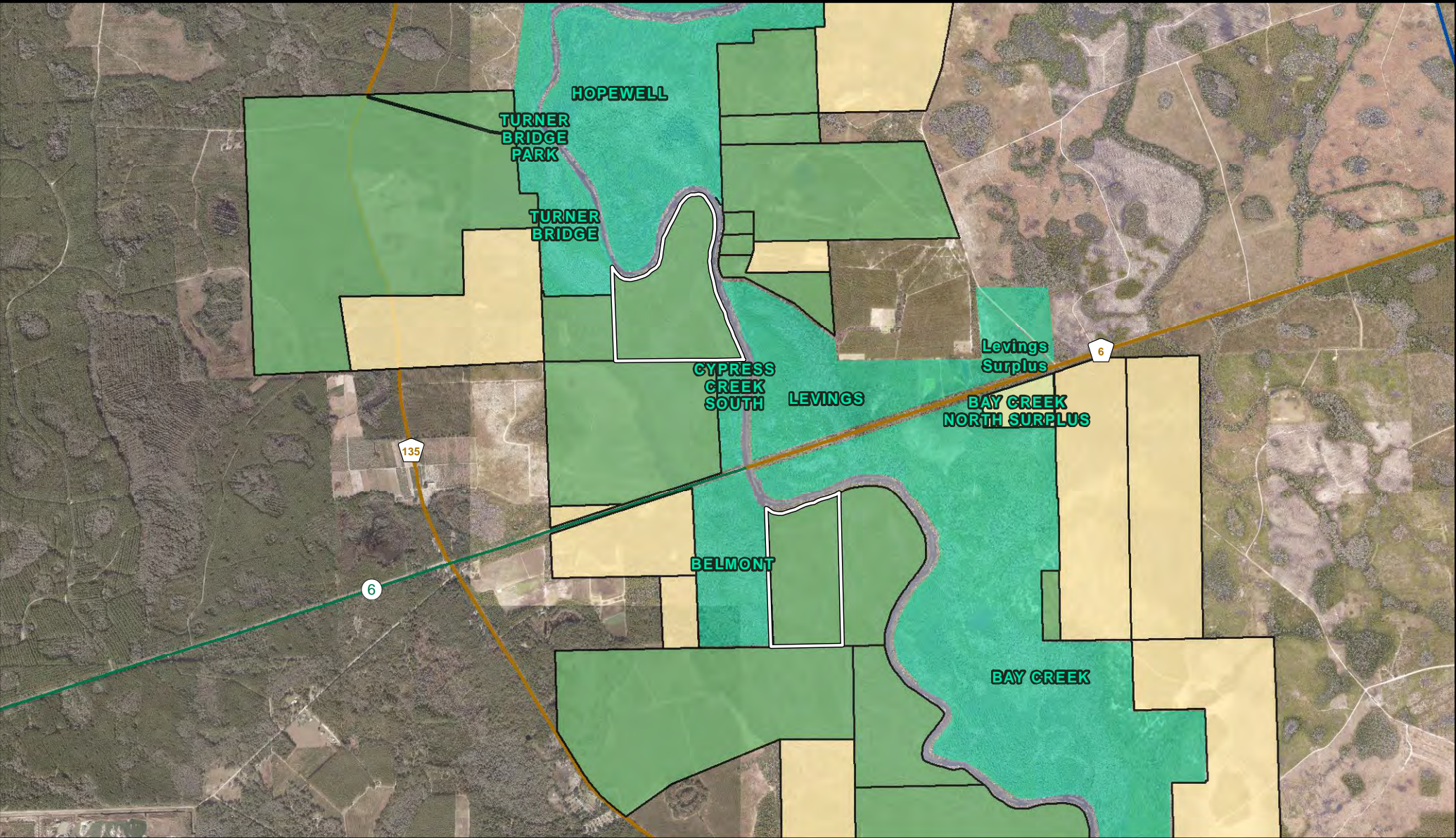
Improvements: _____
In addition, please provide an aerial, survey, or map identifying property boundaries and a copy of the Deed.

Title Condition (Deed restrictions, easements, mineral interest, rights held by others, etc.)






Agreements (Identify any existing purchase agreement, option contract, listing agreement, or any other arrangement or agreement.)

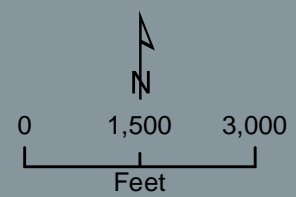
Other Pertinent Information (Please provide any other information that may be helpful in evaluating the request.)











Camp & Abel 1
 ± 181.16 Ac
 Hamilton County

-  Property Boundary
 -  SRWMD Ownership
 -  Other Public Ownership
- Adjacent Parcels Ranking**
-  Primary
 -  Secondary

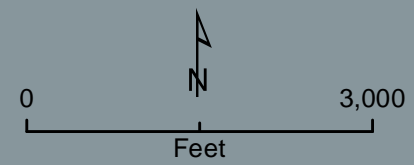


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-  Property Boundary
-  SRWMD Major Rivers
-  Priority 1
-  Priority 2
-  Other
-  Surface Waters (Riverine)



Camp & Abel 1 Property Offer Surface Water Protection

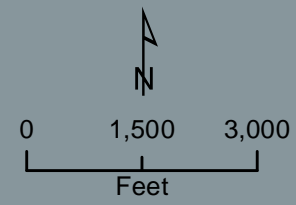
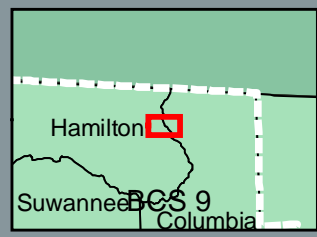


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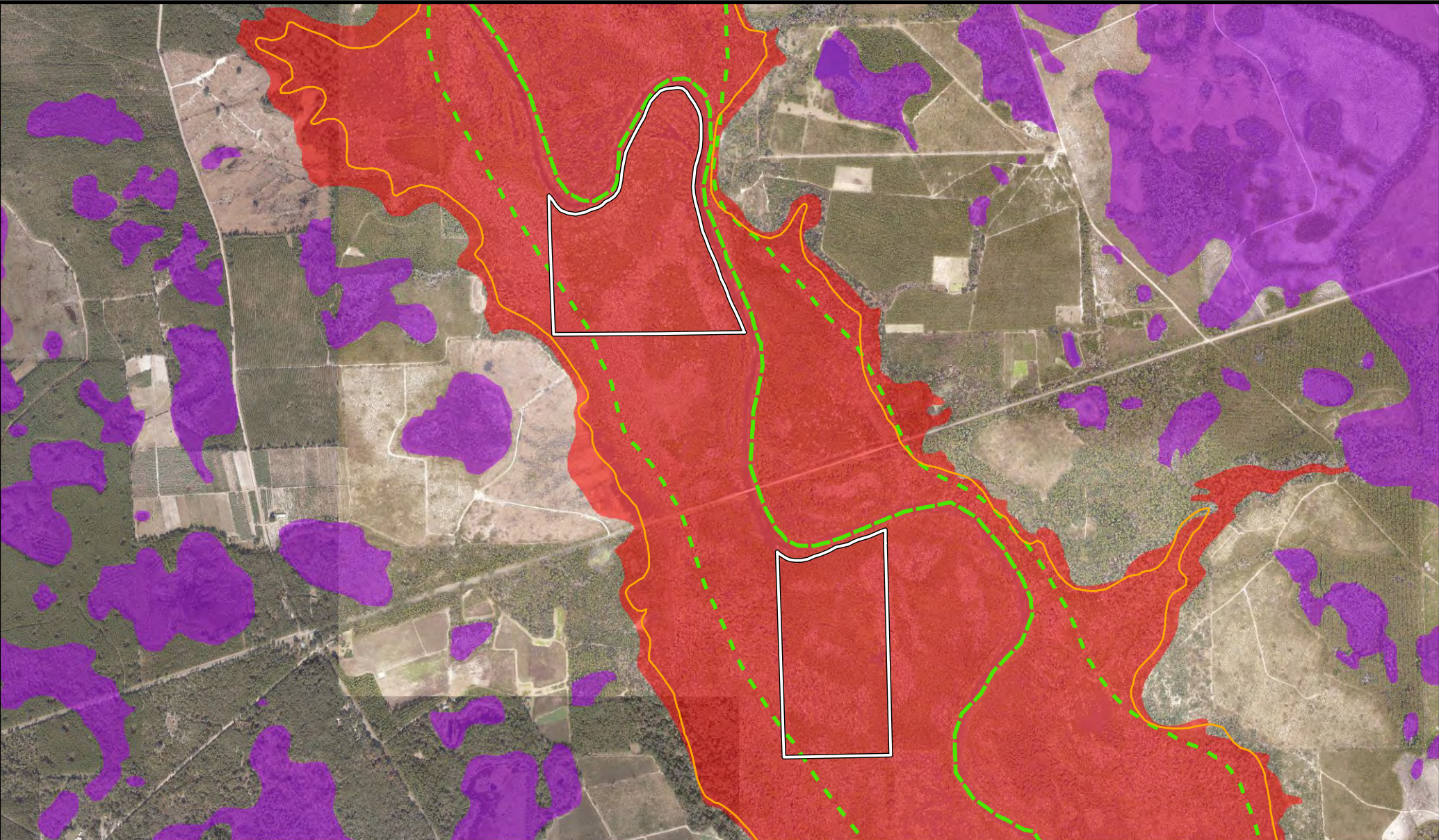


Camp & Abel 1 Property Offer Springs Protection

-  Property Boundary
-  Springs Protection

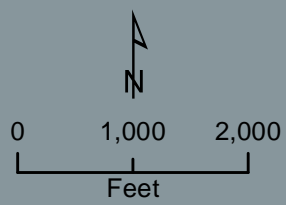
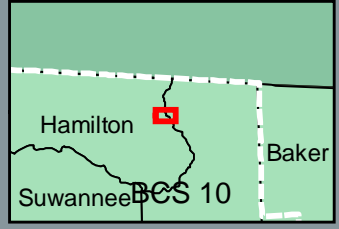


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-  Property Boundary
-  10 Year Floodplain
-  Floodway
- 100 Year Floodplain**
-  Zone A
-  Zone AE

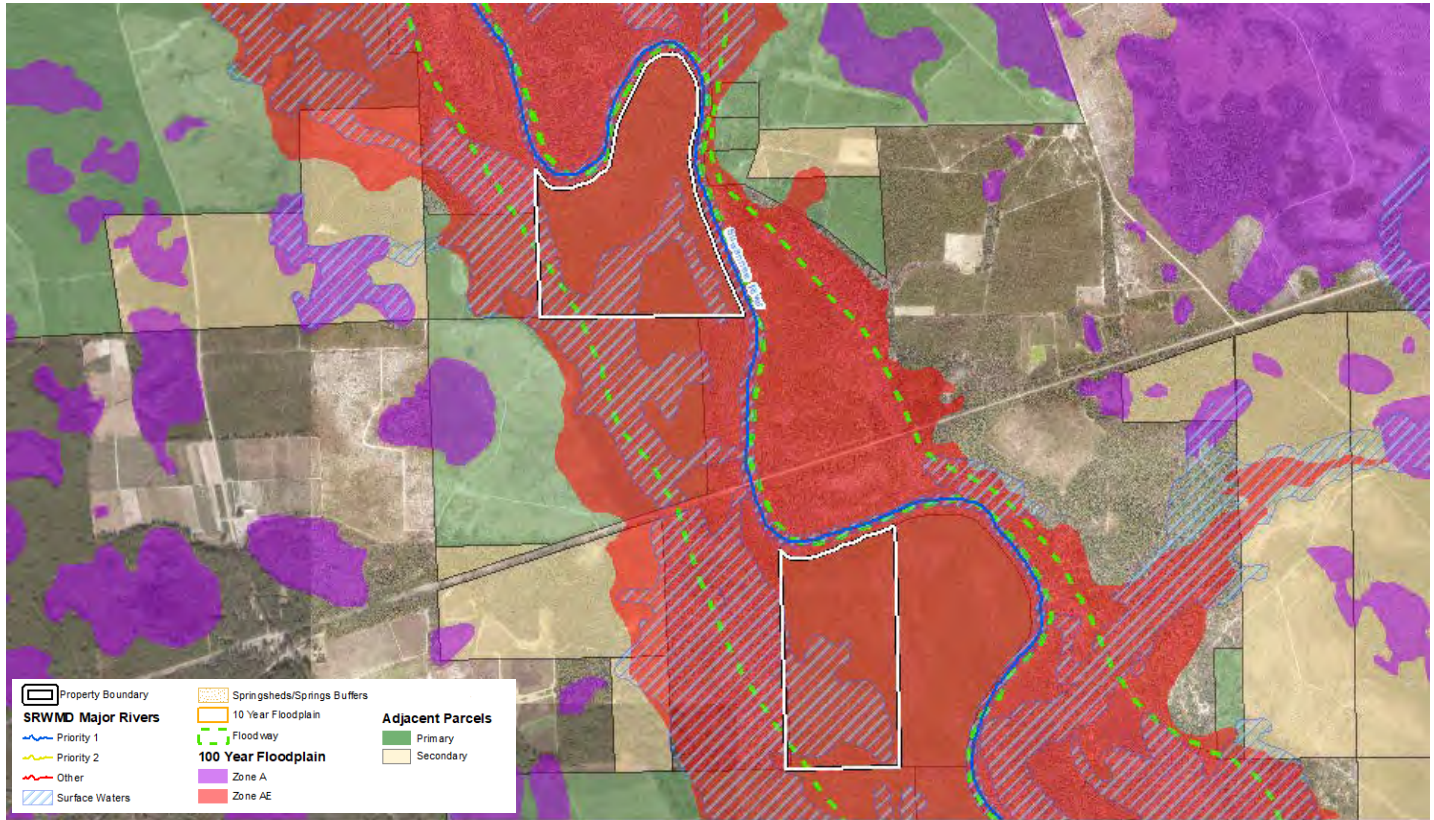
Camp & Abel 1 Property Offer Floodplain Protection



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SUWANNEE TRIAGE ANALYSIS RESULTS



Property Name: Camp & Abel 1

Date: 10/08/2020

Acreage: ± 181.16 ac

County: Hamilton

Transaction Type: Acquisition

Florida Forever: Yes

Surface Water Protection

Major River: (Y) [Suwannee – Priority 1]

Riverine Surface Waters: (Y) [± 58.67 ac]

Flood Protection

Floodway: (Y) [± 178.12 ac]

10 Year Floodplain: (Y) [± 181.16 ac]

100 Year Floodplain: (Y) [± 181.16 ac]

Springs Protection

Springshed: (N)

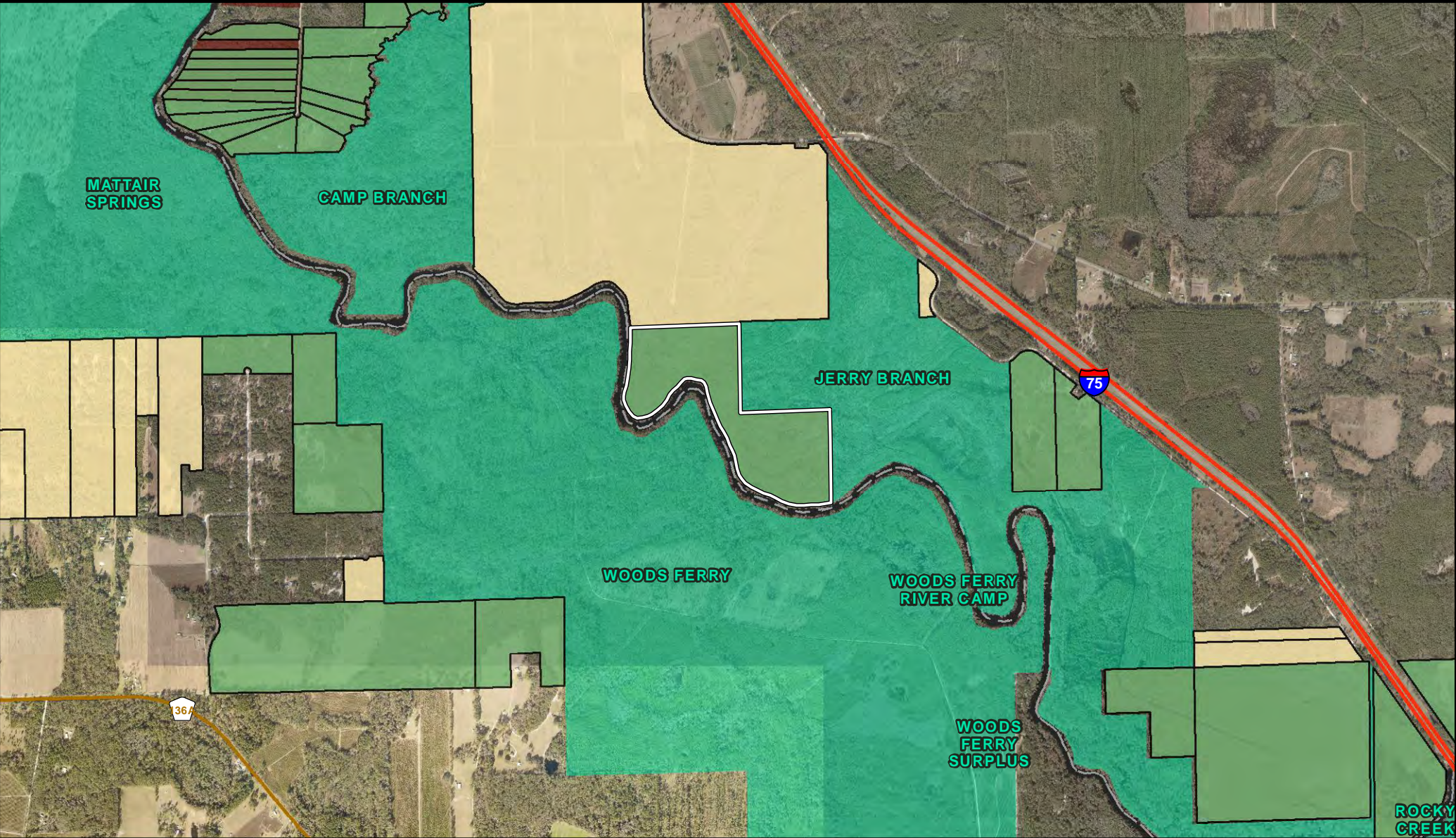
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Miscellaneous

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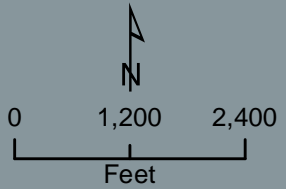
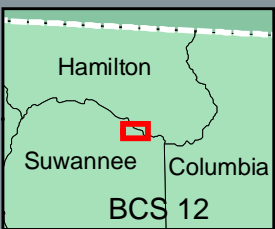
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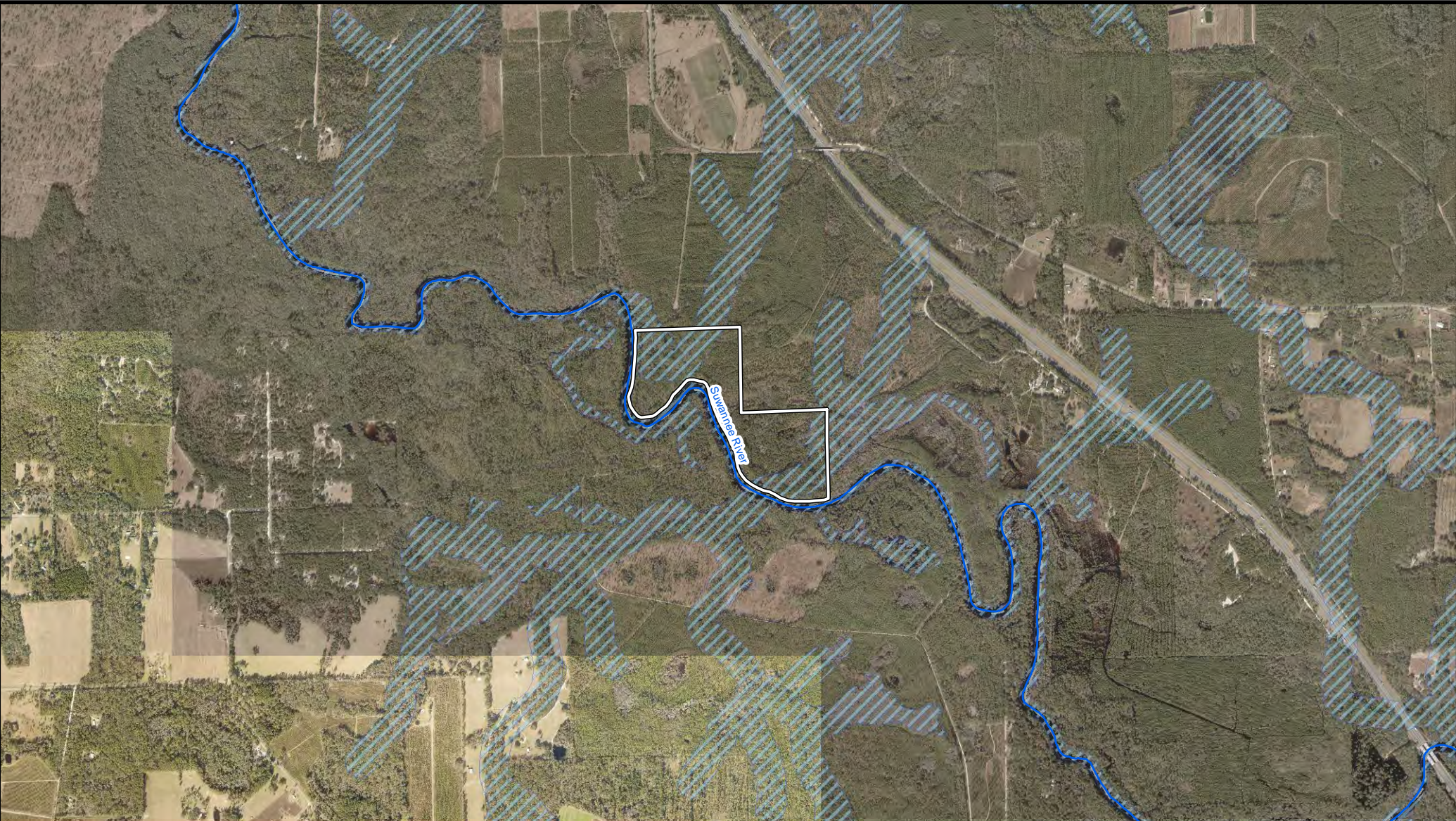







-  Property Boundary
 -  SRWMD Ownership
 -  Other Public Ownership
- Adjacent Parcels Ranking**
-  Primary
 -  Secondary

Camp & Abel 2
 ± 85 Ac
 Hamilton County

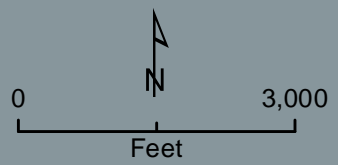
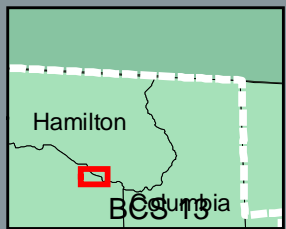


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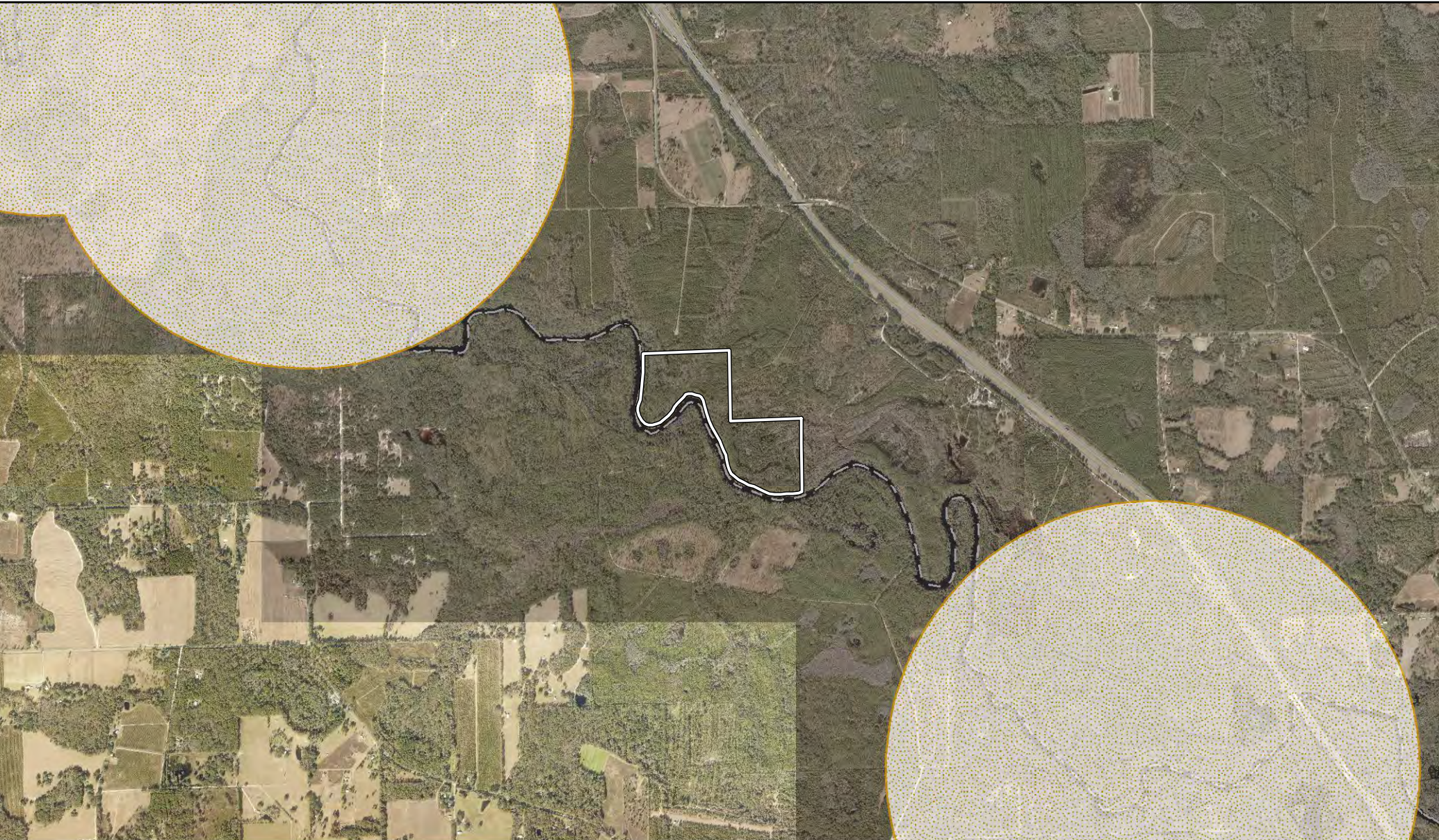


-  Property Boundary
-  SRWMD Major Rivers
-  Priority 1
-  Priority 2
-  Other
-  Surface Waters (Riverine)



Camp & Abel 2 Property Offer Surface Water Protection

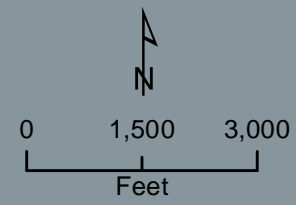
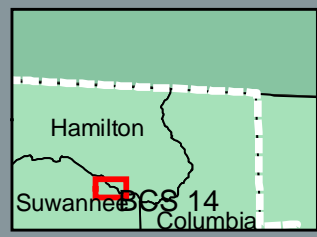


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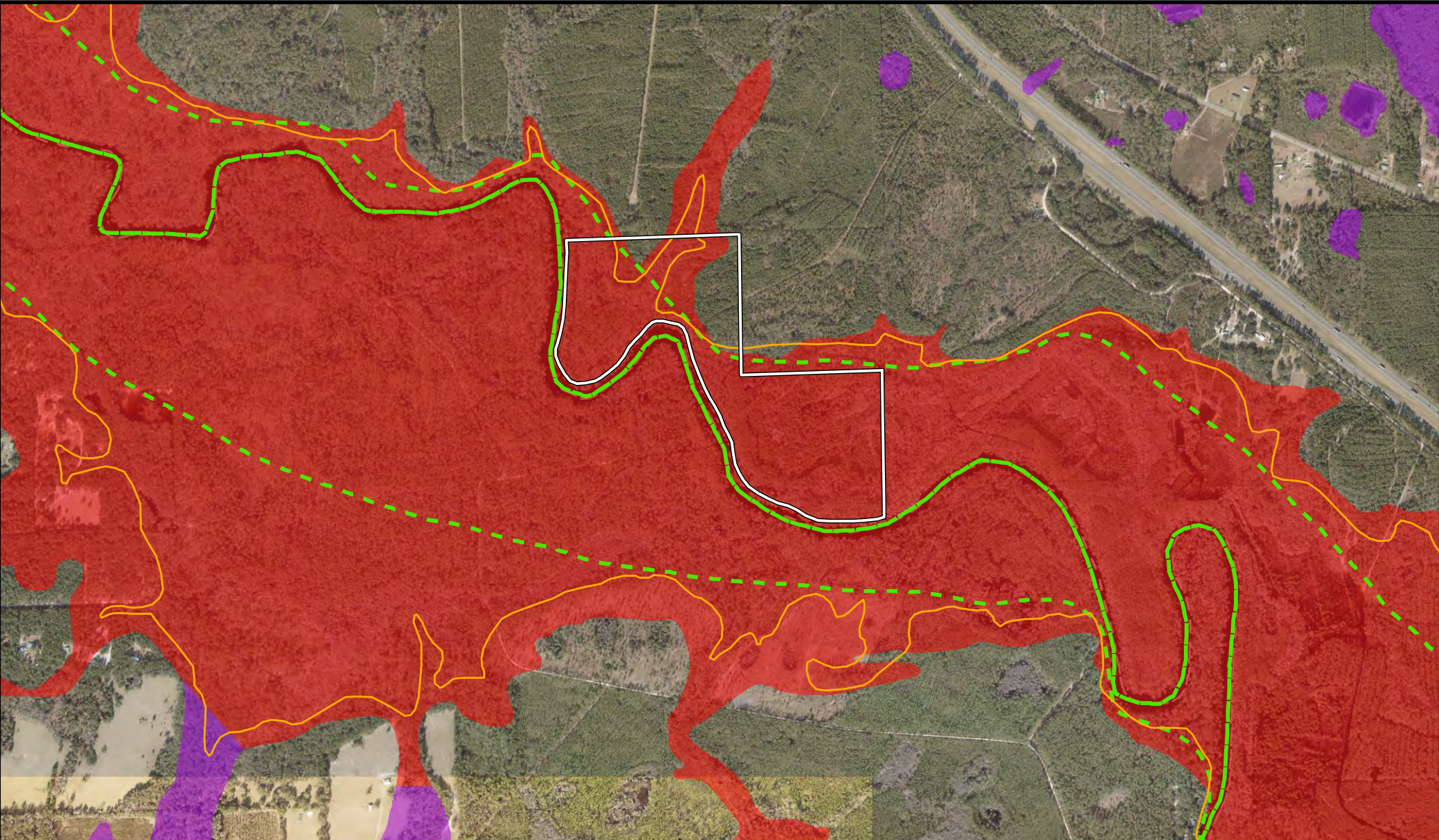


Camp & Abel 2 Property Offer Springs Protection

-  Property Boundary
-  Springs Protection

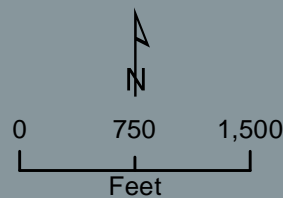
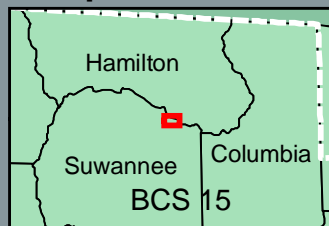


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Camp & Abel 2 Property Offer Floodplain Protection

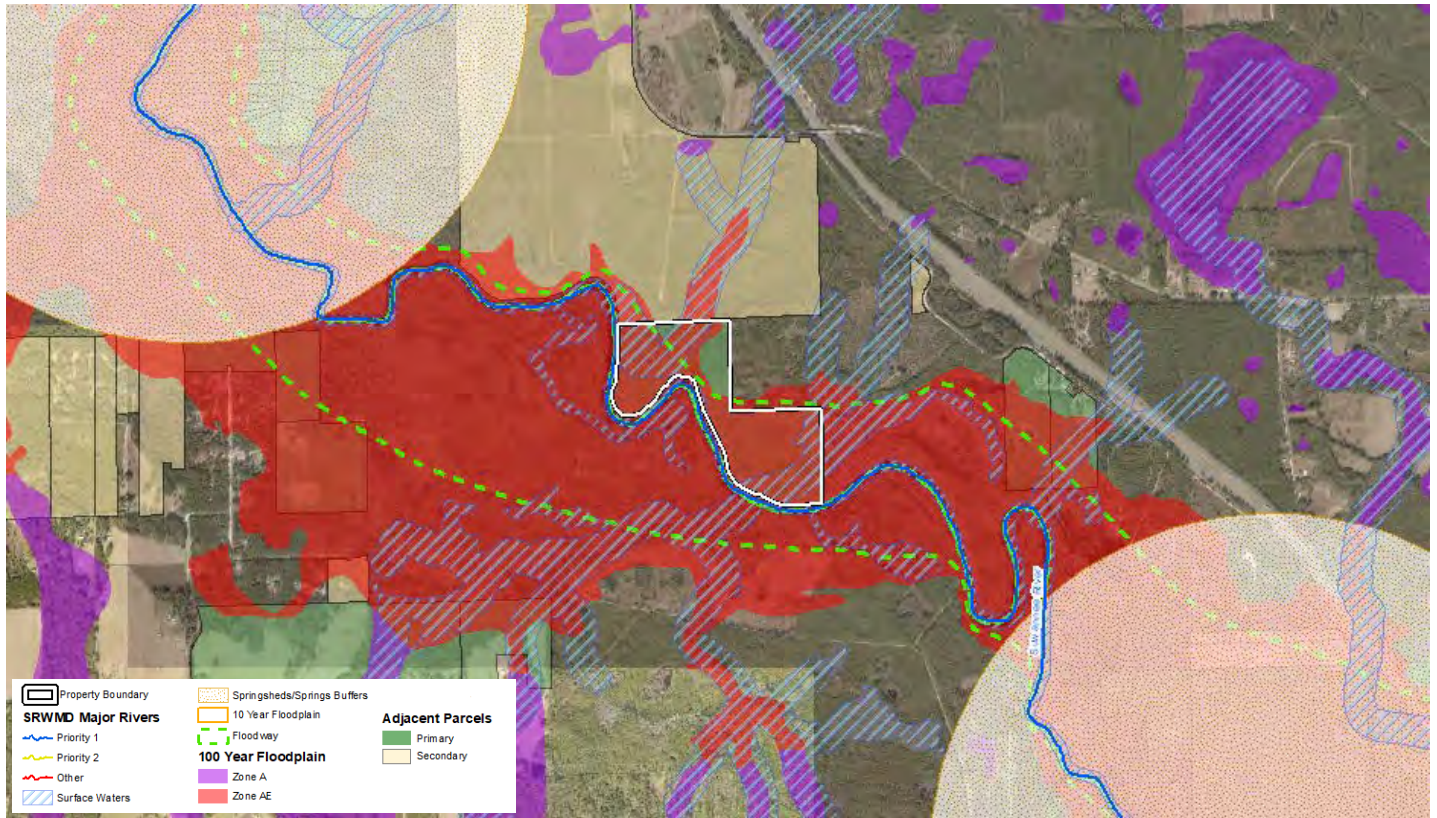
-  Property Boundary
-  10 Year Floodplain
-  Floodway
- 100 Year Floodplain**
-  Zone A
-  Zone AE



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SUWANNEE TRIAGE ANALYSIS RESULTS



Property Name: Camp & Abel 2

Date: 10/08/2020

Acreage: ± 85 ac

County: Hamilton

Transaction Type: Acquisition

Florida Forever: Yes

Surface Water Protection

Major River: (Y) [Suwannee – Priority 1]

Riverine Surface Waters: (Y) [± 35.2 ac]

Flood Protection

Floodway: (Y) [± 68.52 ac]

10 Year Floodplain: (Y) [± 69.53 ac]

100 Year Floodplain: (Y) [± 77.41 ac]

Springs Protection

Springshed: (N)

Adjacency: (Y) [Primary]

Miscellaneous

PFA: (N)

WSPA: (Y) [Eastern]

BMAP: (N)

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: March 3, 2023

RE: January 2023 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the January 2023 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.

PS/tm
Attachments

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Cash Report
January 2023**

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Interest Rate %	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$0.00		\$500.00
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$0.00		\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00		\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$1,163.37	0.13%	\$921,050.09
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$55,454.89</u>	1.58%	<u>\$41,448,855.65</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$56,618.26</u></u>		<u><u>\$42,405,405.74</u></u>

*SPIA is part of the Treasury Investment Pool administered by Florida Department of Financial Services.

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds
For the Month ending January 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 1/31/2023	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 6,525,588	\$ 5,507,179	\$ (1,018,409)	84.4%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 52,029,453	\$ 4,362,230	\$ (47,667,223)	8.4%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 185,093	\$ 55,093	142.4%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 163,000	\$ 99,453	\$ (63,548)	61.0%
Other	\$ 1,086,480	\$ 1,057,109	\$ (29,371)	97.3%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 11,358,880	\$ 424,050	\$ (10,934,830)	3.7%
Total Sources	\$ 71,293,401	\$ 11,635,113	\$ (59,658,288)	16.3%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 12,179,535	\$ 1,677,110	\$ 5,769,801	\$ 4,732,624	14%	61%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 48,736,400	\$ 3,366,059	\$ 26,216,720	\$ 19,153,621	7%	61%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 6,283,343	\$ 1,031,922	\$ 1,916,130	\$ 3,335,292	16%	47%
Regulation	\$ 2,040,044	\$ 455,033	\$ 60,503	\$ 1,524,508	22%	25%
Outreach	\$ 216,027	\$ 67,326	\$ -	\$ 148,701	31%	31%
Management and Administration	\$ 1,838,052	\$ 525,847	\$ 139,300	\$ 1,172,904	29%	36%
Total Uses	\$ 71,293,401	\$ 7,123,296	\$ 34,102,455	\$ 30,067,650	10%	58%

¹ 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.

² Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders, contracts, and task work assignments.

³ Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This financial statement is prepared as of January 31, 2023 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 1/31/2023

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>Report Recap -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	6,848,833	0	7,905,068
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	4,013,322	0	33,901,473
FEDERAL REVENUES	348,908	0	18,127,980
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	424,050	0	11,358,880
TOTAL REVENUES	11,635,113	0	71,293,401
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,000,950	0	7,483,656
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,741,210	12,963,383	21,716,230
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	577,759	237,448	2,277,800
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	6,763	0	283,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	8,396	119,052	4,766,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,788,219	20,782,572	34,766,671
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,123,297	34,102,455	71,293,401
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,511,816	(34,102,455)	0
<u>General Fund -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	5,767,004	0	5,645,906
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	986,607	0	2,740,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	2,018,723
TOTAL REVENUES	6,753,611	0	10,404,629
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,518,858	0	5,635,346
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	185,562	701,910	2,378,602
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	373,364	96,140	1,429,573
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,943	0	170,608
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	27,500	417,380	790,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,111,227	1,215,430	10,404,629
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,642,384	(1,215,430)	0
<u>Land Management Operations -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	1,039,665	0	2,259,162
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	324,923	0	2,291,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	40,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	1,988,062
TOTAL REVENUES	1,364,588	0	6,578,343
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	275,814	0	959,447
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	542,529	1,408,545	3,089,398
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	203,208	141,308	776,227
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	820	0	112,436
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	8,396	119,052	766,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,301	249,200	874,835
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,032,068	1,918,105	6,578,343
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	332,520	(1,918,105)	0

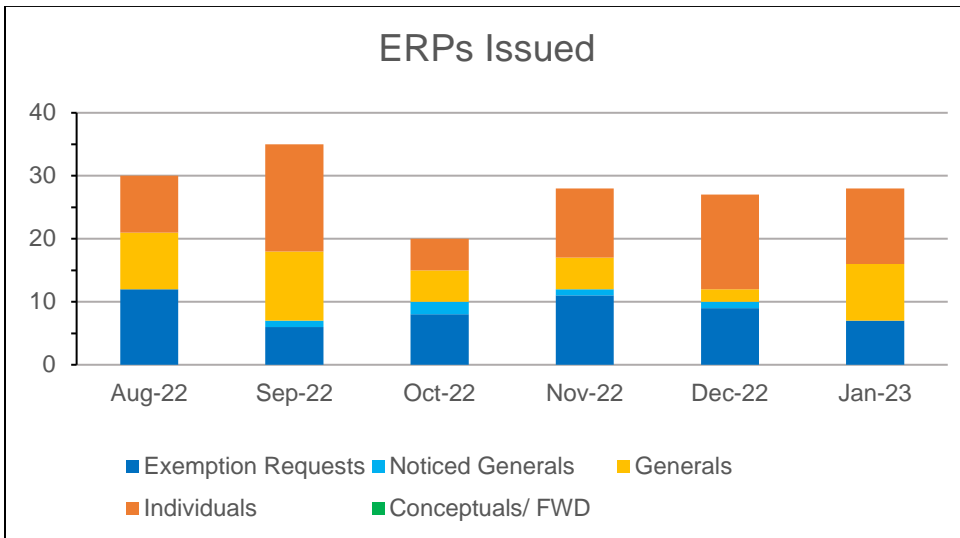
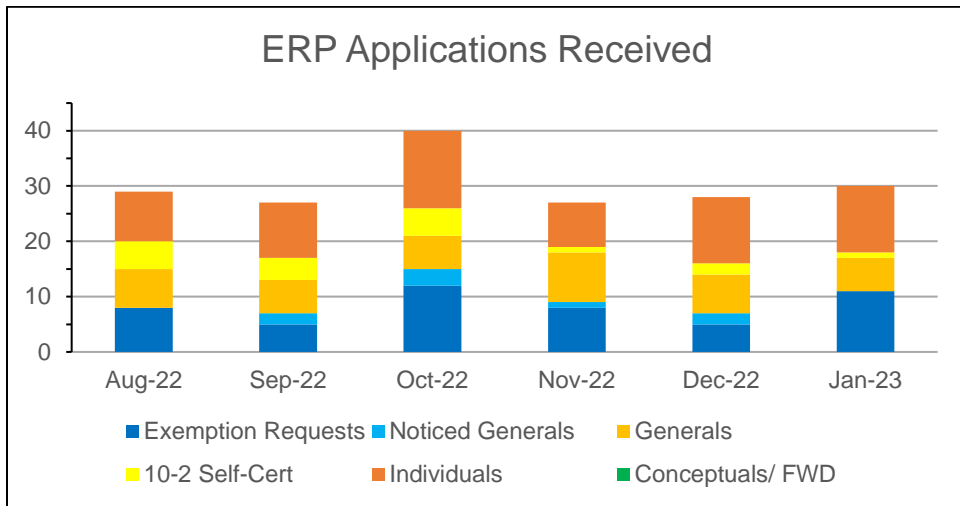
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
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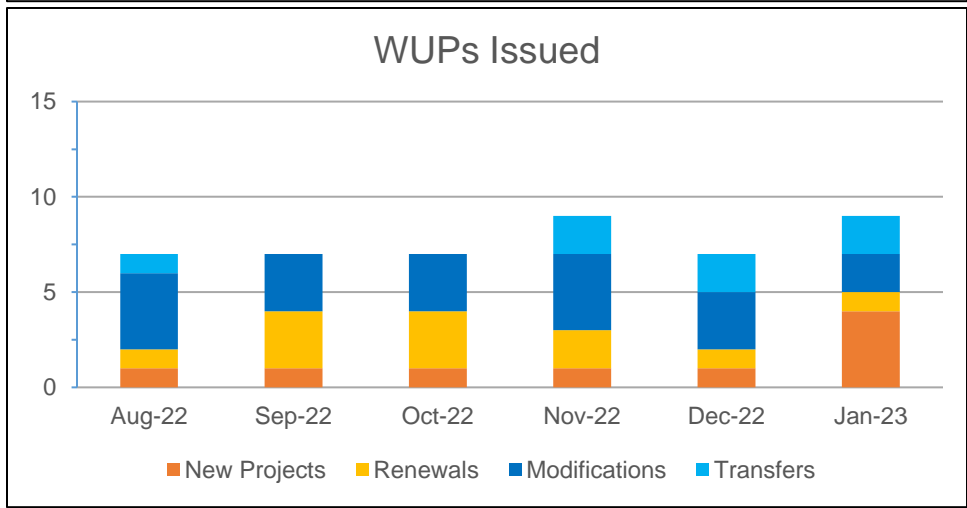
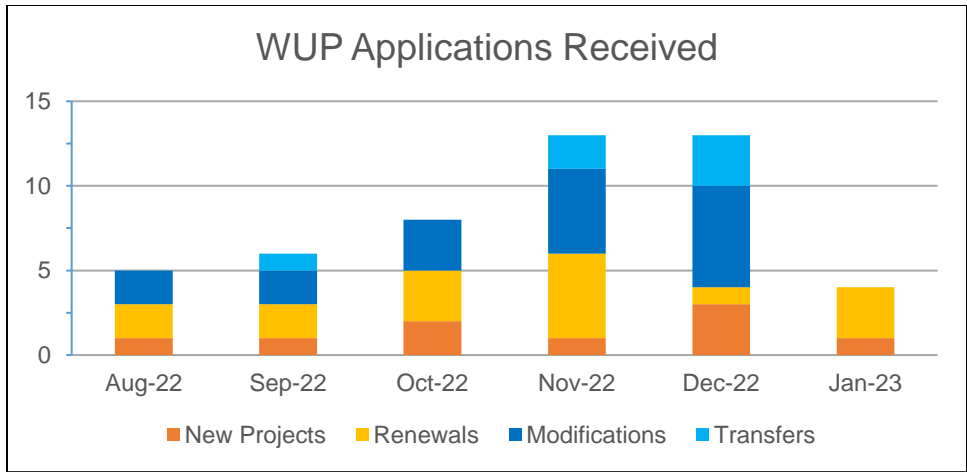
	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>District Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	423,367	0	5,033,941
TOTAL REVENUES	423,367	0	5,033,941
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	257,861	1,689,191	2,050,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	165,506	1,684,350	2,953,941
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	423,367	3,373,541	5,033,941
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0	(3,373,541)	0
<u>State Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	42,164	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,701,791	0	28,870,354
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	683	0	2,318,154
TOTAL REVENUES	2,744,638	0	31,188,508
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	202,495	0	872,863
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,397,536	5,820,659	9,614,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,187	0	36,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	4,000,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	1,582,563	9,324,993	16,665,645
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,183,781	15,145,652	31,188,508
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(439,143) *	(15,145,652)	0
	<i>* To be reimbursed by State Grants</i>		
<u>Federal Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	348,908	0	18,087,980
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	348,908	0	18,087,980
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	3,782	0	16,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	357,722	3,343,078	4,584,230
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	6,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	11,350	9,106,650	13,481,750
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	372,854	12,449,728	18,087,980
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(23,946) *	(12,449,728)	0
	<i>*To be reimbursed by Federal Grants</i>		

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

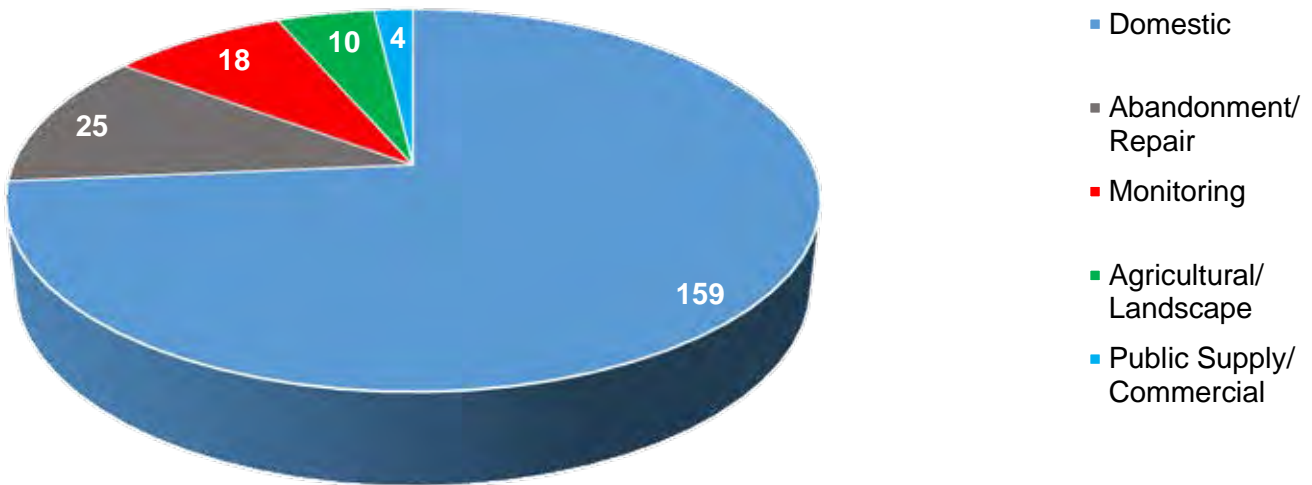
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Warren Zwanka, Director, Division of Resource Management
THRU: Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: March 3, 2023
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued - January 2023



40B-8.121 Lake Santa Fe MFL

GB Authorized Rulemaking	11/8/2022
Notice of Rule Development	1/9/2023
Public Workshop	12/16/2021
Notice of Proposed Rule	1/23/2023
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-8.121 Lake Hampton MFL

GB Authorized Rulemaking	1/11/2022
Notice of Rule Development	1/9/2023
Public Workshop	1/26/2022
Notice of Proposed Rule	1/23/2023
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.037 Water Well Contractor Licensing

GB Authorized Rulemaking	12/13/2022
Notice of Rule Development	2/13/2023
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.504 Location

GB Authorized Rulemaking	12/13/2022
Notice of Rule Development	2/13/2023
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.517 Grouting and Sealing

GB Authorized Rulemaking	12/13/2022
Notice of Rule Development	2/13/2023
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-3.902 Form and Instructions

GB Authorized Rulemaking	12/13/2022
Notice of Rule Development	2/13/2023
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Repealed	

40B-4.1010 Policy and Purpose

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/12/2022
Notice of Rule Development	12/15/2022
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	12/29/2022
Notice of Correction/ Change	1/13/2023
File with DOS	1/29/2023
Effective Date	2/15/2023

40B-4.1040 Permits Required

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/12/2022
Notice of Rule Development	12/15/2022
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	12/29/2022
Notice of Correction/ Change	1/13/2023
File with DOS	1/29/2023
Effective Date	2/15/2023

40B-4.1070 Minimum O&M Standards

GB Authorized Rulemaking	4/12/2022
Notice of Rule Development	12/15/2022
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	12/29/2022
Notice of Correction/ Change	1/13/2023
File with DOS	1/29/2023
Effective Date	2/15/2023

40B-400.091 Stormwater Design Storms

GB Authorized Rulemaking	5/10/2022
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	1/26/2023
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

40B-400.091 Stormwater Quality (SB712)

GB Authorized Rulemaking	12/8/2020	GB Authorized Rulemaking	
Notice of Rule Development	12/21/2020	Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	1/26/2023	Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule		Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change		Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS		File with DOS	
Effective Date		Effective Date	

ERP/ WUP Compliance Agreements:

None to report

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Troy Roberts, Communications and Outreach Manager
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: February 23, 2023
RE: Communications Office Outreach Efforts

Facebook	Twitter	Instagram
Total Posts: 18 Total Reach: 45,247 Total Likes: 1,488 Total Comments: 166 Total Shares: 248	Total Posts: 12 Total Reach: 1,715 Total Engagement: 44 Engagement Rate: 4.4 percent (average is 3.5 percent)	Total Posts: 12 Total Reach: 1,269 Total Engagement: 337

Press Releases
<ul style="list-style-type: none">January 3 – January Governing Board MeetingJanuary 10 – Hydrological Condition ReportJanuary 23 – Santa Fe Flood Risk Review Meetings

Media Inquiries / Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">January 18 – Troy Roberts was interviewed by a reporter from WUFT for The Point podcast to discuss aquifer levels and the most recent Hydrological Conditions Report.January 24 – Troy Roberts was interviewed by WCJB TV 20 for a story on the upcoming Santa Fe Flood Risk Review meetings.January 30 – Troy Roberts responded to a request from Politico to discuss the ongoing Seven Springs permit.

Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none">January 3 – Troy Roberts met with Suwannee County Tourism and Economic Development to discuss ongoing work and potential future partnerships.January 5 – Troy Roberts and staff met with WSP to discuss upcoming Santa Fe Flood Risk Review meetings and materials.January 10 – Troy Roberts and Leroy Marshall met with WSP to discuss upcoming Santa Fe Flood Risk Review meetings and materials.January 11 – Troy Roberts met with WCJB TV 20 to discuss upcoming story ideas.January 13 – Katelyn Potter and Troy Roberts met with other water management district communications staff to discuss upcoming initiatives.

- January 19 – Troy Roberts met with producers from Part 2 Pictures on schedules and requests for an upcoming documentary that focuses on the Suwannee River.
- January 19 – Troy Roberts met with Moore Communications for a kickoff meeting for the upcoming second phase of the District Lands Web Map.
- January 24 – Troy Roberts met with SKYE Creative to discuss the scope of work for an upcoming project.
- January 26 – Troy Roberts and Chelsea Dinon (MFLs) visited Lafayette Elementary School in Mayo for its “Dive Into Literacy” week. They presented information about the District, the Floridan Aquifer, and how litter can impact our water.
- January 26 – Troy Roberts attended the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council meeting and presented on District activities, including the District Lands Web Map and Permit to Protect initiative.
- January 30 – Troy Roberts attended a meeting of the Fort White Town Council and presented information about the upcoming Santa Fe Flood Risk Review meetings.

Other Outreach Activities

- January 12 – Troy Roberts and staff visited Hornsby Spring for the kickoff of the District’s algae monitoring program.
- January 27 – Troy Roberts, with Land Management’s Scott Gregor, visited Twin Rivers in Madison for an ongoing prescribed burn.
- January 31 – Troy Roberts, with Land Management’s Ryan Sims, visited Gar Pond for an ongoing seeding progress report and update.

January Photo Highlight:

January provided perfect weather for prescribed burns, such as this one at Twin Rivers in Madison.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Troy Roberts, Communications and Outreach Manager
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: February 15, 2023
RE: Water Conservation Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

Proclaim April 2023 as Water Conservation Month.

BACKGROUND

Declaring April as Water Conservation Month will mark the 25th year of this important recognition. Many local governments, water management districts, and other entities have demonstrated their support by adopting resolutions or proclamations designating Water Conservation Month in their communities.

The District's strategic focus on community partnerships and water resource project implementation, dedication to improved efficiencies and conservation, and sustainable management of District water resources illustrates its commitment to water conservation and its vitality to the Suwannee River Valley.

As part of the effort, the District encourages local communities to issue a commitment to water conservation and offers outreach tools for communities to share with their constituents.

This designation provides an opportunity to increase public awareness about the importance of water conservation and of following the District's year-round water conservation measures. It also encourages citizens to develop life-long conservation habits that will help preserve and protect our state and local water resources now and in the future.

Therefore, staff recommends the Governing Board proclaim April 2023 as Water Conservation Month.

TER/ao
Attachment

Proclamation

Suwannee River Water Management District
Live Oak, Florida

WHEREAS, clean, safe and sustainable water resources are vital to Suwannee River Water Management District's (District) residents, visitors, economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, droughts, development and population growth serve as reminders that Florida's ground and surface water resources such as rivers, lakes and springs are finite and fragile; and

WHEREAS, permanent, year-round water conservation measures are in effect throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, water conservation is a District strategic priority; and

WHEREAS, the District encourages and supports water conservation through public awareness efforts; and

WHEREAS, water conservation will continue to play an important role in the future protection and preservation of ground and surface water resources; and

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school, resident and visitor can help by conserving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community; and

WHEREAS, local governments are essential in assisting in promoting water conservation awareness and implementing water conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida traditionally designates April as Water Conservation Month,

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby proclaims April 2023 as Water Conservation Month. Additionally, the District respectfully calls upon each local government, resident, visitor and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water conservation measures and becoming more aware of the need to conserve water.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2023, A.D.

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

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ATTEST

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Troy Roberts, Communications and Outreach Manager
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: February 15, 2023
RE: Springs Protection Awareness Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

Proclaim April 2023 as Springs Protection Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND

In recent years, the Florida Legislature has adopted resolutions recognizing the importance of Florida's springs and natural resources by declaring the month of April as Springs Protection Awareness Month.

The District contains more than 450 documented springs, including the highest concentration of freshwater springs in Florida, and the highest concentration of first-magnitude springs in the United States. The District is defined by world-renowned springs, including 14 of the 30 Outstanding Florida Springs as identified by the Legislature.

Springs provide habitat for wildlife and plant species, as well as natural, recreational, and economic value. Recreational use of springs supports ecotourism in the region providing opportunities for swimming, fishing, diving, kayaking, canoeing, and wildlife viewing. The estimated total economic benefits associated with recreational use (due to direct spending, supply chain activity and income re-spending) supports over 1,000 full and part-time jobs and generates \$9.4 million annually in economic output¹. These international resources are a major priority for the District.

Increasing public awareness of the District's ongoing work to protect springs is a key part of accomplishing the District mission.

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¹Borisova, Tatiana; Hodges, Alan W.; Stevens, Thomas J. "Economic Contributions and Ecosystem Services of Springs in the Lower Suwannee and Santa Fe River Basins of North-Central Florida." University of Florida, Food and Resource Economics Department. May 29, 2014. pp 3.

Proclamation

Suwannee River Water Management District
Live Oak, Florida

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the environment, economy and citizens of, and visitors to, this state, and

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in the world, which supports more than 450 natural springs, giving this state the world's highest concentration of springs, and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District has the highest concentration of springs in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge more than eight billion gallons of water each day, which is essential for sustaining spring runs and associated receiving water bodies, and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District has the highest concentration of first magnitude springs in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Water Management District has 14 Outstanding Florida Springs, and

WHEREAS, groundwater in the Suwannee River Water Management District is the primary source for public, agricultural, business and industrial use and vital to Florida's economy, and

WHEREAS, springs are a natural resource that must be protected, as they reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife and listed species, and

WHEREAS, springs provide important recreation resources and opportunities that are enjoyed by citizens and visitors alike.

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District hereby proclaims April 2023 as Springs Protection Awareness Month, and all levels of government are encouraged to support springs protection, restoration and preservation awareness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2023, A.D.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: February 20, 2023

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

BACKGROUND

District contractors completed 115 acres of groundcover restoration through direct bulk seeding on the Gar Pond and Mattair Springs tracts.

District contractors reforested 252 acres by hand-planting containerized longleaf pine seedlings on the Mattair Springs, High Springs Wellfield, RO Ranch, and Gar Pond tracts.

District contractors completed 93 acres of site-prep and whole tree chipping on the Lake Rowell and Santa Fe River Ranch tracts.

District contractors are mulching vegetation on the Peacock Slough Tract.

District contractors are woods mowing on the Christian and Withlacoochee Hills tracts.

District contractors are repairing roads in the Mallory Swamp Tract and hydrologic repairs at Natural Well Branch Tract.

The Suwannee Bicycle Association sponsored IDIDARIDE XXIX, a 50-mile off-road bicycle challenge ride on bike trails on District lands in White Springs. There were 311 riders and over 100 volunteers participating in the event.

Florida Forest Service (FFS) burned 241 acres in Twin Rivers State Forest. When available, the FFS will provide a crew to burn additional acres on both District tracts and TRSF.

The Prescribed Fire Enhancement Project, which consisted of 33.54 acres of the Black Tract, was completed on January 28.

The Florida Forest Service treated three acres of Tongue Oil Trees and one acre of Chinaberry Trees on the Anderson Springs Tract.

The public recreation areas, as well as access roads on Twin Rivers State Forest, are being monitored and cleaned as needed.

Debris cleanup was conducted on Ellaville Tract.

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

Conservation Easement Monitoring: During the report period, no additional conservation easements were inspected by District staff.

Vegetation Management Projects: During the report period, approximately 735 additional acres of roller chopping, and woods mowing was completed on the Mallory Swamp Tract in Lafayette County. 297 acres of woods mowing and mulching was completed on several other tracts throughout the District.

In Fiscal Year 2023, vegetation management work will be conducted for fuel reduction, natural community restoration, and wildfire mitigation purposes.

Vegetation Management (10/01/2022 – 02/16/2023)

2023 ACTIVITY	ACRES	ACRES
	Planned	Complete
Herbicide	180	0
Roller Chop Uplands	400	35
Mallory Swamp Mow/Chop	700	1,923
Woods Mowing	2,000	297

Invasive Plant Monitoring Program: During the report period, no additional infestations were monitored/treated by District staff.

Invasive Plant Treatments (11/01/2022 – 02/20/2023)

2023 ACTIVITY	INFESTATIONS	INFESTATIONS
	Planned	Complete
Invasive Plant	145	23

Rare Species Monitoring/Surveying Program: During the report period, no rare species monitoring, or surveying work was completed by staff.

Rare Species Monitoring/Surveying (10/01/2022 – 02/16/2022)

2023 ACTIVITY	LOCATIONS OR TRANSECTS	LOCATIONS OR TRANSECTS
	Planned	Complete
Rare Plant Monitoring	50	0
Gopher Tortoise Tract Surveys	3	0
Wading Bird Rookery Monitoring	6	0

Prescribed Fire Program: Contractors conducting prescribed burns on District lands include Attack-One Fire Management Services, B&B Dugger Inc., and Wildlands Services Inc. Also, included in this report are the acres the Florida Forest Service (FFS) prescribed burns on Twin Rivers State Forest (TRSF). When available, the FFS will provide a crew to burn additional acres on both District tracts and TRSF. During the report period, District contractors burned 1,741 additional acres on various tracts and FFS personnel burned 241 additional acres on Twin Rivers State Forest.

Prescribed Fire Summary Table (10/1/2022 – 02/16/2022)

	2023 TARGET ACRES	ACRES COMPLETED
SRWMD	7,500	2,683
FFS TRSF	1,500	313
TOTAL	9,000	2,996

Timber Sales: As of February 23, 2023, the District has realized \$1,081,225.51* for Fiscal Year 2023.

**Estimate for this report only. Official accounting records have not been finalized at this time.*

Timber Sales Recently Completed

SALE NAME	COUNTY	ACRES	HARVEST TYPE	REVENUE
Woods Ferry #6	Suwannee	105	Thinning	\$70,321.22
Steinhatchee Springs #19	Lafayette	330	Thinning	\$458,091.07
Steinhatchee Springs #22	Lafayette	298	Thinning	\$640,449.20
Steinhatchee Springs #20	Lafayette	208	Thinning	\$308,257.27
Natural Well Branch #3	Taylor	207	Thinning	\$129,462.40
Mill Creek South #10	Madison	124	Thinning	Pending

Open Timber Sales

SALE NAME	COUNTY	ACRES	HARVEST TYPE
Cuba Bay #2	Madison	315	Thinning
Steinhatchee Springs #21	Lafayette	366	Thinning
Seven Bridges #1	Jefferson	224	Thinning
Cabbage Grove #2	Taylor	222	Thinning
Gilchrist Wellfield #1	Gilchrist	100	Thinning and Chipping
Adams Tract #4	Lafayette	90	Thinning and Clearcut
Bell Springs #2	Columbia	43	Thinning and Clearcut
Sandlin Bay #9	Columbia	374	Thinning
Dedan Loop #1	Union	60	Thinning
Devils Hammock #2	Levy	144	Thinning

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Alejandro Arteaga Garcia, Senior Data Analyst, Hydrologic Data Services Office

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: February 22, 2023

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 8 inches in diameter or greater.

As of February 22, 2023, the District is monitoring 1,542 (228.5 MGD) of a total of 1,619 active permitted wells (237.8 MGD). The remaining 72 active wells not yet monitored are scheduled for site visits to determine the type of monitoring that will be implemented. An additional 282 proposed wells have yet to be drilled.

The District offers three options for monitoring: electric provided by the power company, telemetry on diesel systems, and self-reporting. To date, farmer electric agreements from cooperatives are in effect on 776 (143.5 MGD) monitoring points. The District currently employs telemetry on 275 (48.0 MGD) diesel-powered systems. There are currently 8 (0.98 MGD) self-monitored points.

Additionally, there are currently 483 (36.7 MGD) sites for which monitoring is currently not feasible. Staff visit these sites each year to reevaluate the feasibility of monitoring.

The attached figures show the current well status and monitoring type for all wells with water use monitoring conditions (Figure 1), and the status of flow data collection by source within the Districts' agricultural monitoring network (Figure 2).

Agricultural Water Use Stations with Monitoring Conditions

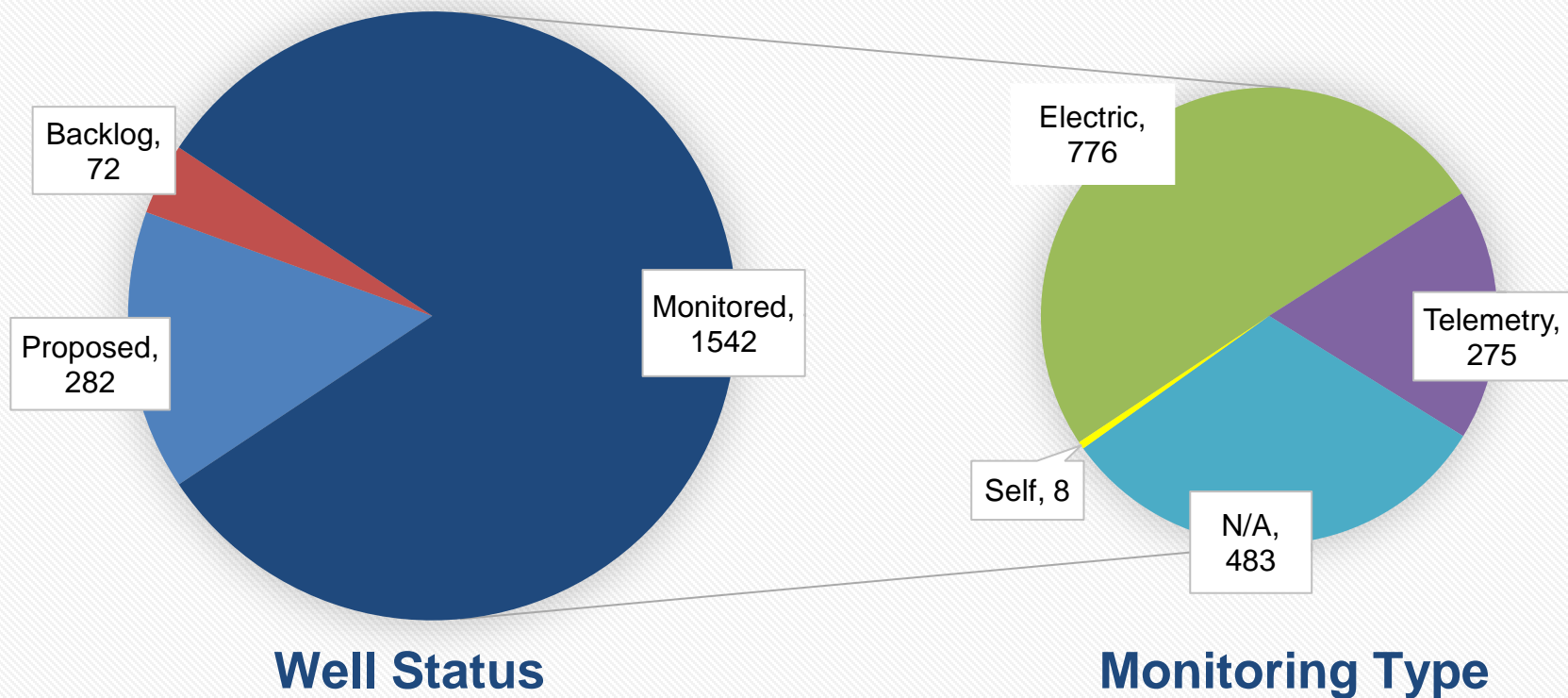
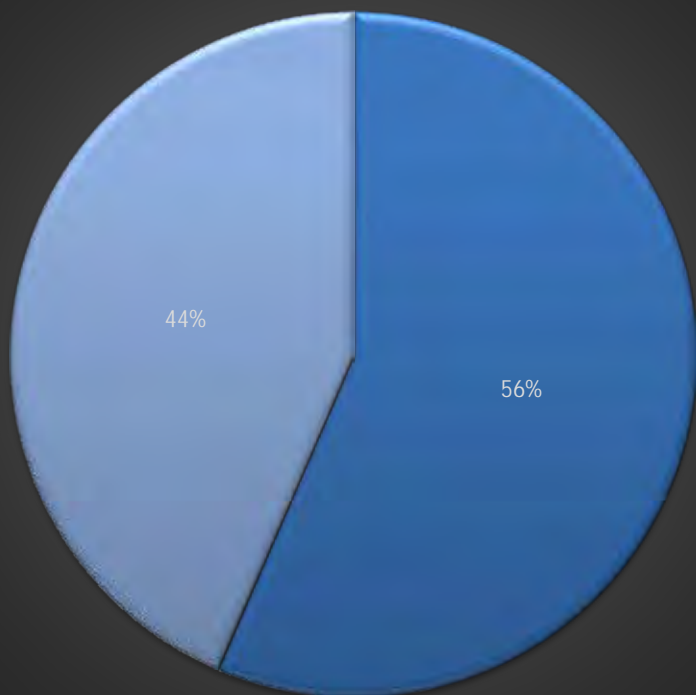


Figure 1. Well status and monitoring type for all wells with water use monitoring conditions as of February 22, 2023.

Flow Data Collection Status



■ Sites with Unique Flow Recorded, 815
■ Sites Needing Flow Information, 628

Flows Recorded by Source

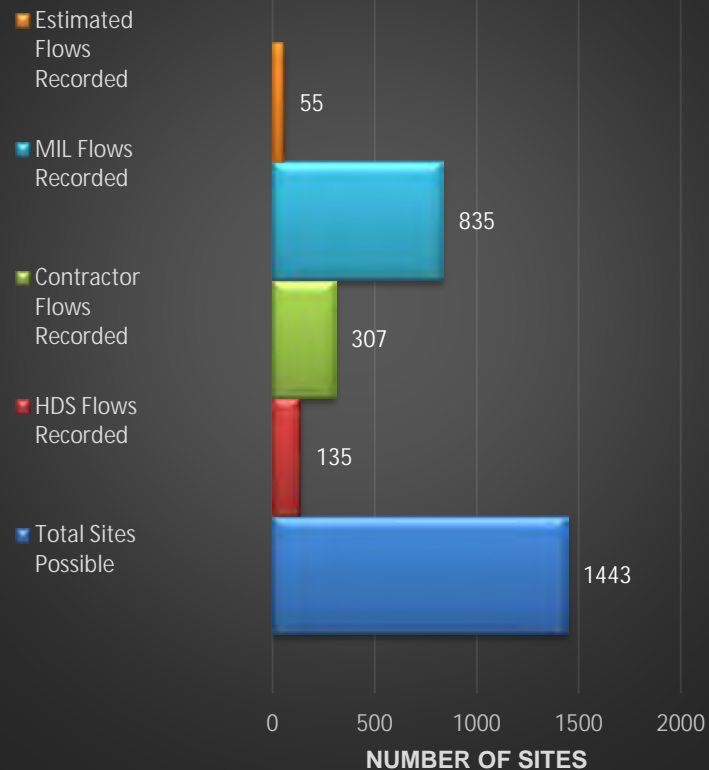


Figure 2. Status of flow data collection by source within the District's agricultural monitoring network as of February 22, 2023.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: March 3, 2023

RE: Amendment to Contract 20/21-172 with Southern Cross Organics & Energy, LLC, Suwannee County

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to amend Contract 20/21-172 with Southern Cross Organics & Energy, LLC to change the District maximums for each category to a District maximum for the entire project.

BACKGROUND

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

The District entered into contract with Southern Cross Organics and Energy, LLC (SCOE) on June 30, 2021, to expand their wastewater storage capacity. During the construction of the project, the earthworks portion came in over the estimated amount by \$109,979. This amounted to a 50% reimbursement instead of 75%. SCOE came in under budget in the remaining categories by approximately \$66,000. The producer requests that the District maximums per category be changed to a District maximum for the overall project, such that the remaining funds could be put toward the overages on the earthworks portion of the contract. This will be a no-cost amendment and the total cost share amount for this project will not change.

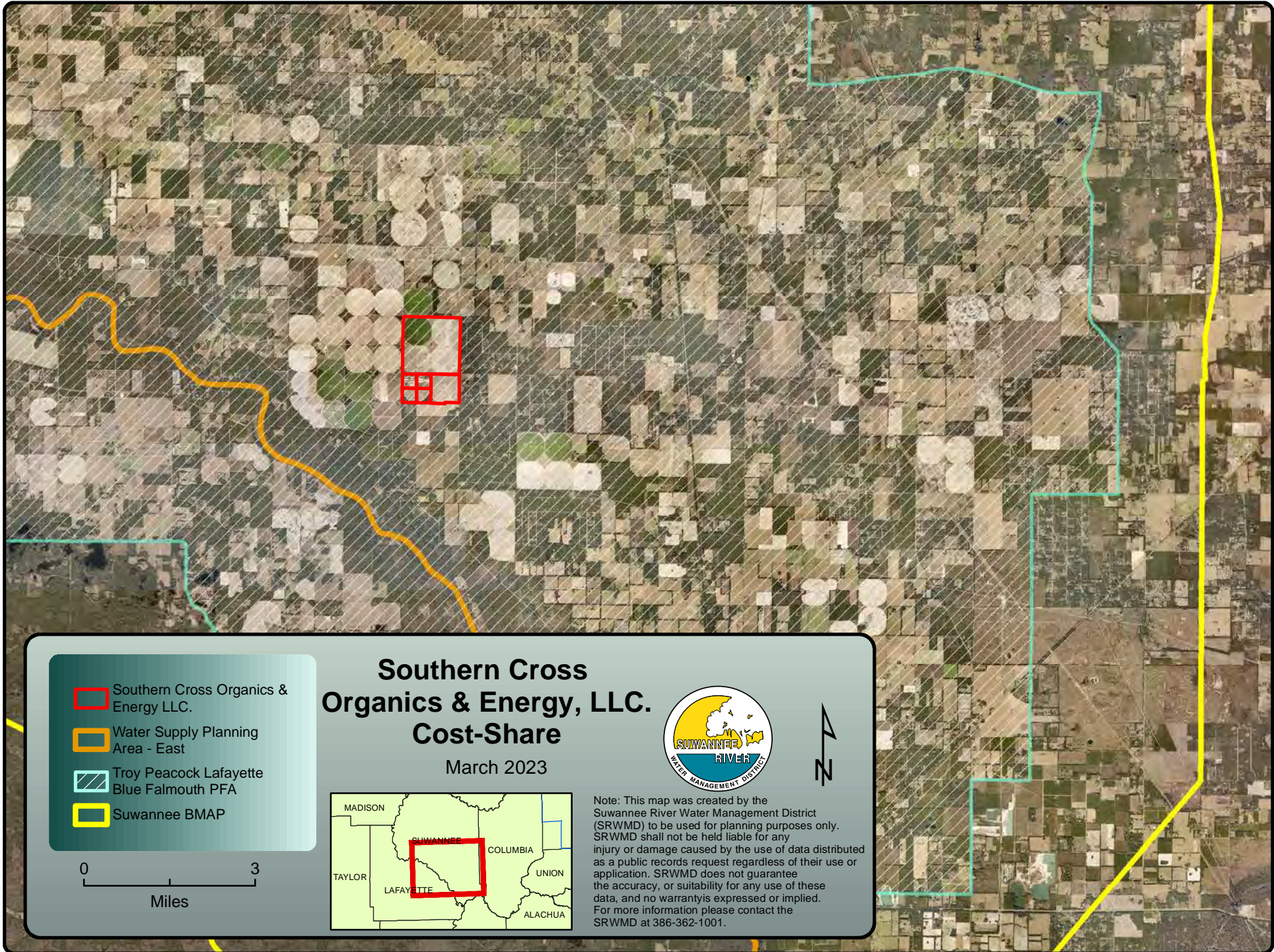
Exhibit A lists the cost share items and funding breakdown. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Budget.





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EXHIBIT A

**Southern Cross Organics and Energy, LLC Lagoon Expansion Project Project
Budget**

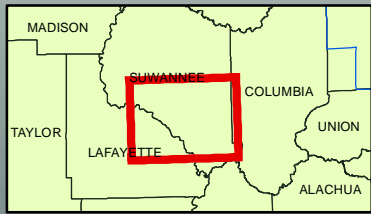
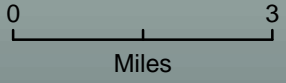
Category	Item	Quantities	Unit	Unit \$	Total cost	Totals
Earth works	Cut	108,000	cu.yd	\$2.00	\$216,000	
	Fill	11,150	cu.yd	\$2.00	\$22,300	
	Contingency	1	ea	15%	\$35,745	
	Total earthwork estimate					\$274,045
Liner	HDPE liner	285,000	sq.ft	\$1.20	\$342,000	
	Contingency	1	ea	15%	\$51,300	
	Total liner estimate					\$393,300
Perimeter Fencing	No climb fence	2,500	lft	\$3.00	\$7,500	
	Contingency	1	ea	15%	\$1,125	
	Total fencing estimate					\$8,625
Pond transfer system	Piping	1,800	ft	\$5.42	\$9,756	
	Pipe installation	1	ea	\$9,500	\$9,500	
	Pump/riverscreen	1	ea	\$18,900	\$18,900	
	Plumbing fittings	1	ea	\$4,000	\$4,000	
	Electrical	1	ea	\$1,200	\$1,200	
	Electrical Installation	1	ea	\$1,000	\$1,000	
	Contingency	1	ea	15%	\$6,653	
	Total transfer system est.					\$51,009
Lagoon to Pivot Pumping System	100 hp Pump/riverscreen	1	ea	\$57,000	\$57,000	
	Pump VFD	1	ea	\$17,000	\$17,000	
	Remote start/stop	1	ea	\$1,955	\$1,955	
	Pump Installation	1	ea	\$5,500	\$5,500	
	Electrical service	1	ea	\$2,500	\$2,500	
	Electrical installation	1	ea	\$1,000	\$1,000	
	Plumbing fittings	1	ea	\$10,000	\$10,000	
	Concrete	1	ea	\$1,500	\$1,500	
	Contingency	1	ea	15%	\$14,468	
	Total pumping system est.					\$110,923
Pump house	Pump House building/concrete	1		\$3,000	\$3,000	
	Contingency	1	ea	15%	\$450	
	Total pump house est.					\$3,450
Engineering Design	JGMIII				\$7,600	\$7,600
					Total project cost	\$848,952.65
					Dairy Wastewater Improvements Funding	\$ 125,252.80
					District Funding	\$ 511,461.69
					Producers Share	\$ 212,238.16



-  Southern Cross Organics & Energy LLC.
-  Water Supply Planning Area - East
-  Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth PFA
-  Suwannee BMAP

Southern Cross Organics & Energy, LLC. Cost-Share

March 2023



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources

THRU: Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: February 17, 2023

RE: Amendment to Contract 21/22-013, Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to amend Contract #21/22-013 with St. Johns River Water Management District to provide surface and groundwater laboratory analyses for an amended amount not to exceed \$145,600.

BACKGROUND

In July 2022, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to renew a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) to provide surface and groundwater laboratory analyses for an amount not to exceed \$130,000, for the period beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023. The laboratory analysis of the District's water quality samples is a key component of the District's long term water quality monitoring network and data collection.

The agreement specifies that if the number of water quality samples submitted to the SJRWMD lab exceeds 1,100 an amendment may be required. Water Resources staff anticipate the number of samples to exceed 1,100 during the contract renewal period. This amendment will accommodate up to 130 additional samples per year to meet increased water quality monitoring needs. The total number of samples under the new agreement will be 1,230. The amendment will allow for an additional amount not to exceed \$15,600. The MOA renewal, and this amendment, will expire on September 30, 2023.

Funding for this agreement and the amendment is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Budget.

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