

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE CAMP AND ABEL TRACT COMPRISED OF THREE PARCELS AND CONSISTING OF 266 ACRES +/- LOCATED IN HAMILTON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE PCS MITIGATION/SAVE OUR RIVERS FUND FOR THE LAND PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION COSTS

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) has been offered fee title to lands owned by Camp Et. Al. Ltd., a Florida Limited Partnership and Sara C. Abel Family Limited Partnership, a North Carolina Limited Partnership located in Hamilton County, Florida and consisting of three parcels totaling 266 acres +/- (the Camp and Abel Tract) A description of said lands being attached hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS the Camp and Abel Tract parcels are adjacent to the Suwannee River and to other tracts currently owned by the District; and

WHEREAS the parcels lie within the floodway and floodplain for the Suwannee River; and

WHEREAS the purchase price for said lands shall be \$870,000; and

WHEREAS acquisition costs to be funded include a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at a cost of \$10,700 and an appraisal at a cost of \$7,500; and

WHEREAS the sum of \$920,000 is being requested for use from funds on hand at the District within the PCS Mitigation/Save Our Rivers fund for the purchase price and acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS said lands are being acquired consistent with sections 373.139 and 373.199, Florida Statutes and consistent with the District's annually updated Florida Forever Five-Year Work Plan filed with the Legislature and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS the tract shall be identified in any signage and in District publications as the John C. Camp Family Tract; and

WHEREAS said lands are being acquired in fee simple for water management purposes and the acquisition meets the goals and criteria of section 259.105, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS the funds hereinafter requested will be used only for the purchase price of said lands and related acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS said lands will be maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner compatible with the resource values for which acquired and, to the extent practical, in such a way as to restore and protect their natural state and condition; and

WHEREAS said lands have been appraised by a real estate appraiser and were approved for acquisition after duly noticed public meeting to inform the public of this acquisition; and

WHEREAS an environmental audit has been performed and reported no contamination or need for a Phase II Environmental Assessment.