

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Division Director, Resource Management/Projects

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

DATE: March 28, 2025

RE: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Alternative Water Supply Grant Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to receive Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Funds and to enter into agreements with local cooperative entities to implement the projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

BACKGROUND

During the final months of calendar year 2023, District staff collaborated with local governments and interested stakeholders throughout the 15-county area, inviting them to submit AWS projects.

In May 2024, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to recommend and submit five project applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for consideration for the AWS Funding. In June 2024, FDEP opened an application portal for entities to submit additional projects. Three additional projects within the District were submitted through FDEP portal and reviewed by FDEP and District staff.

FDEP has allocated \$55,000,000 in AWS funding to fourteen projects across the state. The total AWS funding awarded to the District and cooperators includes \$5,705,000 for two District projects and one local cooperator project administered by the District.

Attached is a list of the projects approved for AWS Grant Funding. The District will enter into agreements with FDEP to receive the funding and agreements with sub-recipients on the projects listed in the attached spreadsheet. Funding for these projects are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget.

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Attachments