



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

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April 8, 2025
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

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 - March 11, 2025 Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Agenda Item No. 10 - February 2025 Financial Report
 - Agenda Item No. 20 - Amendment to Agreement 18/19-050 with the Alachua Conservation Trust
 - Agenda Item No. 21 - Extension to Agreement 04/05-269 with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Division of Recreation and Parks
6. March 11, 2025 Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes - **Recommend Consent**
7. Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - A. Hydrologic Conditions Report
 - B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
 - C. Service Recognition: Paul Buchanan (35 Years of Service)

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Tom Reeves

8. Update on Legal Activities

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director

Administration

9. Facilities Update

Finance

BCS Page 1 10. February 2025 Financial Report – **Recommend Consent**

Resource Management

BCS Page 6 11. Permitting Summary Report

Water Use Permitting

BCS Page 9 12. Water Use Permit 2-001-218914-3, Tomoka Hills Golf, Alachua County

Environmental Projects

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BCS Page 22 15. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Springs Grant Funds

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS
Katelyn Potter, Division Director

Communications and Outreach

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Land Acquisition

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WATER RESOURCES
Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director

22. Water Resources Division Updates



**AGENDA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP(S)**

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April 8, 2025
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

- Coastal Rivers Surface Water Improvement and Management Plan

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

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March 11, 2025
9:00 a.m.

UF/IFAS NFREC-Suwannee Valley (Farm)
8202 CR 417 Live Oak, FL

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	George Wheeler		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry K. Thompson			X
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	William Lloyd			
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	
Assistant 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:

- Jeff Hill – Legal concerns regarding exclusive use authorizations extension.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - February 11, 2025, Governing Board Meeting, Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - January 2025 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Water Well Permitting Interagency Agreement between Suwannee River Water Management District and St. Johns River Water Management District for Bradford County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - February 11, 2025, Governing Board Meeting, Meeting Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney, Chief, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Mr. Thomas thanked IFAS for use of the facilities and providing a tour of the farm.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on two Jeff Hill court cases.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 9 – Facilities Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration, updated the Board on this item.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 10 – January 2025 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 11 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Water Well Permitting Interagency Agreement between Suwannee River Water Management District and St. Johns River Water Management District for Bradford County. Approved on Consent.

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 14 – Environmental and Agriculture Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 15 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Water Conservation Month Proclamation. Troy Roberts, Chief, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Springs Protection Proclamation. Mr. Roberts presented this item to the Board.

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

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 18 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Resolution Number 2025-02, Conveyance of District-Owned Country Club Road Lots to Columbia County. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Reeves provided additional comments to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE ITEM USING THE UPDATED MAP WITH ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED AT BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Resolution Number 2025-03, Acquisition of a Perpetual Conservation Easement over Property Owned by John and Melissa Taylor in Gilchrist County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 21 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 22 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 23 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 25 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING**
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March 11, 2025
 Following Board Meeting

UF/IFAS NFREC-Suwannee Valley (Farm)
 Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 10:24 a.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Richard Schwab - Chair	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Larry Sessions	X	
Harry Smith	X	
Larry Thompson		X
George Wheeler	X	

-Mrs. Johns and Mr. Lloyd also attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment:

- Dr. Katherine Sayler, Florida Defender of Wildlife - Ellaville Tract - Riverview Exchange concerns.
- Brooks Garland, Lee Peanut Farms - Ellaville Tract – Riverview Exchange support.

Property Exchange / Surplus

3. Negotiations for the Ellaville Tract – Riverview Exchange, Madison County. Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Committee.

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

4. Announcements: None

5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

 Chair

ATTEST:

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Workshop/Farm Tour**

March 11, 2025
Following Meetings

UF/IFAS NFREC-Suwannee Valley (Farm)
Live Oak, FL

IFAS Tour

Bob Hochmuth, NFREC Assistant Center Director, and staff provide a trolley tour of the IFAS Farm. The tour route featured the sod-based rotation project, demonstrating how the variable rate irrigation delivers variable rates (pulsing on and off), paper mulch trials, and a “blue dye don’t lie” demo in drip irrigation.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance

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

DATE: March 28, 2025

RE: February 2025 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the February 2025 Financial Report and confirm the expenditures of the District.

BACKGROUND

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

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Attachments

**Suwannee River Water Management District
Cash Report
February 2025**

Financial Institution/Account	Monthly Interest	Closing Balance
First Federal Permit Fee	\$20.01	\$520.01
First Federal Accounts Payable	\$47.55	\$35,000.00
First Federal EFT Disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Federal Depository	\$1,094.35	\$971,199.96
Florida PRIME (SBA LGIA)	\$17,557.39	\$5,064,394.48
First Federal ICS Custodian Account	\$55,810.60	\$18,137,883.95
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA)*	<u>\$50,975.78</u>	<u>\$19,235,524.85</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$125,505.68</u></u>	<u><u>\$43,444,523.25</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 February 28, 2025
(Unaudited)**

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 2/28/2025	Variance (Under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 7,094,781	\$ 5,976,072	\$ (1,118,709)	84.2%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 59,799,239	\$ 2,696,817	\$ (57,102,422)	4.5%
Interest on Invested Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 587,611	\$ 457,611	452.0%
License and Permit Fees	\$ 223,000	\$ 116,348	\$ (106,653)	52.2%
Other	\$ 1,410,288	\$ 1,300,268	\$ (110,020)	92.2%
Fund Balance ¹	\$ 11,309,970	\$ 801,134	\$ (10,508,836)	7.1%
Total Sources	\$ 79,967,278	\$ 11,478,250	\$ (68,489,028)	14.4%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ²	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ³
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 11,586,257	\$ 1,893,913	\$ 9,101,113	\$ 591,231	16%	95%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$ 53,303,940	\$ 3,520,378	\$ 30,053,586	\$ 19,729,977	7%	63%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$ 10,391,632	\$ 1,824,255	\$ 3,521,526	\$ 5,045,851	18%	51%
Regulation	\$ 2,335,426	\$ 580,360	\$ 56,392	\$ 1,698,674	25%	27%
Outreach	\$ 211,283	\$ 84,506	\$ 3,142	\$ 123,635	40%	41%
Management and Administration	\$ 2,138,740	\$ 712,837	\$ 113,247	\$ 1,312,656	33%	39%
Total Uses	\$ 79,967,278	\$ 8,616,249	\$ 42,849,005	\$ 28,502,023	11%	64%

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 February 28, 2025 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 1/31/2025**

	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>Report Recap -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	7,141,664	0	8,858,069
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	2,437,585	0	52,326,239
FEDERAL REVENUES	133,028	0	7,473,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	66,023	0	11,309,970
TOTAL REVENUES	9,778,300	0	79,967,278
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,373,665	0	8,987,702
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,751,097	24,176,234	26,484,784
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	676,367	160,255	2,588,248
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	117,234	45	288,044
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	71,220	598,451	10,551,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	897,322	18,772,893	31,067,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,886,905	43,707,878	79,967,278
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,891,395	(43,707,878)	0
<u>General Fund -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	5,994,377	0	6,528,787
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,174,431	0	4,632,000
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	20,033	0	2,862,739
TOTAL REVENUES	7,188,841	0	14,023,526
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,043,552	0	7,816,845
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	153,396	1,247,457	2,952,675
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	417,028	93,901	1,683,792
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	37,442	45	149,714
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	220,865	753,157	1,420,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,872,283	2,094,560	14,023,526
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,316,558	(2,094,560)	0
<u>Land Management Operations -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	1,051,786	0	2,329,282
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	232,505	0	5,660,119
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	30,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	2,667,231
TOTAL REVENUES	1,284,291	0	10,686,632
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	329,921	0	1,165,305
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	628,790	2,687,562	4,031,489
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	259,339	66,354	855,508
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	79,792	0	113,330
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	71,220	598,451	3,551,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	0	440,000	970,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,369,062	3,792,367	10,686,632
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(84,771) *	(3,792,367)	0

**To be covered by State Appropriations and Ad Valorem*

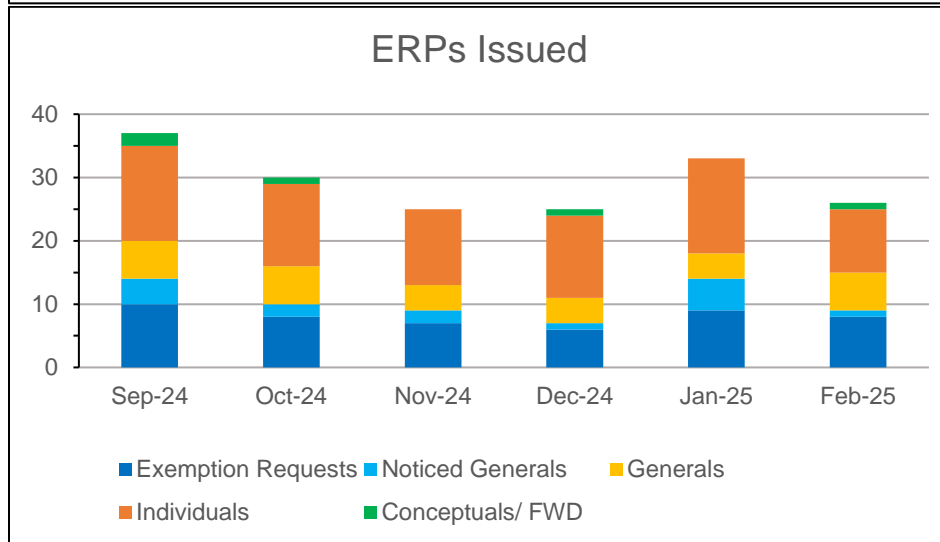
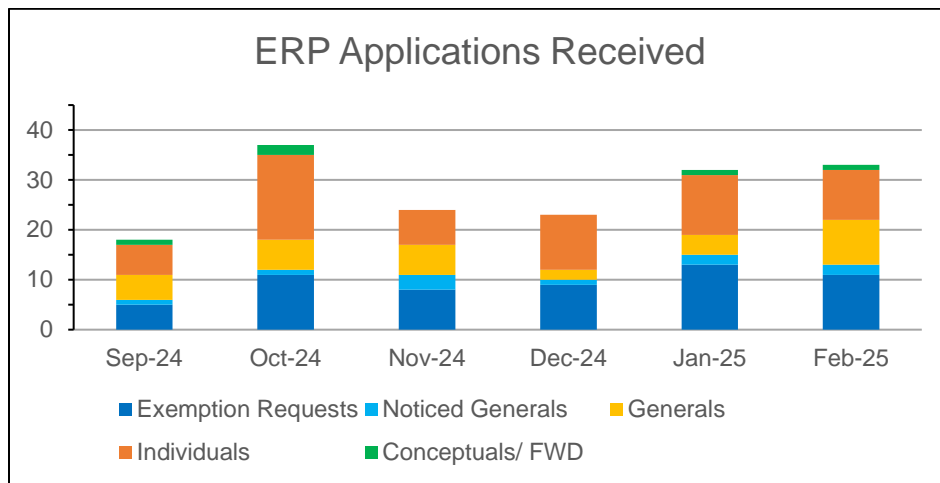
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - REVENUE AND EXPENSE ROLLUP (UNAUDITED)
FOR 1/31/2025

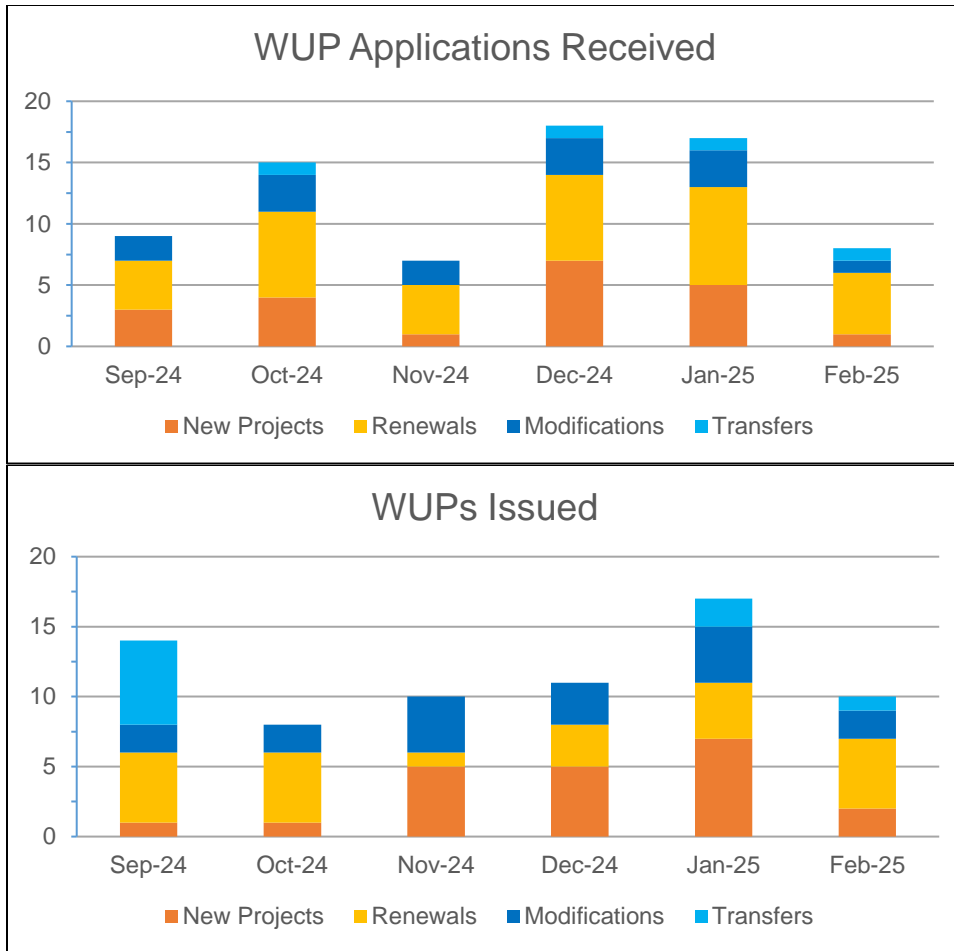
	Y-T-D ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<u>District Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	0	0	0
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	23,582	0	3,340,000
TOTAL REVENUES	23,582	0	3,340,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	14,819	760,167	1,150,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	30,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	25,000
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	8,764	1,406,401	2,135,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23,583	2,166,568	3,340,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1)	(2,166,568)	0
<u>State Special Revenue -</u>			
REVENUES			
DISTRICT REVENUES	95,501	0	0
LOCAL REVENUES	0	0	0
STATE REVENUES	1,030,648	0	42,034,120
FEDERAL REVENUES	0	0	0
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	22,408	0	2,440,000
TOTAL REVENUES	1,148,557	0	44,474,120
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	0	0	5,552
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	836,286	11,684,098	13,915,620
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	10,948
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	7,000,000
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	652,474	13,039,774	23,542,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,488,760	24,723,872	44,474,120
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(340,203) *	(24,723,872)	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	133,028	0	7,443,000
FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	133,028	0	7,443,000
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	193	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	117,808	7,796,950	4,435,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	0	0	8,000
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0
INTERAGENCY EXPENDITURES	15,220	3,133,560	3,000,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	133,221	10,930,510	7,443,000
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(193) *	(10,930,510)	0
<i>*To be reimbursed by Federal Grants</i>			

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

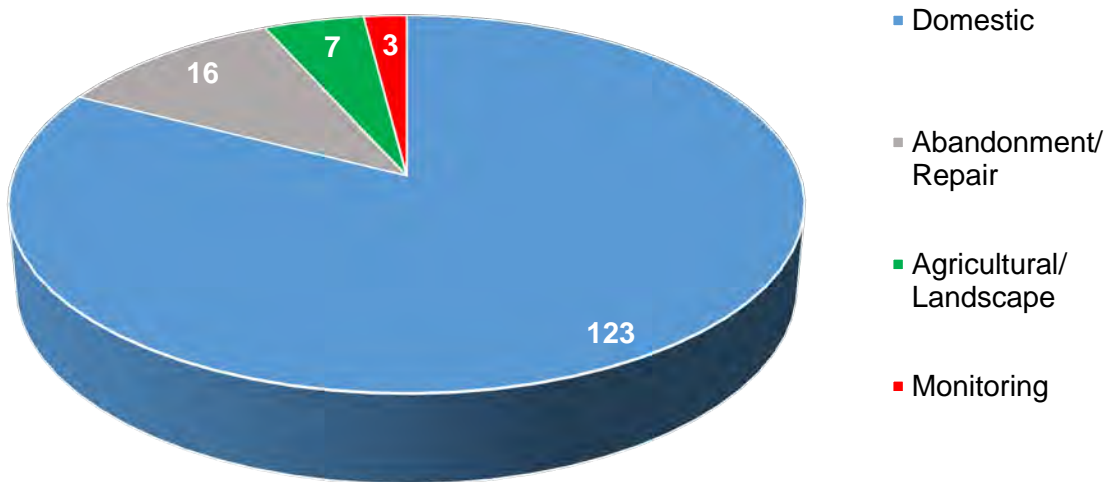
MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/ Projects Division
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: March 28, 2025
RE: Permitting Summary Report





Water Well Permits Issued - February 2025



40B-0 Point of Entry into Proceedings

GB Authorized Rulemaking	TBD
Notice of Rule Development	
Public Workshop	
Notice of Proposed Rule	
Notice of Correction/ Change	
File with DOS	
Effective Date	

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ERP/ WUP Compliance Agreements:

None to report

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Division of Resource Management

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

DATE: March 28, 2025

RE: Water Use Permit 2-001-218914-3, Tomoka Hills Golf, Alachua County

RECOMMENDATION

Approve renewal of Water Use Permit number 2-001-218914-3 with eighteen standard conditions and nine special limiting conditions to Tomoka Hills Farms, Inc. in Alachua County.

BACKGROUND

This Water Use Permit (WUP) was an existing agricultural water use that is transitioning to a proposed golf course. The project is located southwest of the US Highway 441-Interstate-75 intersection in the western portion of the City of Alachua, in Alachua County; and consists of 329 controlled and 94 acres of irrigated golf turf. Groundwater from two proposed wells (Station IDs 157272 and 157273) will be used to supplement an irrigation holding pond from which a surface water pump (Station ID 157275) will irrigate golf turf through multiple sprinklers. Potable water supplied from the City of Alachua Utilities is used to provide the water needs of the clubhouse, employees, and cart washing.

Due to the re-working of onsite soils, drier soil properties were simulated when using the GIS-Based Water Resources and Agricultural Permitting and Planning System model to determine the 45.18 inches/year of supplemental irrigation for golf turf and 31.85 inches/year for supplemental irrigation for landscape turf. Staff recommends the golf course irrigation system be audited and the irrigation rate be reassessed after turf establishment.

Pursuant to the Lower Santa Fe/ Ichetucknee Rivers minimum flows and levels regulatory strategy, the permittee provided an impact offset for the proposed allocation increase. The offset includes an agreement with the permittee of WUP 219542, Waco of Alabama, to voluntarily retire 0.2 million gallons per day of allocation at their project located approximately two miles southwest of the proposed golf course. This allocation retirement partially offsets the potential impact of the golf course's total requested allocation; therefore, the permit duration shall be limited to a five-year duration. The permittee will monitor surface and groundwater use using totalizing flow meters and report monthly water use online biennially. The application is complete and meets the conditions for issuance in Chapter 40B-2, F.A.C.

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Attachments

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
 13-Mar-2025
 APPLICATION NO.: 2-001-218914-3

Owner: Tomoka Hills Farms, Inc.
 PO Box 147018
 Gainesville, FL 32614-7018
 (352) 331-1976

Applicant: Scott Rowe
 Tomoka Hills Farms, Inc.
 15403 NW 173rd St
 Alachua, FL 32615-5230
 (352) 331-1976

Agent: Not Applicable

Compliance Contact: Scott Rowe
 Tomoka Hills Farms, Inc.
 15403 NW 173rd St
 Alachua, FL 32615-5230
 (352) 331-1976

Project Name: Tomoka Hills Golf Course
County: Alachua

WSPA: Yes

Objectors: Yes

Authorization Statement:

The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.2536 mgd of groundwater for recreational use to irrigate 94 acres of golf course turf. The permittee is authorized to withdraw an additional maximum of 0.1160 mgd of groundwater for grow-in and establishment of golf course turf for 3 months following turf plantings in years 2025 and 2026.

Recommendation: Approval

Reviewers: David King

Allocation Summary		
Average Daily Rate (Million Gallons Per Day)	Freeze Protection (Million Gallons Per Year)	Allocation Change (Million Gallons Per Day)
0.2536	n/a	0.0576

Impact Offset Summary		
Allocation Retired (Million Gallons per Day)	Impact Offset (Cubic Feet per Second) (Santa Fe River- Ft White Gauge)	Net Allocation Offset (Million Gallons per Day)
0.2000	0.24953	0.1948

Permit Expiration: 5-year permit duration, consistent with the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee River MFL regulatory strategy.

USE STATUS: This is a renewal with a change to recreational type use.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is a proposed golf course located southwest of the US Highway 441, and Interstate-75 intersection in western City of Alachua, in Alachua County; and consists of 329 controlled and 94 irrigated acres. Groundwater from two proposed wells (Station IDs 157272 and 157273) will be used to supplement an irrigation holding pond from which irrigation pump (Station ID 157275) will be used to irrigate golf turf through multiple sprinklers. Potable water supplied by the City of Alachua Utilities is used to provide the water needs of the clubhouse, employees, and cart washing.

To meet the recovery strategy for the Lower Santa Fe River Basin, the permittee provided an impact offset for the proposed increase in allocation at the golf course. The permittee entered into an agreement with the permittee of Water Use Permit 219542, Waco of Alabama, to voluntarily retire 0.2 million gallons per day (mgd) of allocation at the Waco of Alabama site, located approximately two miles southwest of the proposed golf course. Based on the net allocation offset the permit meets conditions for issuance. As the potential impact of the total requested allocation is not fully offset, the permit duration shall be five years.

The permittee will monitor water use from the supply wells and irrigation pump using totalizing flow meters and will report monthly water use online biennially using District form EN-50.

WATER USE CALCULATIONS:

The project soils will be freshly disturbed and the native soil properties altered due to construction and grading of the new course and landscape. Therefore, conservative soil properties were used in the GIS-Based Water Resources and Agricultural Permitting and Planning System (GWRAPPS) model to determine a higher-than-average demand of 45.18 in/yr of supplemental irrigation for golf turf, and 31.85 in/yr for landscape turf. Staff recommends the golf course irrigation system be audited and the irrigation rate be reassessed after the planted turf has established and post-development site characteristics are better known.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:

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

Project withdrawals were modeled and showed a simulated Upper Floridan aquifer drawdown of less than 0.5 feet at the project boundary; therefore, groundwater withdrawals at this project are not expected to interfere with any presently existing legal uses of water. Staff evaluated NRCS soils data in the area, wetland inventories, and aerial imagery compared with the simulated groundwater drawdown. Staff does not expect this continued use of groundwater to cause harm to crops and other types of vegetation, including wetlands and other surface waters, or cause damage to the habitat of endangered or threatened species at the site or adjacent properties for the duration of the permit.

Water use consistent with the aforementioned supplemental irrigation models and industry standards is economic and efficient. The permittee implements the following water conservation measures for the recreational use: checking daily for irrigation leaks and repairing them as needed, eliminating over-seeding on the fairways, hand-watering heavy use areas, and receiving recommendations from an irrigation consultant.

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

WITHDRAWAL POINT INFORMATION:

Site Name: Tomoka Hills Golf

Well Details					
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
155289	10-in Well	10	Upper Floridan Aquifer	Inactive	n/a
157272	Well 1	8	Upper Floridan Aquifer	Proposed	Recreation
157273	Well 2	8	Upper Floridan Aquifer	Proposed	Recreation

Pump Details					
District ID	Station Name	Intake Diameter (inches)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
157275	Irrigation Pump	10	Irrigation Pond	Proposed	Recreation

Conditions

1. All water uses authorized by this permit shall be implemented as conditioned by this permit, including any documents incorporated by reference in a permit condition. The District may revoke this permit, in whole or in part, or take enforcement action, pursuant to sections 373.136 or 373.243, F.S., unless a permit modification has been obtained. The permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.
2. This permit does not convey to the permittee any property rights or privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the permittee from complying with any applicable local government, state, or federal law, rule, or ordinance.
3. The permittee shall notify the District in writing within 30 days of any sale, transfer, or conveyance of ownership or any other loss of permitted legal control of the Project and / or related facilities from which the permitted water use is made. Where the permittee's control of the land subject to the permit was demonstrated through a lease, the permittee must either submit documentation showing that it continues to have legal control or transfer control of the permitted system / project to the new landowner or new lessee. All transfers of ownership are

subject to the requirements of rule 40B-2.351, F.A.C. Alternatively, the permittee may surrender the water use permit to the District, thereby relinquishing the right to conduct any activities under the permit.

4. Nothing in this permit should be construed to limit the authority of the District to declare a water shortage and issue orders pursuant to chapter 373, F.S. In the event of a declared water shortage, the permittee must adhere to the water shortage restrictions, as specified by the District. The permittee is advised that during a water shortage, reports shall be submitted as required by District rule or order.
5. With advance notice to the permittee, District staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, observe, collect samples, and take measurements of permitted facilities to determine compliance with the permit conditions and permitted plans and specifications. The permittee shall either accompany District staff onto the property or make provision for access onto the property.
6. A permittee may seek modification of any term of an unexpired permit. The permittee is advised that section 373.239, F.S. and rule 40B-2.331, F.A.C., are applicable to permit modifications.
7. This permit shall expire on **04/09/2030**. The permittee must submit the appropriate application form incorporated and the required fee to the District pursuant to rule 40B-2.361, F.A.C., up to one year prior to this expiration date in order to continue the use of water.
8. Use classification is **Recreational**.
9. Source classification is **Groundwater**.
10. The permitted water withdrawal facilities consist of the stations in the Withdrawal Point Information table(s).
11. The permittee must mitigate interference with existing legal uses caused in whole or in part by the permittee's withdrawals, consistent with a District-approved mitigation plan. As necessary to offset such interference, mitigation may include, but is not limited to, reducing pumpage, replacing the existing legal user's withdrawal equipment, relocating wells, changing withdrawal source, supplying water to existing legal user, or other means needed to mitigate the impacts.
12. The permittee must mitigate harm to existing off-site land uses caused by the permittee's withdrawals. When harm occurs, or is imminent, the permittee must modify withdrawal rates or mitigate the harm.
13. The permittee must mitigate harm to the natural resources caused by the permittee's withdrawals. When harm occurs or is imminent, the permittee must modify withdrawal rates or mitigate the harm.
14. If any condition of the permit is violated, the permittee shall be subject to enforcement action pursuant to chapter 373, F.S.
15. The permittee must notify the District in writing prior to implementing any changes in the water use that may alter the permit allocations. Such changes include, but are not limited to, change in irrigated acreage, crop type, irrigation system, water treatment method, or entry into one or more large water use agreements. In the event a proposed change will alter the allocation, permittee must first obtain a permit modification.

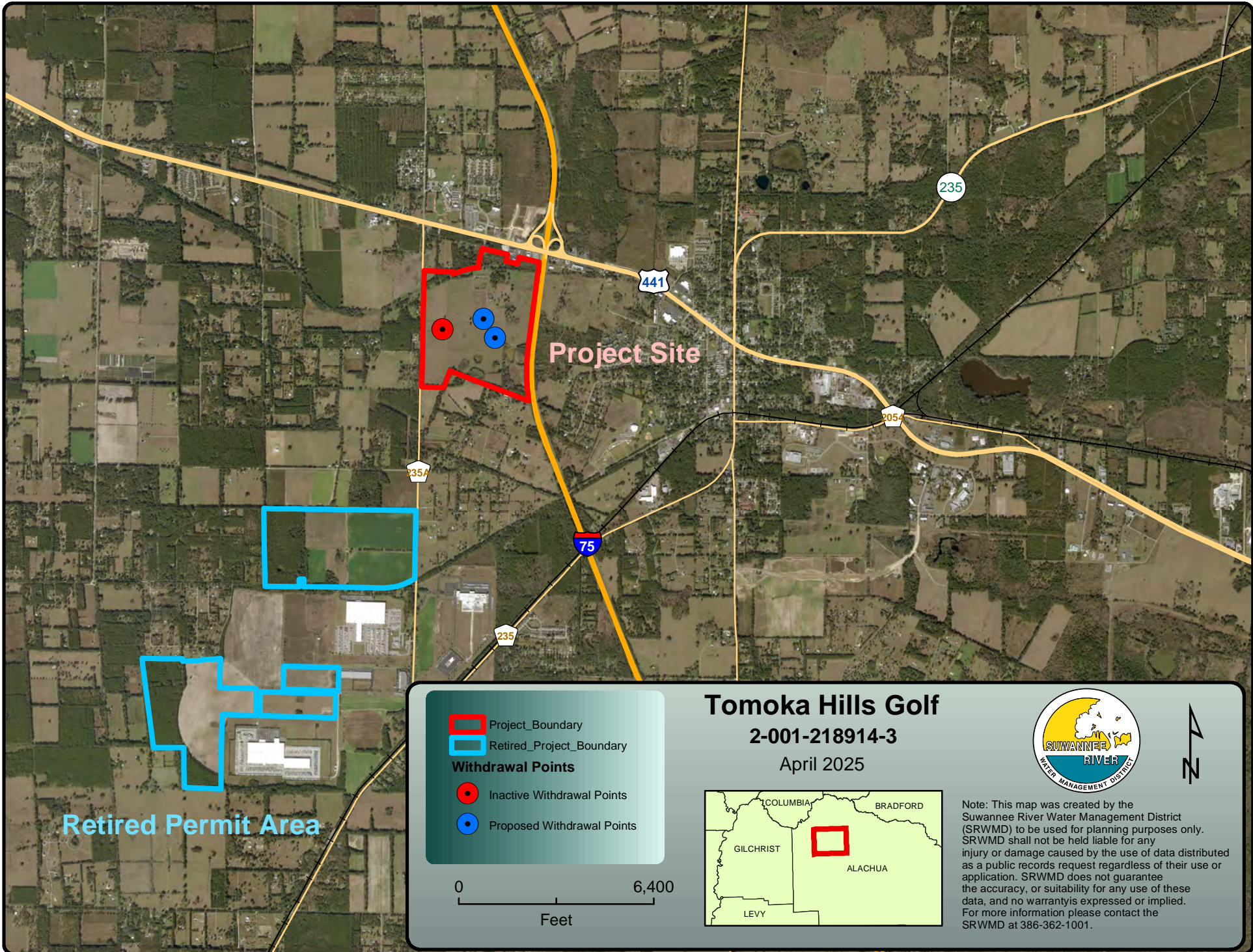
16. All correspondence sent to the District regarding this permit must include the permit number **(2-001-218914-3)**.
17. The District reserves the right to open this permit, following notice to the permittee, to include a permit condition prohibiting withdrawals for resource protection.
18. The lowest quality water source, such as reclaimed water or surface water, shall be used in lieu of groundwater at this project when technically, economically, and environmentally feasible.
19. The permittee shall implement and/or maintain the conservation practices selected in the Water Conservation Plan submitted to the District. Any new practices selected shall be implemented within one year from the date of permit issuance. Practices that involve scheduling methods or maintenance shall be documented. Documentation for implementation and/or maintenance shall be maintained on all practices and available upon request.
20. The permittee's water use shall be consistent with the MFL prevention or recovery strategy developed for any water body from which this permitted water use directly or indirectly withdraws or diverts water, pursuant to subsection 40B-2.301(2)(h), F.A.C.
21. Following the effective date of the re-evaluated Minimum Flows and Levels adopted pursuant to subsection 62-42.300(1)(e), F.A.C., this permit is subject to modification during the term of the permit, upon reasonable notice by the District to the permittee, to achieve compliance with any approved MFL recovery or prevention strategy for the Lower Santa Fe River, Ichetucknee River, and Associated Priority Springs. Nothing herein shall be construed to alter the District's authority to modify a permit under circumstances not addressed in this condition.
22. Total withdrawal from wells 1 (Station ID 157272), and 2 (Station ID 157273), and the irrigation pump (Station ID 157275) must be recorded continuously, totaled monthly, and reported to the District at least every six months for the duration of this permit using Water Use Pumpage Report Form (EN-50). The meter reading or quantity withdrawn must be reported in gallons and should be submitted on-line at <https://permitting.sjrwmd.com/srep/#/ep> whenever possible. Reporting is required, even if there is no use.

The reporting dates each year will be as follows:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
January - June	July 31
July - December	January 31

23. The permittee shall maintain all totalizing flow meters. In case of failure or breakdown of any meter, the District shall be notified in writing within five days of its discovery. A defective meter shall be repaired or replaced within 30 days of its discovery.
24. The permittee shall have all flow meters checked for accuracy once every five years within 30 days of the anniversary date of the issuance of this permit. The meters must be recalibrated if the difference between the actual flow and the meter is greater than five percent.
25. The permittee shall perform a water audit of the golf course irrigation system in year 2029 or 2030 and provide the results of the audit by April 8, 2030, or upon permit renewal, whichever is sooner. The water audit shall include at a minimum:

- a. verification of total irrigated area,
 - b. irrigation uniformity of each irrigation zone,
 - c. application rate and duration for each irrigation zone,
 - d. overall irrigation efficiency of each irrigation zone.
26. The permittee is authorized to withdraw a maximum of 0.2536 mgd of groundwater for recreational use to irrigate 94 acres of golf course turf. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis and the maximum allocation is only authorized during 1-in-10-year drought conditions.
27. The permittee is authorized to withdraw an additional maximum of 0.1160 mgd of groundwater for grow-in and establishment of golf course turf. Daily allocations are calculated on an average annual basis; and the maximum allocation is only authorized for 3 months following turf plantings in years 2025 and 2026.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division
THRU: Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, Business and Community Services
DATE: March 28, 2025
RE: Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Attached for your information is the Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report.

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Attachment

Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report

Period ending February 28, 2025

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	23	\$ 18,764,592
Completed within the last 6 months	32	\$ 4,074,222
Totals	55	\$ 22,838,814

AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Active Contracts	117	\$ 9,821,753
Completed within the last 6 months	21	\$ 689,298
Totals	138	\$ 10,511,051

FLOOD RISK OUTREACH AND MAPPING PROGRAM		
	Number of Contracts	Amount under contract
Number of Contracts (TWAs)	21	\$ 11,113,822
Completed within the last 6 months	0	\$ -
Totals	21	\$ 11,113,822
TOTAL CONTRACTS / TWAs	214	\$ 44,463,688

AEP APPLICATIONS	
	Number of Projects
Agriculture Applications under review	66
AWS and Springs	12
Conceptual Projects under review	14
Projects in Queue	3
TOTAL	95

AEP FUNDING SOURCES		
	Number of Grants	Grant amount provided
District	3	\$ 10,461,592
FDEP	36	\$ 58,683,926
Federal through FDEP	5	\$ 14,600,000
Federal (CTP Program)	7	\$ 11,359,417
Cooperator Match	-	\$ 12,666,986
TOTAL	51	\$ 107,771,921

FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CTP	Cooperating Technical Partner (FEMA)
AEP	Agriculture and Environmental Projects
TWA	Task Work Order
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency

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.

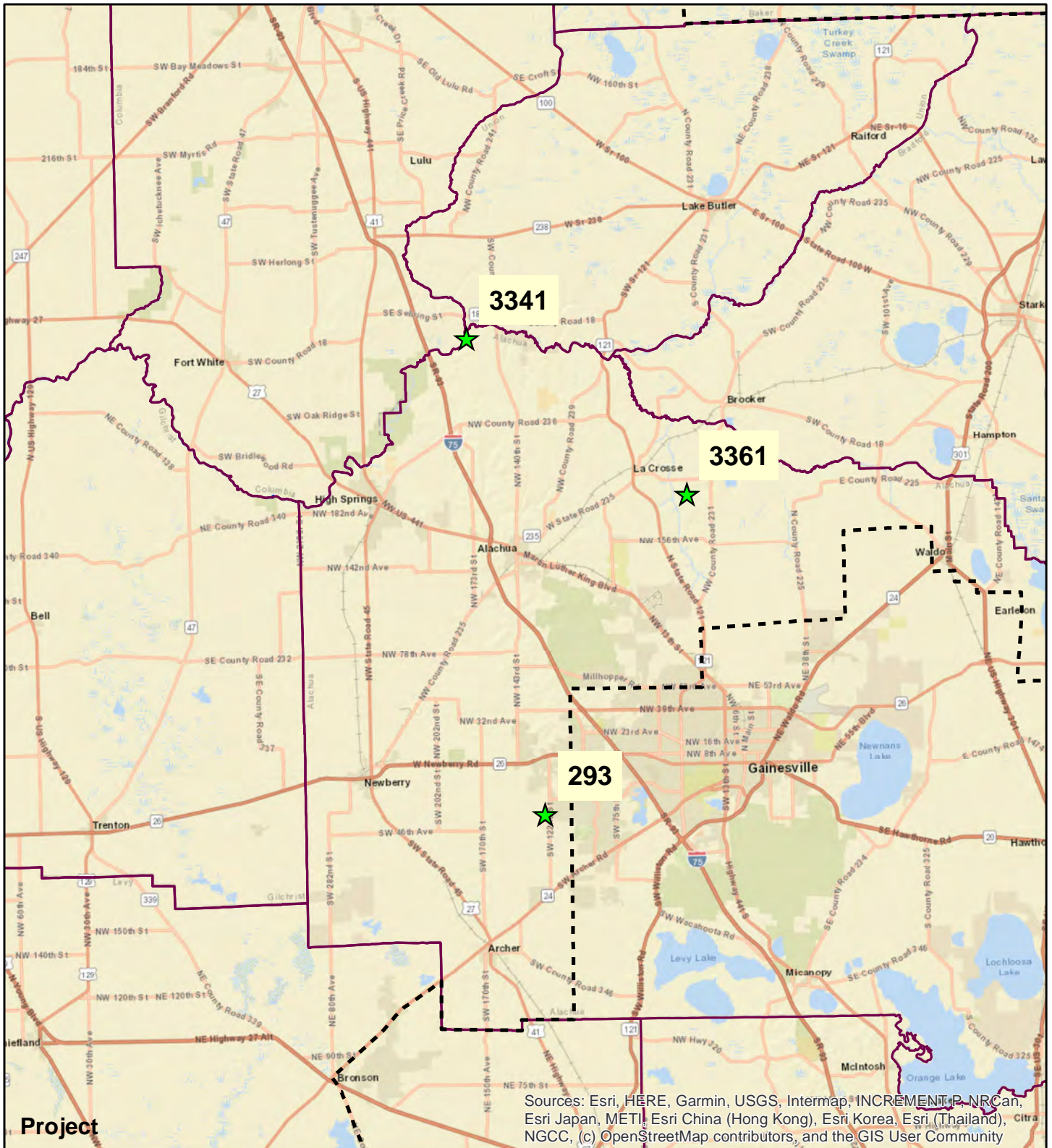
Attached is a list of the projects approved for AWS Grant Funding. The District will enter into agreements with FDEP to receive the funding and agreements with sub-recipients on the projects listed in the attached spreadsheet. Funding for these projects are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget.

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Attachments

SRWMD FY 2024 2025 ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY GRANTS

Project Name / Cooperator	FDEP Grant Amount	Local Match	Total Funding for Project	Project Description	Water Made Available (MGD)	Estimated Total Nitrogen Load Reduction lbs./yr. to groundwater	Storage Capacity (million gallons)
Groundwater Recharge Wetland Project / Gainesville Regional Utilities	\$2,205,000	\$2,205,000	\$4,410,000	This first phase of the project will recharge 3 MGD and is being constructed with cost share funding from the SRWMD and FDEP through the WS004 agreement. Future phases will increase the recharge capacity of the site up to 5 MGD. The funding amount requested in this application is for additional design and construction costs due to post-pandemic inflation.	3	22,830	
Santa Fe Basin Land Acquisition and recharge SRWMD	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000	Land acquisition to provide storage and recharge for the MFLs of the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers through diversion of excess flows. Approximately 300 Acres.	1.4	TBD	107
Groundwater Recharge through Surficial Features SRWMD	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	The Project will provide recharge to the Upper Floridan Aquifer to benefit the MFLs in the SRWMD, with priority focus on the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Regional Water Supply Planning Areas. This includes but is not limited to debris removal from karst features, enhanced capacity of surface water features, and management of stormwater and other high flow events.	1		
TOTAL	\$5,705,000						

Abbreviation	Description
MGD	Million Gallons per Day
lbs./yr.	Pounds per year
MFL	Minimum Flows and Minimum Levels



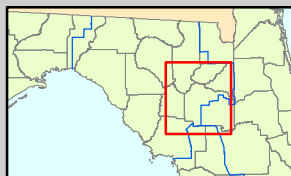
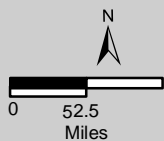
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Project

- 293, Groundwater Recharge Wetland
- 3341, Groundwater Augmentation Through Surface Features
- 3361, Santa Fe Basin Land Acquisition Project and Recharge
- District_24k_Poly
- County_TIGER_100k_Shaded
- Major Rivers Polygon (USGS)

FY2024-2025 Alternative Water Supply Projects

April 2025



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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 Springs Grant Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to convey the funds awarded by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Springs Grant Funds to the local cooperative entities to implement the projects.

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 Springs and watershed restoration projects.

In May 2024, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to submit thirteen project applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for consideration for the Springs Funding and multi-year commitments. In June 2024, FDEP opened an application portal for entities to submit additional projects. Twelve additional projects within the District were submitted through FDEP portal and reviewed by FDEP and District staff.

FDEP has awarded funding to ten projects and seven multi-year projects. Of the twenty-five submitted projects, two were funded under the Springs program, one was funded in the AWS program and twenty-two were not funded. Within the District, \$5,416,000 in projects were funded. The Springs Grant Funding includes one project for \$1,616,000 and one project for \$3,800,000 that will be directly funded from FDEP to the local cooperative entities.

Attached is a list of the projects approved for Springs Grant Funding.

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SRWMD FY 2024 2025 SPRINGS GRANTS

Projects may be conveyed directly to the entities below:



Project Name / Cooperator	FDEP Grant Amount	Other Funds	Total Funding for Project	Project Description	Water Made Available (MGD)	Estimated Total Nitrogen Load Reduction lbs./yr. to groundwater
Ladson Tract Conservation Easement / Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservation	\$1,616,000	\$542,878	\$2,158,878	Purchase a conservation easement on the 1,834-acre Ladson Tract to be held by Tall Timbers. The project will protect surface waters critical to Nuttall Rise, a first-magnitude spring, and 1.8 and 2.4 miles of the Wacissa and Aucilla Rivers.	0.02	593
Lake City Recharge Wetland Expansion / City of Lake City	\$3,800,000	\$6,100,000	\$9,900,000	This project converts Lake City's Steedley Sprayfield to 50-60 acres of treatment wetlands and recharge features to improve water quality and enhance groundwater flows in the Ichetucknee PFA.	0.225	4,836
TOTAL	\$5,416,000					




Abbreviation	Description
MGD	Million Gallons per Day
lbs./yr.	Pounds per year
PFA	Priority Focus Area



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Project

-  2675, Lake City Recharge Wetland Expansion
-  3321, Ladson Tract Conservation Easement

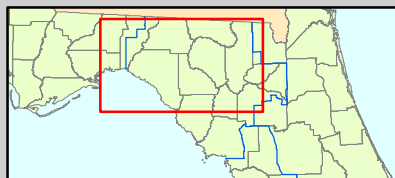
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FY2024-2025 SPRINGS

April 2025



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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Troy Roberts, Office Chief, Communications and Outreach
THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
DATE: March 12, 2025
RE: Outreach and Communications Activity Summary

The following information summarizes Outreach and Communications activities for the month of February 2025:

Facebook	X	Instagram
Total Posts: 14 Total Views: 31,826 Content Interactions: 422	Total Posts: 23 Total Impressions: 980	Total Posts: 9 Total Views: 2,211 Total Engagement: 157

Press Releases
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 4 – Governing Board Meeting• February 12 – Hydrologic Conditions Report• February 13 – SUA Website

Media Inquiries / Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 4 – Troy Roberts discussed an upcoming advertorial with Family Magazine.• February 7 – Troy Roberts discussed an upcoming article in the Florida Specifier covering water use.• February 19 – Troy Roberts answered questions from Stew Lilker of the Columbia County Observer regarding District activities.• February 19 – Troy Roberts conducted an interview with WCJB TV 20 regarding the WC3 project.• February 28 – Troy Roberts answered questions from WUFT regarding impacts from the Foley Mill closure.

Meetings with Vendors / Consultants / Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 4 – Troy Roberts and staff met with Bowstern to review the recent Water Resource Symposium.• February 4 – Troy Roberts met with Skye regarding the upcoming campaigns for both Permit to Protect and Leave No Litter.

- February 5 – Troy Roberts and staff met with Atkins to discuss the upcoming Waccasassa Flood Risk Review.
- February 7 – Troy Roberts met with FDEP and other water management districts in its monthly communications touch base meeting.
- February 11 – Troy Roberts and staff met with WSP to discuss outreach efforts for the upcoming Waccasassa Flood Risk Review.
- February 12 – Troy Roberts met with SDS to discuss the schedule for fiscal year 24-25 feature stories.
- February 13 – Troy Roberts attended the monthly meeting of the Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees to thank them for their assistance during the Water Resource Symposium.
- February 26 – Troy Roberts met with FDEP and other water management districts in its monthly communications touch base meeting.
- February 28 – Troy Roberts and staff met with Atkins regarding the FY 20 FEMA Public Relations grant.

February Photo Highlight:

The District took part in a mural dedication on February 8 in White Springs. The 10-foot by 30-foot mural was designed to bring aware awareness to this section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, as well promote the need to protect and preserve the unique natural resources of our region.



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: April 3, 2025
RE: Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report

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

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Attachment

Authorized for Surplus

Tract	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Funding	Lands Committee Date	Governing Board Date	Price	Appraisal Date	Comments
Falmouth North (8 lots)	6.51	Suwannee	04.24.1998	WMLTF	--	06.08.2010	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Turtle Spring Surplus Tract	32	Lafayette	05.13.2015	Florida Forever	--	03.10.2015	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Country Club Road	60.69	Columbia	07.01.2015	N/A	--	07.09.2019	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Country Club Road Lots and Well	20	Columbia	07.01.2015	N/A	--	07.09.2019	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Under negotiations with Columbia County for conveyance of residential lots, encroachments, and public supply well.
Suwannee Run Shores	1.175	Dixie	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	07.09.2019	08.13.2019	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Three Rivers Estates	1	Columbia	12.30.1997	Save Our Rivers	07.09.2019	08.13.2019	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Forest Woodlands	11	Gilchrist	10.11.1996	Save Our Rivers	10.11.2019	11.12.2019	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Santa Fe Oasis	1	Gilchrist	04.28.1998	Save Our Rivers	09.21.2020	05.12.2020	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.
Newberry Wellfield	58.66	Alachua	01.11.2000	P-2000	03.09.2021	04.14.2021	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Deliverables completed. Board conveyance planned for April 08, 2025.
Santa Fe Springs Tract	13	Suwannee	07.01.1998	Save Our Rivers	12.10.2024	01.14.2025	TBD by appraisal update.	TBD	Available for purchase.

Approved for Detailed Assessment

Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Asking Price	Acquisition Type	Lands Committee Date	Governing Board Date	Comments
2. Lena Dixon	40	Hamilton	01.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	05.09.23	06.13.23	Offer made and counteroffer provided. Negotiations ongoing.
3. Williams Family Investments, LLC.	947	Levy	06.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	09.25.23	10.10.23	Project pending funding.
4. Hodges	753	Levy	03.2023	TBD based on appraisal	Conservation Easement	05.09.23	06.13.23	Project pending funding.
5. Leland Wright	149	Gilchrist	05.2024	Donation	Conservation Easement	07.09.24	08.13.24	Easement terms sent to landowner, pending return. Once complete, will begin due diligence.

Approved for Acquisition

Project Name	Acres	County	Submittal Date	Purchase Price	Acquisition Type	Lands Committee Date	Governing Board Date	Acquisition Approval Date	Comments
1. Johnny Taylor	941	Gilchrist	07.2023	\$1,838,475 or \$2,002.70 per acre	Conservation Easement	09.25.23	10.10.23	03.11.2025	Board approved transaction on 03.11.2025. Contract pending and once completed, due diligence will commence.

Approved for Negotiations

Project Name	Acres	County	River Frontage	Floodway	10-year Floodplain	Springs	Springs Buffer	Priority Focus Area	Adjacency
<p>Ellaville - Riverview Exchange</p> <p>Exchange a portion of the District's Ellaville Tract for a portion of the Riverview Farms Tract, which has significantly higher water resource value as it relates to the District's mission. The Ellaville Tract was purchased on 12.01.1988 using Water Management Land Trust Funds and is managed as part of the Twin Rivers State Forest with the Florida Forest Service. The exchange will be on an acre-for-acre basis as determined by appraisal values. The Lands Committee authorized negotiations on 03.11.2025.</p>									
Ellaville Tract (Portion of) - Exchange Out	696	Madison	None	None	None	None	Y, Troy Peacock Lafayette Blue Falmouth	N	Y, Ellaville Tract
Riverview Farms (Portion Of) - Exchange In	548	Madison	1.3 miles	236 acres	434 acres	Y, Stuart Spring	Y, Madison Blue	Y, Madison Blue	Y, Westwood West Tract (North); Withlacoochee Quail Farms (South)

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations
THRU: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director
DATE: March 28, 2025
RE: Resolution 2025-04, Conveyance of District-Owned Newberry Wellfield to City of Newberry

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2025-04, conveying the Newberry Wellfield Tract owned by the District the City of Newberry.

BACKGROUND

The District purchased approximately 99.22 +/- acres in Alachua County for the purpose of providing a location for a potable water supply for the City of Newberry, known as the Newberry Wellfield. The purchase was made through the District's Local Government Assistance Program.

In December 2003, a portion of the Newberry Wellfield Tract, 38.56 +/- acres, was conveyed to the City of Newberry with the District retaining a conservation easement. That property is used by the county as part of the Easton Sports Complex.

In 2018, the City of Newberry requested that the District convey the remaining 60.66 +/- acres to assume control of the wellfield and provide additional passive recreation opportunities to their community. On March 09, 2021, the Lands Committee approved the conveyance and authorized staff to establish terms with the City of Newberry on the future use of the property. On April 13, 2021, the Governing Board surplused the property to the needs of the District and approved the conveyance.

The District has finalized the terms of the easement with the City of Newberry, which allows for additional potable wells to supply the City's water supply, continued passive recreation such as archery and laser tag, as well as the addition of four flat fields and lights. The flat fields were included in the City's original proposal to the Lands Committee and Governing Board in 2021. Permanent structures and any utilities not associated with the lights are prohibited.

The conveyance includes a conservation easement and clause that ownership will revert to the District should the land use become inconsistent with the easement terms.

The City has a baseline documentation report as required by the easement. The conveyance is consistent with 373.056, Florida Statutes, which authorizes transfers of District land to other public agencies where it is found to be in the public interest.

A map of the property to be conveyed is attached.

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Attachments

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF LAND LOCATED IN ALACHUA COUNTY OWNED BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO THE CITY OF NEWBERRY

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) owns 60.66 +/- acres of real property identified as the Newberry Wellfield, located in Alachua County, Florida as described in Attachment "A"; and

WHEREAS the property was purchased on February 21, 2001, for the purposes of a potable wellfield for the City of Newberry; and

WHEREAS the City of Newberry has utilized the property since 2001, for a wellfield and passive recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS the City of Newberry requested ownership of the property to take control of its wellfield and expand passive recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS the City of Newberry has agreed to take ownership of property by the District; and

WHEREAS it is mutually beneficial to the District and City of Newberry that fee ownership of the property transferred to the City of Newberry; and

WHEREAS the conveyance will include a reverter clause that any use inconsistent with the intended purpose will result in conveyance back to the District; and

WHEREAS the District will retain a conservation easement over the conveyed property; and

WHEREAS said conveyance is consistent with sections 373.056, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS said conveyance is in the public interest and for the public benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the District, that:

1. The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the conveyance of said lands are hereby further certified to be consistent with Section 373.056, Florida Statutes.
2. The Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director, the Governing Board attorney and all other officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to close and complete the acquisition.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 08^h DAY OF APRIL 2025.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

**VIRGINIA H. JOHNS, CHAIR
RICHARD SCHWAB, VICE CHAIR
CHARLES KEITH, SECRETARY/TREASURER
WILLIAM LLOYD
LARRY SESSIONS
HARRY SMITH
LARRY THOMPSON
GEORGE WHEELER**

ATTEST:

ATTACHMENT A

DISTRICT PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Alachua State of Florida, and is described as follows:

(PARCEL #01874-001-003)

(OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2351, PAGE 1821 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2339, PAGE 325)

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 27 AND 34, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA; BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 27, AND RUN NORTH 89°00'32" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECT, 174.53 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 45 (A.K.A. U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 41 AND A.K.A. STATE ROAD NO. 25); THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89°00'32" EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 530.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01°42'56" WEST 273.19 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 45°39'49", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 21°06'59" EAST - 38.80 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 39.85 FEET TO THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE NORTH 43°56'53" EAST 990.60 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE NORTH 46°03'07" POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE NORTH 46°03'07" OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE NORTH 46°03'07" WEST 91.60 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 400.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 45°00'00", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 23°33'07" WEST -306.15 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 314.16 FEET TO THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE NORTH 01°03'07" WEST 983.29 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°40'05" EAST 1420.92 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 27; THENCE SOUTH 01°03'07" EAST, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 2309.49 FEET TO A POINT LYING NORTH 01°03'07" WEST - 40.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4; SAID POINT BEING ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 385.29 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 32°30'52", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 72°45'06" WEST - 215.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 218.64 FEET; THENCE NORTH 46°03'07" WEST 1459.20 FEET TO THE SAID POINT-OF-BEGINNING. CONTAINING 60.001 ACRES MORE OR LESS.. CONTAINING 60.001 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

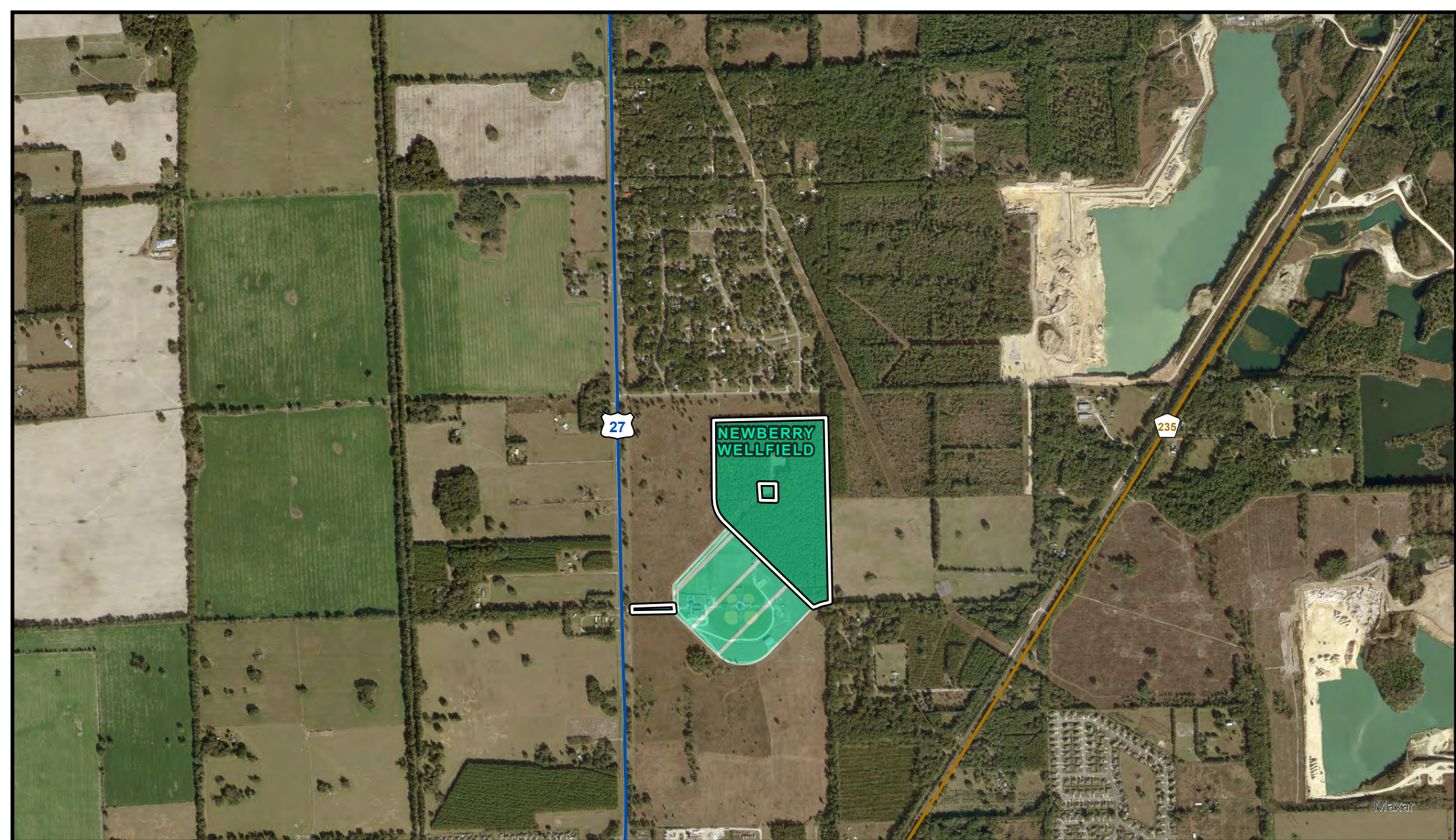
("PARCEL C")

(PARCEL #01874-001-000 & #01897-000-000)




(OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2351, PAGE 1821 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2339, PAGE 325)

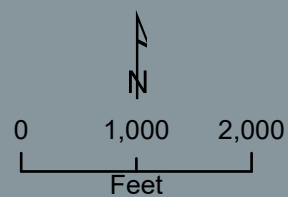
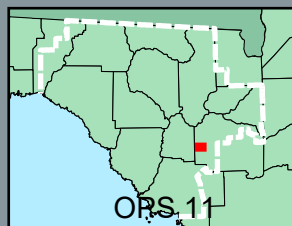
PARCEL "C" AT 80 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 27 AND 34, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA; BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 27, AND RUN NORTH 89°00'32" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 174.53 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 45 (A.K.A. U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 41 AND A.K.A. STATE ROAD NO. 25) AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED EASEMENT; THENCE NORTH 01°42'56" WEST, ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 40.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°00'32" EAST 530.04 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°42'56" EAST 71.52 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 09°46'30", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 06°36'11" EAST - 8.52 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 8.53 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°00'32" WEST 530.77 FEET TO THE SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 45; THENCE NORTH 01°42'56" WEST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 40.00 FEET TO THE SAID POINT-OF-BEGINNING. POINT-OF-BEGINNING.



Newberry Wellfield
± 60.66 ac
Alachua County

-  Property to be Conveyed
-  SRWMD Ownership
-  SRWMD Conservation Easement



Note: This map was created by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) to be used for planning purposes only. SRWMD shall not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by the use of data distributed as a public records request regardless of their use or application. SRWMD does not guarantee the accuracy, or suitability for any use of these data, and no warranty is expressed or implied. For more information please contact the SRWMD at 386-362-1001. Map Created 3/28/2025

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations

DATE: March 23, 2025

RE: Land Management Update Report

BACKGROUND

The following information summarizes land management activities cumulative as of February 28, 2025.

Natural Communities Management: The following tables represent activities that support overall natural community restoration and management across District lands.

Vegetative Management (acres)	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Herbicide Treatments	117	Start July	0.0%
Mechanical Treatments	3,214	978	30.4%
Mallory Swamp Mechanical Treatments	894	0	0.0%

Prescribed Fire (acres)	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
SRWMD	10,650	4,616	43.3%
FFS - Twin Rivers State Forest	700	248	35.4%

Invasive Plant Treatment	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Edwards Bottomland (acres)	7.11	Start June	0%
Contractors (acres)	145.83	Start June	0%
Starke Bypass (acres)	100	Start June	0%

Ecological Services Monitoring	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Rare Plants Monitoring (acres)	2,269	Start April	0%
Wading Bird Rookeries (sites)	13	Start April	0%
Natural Community Mapping (acres)	313	Start April	0%
Gopher Tortoise Surveys (acres)	160	79	49%

Timber Harvests	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Acreage Sold	1,764	2,462	139%
Revenue (estimated)	\$1,064,000	\$945,096.68	88%

Current Timber Sales	County	Acreage	Type	Status or Revenue
Sandlin Bay #9	Columbia	374	Thinning	Inactive
Woods Ferry #7	Suwannee	155	Thinning	Active
Cuba Bay #4	Madison	51	Thinning	Inactive
Steinhatchee Springs #24	Lafayette	192	Thinning	Inactive
Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 1	Lafayette	128	Salvage Clearcut	Inactive
Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 2	Lafayette	419	Salvage Clearcut	Inactive
Hurricane Helene Steinhatchee Salvage 3	Lafayette	117	Salvage Clearcut	Inactive
Hurricane Helene TRSF Salvage 1	Madison	154	Salvage Clearcut	\$182,316.00
Hurricane Helene TRSF Selective Salvage Withlacoochee	Hamilton	210	Salvage Damaged Wood Only	\$11,759.40
Hurricane Helene TRSF Selective Salvage Ellaville	Madison	592	Salvage Damaged Wood Only	Inactive
Hurricane Helene TRSF Selective Salvage Anderson Springs	Suwannee	219	Salvage Damaged Wood Only	Active
Hurricane Helene TRSF Westwood West Chipping Salvage	Madison	130	Chip Damaged Wood Only	Out for Bid

Restoration	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Reforestation (acres)	293	293	100%

Land Management: The following tables represent tract and land management activities on the District's fee and less-than-fee owned properties.

Conservation Easements	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Monitor Current Easements	13	0	0%

Hydrologic & Road Maintenance	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Culvert Replacements	9	0	0%
Road maintenance (miles)	144	64.50	45%

Tract Maintenance	FY 2025 Planned	Reporting Period Completed	Percent Complete
Mowing (total miles)	1,710	524	30.64%
Site Maintenance (total visits)	2,736	444	16%
Enhanced Patrols (hours)	800	244	31%
Sign Replacements	51	7	13%
Boundary Line Painting (miles)	115.4	0	0%

Special Projects

The following information provides a status update on special projects within the Office of Land Management.

Mount Gilead Tract: EUTAW, Inc provided an estimate for design to update and fortify the boat ramp. Project is on hold pending hurricane repairs at other sites.

Owen Springs Tract: The project is to improve public accessibility and reduce impacts to the natural system is underway. The heavy daylighting of main roads is completed. Reconfiguration of the parking area to increase parking spaces and improved access to the spring to reduce erosion are both planned.

Starke Bypass Mitigation Area: The annual monitoring report generated by a FLDOT contractor was submitted in February. The report shows a continued overall trend towards success in meeting objectives listed in the wetland restoration plan. The 2025 work plan has also been submitted and approved. Contractors plan on conducting the first round of mechanical vegetation control around all the planted saplings within the next month.

Steinhatchee Falls: Topographic surveys and geotechnical investigations for the boat ramp reconstruction are complete. Preliminary site plans have been developed. Site design and engineering is 90 percent complete. FDEP and ACOE permits have been issued.

Telford Spring: In July, the District opened Telford Spring to the public. EUTAW, Inc has completed a conceptual plan to improve parking and public access. The initial phase to develop the parking lot is planned.

Storm Facility Repairs: Hurricane Debby and Hurricane Helene have damaged public use areas to varying degrees. Eight sites are currently undergoing plans for assessment and construction costs to repair. The sites under assessment are Suwannee Springs, Falmouth Springs, Owen Springs, Steinhatchee Falls, Blue Sink, Atsena Otie Key, and Lukens. FEMA conducted site inspections for 3 of the damaged facilities. Falmouth Springs remains closed due to damage to the boardwalk.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

DATE: March 14, 2025

RE: Amendment to Agreement 18/19-050 with the Alachua Conservation Trust

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize an amendment to Agreement Number 18/19-050 between the District and Alachua Conservation Trust to update the Rock Bluff Management Plan.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, the District and Alachua Conservation Trust entered into Agreement Number 18/19-050 for Cooperative Management of J.H. Anderson, JR., Memorial Park - Rock Bluff Springs Tract, including a management plan.

In 2021, the District and Alachua Conservation Trust amended the agreement to include an updated management plan.

The District and Alachua Conservation Trust continue to cooperatively manage Rock Bluff and again desire to update the management plan with current activities.

Staff requests the Governing Board authorize an amendment to the Agreement, updating the Management Plan between the District and Alachua Conservation Trust for the J.H. Anderson, JR., Memorial Park - Rock Bluff Springs Tract.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management

THRU: Katelyn Potter, Director, Division of Outreach and Operations

DATE: March 14, 2025

RE: Extension to Agreement 04/05-269 with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Division of Recreation and Parks

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the twenty-year extension of the lease agreement between the District, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Division of Recreation and Parks for the Woods Ferry River Camp property.

BACKGROUND

In 2005, the District, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Division of Recreation and Parks entered into Contract Number 04/05-269 for lease of the Woods Ferry River Camp property.

In March 2025, the District, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Division of Recreation and Parks expressed interest in exercising the contract's clause to extend the lease agreement for an additional twenty (20) years.

Staff requests the Governing Board authorize the twenty-year extension of the lease agreement between the District, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Division of Recreation and Parks for the Woods Ferry River Camp property.

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