

**Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 8, 2024  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, Florida 32333**

1. Opening Ceremonies

Called to order at 1:06 p.m.

Savannah Shell called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

Present: George Roberts, Chair; Nick Patronis, Secretary-Treasurer; John Alter; Gus Andrews; Ted Everett; Kellie Ralston; Anna Upton

Absent: Jerry Pate, Vice Chair

2. Special Thanks and Recognition

None.

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

4. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY KELLIE RALSTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE ITEMS A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, AND J IN THE CONSENT AGENDA CONTINGENT UPON LEGAL REVIEW AND OTHER ACTIONS AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTES. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

A. Approval of the Minutes for July 11, 2024

Approve the Minutes for July 11, 2024, Governing Board meeting.

B. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of June 2024

Approve the Financial Reports for the Month of June 2024.

C. Consideration of Resolution No. 941 Committing Fiscal Year 2023-24 Fund Balances as Required by GASB Statement No. 54

Approve and adopt Resolution No. 941 to commit fund balances from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

D. Consideration of FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner Funding for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Authorize the Executive Director to amend the Cooperating Technical Partner agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to accept and authorize spending up to \$1,810,000 in new FY 2024-25 FEMA CTP funding to develop tools to assist communities reduce flood risk, subject to budget authority and legal counsel review.

E. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Contractual Services to Support Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

Authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts and task orders for up to \$1,135,000 for contractual services to support the development of minimum flows and minimum water levels in FY 2024-25, contingent upon approval of the District's FY 2024-25 budget and legal counsel review.

F. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Information Technology Purchases

Approve the following procurements for FY 2024-25, contingent upon approval of the District's FY 2024-25 budget.

- Department of Management Services (DMS) competitively procured purchase of Internet access, telephony circuits, and security services for District headquarters, field offices, and connections to other water management districts, not to exceed \$265,000.
- Sole source purchase of annual support and licensing for Munis, not to exceed \$205,000.
- Sole source purchase of Geographic Information Systems ARC GIS and ARC Online licensing, training, support, and consulting from Environmental Systems Research Institute, not to exceed \$180,000.
- Sole source purchase of Aquarius Time-Series, Hydrometric Workstation, Server, WebPortal, Connect, Samples, Database Migration, Cloud Hosting and Support and Maintenance from Aquatic Informatics Inc., not to exceed \$150,000.
- State of Florida contract purchase of Microsoft licensing for Microsoft Server and Workstation operating systems and software, SQL Database Server, SharePoint Server, and Office 365 for Microsoft through an approved partner, not to exceed \$185,000.
- State of Florida contract purchase of D3 Air & Space Operations for IT/GIS Staff Augmentation and Cross Platform Integration Services, not to exceed \$145,000.
- State of Florida contract purchase of Cohesity Dataprotect Security Management licensing and support for cloud-based data security, retention, and recovery through an approved partner, not to exceed \$245,000.

G. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Delegation of Spending Authority for Vehicles

Approve and provide the Executive Director with spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$690,000 for vehicle purchases through the State of Florida and/or Florida Sheriff's Association contract for eight pickups and two SUV's in FY 2024-25, contingent upon approval of the District's FY 2024-25 budget.

H. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Contractual Services to Support the Regional Mitigation Program

Authorize the Executive Director to issue individual or cumulative task orders that exceed the delegated spending authority to facilitate contracted services to support the District's Regional Mitigation Program up to an amount not to exceed \$1,170,150 for FY 2024-25, subject to approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget.

I. Consideration of Three-Year Contract Renewal with Kountry Rental NWF, Inc. for Rental and Service of Portable and Compost Toilets; Central Region

Approve the contract renewal with Kountry Rentals NWF, Inc. for rental and service of portable and compost toilets for the Central Region and authorize the Executive Director to execute a three-year amendment with Kountry Rental NWF, Inc. in the amount of \$411,600.00 for a period starting November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2027, subject to approval of the FY 2024-2025 budget.

J. Consideration of Three-Year Contract Renewal with Terry's Home and Lawn Maintenance, Inc. for Recreation Site Cleanup and Maintenance; West Region

Approve the contract renewal with Terry’s Home and Lawn Maintenance, Inc. for recreation site cleanup and maintenance for the West Region and authorize the Executive Director to execute a three-year amendment with Terry’s Home and Lawn Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$163,688.40 for a period starting October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, subject to approval of the FY 2024-25 budget.

5. Consideration of First Right of Refusal on the Bruce Forest Conservation Easement; Chipola River

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY KELLIE RALSTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD DOES NOT EXERCISE ITS FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL ON THE BRUCE FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of Acceptance of Appraisals and Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Purchase of the Welch Parcel; Yellow River WMA

MOTIONED BY KELLIE RALSTON, SECONDED BY NICK PATRONIS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ACCEPT THE APPRAISAL PREPARED BY CARLTON APPRAISAL COMPANY AND THE REVIEW APPRAISAL PREPARED BY CARROLL APPRAISAL COMPANY, INC. FOR THE WELCH PARCEL IN OKALOOSA COUNTY AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND ALL CLOSING DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BY LEGAL COUNSEL, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE FY 2024-25 BUDGET AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of ITB 24B-004 for 2024 Highway 2 Timber Thinning Sale

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY KELLIE RALSTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AWARD THE 2024 HIGHWAY 2 TIMBER THINNING SALE TO SPANISH TRAIL LUMBER AT THE BID PRICES CONTAINED IN TABLE 2 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SPANISH TRAIL LUMBER TO FACILITATE THIS TIMBER HARVEST.

**Table 2 – Bids Received for 2024 Highway 2 Timber Thinning Sale**

Bidder	Bids Received – Bid Price Per Ton			
	Pine Pulpwood	Pine Chip-N-Saw	Pine Sawtimber	Estimated Sale Value based on Estimated Volumes
Spanish Trail Lumber	\$10.50	\$27.45	\$33.00	\$165,662.85
Whitfield Timber Co.	\$9.53	\$28.15	\$31.15	\$165,291.76
North Florida Woodlands, Inc	\$6.50	\$27.00	\$31.00	\$148,769.00

NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consideration of ITB 24B-005 for Pitt and Williford Springs Boardwalk Replacement

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY KELLIE RALSTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE LOWEST BID RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO BID 24B-005 FOR THE PITT AND WILLIFORD SPRINGS BOARDWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL L. ANDERSON, INC., DBA ANDERSON MARINE CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$249,000.00 TO FACILITATE THIS WORK, SUBJECT TO FY 2024-25 FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL AND LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consideration of ITB 24B-006 for District Road Repair Services

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY KELLIE RALSTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AWARD UP TO \$843,047.50 IN DISTRICT ROAD REPAIR SERVICES TO VENDORS DEEMED RESPONSIVE TO ITB 24B-006 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS SUBMITTING THE LOWEST BID PER ROAD, SUBJECT TO FY 2024-25 FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL AND LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Legal Counsel Report

Breck Brannen provided a status update on the case referenced below.

William and Ashley Merryman v. St. Johns River Water Management District, et al., United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville Division) Case No. 3:24-cv-00658-WWB-JBT

11. Executive Director Report

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
 Financial Report  
 Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances  
 For Month Ending July 31, 2024

Balance Forward - Operating Funds	\$	32,488,314.38
Operating Funds Received in current month:		
Revenue Receipts, Current	\$	260,574.48
Contracts Receivable		8,967,967.92
Other Deposits/Refunds/Adjustments		12,206.12
Transfers from Lands Accounts		0.00
Total Deposits during month		<u>9,240,748.52</u>
Total Deposits and Balance Forward		\$ 41,729,062.90
Disbursements:		
Employee Salaries		549,439.84
Employee Benefits		295,759.06
Employee Flexible Spending Account		0.00
Contractual Services (Professional)		201,116.72
Operating Expenses - Services		102,656.67
Operating Expenses - Commodities		52,221.57
Operating Capital Outlay		56,890.00
Grants and Aids		98,565.98
Total Operating Expenses during month		<u>1,356,649.84</u>
Payables, Prior Year		0.00
Other Disbursements or (Credits)		57,862.62
Total Funds Disbursed by check during month		<u>1,414,512.46</u>
Bank Debits (Fees, Deposit Slips, AMEX fees, etc.)		0.00
Transfer to Land Acquisition Account		<u>0.00</u>
Total Funds Disbursed		<u>1,414,512.46</u>
Cash Balance Operating Funds at month end		\$ 40,314,550.44
Operating Depositories:		
Petty Cash Fund		250.25
General Fund Checking		8,375,302.31
Payroll Account		5,292.58
Passthrough (EFT) Account		0.00
Investment Accounts @ 5.49%		
General Fund		12,052,152.08
Lands Fee Fund		3,376,388.38
Ecosystem TF		188.59
Water Prot. & Sust. Program TF		286.30
Okaloosa Regional Reuse		100,469.62
Mitigation Fund		16,404,220.33
Total Operating Depositories at month end		<u>\$ 40,314,550.44</u>

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Land Acquisition Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration @ 5.49%	\$	287,283.28	
Total Land Acquisition Funds			287,283.28

Restricted Management Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration Phipps Land Management Account @ 5.49%		43,531.96	
Fla. Board of Administration Cypress Springs R&M Account @ 5.49%		861,014.24	
Total Restricted Land Management Funds			904,546.20

Total Land Acquisition, and Restricted Management Funds			1,191,829.48
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TOTAL OPERATING, LAND ACQUISITION, & RESTRICTED FUNDS AT MONTH END			\$ 1,191,829.48
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairman or Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ September 12, 2024

**Northwest Florida Water Management District**  
**Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds**  
**For the Period ending July 31, 2024**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Actuals Through 7/31/2024</b>	<b>Variance (under)/Over Budget</b>	<b>Actuals As A % of Budget</b>
<b>Sources</b>				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 3,883,074	\$ (16,926)	100%
Intergovernmental Revenues	113,978,182	10,886,235	(103,091,947)	10%
Interest on Invested Funds	88,500	1,483,555	1,395,055	1676%
License and Permit Fees	655,000	574,465	(80,535)	88%
Other	1,212,897	872,312	(340,585)	72%
Fund Balance	34,374,121		(34,374,121)	0%
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$ 154,208,700</b>	<b>\$ 17,699,641</b>	<b>\$ (136,509,059)</b>	<b>11%</b>

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Encumbrances <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Available Budget</b>	<b>%Expended</b>	<b>%Obligated <sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Uses</b>						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 7,000,363	\$ 3,188,968	\$ 2,339,809	\$ 1,471,586	46%	79%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	100,180,547	9,101,938	27,794,629	63,283,980	9%	37%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	10,573,016	6,294,718	615,760	3,662,539	60%	65%
Regulation	4,718,462	2,918,597	222,587	1,577,278	62%	67%
Outreach	158,662	118,615	1,608	38,439	75%	76%
Management and Administration	2,761,606	1,996,909	58,030	706,666	72%	74%
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$ 125,392,656</b>	<b>\$ 23,619,745</b>	<b>\$ 31,032,423</b>	<b>\$ 70,740,488</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>44%</b>
Reserves	28,816,044			28,816,044	0%	0%
<b>Total Uses and Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 154,208,700</b>	<b>\$ 23,619,745</b>	<b>\$ 31,032,423</b>	<b>\$ 99,556,532</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>35%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders.

<sup>2</sup> Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This unaudited financial statement is prepared as of July 31, 2024, and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.





**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHECK DATE</b>	<b>INVOICE NET</b>	<b>INVOICE DESCRIPTION</b>
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	7/3/2024	728.92	BCBS MEDICARE
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	7/3/2024	1,944.43	QUARTERLY INTREST PAYMENT DEPT ECOSYS
6029	EARL W COLVARD INC	7/3/2024	771.60	TIRES FOR WMD-96277
422	ESCAMBIA CO. TAX COLLECTOR	7/3/2024	169.00	POSTAGE
916	FPL NORTHWEST FLORIDA	7/3/2024	631.56	DEFUNIAK ELECTRIC
349	GADSDEN COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/3/2024	572.37	4TH QTR FY 23-24
666	JEFFERSON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/3/2024	207.31	4TH QTR FY 23-24
5069	LEPPO, INC.	7/3/2024	805.73	BOBCAT SKID STEER REPAIRS
5680	MCKENZIE MOTOR COMPANY	7/3/2024	163.83	RUNNING PO FOR MINOR REPAIRS ON WMD-96870
5802	MURPHY CASSIDY DIESEL REPAIRS	7/3/2024	131.56	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
4832	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	7/3/2024	5,681.98	SUNLIFE ACCT 4 PPO
4832	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	7/3/2024	46.90	SUNLIFE ACCT 5 PREPAID DENTAL
4834	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	7/3/2024	87.69	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
4834	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	7/3/2024	1,127.42	SUNLIFE ACCT 1 AD&D
4834	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	7/3/2024	2,899.09	SUNLIFE ACCT 2 VOL LIFE
4833	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	7/3/2024	1,007.31	SUNLIFE ACCT 3 VOL LTD
5250	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL - VISION	7/3/2024	589.74	SUNLIFE ACCT 6 VISION
5442	LEONARD ZEILER	7/3/2024	1,022.02	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT
<b>TOTAL CHECKS</b>			<b>\$ 18,588.46</b>	
3293	ANGUS G. ANDREWS, JR.	7/3/2024	8,125.00	DFO LEASE AGREEMENT - CONTRACT PO
5589	ASSETWORKS USA, INC	7/3/2024	8,581.86	FIXED ASSET SOFTWARE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-RENEWAL
1617	CAPITAL HEALTH PLAN	7/3/2024	90,089.29	CHP MEDICAL
3269	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	7/3/2024	1,154.18	REPLACEMENT BATTERIES FOR SERVER UPS
45	DMS	7/3/2024	12.01	AIR CARDS AND HOTSPOTS
45	DMS	7/3/2024	4.40	CONFERENCE CALLS
45	DMS	7/3/2024	1,958.04	DEFUNIAK ETHERNET AND LONG DISTANCE
45	DMS	7/3/2024	622.73	DEFUNIAK LOCAL PHONE (WEST FL TELEPHONE SVC)
45	DMS	7/3/2024	9,855.51	HEADQUARTERS ETHERNET
45	DMS	7/3/2024	1,594.56	HEADQUARTERS LOCAL (PANAMA CITY PHONE SVC)
45	DMS	7/3/2024	9.97	LAN PORTS AND INTRANET/INTERNET
45	DMS	7/3/2024	97.56	MILTON LOCAL (GULF BREEZE TELEPHONE SVC)
45	DMS	7/3/2024	0.72	LAN PORTS AND INTRANET/INTERNET
2453	ESCAMBIA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/3/2024	3,430.19	4TH QTR FY 23-24
3002	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	7/3/2024	726.40	OFFSITE DATA STORAGE
76	LEON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/3/2024	2,278.21	4TH QTR FY 23-24
1180	PRIDE ENTERPRISES	7/3/2024	1,380.00	RECREATION SITE SUPPLIES
4799	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC.	7/3/2024	320.12	OFFICE CHAIR & OFFICE SUPPLIES
5218	WAGeworks, INC.	7/3/2024	147.90	FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION
<b>TOTAL ACH PAYMENTS</b>			<b>\$ 130,388.65</b>	

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1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	7/3/2024	2,125.75	BCBS RETIREE
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	7/3/2024	72,718.07	BCBS MEDICAL INSURANCE

**TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS**

**\$ 74,843.82**

**TOTAL AP**

**\$ 223,820.93**

5901	CEDAR CREEK TIMBER COMPANY INC	7/11/2024	22,526.40	PERFORMANCE BOND REFUND
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	7/11/2024	8,054.35	LAB ANALYSIS - GW QUALITY TREND AND MFL MONITORING
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	7/11/2024	2,010.28	LABORATORY ANALYSIS - ECONFINA COLIFORM
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	7/11/2024	300.00	FDEP-ANNUAL UPLANDS AGENCY FEE BRUNSON LANDING
2241	DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR - USGS	7/11/2024	60,257.50	JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT-24MCJF
6064	DOC'S TIRE REPAIR INC	7/11/2024	47.00	FERRIS TRACTOR TIRE REPAIR
4748	EAST MILTON WATER SYSTEM	7/11/2024	25.11	WATER MILTON OFFICE
391	GADSDEN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	7/11/2024	46.75	BOAT REGISTRATION RENEWAL-RMD-ASSET MANAGEMENT
391	GADSDEN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	7/11/2024	119.55	TAG/REGISTRATION FOR LANDS 2024 F-550
5288	A.W. HATCHER FARMS, INC.	7/11/2024	50.00	WUP REFUND 4604-6 WITHDRAWN
3003	HAVANA FORD, INC.	7/11/2024	562.50	REPAIRS TO WMD-2432
3193	INSURANCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE	7/11/2024	119.33	BACKGROUND SCREENING
5993	JAMEY GILEY	7/11/2024	278.52	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
259	LEON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	7/11/2024	86.63	2023 POSTAGE
6059	METRO MOBILE ELECTRONICS LLC	7/11/2024	478.45	GPS INSTALL/REMOVAL REPAIRS
3406	NEECE TRUCK TIRE CENTER INC.	7/11/2024	82.91	RUNNING PO FOR MINOR REPAIRS FOR WMD-96371
4797	REBOL - BATTLE & ASSOCIATES, LLC	7/11/2024	1,080.00	P318326 PAUL BATTLE OVERPMT REFUND
4577	SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC	7/11/2024	851.00	REPLACEMENT REAR TIRE FOR NEW HOLLAND TRACTOR
4378	P.M. MARINE ENGINE SERVICE, INC.	7/11/2024	2,052.79	F25HP MERCURY OUTBOARD MOTOR SERVICE
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	7/11/2024	88.50	SECURITY LIGHTS HQ
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	7/11/2024	409.14	WATER/SEWER HQ
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	7/11/2024	3,860.77	ELECTRIC HQ
5855	WASTE AWAY GROUP INC	7/11/2024	248.02	DUMPSTER SERVICES FOR COTTON LANDING - CHOCTAW

**TOTAL CHECKS**

**\$ 103,635.50**

611	CAROL L. BERT	7/12/2024	30.00	REIMBURSE CLOSING FUNDS FOR CLECKLY (LIEN SEARCH)
5243	CARROLL APPRAISAL COMPANY, INC.	7/12/2024	1,150.00	REVIEW APPRAISAL
3002	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	7/12/2024	726.40	OFFSITE DATA STORAGE
3078	GEORGIA-FLORIDA BURGLAR ALARM CO, INC	7/12/2024	2,073.00	HQ SECURITY MONITORING AND MAI
3942	A & W VENTURES, L.C.	7/12/2024	275.00	PORTABLE TOILET FOR PHIPPS PARK
5368	KOUNTRY RENTAL NWF, INC.	7/12/2024	13,150.00	SERVICE FOR PORTABLE TOILETS-C
2293	LANE'S OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT, INC	7/12/2024	299.99	FIELD EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AND REPAIRS
2293	LANE'S OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT, INC	7/12/2024	13.50	FIELD EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AND REPAIRS

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2293	LANE'S OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT, INC	7/12/2024	27.84	FIELD EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AND REPAIRS
5146	MICHAEL CORRIE MANNION	7/12/2024	1,447.60	STAFF AUGMENTATION FOR CUSTOM APPLICATE #18-066
5894	ODESSA CLEANING SERVICE LLC	7/12/2024	225.00	ECONFINA FIELD OFFICE CLEANING
5614	ZACHARY J. SELLERS	7/12/2024	1,019.83	DFO JANITORIAL SERVICES
5651	SGS TECHNOLOGIE, LLC	7/12/2024	373.33	HOSTING & MAINTAINING DIST WEBSITE CON # 19-022
3213	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	7/12/2024	6,120.00	NINJAONE ADVANCED AND REMOTE ACCESS
4955	TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.	7/12/2024	4,606.90	RECREATION SITE CLEAN UP AND M
4955	TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.	7/12/2024	200.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE MILTON OFFICE
5884	TRE INDUSTRIES LLC	7/12/2024	50.00	LABORATORY TESTING
5218	WAGeworks, INC.	7/12/2024	100.00	COBRA ADMINISTRATION
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	289.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	190.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	487.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	289.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	190.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	479.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	289.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	380.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	190.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	190.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	390.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	200.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/12/2024	225.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE

**TOTAL ACH PAYMENTS**

**\$ 35,676.39**

2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	6,550.48	JUNE 2024 STAFF P-CARD
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	19.99	TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	19.99	PENSACOLA NEWS JOURNAL DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	2,550.00	GROUNDWATER VISTAS SOFTWARE UPGRADE
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	3,593.60	DELL DOCKING STATIONS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	168.97	KEY STORAGE BOX AND DIGITAL WALL CLOCKS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	152.82	AMAZON ORDER - OFFICE SUPPLIES
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	209.00	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT-AMAZON
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	25.96	OFFICE SUPPLIES
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/12/2024	1,019.76	WINDOWS VPS FOR XCONNECT SITE
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	50.00	WELLS REFUND 318922-1 OVERPAID
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	50.00	WELLS REFUND 314146-1 WITHDRAWN
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	150.00	WELLS REFUND FOR JOHN MORROW WITHDRAWN
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	50.00	WELLS REFUND 314145-1 WITHDRAWN
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	35.00	WELLS REFUND WITHDRAWN 317998-1
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	100.00	LARRY KELLY P318946 APP. WITHDRAWN REFUND
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	150.00	WELLS REFUND JAMES RICE, LICENSE WITHDRAWN

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5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	100.00	P318926 JIM MARTELLI EPERMIT DISCOUNT REFUND
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	320.00	P318953 ROBERT CARROLL APP. WITHDRAWAL REFUND
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	320.00	P318982 JAMES CROOK APP. WITHDRAWAL REFUND
5944	REFUND NIC	7/12/2024	100.00	P 318913 HANNAH COOPER WITHDRAWAL REFUND

**TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS**

\$ 15,735.57

**TOTAL AP**

\$ 155,047.46

5127	ALAN JAY FLEET SALES	7/18/2024	43,560.00	2024 POOL FORD EXPLORER AND FORD EXPEDITION
4923	JOHN ALTER	7/18/2024	56.07	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5003	THE BALMORAL GROUP, LLC	7/18/2024	12,190.25	Agreement for Water Supply Pla
5946	CARPENTRY & HARDWARE SERVICES LLC	7/18/2024	2,350.00	CEILING REPAIR IN IT BUILDING
5128	CITY OF BONIFAY	7/18/2024	8,500.00	BONIFAY WELL 4 INVESTIGATION
3784	CULLIGAN WATER SERVICES, INC	7/18/2024	47.70	BOTTLED WATER
3784	CULLIGAN WATER SERVICES, INC	7/18/2024	1,500.00	WELL CONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATION - ECONFINA
4518	ENGINEERED COOLING SERVICES, INC.	7/18/2024	275.00	DIAGNOSTIC REPAIR TO BOARDROOM AC
4518	ENGINEERED COOLING SERVICES, INC.	7/18/2024	650.83	DIAGNOSTIC/REPAIR TO DE-HUMIDIFIER IN SERVER ROOM
4518	ENGINEERED COOLING SERVICES, INC.	7/18/2024	358.18	DIAGNOSTIC/REPAIR TO IT AC UNIT
422	ESCAMBIA CO. TAX COLLECTOR	7/18/2024	12,968.74	2023 COMMISSIONS
5298	TED EVERETT	7/18/2024	66.75	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3782	FLORIDA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION	7/18/2024	395.00	FLORIDA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
916	FPL NORTHWEST FLORIDA	7/18/2024	222.55	MILTON ELECTRIC
410	GULF COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	7/18/2024	6.77	PARCEL REFUND 01012-000R
410	GULF COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	7/18/2024	12.02	PARCEL REFUNDS 03805-015R
5474	HATCHER PUBLISHING INC	7/18/2024	53.20	LEGAL ADS-WATER USE PERMITS
3003	HAVANA FORD, INC.	7/18/2024	55.19	RUNNING PO FOR MINOR REPAIRS FOR HQ VEHICLES
5246	HOLLEY-NAVARRE WATER SYSTEM, INC.	7/18/2024	89,740.00	SOUTH SANTA ROSA REUSE PHASE I
6055	KNOLLWOOD TIRE & WHEEL	7/18/2024	13,300.00	FLATBED/INSTALL ON LANDS 2024 F-550
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2024	181.89	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANC
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2024	89.07	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANC
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2024	123.87	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANC
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2024	123.87	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANC
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2024	102.08	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANC
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2024	97.78	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANC
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2024	123.87	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANC
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2024	142.75	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANC
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2024	130.11	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RENEWAL AND MAINTENANC
5965	NIC SERVICES	7/18/2024	1,658.46	FEE FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS
423	OKALOOSA CO. TAX COLLECTOR	7/18/2024	1.48	PARCEL REFUNDS
288	OKALOOSA CO. PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/18/2024	1,929.46	3RD QTR FY 23-24
64	PANAMA CITY NEWS HERALD	7/18/2024	89.56	LEGAL ADS-WATER USE PERMITS

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64	PANAMA CITY NEWS HERALD	7/18/2024	95.53	LEGAL ADS-WATER USE PERMITS
5444	PENSACOLA SHOE HOSPITAL & BOOT STORE	7/18/2024	200.00	SAFETY BOOTS-BRUTON
5764	SOUTHERN CLEANING SUPPLY LLC	7/18/2024	215.60	REC SITE SUPPLIES
5700	JOSH TATUM	7/18/2024	895.41	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3711	US POSTAL SERVICE-HASLER	7/18/2024	800.00	POSTAGE FOR DEFUNIAK SPRINGS OFFICE
75	WALTON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/18/2024	2,256.26	4TH QTR FY 23-24
4626	WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC	7/18/2024	460.00	DUMPSTER FOR ECONFINA OFFICE AND CANOE LAUNCH
5612	WETLAND SOLUTIONS, INC.	7/18/2024	29,124.00	HYDROLOGIC & WATER QUALITY DAT

**TOTAL CHECKS**

**\$ 225,149.30**

325	BAY CO. PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/19/2024	2,363.95	4TH QTR FY 23-24
611	CAROL L. BERT	7/19/2024	30.00	REIMBURSE CLOSING FUNDS FOR CLECKLY (LIEN SEARCH)
3337	FORESTECH CONSULTING	7/19/2024	400.00	LAND MANAGEMENT DATABASE
2268	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, INC	7/19/2024	837.00	PHONE SYSTEM MAINTANANCE CONTRACT 07-037
5294	KRONOS, INCORPORATED	7/19/2024	28.70	KRONOS RENEWAL
4952	LAW, REDD, CRONA & MUNROE, P.A.	7/19/2024	6,870.00	INSPECTOR GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 18-051
5802	MURPHY CASSIDY DIESEL REPAIRS	7/19/2024	170.69	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
5802	MURPHY CASSIDY DIESEL REPAIRS	7/19/2024	287.68	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
4305	DANA PALERMO	7/19/2024	532.86	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4090	JERRY PATE	7/19/2024	165.54	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5947	PREVENTIA SECURITY LLC	7/19/2024	165.00	DFO SECURTIY ALARM DIAGNOSTIC/REPAIR
3482	SANTA ROSA COUNTY LANDFILL	7/19/2024	120.00	SOLID WASTE/LANDFILL SERVICES
3851	SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYING & MAPPING CORP	7/19/2024	3,504.00	SURVEYING SERVICES
3104	SOUTHERN WATER SERVICES, LLC	7/19/2024	1,200.00	WATER TESTING OF NEW LP WELL AT ECONFINA OFFICE
5336	TETRA TECH, INC	7/19/2024	12,279.81	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
5336	TETRA TECH, INC	7/19/2024	14,132.50	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
3454	USDA, APHIS, WILDLIFE SERVICES	7/19/2024	7,317.22	AGREEMENT FOR NUISANCE WILDLIF
2631	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	7/19/2024	15,126.40	LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY ON DI
5710	BRANDON WINTER	7/19/2024	165.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

**TOTAL ACH DEPOSITS**

**\$ 65,696.35**

5944	REFUND NIC	7/19/2024	500.00	WELLS REFUND 319028-1 DRILLER MADE MISTAKE
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**TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS**

**\$ 500.00**

**TOTAL AP**

**\$ 291,345.65**

2992	BANK OF AMERICA	7/25/2024	450.10	ONLINE ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	7/25/2024	1,207.25	JUNE 2024 ANALYSIS ACCOUNT
5131	CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS	7/25/2024	231.70	CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS WATER/SEWER

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4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	7/25/2024	85.56	DUMPSTER SERVICE
4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	7/25/2024	45.27	SEWER MILTON OFFICE
3289	CITY OF TALLAHASSEE	7/25/2024	48.07	LAKESHORE & I10
5179	BERKMAN LLC	7/25/2024	4,800.00	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO LEXTREE
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	7/25/2024	4,306.77	QUARTERLY INTERST PAYMENT JUNE 2024
2241	DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR - USGS	7/25/2024	2,131.00	JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT-0048
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	7/25/2024	29.12	FAR AD FEES FOR ITBS, RFPS & PUBLIC NOTICES FOR ASM
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	7/25/2024	30.10	LEGAL ADS FOR GOVERNING BOARD
3002	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	7/25/2024	325.98	ST JOSEPH BAYS ESTUARY PROGRAM
2291	GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC	7/25/2024	509.88	ELECTRIC SERVICE EFO
6065	OFF DUTY MANAGEMENT INC	7/25/2024	1,451.52	SECURITY SERVICES FOR ECONFINA CREEK WMA REC AREAS
6065	OFF DUTY MANAGEMENT INC	7/25/2024	952.56	SECURITY SERVICES FOR ECONFINA CREEK WMA REC AREAS
5533	REGISTER'S ENTERPRISES OF BAY COUNTY, LLC	7/25/2024	10,000.00	ROAD REPAIR MATERIALS
3941	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	7/25/2024	6,934.18	MUNIS - PACE RENEWAL/CONFERENCE
4557	VERIZON WIRELESS	7/25/2024	1,284.49	CELL PHONES AND JET PACKS
4626	WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC	7/25/2024	425.22	DUMPSTER FOR ECONFINA OFFICE AND CANOE LAUNCH
4038	WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	7/25/2024	116.32	800 NUMBERS & EFO LONG DISTANCE

**TOTAL CHECKS** **\$ 35,365.09**

4807	WEX BANK	7/26/2024	1,097.25	WEX GPS TRACKING
4807	WEX BANK	7/26/2024	13,591.27	JUNE 2024 FUEL/SERVICE PURCHASES
4961	PETER FOLLAND	7/26/2024	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4961	PETER FOLLAND	7/26/2024	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5925	IAN WATERS	7/26/2024	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5925	IAN WATERS	7/26/2024	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5504	ANDREW JOSLYN	7/26/2024	1,111.42	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5069	LEPPO, INC.	7/26/2024	1,630.17	BOBCAT TRACK LOADER REPAIRS
6045	MILTON GAZETTE LLC	7/26/2024	119.70	LEGAL ADS-WATER USE PERMITS
3813	PENNINGTON, P.A.	7/26/2024	7,475.00	LEGAL COUNSEL
3813	PENNINGTON, P.A.	7/26/2024	150.00	TITLE SEARCH
5947	PREVENTIA SECURITY LLC	7/26/2024	75.00	DEFUNIAK SECURITY
5083	S&S ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS LLC	7/26/2024	4,100.00	ESA and BDR-CLECKLEY CE DONATION
4091	THE SHOE BOX	7/26/2024	65.65	UNIFORM ORDER FOR LANDS
2808	THAT BOOT STORE	7/26/2024	152.79	SAFETY BOOTS FOR PRESCRIBED BURNING

**TOTAL ACH DEPOSITS** **\$ 30,152.25**

5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	35.00	WELLS REFUND 318564-1 WITHDRAWN
5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	50.00	WELLS REFUND 319117-1 WITHDRAWN
5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	50.00	WELLS REFUND 316937-2 WITHDRAWN
5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	50.00	WELLS REFUND 319102-1 OVERPAYMENT
5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	35.00	WELLS REFUND 318573-1 WITHDRAWN

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	10.00	WELLS REFUND 318976-2 NO CHARGE FOR MODIFICATION
5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	100.00	WELLS REFUND 318594-3 FEE NOT NEEDED
5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	35.00	WELLS REFUND 319272-1 WITHDRAWN
5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	50.00	WELLS REFUND 319284-1 OVERPAYMENT
5944	REFUND NIC	7/26/2024	35.00	WELLS REFUND 319213-1 WITHDRAWN

**TOTAL DIRECT DISPURSEMENTS**

\$ 450.00

**TOTAL AP**

\$ 65,967.34

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS  
 PAYROLL  
 JULY 2024

DIRECT DEPOSIT	07/12/2024	\$	287,947.76
CHECKS	07/14/2023		972.97
FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER	07/14/2023		1,690.91
DIRECT DEPOSIT	07/26/2024		271,756.29
CHECKS	07/26/2024		385.66
FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER	07/26/2024		1,690.91
DIRECT DEPOSIT	07/26/2024		707.42
			565,151.92
			\$ 565,151.92

APPROVED:

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 Chairman or Executive Director

September 12, 2024  
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 Date



**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff  
Danny Layfield, Director, Division of Asset Management

FROM: Carol L. Bert, Chief, Bureau of Asset Management Administration

DATE: August 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution No. 942 for Exchange of 137.77 Acres of District Land for 158.98 Acres from Emerald Coast Investments of NW Florida, LLC

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval and adoption of Resolution No. 942 for the exchange of 137.77 acres of District land for 158.98 acres with Emerald Coast Investments of NW Florida, LLC.

**Background**

An agreement for exchange of properties between the District and Emerald Coast Investments of NW Florida, LLC was approved by the Governing Board on April 11, 2024. This exchange has additional related costs. These costs include, but are not limited to, staff time, appraisals, review appraisals, boundary map/acreage certification and survey, environmental site assessment, title search and insurance, documentary stamps and legal fees.

This resolution will provide Governing Board authorization for the District to utilize District funds and the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for the associated costs incurred with this exchange.

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Lyle Seigler  
Executive Director

## Northwest Florida Water Management District

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81 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333-4712  
(U.S. Highway 90, 10 miles west of Tallahassee)

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 942 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN NFWFMD AND EMERALD COAST INVESTMENTS OF NW FLORIDA, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District (hereinafter referred to as the "District") has the duty and responsibility under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, for the management of water and related land resources and for preservation of natural resources, fish and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is governed by a governing board (hereinafter called the "Governing Board") as provided in Section 373.073, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the District owns certain real property; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to exchange the fee simple interest in 137.77 acres of real property (the "Property"), for the fee simple interest in 158.98 acres, shown on the attached map; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 373.089, Florida Statutes, authorizes the District to sale or exchange real property provided certain requirements are met; and

**WHEREAS**, the legal interest to be exchanged is fee simple title; and

**WHEREAS**, such statutory requirements have been met or will be met prior to closing and the Governing Board entered into an exchange agreement to complete the exchange as set out therein; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District that:

1. The Governing Board has determined by a two-thirds or greater vote that (i) fee simple ownership of the Property is no longer needed for the purposes for which it was acquired; (ii) the Property is hereby determined to be best used for an exchange of property to eliminate an inholding; and (iii) the District will acquire a 158.98-acre parcel through an exchange.
2. Certified appraisals shall show that the appraised value of the District parcel is equal to the appraised value of the parcel to be received by the District.
3. Washington County has a population less than 100,000.
4. The exchange of the Property will meet the requirements of Section 373.089, Florida Statutes.

GEORGE ROBERTS  
Chair  
Panama City

JERRY PATE  
Vice Chair  
Pensacola

NICK PATRONIS  
Secretary  
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Chipley

KELLIE RALSTON  
Tallahassee

ANNA UPTON  
Tallahassee

5. The Executive Director of the District, the District attorney and all other officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to complete the exchange as outlined in this resolution.
  - a. Execute, on behalf of the District, the deed, closing statements, closing affidavits, disclosures and other documents reasonably required for closing.
  - b. The Governing Board has fixed the terms and conditions necessary to conduct the exchange of the properties.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 12th day of September, 2024, A.D.

The Governing Board of the  
**NORTHWEST FLORIDA  
WATER MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT**

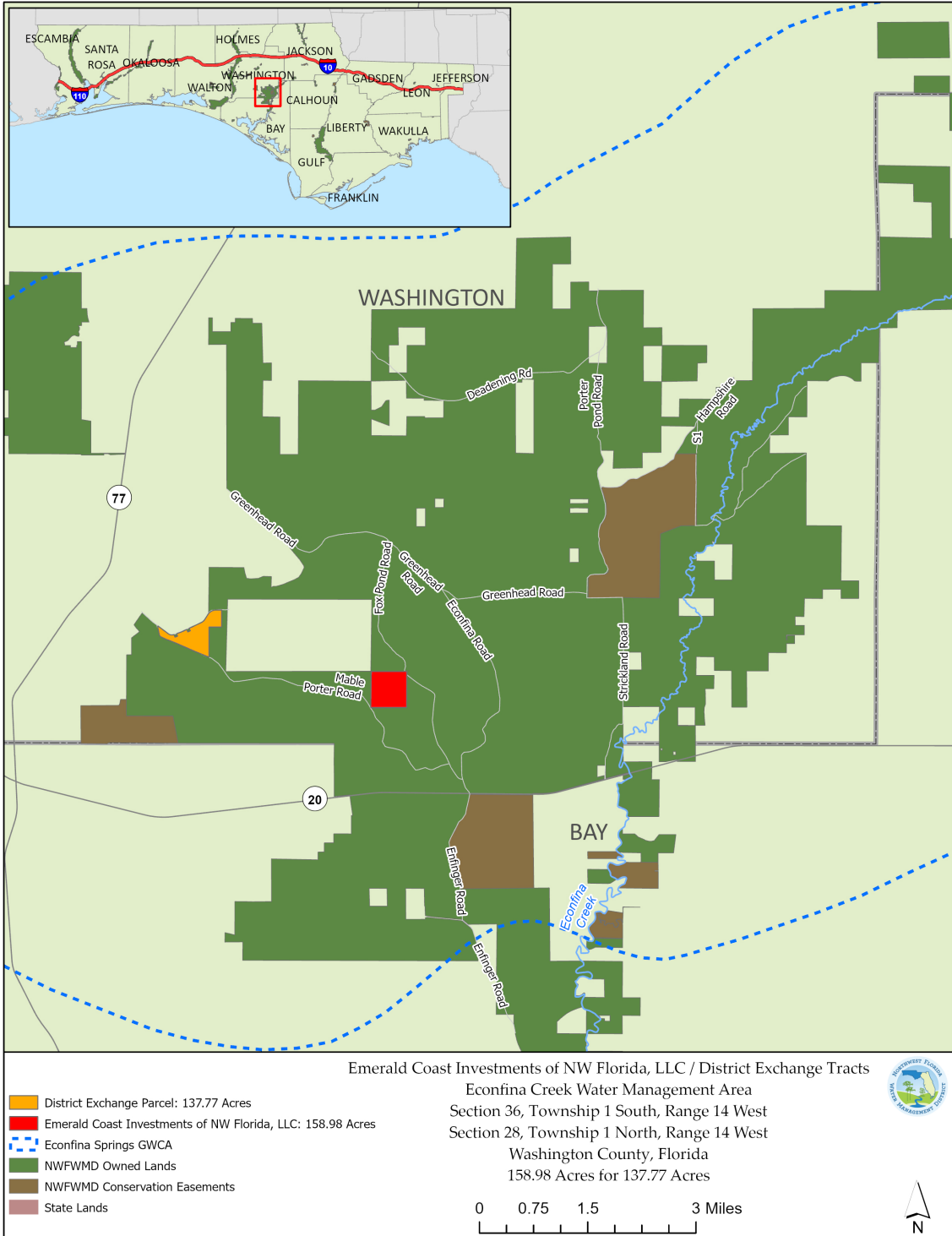
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George Roberts, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Nick Patronis, Secretary/Treasurer



**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff  
Danny Layfield, Director, Division of Asset Management

FROM: Benjamin Faure, Bureau Chief, Land Management Operations

DATE: August 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Three-Year Non-Competitive Services Agreement with Calhoun County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement and Security Services for Chipola River WMA

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**Recommendation**

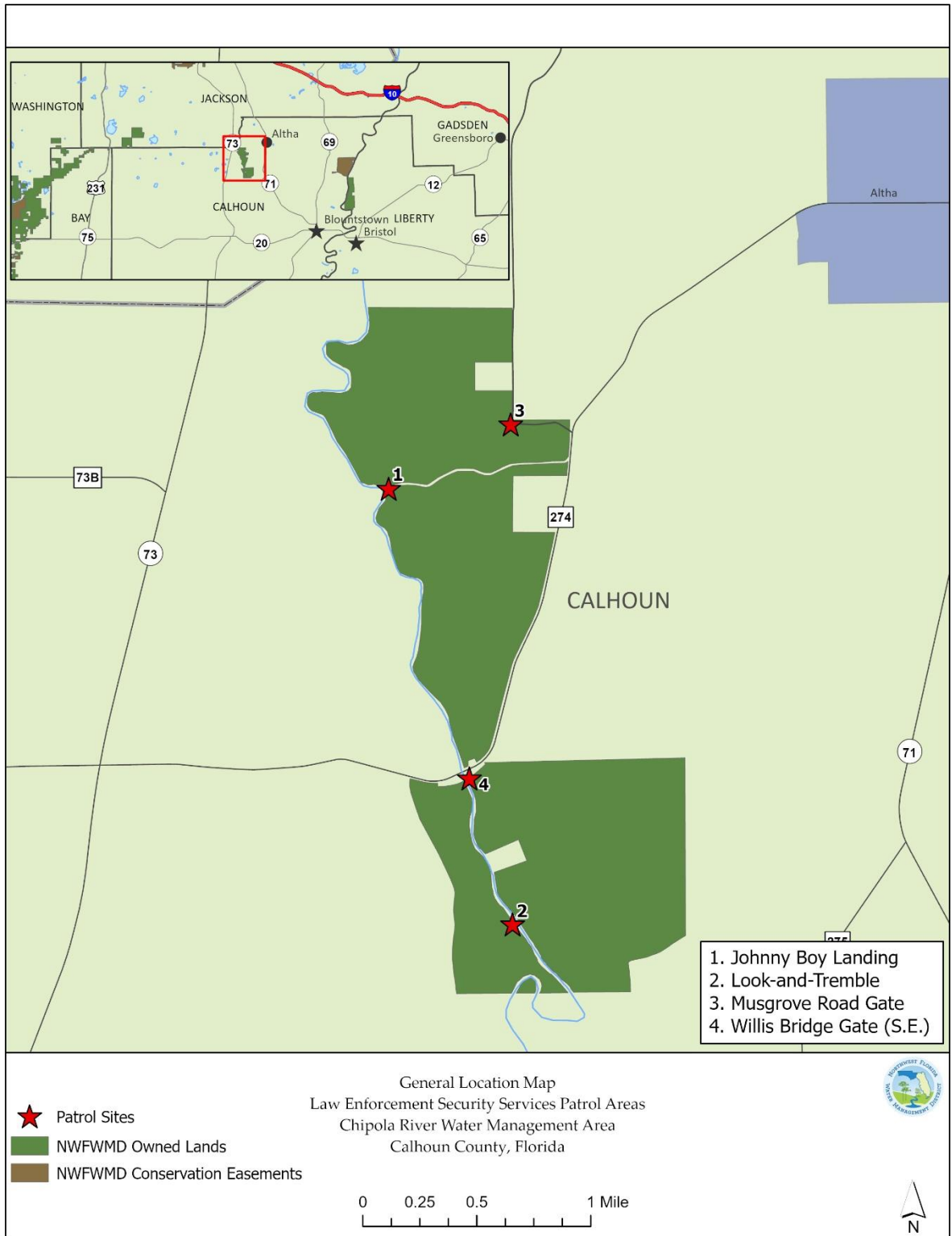
Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a three-year non-competitive services agreement totaling up to \$78,867.36 with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement and security services on District lands located in Calhoun County for FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26, and FY 2026-27, subject to approval and adoption of the budget for each fiscal year and legal counsel review.

**Background**

Since 2011, the District has contracted with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office as part of our continuing effort to provide the public with a safe and secure recreational experience on District lands in Calhoun County. Staff proposes entering into a three-year non-competitive agreement with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement and security services to begin October 1, 2024, effective through September 30, 2027.

For FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26, and FY 2026-27, staff is recommending 624 patrol hours annually for the sites shown on the attached map. The current contract hourly rate is \$32.00. The Calhoun County Sheriff's Office has requested an hourly rate increase from \$32.00/hour to \$42.13/hour due to increases in the hourly rate paid to officers and increases in FICA/Medicare and retirement rates. This is the first increase requested by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office since the initial agreement began in 2011. The maximum total compensation amount for the three-year agreement period is estimated to be \$78,867.36 or an estimated annual amount of \$26,289.12 each fiscal year.

BF/cb



**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff  
Paul Thorpe, Director, Resource Management Division  
Kathleen Coates, Deputy Director, Resource Management Division

FROM: Paul Thurman, Chief, Bureau of Resource Evaluation

DATE: August 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Revenue Contract with Leon County for Hydrologic Monitoring

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a three-year contract with Leon County to continue hydrologic monitoring beginning October 1, 2024, and ending November 15, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$169,000, subject to annual budget approval and legal counsel review.

**Discussion**

The District has been assisting Leon County with the maintenance and operation of monitoring equipment and performing hydrologic data collection for the past 30 years. This program currently includes the operation of 22 surface water level and/or rainfall data collection stations. Stations are visited monthly and the data are downloaded, reviewed and processed, and provided to the County. Data is also available on the District's web portal. The stations provide storm event data for major drainage basins. Continuous rainfall records in conjunction with the surface water data are used to design and implement improvements in the stormwater drainage system, which help reduce flooding and improve water quality.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff  
Paul Thorpe, Director, Resource Management Division  
Kathleen Coates, Deputy Director, Resource Management Division

FROM: Paul Thurman, Chief, Bureau of Resource Evaluation

DATE: August 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Revenue Contract with City of Tallahassee for Hydrologic Monitoring

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a three-year contract with the City of Tallahassee to continue hydrologic monitoring beginning October 1, 2024, and ending November 15, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$175,000, subject to annual budget approval and legal counsel review.

**Discussion**

The District has been assisting the City of Tallahassee with the maintenance and operation of monitoring equipment and performing hydrologic data collection for the past 30 years. This program currently includes the operation of 30 surface water and rainfall data collection stations. Stations are visited monthly and the data is downloaded, reviewed and processed, and provided to the City. Data is also available on the District's web portal. The stations provide storm event data for major drainage basins. Continuous rainfall records in conjunction with the surface water data are used to design and implement improvements in the stormwater drainage system, which help reduce flooding and improve water quality.



**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

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Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff  
Paul Thorpe, Director, Division of Resource Management  
Kathleen Coates, Deputy Director, Division of Resource Management

FROM: Paul Thurman, Chief, Bureau of Resource Evaluation

DATE: August 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS for Streamflow Monitoring in FY 2024-25

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for continued monitoring at up to seven streamflow monitoring stations and the Spring Creek Spring Group at a cost not to exceed \$132,210 for Fiscal Year 2024-25, subject to legal counsel review.

Discussion:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District (District) has participated in a cooperative water resource investigation program with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the past 48 years. All five water management districts contract with the USGS for data collection services. Of the five districts, the NFWFMD cooperative program continues to have the lowest number of stations and the lowest cost.

The program provides valuable water resource information and enables the District to maintain cooperating agency status with the USGS. This provides the District access to USGS maps, records, reports, computer databases/applications, and training. This agreement provides funding for the USGS to operate and maintain stations on the Apalachicola River, Yellow River, Telogia Creek, Juniper Creek, Lost Creek, Wakulla River, and at the Spring Creek Spring Group. Data collected includes continuous stage, discharge, and rainfall. Data collection along the Wakulla River includes temperature and conductivity (salinity) and at the Spring Creek Spring Group, stage, salinity and temperature are monitored. Data is updated in real-time and available on the USGS website. All data is used for resource monitoring, flood warning, and hydrologic evaluations.

The joint funding agreement includes up to \$132,210 in District funding and \$38,910 in USGS matching funds. Funding for this data collection work was included in the District's FY 2024-25 tentative budget.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: District Inspector General  
Law, Redd, Crona and Munroe, P.A.

DATE: September 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval of the District's Revised Internal Audit Charter for  
Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the District's revised Internal Audit Charter for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

**Background**

The Governing Board is required to annually review and approve the District's Internal Audit Charter and to make any needed changes.

During the latter part of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, Inspector General internal audit reports began referencing and following *Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States when conducting internal audits/performance audits. These Standards are recognized in Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, as one of the two recognized Standards for the conduct of internal audits. The attached Charter includes the above change as well as additional requirements included in Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, the Florida Inspector General Act.

The District Inspector General will continue to follow the Charter as approved into FY 2024-25 and will present revisions to the Board for any significant change to the Standards or Florida law.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT INSPECTOR GENERAL  
INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY CHARTER**

This charter defines and describes the significant areas of responsibility for the District Inspector General in order to demonstrate compliance with Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of employing/contracting for the Northwest Florida Water Management District (District) Inspector General services is to provide independent, objective assurance and advisory services designed to add value and improve the operations of the Northwest Florida Water Management District. Such audit services assist the District in accomplishing its objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the organization's governance, risk management, and control processes. The internal audit activities described in this Charter are enhanced by the audit function adhering to certain ethical principles and independence standards, and by demonstrating professional judgment.

**ROLE:**

The District Inspector General's internal audit activity is established by the Governing Board (Board). The internal audit activity's responsibilities are defined by the Board as part of their oversight role.

**AUTHORITY:**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 373.079(4)(b), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Board must employ an Inspector General who meets the required education and experience qualifications to perform the applicable duties of a state agency inspector general as provided in Section 20.055, Florida Statutes.

The law requires that the District Inspector General's responsibilities include internal audits that are to be conducted in accordance with current *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* as published by the Institute of Internal Auditors, or where appropriate, in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. As authorized by law, the District has adopted the Government Auditing Standards which are referred to in issued audit reports. The District Inspector General has also adopted the General Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General as published and revised by the Association of Inspectors General which are referred to in issued investigation reports.

The internal auditors, with strict accountability for confidentiality and safeguarding records and information, are authorized free and unrestricted access to any and all of the District's records, physical properties, and personnel pertinent to carrying out any engagement. All Board members, employees, contractors, and subcontractors have a duty to cooperate with the internal audit activity in fulfilling its statutory roles and responsibilities. The internal audit activity will also have free and unrestricted access to the Board.

**CODE OF ETHICS:**

The internal auditors have a responsibility to conduct themselves so their good faith, integrity, and objectivity are not open to question. Professional behavior must conform to ethical requirements applicable to professional licenses and memberships in professional associations.

**ORGANIZATION:**

The District Inspector General will report functionally to the Board and administratively (i.e. day-to-day operations) to the Executive Director or their designee.

The Board will approve the internal audit charter and the risk-based internal audit plans annually. The Board will also approve all decisions regarding the performance evaluation, appointment, or removal of the District Inspector General as well as the District Inspector General's annual compensation. The District Inspector General will communicate and interact directly with the Board as appropriate.

**INDEPENDENCE AND OBJECTIVITY:**

The internal audit activity will remain free from all conditions that threaten the ability of internal auditors to carry out their responsibilities in an unbiased manner, including matters of audit selection, scope, procedures, frequency, timing, and report content.

Internal auditors will maintain an unbiased mental attitude that allows them to perform engagements objectively and in such a manner that they believe in their work product, that no quality compromises are made, and that they do not subordinate their judgment on audit matters to others.

Internal auditors will have no direct operational responsibility or authority over any of the activities audited. Accordingly, internal auditors will not implement internal controls, develop procedures, install systems, prepare records, or engage in any other activity that may impair their judgment.

Internal auditors will exhibit the highest level of professional objectivity in gathering, evaluating, and communicating information about the activity or process being examined. Internal auditors will make a balanced assessment of all the relevant circumstances and take necessary precautions to preclude being unduly influenced by their own interests or by others in forming judgments.

The District Inspector General will confirm to the Board, at least annually, the organizational independence of the internal audit activity. The District Inspector General will disclose to the Board any interference and related implications in determining the scope of internal auditing, performing work, and/or communicating results.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

The scope of internal auditing encompasses, but is not limited to, the objective examination and evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's governance, risk management, and control processes as well as the quality of performance in carrying out assigned responsibilities to achieve the organizations stated goals and objectives. This includes:

- Assessing the reliability and integrity of information and the means used to identify, measure, classify, and report such information, including information on performance measures, standards, and to make recommendations for improvement, if any.
- Performing advisory services related to governance, risk management, and control as appropriate for the organization, as well as advising in the development of performance measures, standards, and procedures for evaluation of District programs.
- Evaluating the actions taken by the District to improve program performance and meet program standards and make recommendations for improvement, if any.
- Directing, supervising, coordinating, and performing audits, investigations, and management advisory services relating to the programs and operations of the District,

including investigations specifically relating to section 20.055, Florida Statutes.

- Conducting, supervising, or coordinating and performing other activities carried out or financed by the District for the purpose of promoting economy and efficiency in the administration of, or preventing fraud and abuse in, its programs and operations.
- Keeping the Board and Executive Director informed concerning fraud, abuses, and deficiencies relating to programs and operations administered or financed by the District; recommending corrective action concerning fraud, abuses, and deficiencies; and reporting on progress made in implementing corrective action.
- Ensuring effective coordination and cooperation between the Auditor General, state agency inspectors general, external auditors conducting annual financial and compliance audits including federal and state funds, federal auditors, and other governmental bodies, with a view toward avoiding duplication.
- Reviewing, as appropriate, rules, policies, and procedures relating to the programs and operations of the District and making recommendations regarding their impact.
- Ensuring that an appropriate balance is maintained between audit, investigative, and other accountability activities.
- Evaluating the systems established to ensure compliance with those policies, plans, procedures, laws, and regulations which could have a significant impact on the organization.
- Evaluating District policies, procedures, processes, and controls for ensuring that resources and assets are acquired economically, used efficiently, and protected adequately.
- Evaluating specific operations at the request of the Board or management, as appropriate.
- Reviewing complaints and coordinating all activity of the District as required by the Whistle-blowers Act pursuant to sections 112.3187-112.31895, Florida Statutes.
- Reporting expeditiously to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or other law enforcement agency, as appropriate, whenever the Inspector General has reasonable grounds to believe there has been a violation of criminal law.

#### **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN:**

At least annually, the District Inspector General will submit to the Executive Director or their designee(s) and the Board risk-based long term and annual internal audit plans including a specific cybersecurity audit plan for review and approval. The annual internal audit plan will consist of a work schedule as well as budget and resource requirements for the next fiscal year. The District Inspector General will communicate the impact of resource limitations and significant interim changes to senior management and the Board.

The internal audit plan will be developed based on a prioritization of the audit universe using a risk-based methodology, including input of senior management and the Board. The District Inspector General will review and adjust the plan, as necessary, in response to changes in the organization's business, risks, operations, programs, systems, and controls. Any significant deviation from the approved internal audit plan will be communicated to senior management and the Board through periodic activity reports.

#### **REPORTING AND MONITORING:**

A written report will be prepared and issued by the District Inspector General or their designee following the conclusion of each internal audit engagement. Internal audit reports will be distributed to the Board, District management, and others as provided by law and as considered appropriate.

The internal audit report shall include management's response and corrective action taken or

to be taken in regard to the specific findings and recommendations. Management's response is due within 20 working days from receipt of the auditors findings and recommendations and shall include a timetable for anticipated completion of action to be taken and an explanation for any corrective action that will not be implemented.

The internal audit activity will be responsible for appropriate monitoring and follow-up on engagement findings and recommendations no later than six months after issuance of reports by the Inspector General, Auditor General, and Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. A written follow-up report on the status of corrective actions taken will be provided to the Board and Legislative Auditing Committee. All significant findings will remain in an open issues file until cleared.

**PERIODIC ASSESSMENT:**

The District Inspector General will annually report to the Executive Director or their designee(s) and the Board, no later than September 30 of each year, summarizing the District Inspector General activities during the immediately preceding fiscal year. Reporting will include the District Inspector General's performance relative to its plan, and significant risk exposures and control issues, including fraud risks, governance issues, a summary of each audit and investigation completed during the period, and other matters needed or requested by senior management and the Board.

The District Inspector General will communicate to the Executive Director or their designee(s) and the Board on the internal audit activity's quality assurance and improvement program, including results of ongoing internal assessments and external assessments.

**INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY CHARTER**

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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District Inspector General

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Executive Director

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Chair, Governing Board

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andy Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director

FROM: Jack Furney, Director, Division of Administrative Services

DATE: September 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Request for Release of Fiscal Year 2024-25 State Appropriations and Authorization to Enter into Related Agreements and Amendments

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 943 to request the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to release funds from the State of Florida's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 General Appropriations Act (GAA) to the Northwest Florida Water Management District from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund in an amount up to \$11,132,231 and from the General Revenue Fund in an amount up to \$11,500,000, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements or amendments with DEP for these funds.

**Background**

As is done at the beginning of each new District fiscal year, a Governing Board Resolution requests the release of funds from the DEP that were appropriated in the State of Florida's General Appropriations Act. Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, requires a resolution for funds deemed necessary to defray the costs of the administrative, regulatory, and other activities of the districts, including GAA line items for:

- Environmental Resource Permitting Program,
- Land Management,
- Minimum Flows and Levels,
- General Operations,
- Hurricane and tornado recovery and restoration funding, and
- Lake Talquin Dam management and operation.

Resolution No. 943 requests the release of funds from the DEP that were appropriated in the State of Florida's FY 2024-25 GAA, Section 5 – Natural Resources/Environment/Growth Management/Transportation, under Aid to Local Governments in the Grants and Aids category from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) and General Revenue (GR), as well as funds appropriated in Section 240 for hurricane and tornado recovery and restoration activities, in amounts, up to the following:

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>GAA Amount</b>
1696A	Environmental Resource Permitting Program	LATF	\$1,851,231
1696B	Operations	LATF	\$3,360,000
1696G	Land Management	LATF	\$4,110,000
1696G	Land Management	GR	\$1,000,000
1696G	Lake Talquin Dam	GR	\$500,000
1696H	Minimum Flows and Levels	LATF	\$1,811,000
Section 240	Hurricane and Tornado Recovery and Restoration	GR	\$10,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$22,632,231</b>

The District will invoice DEP to obtain these funds in amounts and a manner agreed to by the Department. This will typically include an agreement, such as a memorandum of understanding or funding agreement, and through a resolution adopted by the Governing Board.

Other funds appropriated in the FY 2024-25 GAA, such as water quality enhancement and accountability, innovative technology, alternative water supply, and springs restoration, will be provided to the Governing Board for approval, as needed, and administered through separate DEP agreements.





# Northwest Florida Water Management District

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*(U.S. Highway 90, 10 miles west of Tallahassee)*

Lyle Seigler  
*Executive Director*

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## RESOLUTION NO. 943

### Request for Monies from the State of Florida Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Appropriations Act and from the Department of Environmental Protection

**WHEREAS**, funds have been appropriated to the Northwest Florida Water Management District in the State of Florida’s Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Appropriations Act (GAA) that went into effect July 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, funds appropriated shall be transferred to the District after review of the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection and upon receipt of a Governing Board resolution requesting such funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the amounts and purposes of the appropriated funds include \$1,851,231 for environmental resource permitting, \$3,360,000 for operations of the District, \$5,110,000 for land management, \$1,811,000 for MFLs, \$10,000,000 for hurricane and tornado recovery and restoration, and \$500,000 for Lake Talquin Dam operations and maintenance activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the District understands that the funds provided are available and will invoice the Department of Environmental Protection to obtain these funds in amounts and a manner agreed to by the Department; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District hereby requests that the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection release the FY 2024-2025 GAA appropriated funds to the District in the amounts and from the revenue sources identified in the GAA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Governing Board is authorized to affix his signature to this resolution on behalf of the Board and attested by its Secretary-Treasurer or Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, A.D.

The Governing Board of the  
**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**ATTEST:**

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George Roberts, Chair

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Nick Patronis, Secretary-Treasurer

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Panama City

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**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff

FROM: Paul Thorpe, Director, Resource Management Division

DATE: August 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Strategic Plan

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 update to the District Strategic Plan and authorize the Executive Director to finalize the plan pending any comments from the public and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

**Discussion**

Section 373.036, Florida Statutes (F.S.), provides the Governing Board the option of developing an annual strategic plan in lieu of a five-year District Water Management Plan. The strategic plan is intended to guide the District's strategic priorities for at least a five-year period and to identify supporting goals, strategies, success indicators, funding sources, deliverables, and milestones.

The District's Strategic Plan was most recently approved in October 2023. The proposed FY 2024-25 update identifies three strategic priorities that further the District's efforts consistent with the FY 2024-25 Budget:

- Watershed Protection and Restoration – Achieving continued progress on regionally significant water quality improvement projects and supporting regional resilience efforts by developing resources, data, and projects to respond to sea level rise and compound flooding.
- Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels – Data collection and modeling in support of technical assessments for two Outstanding Florida Springs (Jackson Blue Spring and the Gainer Spring Group), three second magnitude springs (the Sylvan Spring Group, the Williford Spring Group, and Morrison Spring), the Floridan aquifer in coastal Bay County, and the Shoal River.
- Water Supply – Alternative water supply development, including continued progress on priority reuse projects in Santa Rosa and Bay counties, water supply development assistance for underserved communities, water resource development, water use permitting, and regional water supply planning.

The FY 2024-25 Strategic Plan also incorporates the results of the District's Critical Wetlands analysis, as required by section 373.036(2)(f), F.S.

Section 373.036, F.S., further requires, as an addendum, a separate Annual Work Plan Report on the Strategic Plan's implementation. The annual work plan report is submitted each year with the District's March 1 Consolidated Annual Report.

The Strategic Plan will be made available for public review via the District's website. In addition to this opportunity to review and comment on the plan and participation in Governing Board meetings, the public is also afforded the opportunity to participate in the development of other plans and documents, which are functional components of the Strategic Plan. Examples include regional water supply plans, the Florida Forever Work Plan, MFL technical assessments, District rules, and Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) plans.

The Strategic Plan is not self-executing; specific actions and expenditures are developed for separate consideration and approval. This plan is reviewed and updated annually based on performance measures and results outlined in the annual report, direction from the Governing Board, and input from the public and DEP.

Link: [2024 Strategic Plan](#)

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff  
Danny Layfield, Director Division of Asset Management

FROM: Robert Steele, Sr. Asset Management Administrator

DATE: August 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Report on Properties Reviewed by Land Management Review Teams

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board accept this memo and the available report on the West Region Land Management Plan Reviews as the report on land management review team findings for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**Background**

The District is required by Section 373.591, Florida Statutes to establish Land Management Review Teams that conduct periodic reviews to determine whether conservation, preservation, and recreation lands titled in the name of the District are being managed for the purpose for which they were acquired and in accordance with land management objectives. By October 1 of each year, the District is required to provide the Governing Board a report indicating which properties have been reviewed and the findings of the Land Management Review Teams.

Land Management Review Teams conducted reviews on three District properties in the West Region during Fiscal Year 2023-24.

- Garcon Point WMA conducted on June 19, 2024,
- Blackwater River WMA conducted on June 19, 2024, and
- Yellow River WMA conducted on August 14, 2024.

Land Management Review Teams are currently being assembled to conduct reviews of the two remaining WMAs in the West Region during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-25.

- Perdido River WMA, and
- Escambia River WMA.

Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Land Management Plan Reviews

**West Region**

Garcon Point WMA, Blackwater River WMA,  
Yellow River WMA



Northwest Florida Water Management District  
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August 27, 2024

## **Introduction**

The Northwest Florida Water Management District developed the Land Management Plan for the West Region to formally document established land management objectives that provide the Governing Board and Land Management Review Teams both a means to ascertain whether the District-owned lands are being managed in accordance with sections 373.026, 373.1391, and 373.91, Florida Statutes, and the District's water resources protection mission.

These plans require a periodic on-site review to determine (1) whether the lands are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and (2) whether they are being managed in accordance with their land management plan. A statutorily constructed review team "shall evaluate the extent to which the existing management plan provides sufficient protection to threatened or endangered species, unique or important natural or physical features, geological or hydrological functions or archaeological features." The review shall also evaluate the extent to which the land is being managed for the purposes for which it was acquired and the degree to which actual management practices, including public access, are in compliance with the adopted management plan.

The land management review teams are coordinated by the District and consist of representatives from the Florida Forest Service (FFS-FDACS), the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the local government in which the property is located, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) District in which the parcel is located, the local soil and water conservation district, a conservation organization member, a local private land manager, and District representation.

Each Land Management Review Report provides the following:

- Details of the property being reviewed
- Review Team Attendees
- Property Map
- Overview of the Land Management Review Results
- Comment Compilation

# **West Region**

Garcon Point WMA

Land Management Plan Review

**Name of Site:** Garcon Point

**County:** Santa Rosa

**Managed by:** Northwest Florida Water Management District

**Acres:** 3,245

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** To protect water resources, natural habitat and provide public access.

**Acquisition Program(s):** Donation/Save Our Rivers/Preservation 2000

**Original Acquisition Date:** 1991

**Area Reviewed:** Entire Property

**Last Management Plan Approval Date:** September 2020

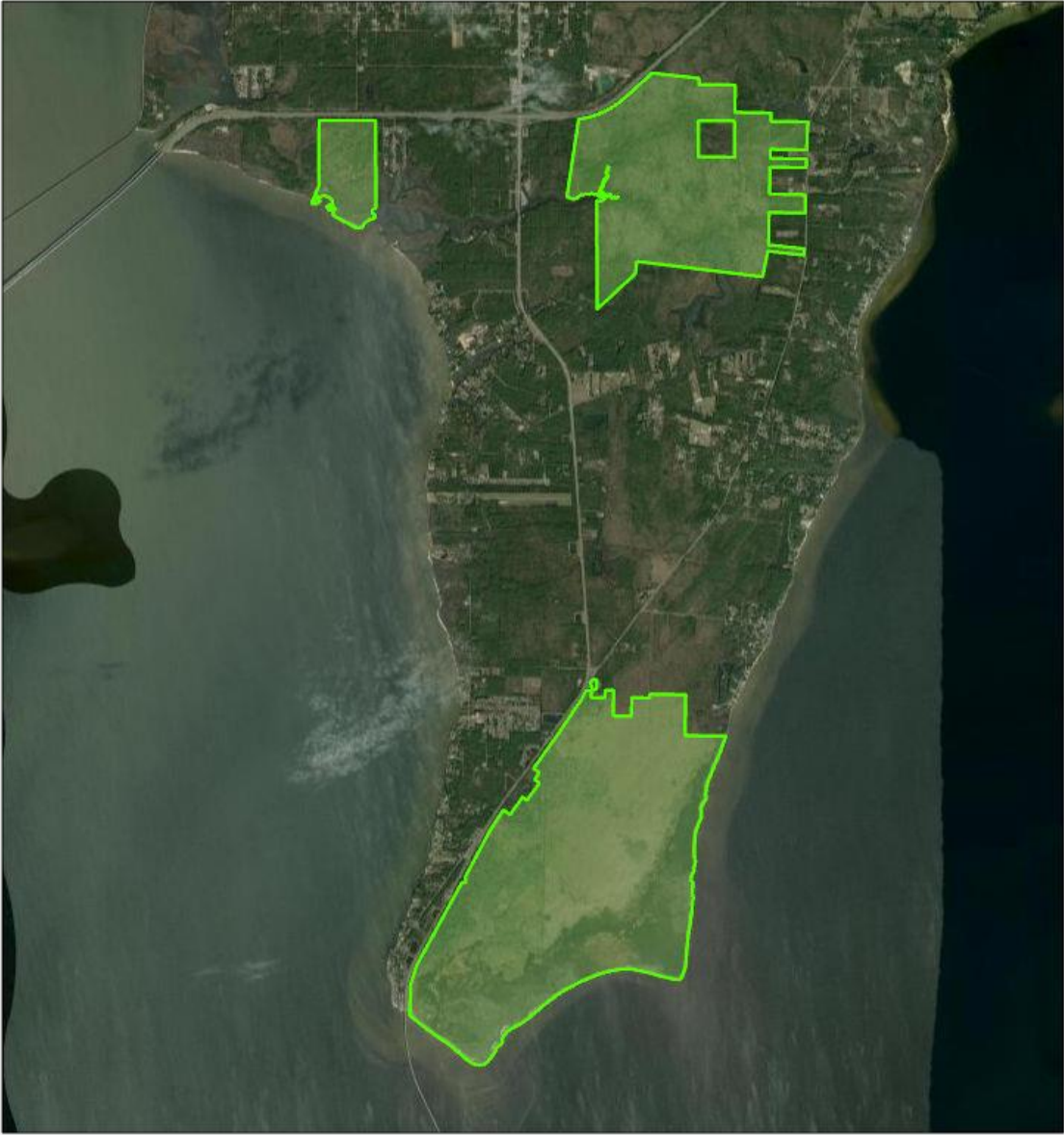
**Review Date:** June 19, 2024

**Field Review Attendees:**

- Steve Brown, citizen of Santa Rosa County
- Robert Lide, NFWMD
- Ken Oser, Oser Forestry Services
- Levi Blackmon, Santa Rosa County Soil and Water Conservation
- Kim Chase, FWC
- Trinity Livingston, FWC
- Aimee Wolters, DEP
- Vernon Compton, Longleaf Alliance
- Eric Howell, FFS-FDACS

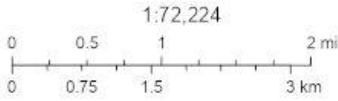


# Garcon Point



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- District Lands
-  District Owned Lands



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State of Florida, Earthstar Geographics | Esri, HERE, Garmin |

## **Overview of Land Management Review Results**

Is the property being managed in a manner that is compatible with conservation and recreation?

*Yes=8, No=0*

- great use of low-impact, primitive recreational use. They are very compatible with no negative impact on the existing habitat.
- The NFWFMD does an excellent job of providing access and recreation that also protects the natural resource values on Garcon Point.
- Great job in a very fragmented urban community.
- With the potential exclusion of Rx fire the management objective will be very difficult to impossible to meet.

Does the current management plan provide sufficient protection to the properties natural and cultural resources?

*Yes=8, No=0*

- Just concerned with the future and the challenges you face with public perception of fire.
- Appropriate measures to protect resources, but it will be imperative if contractors are used for any restoration/management purpose that adequate protection measures are both in the contract and are monitored and enforced during any contractual work
- More fire frequency would be beneficial to Clark and Avalon tracts.

Are the actual management practices in compliance with the current land management plan?

*Yes=8, No=0*

- Keep up the good work!
- Garcon Point has an outstanding history of NFWFMD leadership with use of the most important management/restoration tool, prescribed fire. As complexities continue to increase, it will become even more important to work together so this area that has been managed so well by the NFWFMD will be able to continue to maintain ecosystem health and resilience. The Clark Track is one of the most challenging fire management areas in the landscape and returning it to a regular fire interval will not be easy, but the NFWFMD has a great record of collaboration with partners that will become more and more important with these types of management areas.
- With current management there are some potential future risks to keep plan on track.

**Garcon Point WMA  
Land Management Plan Review  
Individual Team Member Comments**

***Goal 1 – Water Resource Protection***

Floodplain/Wetland Protection:

- These areas appear to be as pristine and natural as environmental and social conditions allow. No issues seen with water quality and/or wetland conditions. Would like to see the district more aggressive in land acquisition of adjacent parcels before they get developed. The Trust for Public Land may be an option to assist with acquisition. They were vital in the acquisition of several thousand acres on the Blackwater River State Forest.
- The GPWMA parcels are situated ideally in order to protect critical wetland recharge areas AND help limit the rapid development occurring now in SRC. I would love to see the District acquire additional lands (especially in the Avalon tract area) for further protection
- Great job of water resource protection through both management and public access management by NFWFMD staff. With very sensitive soils, changes to the hydrology by vehicle compaction can occur easily. Public access through trails and on foot as you have directed provides the best means on this sensitive natural resource area.
- With so much being developed and sold around these parcels, they all are acting as an invaluable protection to water resources
- Meets objectives.
- Hydrologic conditions are appropriate.
- The areas toured are large enough to support healthy groundwater recharge and hydrological sheet flow is considered when making management decisions using heavy equipment. Floodplains retain their natural integrity. This supports good water quality entering blackwater and Escambia bays.

***Goal 2 – Public Use***

Recreation/Access Management:

- Recreation opportunities are well managed. Extremely limited use of vehicles on these lands vital to protection of ecosystem and water quality. Good use of hiking trails and there is room for more trails if there is public interest. Wildlife Management area that only allows primitive, short range weapons also a good decision.
- The GPWMA is a great place to provide both recreation and educational opportunities to the public. It is important to continue to manage for "low-impact" use. Hiking trails are a great use for these parcels. It is also important to maintain your informational kiosks to help educate the users. Emphasis should definitely be on the importance of fire management for these particular ecological communities.

- Parking areas, kiosks, and trails are excellent and public information is provided per trail descriptions and maps. Great job!
- Garcon and Avalon tract had nice, ample parking. It is very good that you are adding to the Clark tract, seeing how it is off a fairly busy road, this is definitely needed.
- Could use touch up on fence for parking area at North Garcon Pt.
- Public access (trails, restroom facilities, kiosks) is adequate.
- Parking areas and signage are in good condition. Directional signage is clear. Website is up to date with current photos and information.
- As funding becomes available, look at restrooms at trailheads along with fire resistant benches.

### ***Goal 3 – Resource Management***

#### Forest Management:

- Overall, land has vertically diverse forest and excellent ground cover. Reforestation efforts on Clark Tract matched the proper species with the right soil conditions. As mentioned, commercial harvest potential is extremely limited and would not bring much income. 2 of the 3 tracts are outside of burn rotation, but the staff are aware and have full intentions of burning all of the managed land.
- The GPWMA primarily consists of fire-dependent ecosystems. Frequent Rx burning is vital to the continued health and survival of these ecological communities. Without it, they are doomed, and will eventually convert to dense, fire-hazard, costal thickets with the loss of most/all of their unique, endangered characteristics and species (plant and animal). It is one of the few remaining "healthy" wet prairies in the state. Urbanization here has limited your ability to continue to apply the proper and necessary management needed for these parcels.
- Forests are maintained with the use of prescribed fire which, as a result, keeps Garcon Point more open for the natural communities present. The NFWFMD has a long history of outstanding management with prescribed fire and continuing that effort, although more complex and difficult each year, will be important to maintaining both natural community health and hydrologic function. Outstanding plan element on prescribed fire and highlighting the significance of a regular fire return interval of approximately 3 years.
- Clark and Avalon tracts need more fire, mechanical treatments, and possibly some thinning to better achieve appropriate native tree, and ground cover species.
- Hydric soils pose restrictions to complete future timber operations on much of the land,; however, with the current Rx fire operations thermal thinning is helping.
- Site is managed appropriately. Difficulty in burning site is acknowledged, although more frequent fire would benefit vegetation communities.
- Forested areas displayed historic multi generational native species. Healthy mosaic of natural communities within. Some concern that compounding challenges of WUI, weather, and public/political perception will impact preferred burn cycles in the future and impact natural communities supporting imperiled species. Outreach and mitigation efforts are strong to support Rx program continuing.

- Consider lower planting densities for future plantings.

#### Reforestation and Groundcover Restoration:

- Ground cover appears to be in great shape overall. Prescribed fire is the #1 tool needed to maintain proper groundcover and prevent degradation. The hardest issue will be dealing with public fears and misconceptions regarding fire. No need to re-establish ground cover that I could see.
- Again, fire would be the best treatment to ensure a healthy, thriving, groundcover here. Mowing is not a good alternative for a number of reasons (rutting, damage to hydric soil structure, expensive, time-consuming, etc.). Unfortunately, it may be one of your only, remaining alternatives.
- The NFWFMD fire program is core to success with this objective. A very healthy groundcover is present as a result of both your fire program and dedicated staff.
- I think that Garcon tract is achieving this goal, however, more work can be done at both Avalon and Clark tracts (see above comment).
- Continued Rx fire management will assist with this objective, but reduction of Rx fire operations will inhibit the hydrology with heavy equipment.
- More frequent fire would benefit groundcover.
- Ground cover appeared to be healthy and not degraded. Active wire grass donor site supports restoration efforts.

#### Protection of Threatened and Endangered Species:

- The district staff seem to have good knowledge of endangered species on their lands and how to manage them. They also have a good working relationship with FWC and other GCPEP partners for assistance if needed
- You have a great presence of T&E species there now. Please keep it up.
- Because of your focus on prescribed fire use, habitat on Garcon Point is maintained for threatened and endangered species. With isolated wetlands in the Garcon Point system that historically were home to the endangered reticulated flatwoods salamander, opportunities exist for even more collaboration to help with the recovery of this species.
- FWC and other partners survey for endangered species annually. If any are found, BMPs are recommended.
- Rx fire helps facilitate the habitat required for many T& E species.
- T&E BMPs appropriate.
- Staff expressed consideration of species in management planning. Staff also work with universities for a variety of environmental studies.

#### Control of Invasive and Non-Native Plants and Animals:

- The staff have a very good knowledge of invasives on their lands and have a very specific management strategy on dealing with them. I did note the presence of callery pear at one site and pointed it out to them.
- Keep treating invasives along the roads and parameters where they primarily occur.

- Thanks to your staff for a continued focus on invasive species eradication. Chinese tallow tree is becoming more and more a problem with wet natural communities such as Garcon Point. It will be important to continue the efforts of regular monitoring so any infestations can be caught early and treated.
- Nice job on all areas with this, especially those where frequent fire is not really a viable option.
- Rx fire helps facilitate the habitat required for many T& E species.
- Exotics and invasives managed to the extent practicable given available resources.
- Invasive plants are managed well in this site. No major infestations were present during the visit.

# **West Region**

Blackwater River WMA

Land Management Plan Review

**Name of Site:** Blackwater River WMA

**County:** Santa Rosa

**Managed by:** Northwest Florida Water Management District

**Acres:** 380.5

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** To protect water resources, natural habitat and provide public access.

**Acquisition Program(s):** Donation/Preservation 2000/DOT Mitigation

**Original Acquisition Date:** 1986

**Area Reviewed:** Entire Property

**Last Management Plan Approval Date:** September 2020

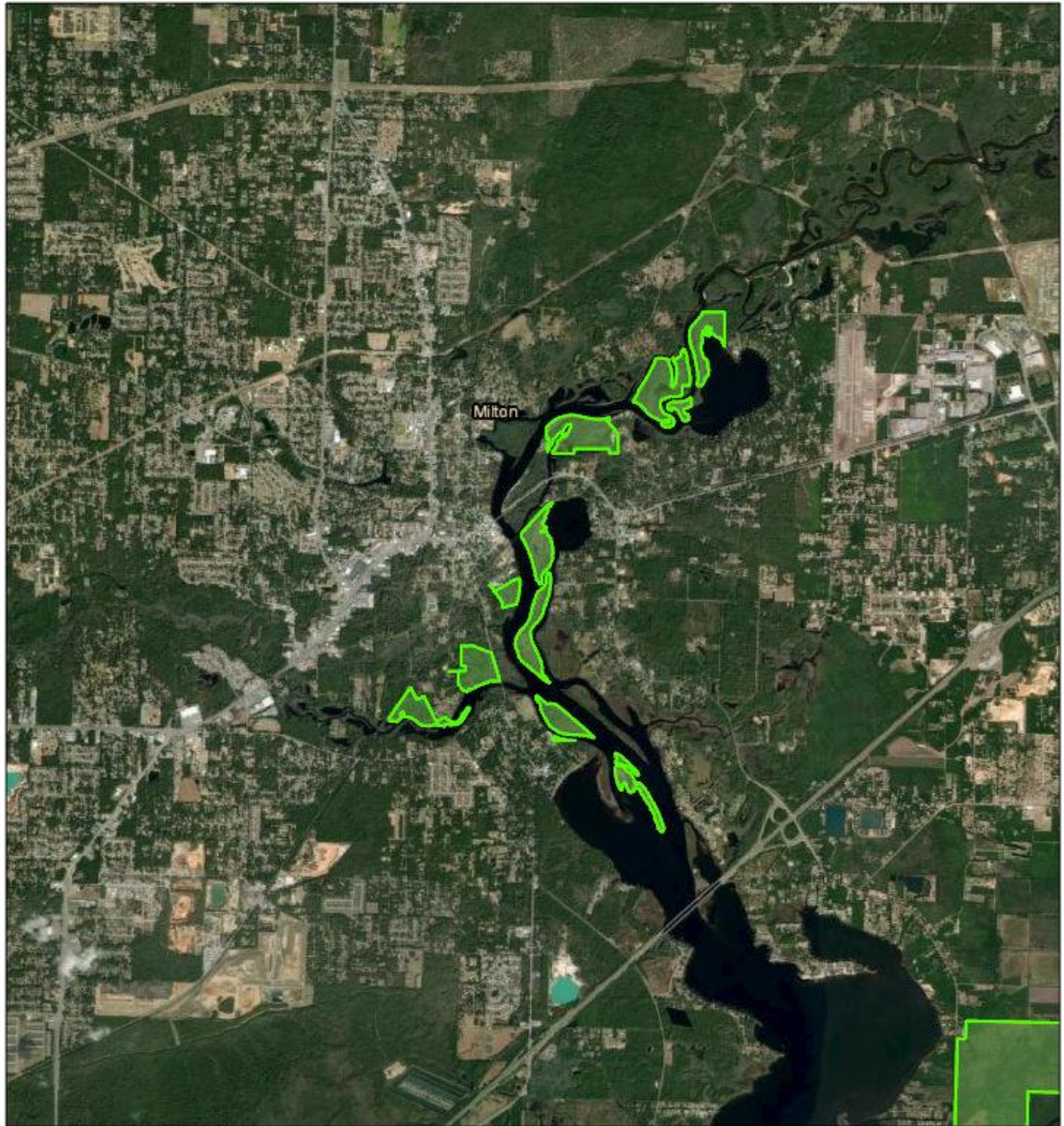
**Review Date:** June 19, 2024

**Field Review Attendees:**

- Steve Brown, citizen of Santa Rosa County
- Robert Lide, NFWMD
- Ken Oser, Oser Forestry Services
- Levi Blackmon, Santa Rosa County Soil and Water Conservation
- Kim Chase, FWC
- Trinity Livingston, FWC
- Aimee Wolters, DEP
- Vernon Compton, Longleaf Alliance
- Eric Howell, FFS-FDACS




# Blackwater River WMA




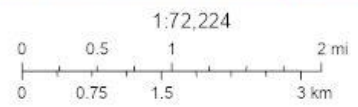
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## **Overview of Land Management Review Results**

Is the property being managed in a manner that is compatible with conservation and recreation?

*Yes=8, No=0*

- Very good.
- Absolutely.

Does the current management plan provide sufficient protection to the properties natural and cultural resources?

*Yes=8, No=0*

- Would love to see additional acquisitions in this area.
- I would try and incorporate fire with drones for some of these parcels.

Are the actual management practices in compliance with the current land management plan?

*Yes=8, No=0*

- Job well done!
- Challenge in some parts of the BRWMA will be increasing and faster boat traffic resulting in more shoreline negative impacts. Your leadership and guidance will be important in setting examples to others with use of natural and native vegetation/living shoreline solutions.

**Blackwater River WMA  
Land Management Plan Review  
Individual Team Member Comments**

***Goal 1 – Water Resource Protection***

Floodplain/Wetland Protection:

- These lands have been left in a natural state which is optimal for maintaining good water quality and protection of floodplains and water bodies.
- Good protection of existing shorelines and riverbank.
- The Blackwater River WMA plays an important role in protecting water quality and habitat in the watershed. Keeping the area's natural and removing invasives is managed well by your staff.
- All parcels provide a protection to water resources.
- Land acquisition has secured this objective, as long as monitoring is continued.
- Appropriate management.
- All areas are of natural integrity and left to their natural processes as historically accurate. Recreational areas have little impact to the water quality resource and compatible with flooding events.

***Goal 2 – Public Use***

Recreation/Access Management:

- Most areas are inaccessible without a boat. The district staff does make the best of the limited access by implementing a hiking trail and two water access points. Collaboration with the local municipalities is an excellent decision.
- Great use of trails and craft launch area (low-impact and educational).
- Your collaboration with the City of Milton for the park system and public use areas along the Blackwater River is exemplary.
- Between the public (county) boating access points and the ones you provide in the north and south end of this parcel allows ample opportunities.
- The support utilized with County and City municipality is a great benefit.
- Appropriate management.
- All recreational areas have clear and current signage. Parking and picnic areas are in good condition. Website information and photos are current and accurate.

***Goal 3 – Resource Management***

Forest Management:

- Forest management is extremely limited on this WMA with no opportunity for silvicultural management and almost no opportunity for burning. Protection of land and water quality is what is needed for management.
- Minimal treatments needed here.
- Maintaining the floodplain forests and Blackwater River riparian zone has so many conservation benefits. Largest challenge moving forward in some heavily used boating areas will be bank erosion, and helping to ensure that natural solutions/living shorelines are used along the river and not hard structures. In those areas showing erosion signs due to increased boat traffic, plantings of native trees/shrubs/grasses may become increasingly necessary.
- Between all the parcels, I think that a diverse forest and protection of resources is achieved. Some of the basins might actually benefit from incorporating a burn cycle.
- Appropriate management.
- Natural communities are in good health with minimal invasive infestations. Multi-generational native trees present as well as protected mature old growth. It appears little management is required outside invasive species work.

#### Reforestation and Groundcover Restoration:

- The best measures to maintain ground cover are to keep invasives managed and keep foot and vehicular access to a minimum. The staff are very active with control of invasive species.
- Again, minimal treatments needed.
- Appeared that being so close to water that native species tended to thrive.
- Appropriate management.
- This area does not appear to require re-establishment and minimal activity is needed as per LMP for the west region.

#### Protection of Threatened and Endangered Species:

- The district staff are aware of the presence of listed species on Blackwater WMA and know how to manage them. They also have a good working relationship with FWC.
- Protect the existing T&E species you have here.
- Species seemed protected and BMPs followed.
- FNAI is a broad source that does not necessarily represent site specific species, but instead habitat.
- Appropriate management.
- This management area is largely undeveloped for adequate protection of listed species living outside of public access areas. Staff expressed consideration of species in management planning.

#### Control of Invasive and Non-Native Plants and Animals:

- There does seem to be a higher density of invasives on this WMA, primarily due to its proximity to highly disturbed lands. The staff are fully aware of invasives on the land and have a strategy to eradicate them.
- Keep hitting the invasives as you are. Very clear that staff has a good hand on this and make it a priority.
- Due to proximity to urban areas, some of the Blackwater WMA will likely see increasing threats from invasive species such as Chinese tallow tree, Chinese privet, and Japanese climbing fern. Your staff does an excellent job of monitoring and treating such species.
- I really liked the idea that being so close to water you are utilizing minimal chemical and are thinking of alternative ways to treat the invasives.
- Utilize GIS device to manage/monitor active and inactive sites.
- Appropriate management.
- Invasive plants are kept under control and in maintenance despite adjacent infestations.

**West Region**  
Yellow River WMA  
Land Management Plan Review

**Name of Site:** Yellow River WMA

**County:** Santa Rosa/Okaloosa

**Managed by:** Northwest Florida Water Management District

**Acres:** 16,552.83

**Purpose(s) for Acquisition:** To protect water resources, natural habitat and provide public access.

**Acquisition Program(s):** Donation/Preservation 2000/Save Our Rivers/Florida Forever/DOT Mitigation/Land Acquisition Reserve

**Original Acquisition Date:** 1992

**Area Reviewed:** Entire Property

**Last Management Plan Approval Date:** September 2020

**Review Date:** August 14, 2024

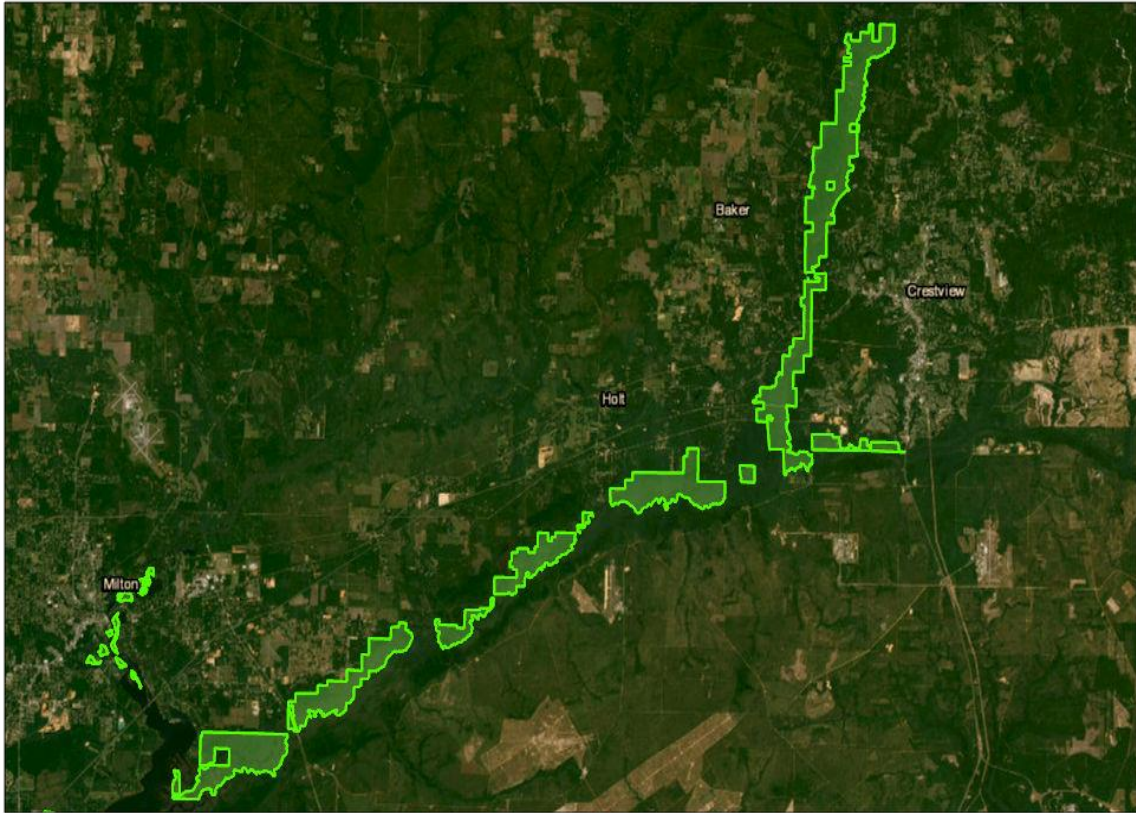
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- Marshall Shaw, DEP
- Randy Allen, citizen of Santa Rosa County
- Levi Blackmon, Santa Rosa County Soil and Water Conservation
- Kim Chase, FWC
- Barbara Almario, FWC
- Aimee Wolters, DEP
- Vernon Compton, Longleaf Alliance
- Eric Howell, FFS-FDACS

**Field Review invitees that did not attend:**

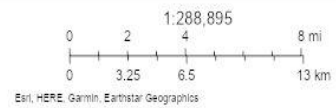
- Ken Oser, Oser Forestry Services
- Gary Bowden, Yellow River Soil and Water Association

# Yellow River



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## **Overview of Land Management Review Results**

Is the property being managed in a manner that is compatible with conservation and recreation?

*Yes=7, No=0*

- The current management practices are well aligned with conservation goals and recreational use, ensuring a balanced approach.
- Excellent job by the staff to manage for both conservation and recreation in a compatible manner.
- Great job in a very fragmented urban community.

Does the current management plan provide sufficient protection to the properties natural and cultural resources?

*Yes=7, No=0*

- The management plan is comprehensive, providing adequate protection for both natural and cultural resources.
- The staff work hard to ensure protection of natural and cultural resources. With the growth occurring in Northwest Florida, this will become increasingly challenging, especially related to public access and use.
- Mechanical treatments could benefit areas where it is difficult to keep an adequate fire rotation interval.

Are the actual management practices in compliance with the current land management plan?

*Yes=7, No=0*

- The management practices observed are in full compliance with the established land management plan.
- All aspects of the management plan are well known by staff and it is obvious they work to ensure management practices stay in alignment with the plan.

**Yellow River WMA**  
**Land Management Plan Review**  
**Individual Team Member Comments**

***Goal 1 – Water Resource Protection***

Floodplain/Wetland Protection:

- The water resource protection measures are well implemented, ensuring preservation and enhancement of water quality, conservation, and natural values.
- protecting water quality and hydrology. The only issue noted was the vehicular access to the old riverbed at Reedy Landing. Recommend blocking vehicular access at the end of the road.
- Management of the Yellow River WMA by the NFWMD provides outstanding floodplain/wetland protection through road and recreational areas management, public access management, and control of invasive species.
- The protection of almost 15,000 acres of lowland hardwood forest has benefited water quality through increased nutrient cycling, sediment filtering, and bank stabilization. Furthermore, keeping this land in conservation protects it from agricultural and commercial conversion. Being able to identify and purchase key parcels to further protect the ecosystem is vital to the future of the Area's watershed.
- Water resource protection has proven to be most valuable catalyst that is offered by NFWMD. With 61,000 acres and three employees work being done is exemplary.
- With so much being developed and sold around this WMA, it is acting as an invaluable protection to water resources.
- Sites facilitate wetlands and floodplain protection with minimal development and impact to resource. Floodplain functions with minimal impact to sites.

***Goal 2 – Public Use***

Recreation/Access Management

- The opportunities for public recreation are well managed, meeting the needs of the community while preserving the natural environment.
- Access is well managed and parking areas and roads are well kept up.
- Public access is provided in a way that also protects the natural resources in the WMA, mainly through providing adequate and controlled road access and parking areas.
- The parking areas were well maintained and clean. The interactive recreation map on the website is informative and easy to use.

- All areas are easily accessible and well-marked. NFWWMD is working well with collaborators to ensure clean primitive areas.
- All stops had nice, ample parking. No port-o-lets were provided, and signage was kept clean.
- Roads improved and well maintained for public use access. Website updates mentioned for reedy landing site oxbow. Staff keep maintained of litter.

### ***Goal 3 – Resource Management***

#### Forest Management

- Resource management strategies effectively protect the natural, archaeological, and historical resources on District lands.
- Most upland acreage is in pine plantations, but the district is on the right track to convert to uneven aged longleaf forests. Overall, good species diversity on these sites, especially where it has been burned. I recommend talking to as many timber buyers as possible to see what options are for harvesting. Florida Forest Service can provide contacts to different timber companies. Some acres are behind on burning, but the local staff have plans in place to restore fire. Areas that are currently within burn rotation look good.
- Resource management emphasizes protection of floodplain and native forests and managing those systems to keep them in a healthy and resilient condition. I commend the NFWWMD for their efforts associated with prescribed fire and invasive species control, both critical to keeping healthy natural communities and protecting water resources. An additional commendation is for their support of and collaboration with partners in the Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem Partnership (GCPEP). Working together in the way the NFWWMD does allows for more effective and efficient use of limited resources.
- Most of the areas were planted 20-25 years ago and are still in even-age stands, but plans are in place for a thinning in a few years. Prescribed fire has been applied to the area, some places more than others. Given the WUI issues, optimal fire intervals may be difficult to maintain.
- NFWWMD seems to have several challenges with timber management, especially along the fragmented tracts (less than 40 acres). With the current management plan, I do believe there will be restrictions to meet future resource objectives with timber operations. There are several tracts that are in the same age class of timber(pulpwood) that will need attention in the next 3-4 years. Without incentives for logging crews this will be a great challenge.
- Holt Tract and Deadfall Creek stops were well managed. Old River Road parcel needs more fire and possibly some thinning to better achieve appropriate native tree, and ground cover species. If these practices are currently unfeasible, then an alternative could be some mechanical treatments.

- Upland sites with timber are still young. Staff working out thinning options for resource improvement. All but one site being burned in rotation. Staff expressed plan to burn at old river site to overcome challenges.

#### Reforestation and Groundcover Restoration

- The efforts to reduce degradation of existing native groundcover are commendable. Observations indicate that the grass, herbaceous, and shrub layers are being well-monitored, with a clear strategy in place for maintaining and restoring native species. The re-establishment of native groundcover is progressing as planned, contributing to the overall ecological health and resilience of the area.
- Rx fire is the best practice to preserve or enhance quality ground cover. Condition Class 2 areas should easily be restored provided that the burn does not kill the pine overstory. Also, recommend using hexazinone to control upland hardwood encroachment where needed.
- The NFWFMD accomplished this objective through an active prescribed fire and invasive species control program. Without the use of either of these important management and restoration tools, groundcover would suffer.
- Currently, groundcover seems to be managed through prescribed fire.
- Rx Fire program is being implemented and goals are being reached. New Skid Steer also is assisting in some mitigation.
- Holt tract and Deadfall Creek are achieving this goal, however, more work can be done at the other stops visited.
- Holt tract burned in March showed grass and herbaceous growth. Good consumption of hardwood species and healthy mosaic of ground cover species. Deadfall creek in progress of fire restoration. Staff managing challenges of west side to accomplish Rx fire.

#### Threatened and Endangered Species

- The management practices for the protection of threatened and endangered species are thorough and align with the District's objectives, ensuring species conservation.
- The local crew is very knowledgeable and does a god job identifying and showing locations of endangered spp. I do not recall the use of a GIS database being utilized to record such occurrences. Also, the staff have a great working relationship with FWC and other agencies, so coordination in preparation for silvicultural work should not be an issue.
- Gopher tortoise populations exist and are increasing on WMD lands due to the use of appropriate management tools such as prescribed fire. Burrow locations are identified by NFWFMD staff and with any contractual work are flagged for protection.
- Restricting vehicular access to tracts through "Enhancement Areas" protects listed and rare species and their habitats.
- A few species were mentioned that meet the species of special concern and threatened list. Great working relationship with FWC to protect and monitor these species.

- FWC and other partners survey for endangered species annually. If any are found, BMPs are recommended.
- Staff presented examples of threatened species on Holt tract and Deadfall Creek sites. Management practices in consideration of present species known at sites.

#### Control of Invasive and non-native species

- Invasive species management is conducted diligently, with appropriate methods in place to control and eliminate non-native species.
- The staff seem to be very active with controlling invasives in their lands. Continuing the work they are doing should keep invasives controlled.
- Outstanding efforts by staff to control invasive species such as cogon grass, Chinese tallow tree, and Japanese climbing fern. Hogs are becoming an increasing environmental problem in NW Florida and negative impacts are increasing to both wetland and terrestrial habitats. Staff recognize all threats to natural communities and are working to address them. Staff also work closely with GCPEP staff to secure additional support addressing invasive species. Such efforts help to ensure a decrease in the spread of harmful species across the landscape.
- Area staff have active early detection/rapid response protocols in place for invasive species.
- Ideal situation would be to obtain a GPS device to geo-reference all treated sites. With 3 people and 61,000 acres treat as we see may become a limitation to future goals.
- Nice job, especially those where frequent fire is not really a viable option.
- Sites visited were in management of Invasive species. Very little was seen on the tour.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff  
Danny Layfield, Director, Division of Asset Management

FROM: Benjamin Faure, Chief, Bureau of Land Management Operations

DATE: September 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Two Grant Agreements for Prescribed Burning and Habitat Enhancement Efforts on District lands

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to: 1) Enter into a reimbursable grant agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service in an amount up to \$325,000 to support contractual prescribed burning services on District Lands, and 2) Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a reimbursable grant agreement with the National Wild Turkey Federation in an amount up to \$60,000 to support prescribed burning and sand pine eradication efforts to improve turkey habitat on the Choctawhatchee River and Econfina Creek Water Management Areas, both being subject to Fiscal Year 2024-2025 final budget approval and legal counsel review.

**Background**

Since 2016, the Florida Legislature has allocated funding through the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service Prescribed Fire Enhancement Program (PFEP). The primary goals of the PFEP program are focused on the enhancement and implementation of prescribed burning on public conservation lands throughout Florida to reduce the threat of wildfires, while also increasing forest and ecosystem health. The District has recently applied for and was awarded up to \$325,000 to support contractual prescribed burning services on District lands, subject to Governing Board approval.

The National Wild Turkey Federation provides grant funding assistance through the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission to support wildlife habitat conservation and enhancement projects throughout Florida. Upon approval from the Governing Board, this will allow the District to receive a grant donation of up to \$60,000 towards contract prescribed burning of 1,035 acres in the Choctawhatchee River WMA and the eradication of 285 acres of sand pine within the Econfina Creek Water Management Area. Both of these projects will provide significant habitat improvement for the wild turkey.

The District's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget has funding allocated to support these reimbursement programs. Together, these two grant/donation programs will provide a total of \$385,000 in support of the District's resource restoration efforts.

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR REGULATORY MATTERS  
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District Headquarters  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, Florida 32333  
10 Miles West of Tallahassee  
U.S. Highway 90

Thursday  
September 12, 2024  
4:05 p.m., ET

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PART I

• WATER USE PERMITS

A. New Permit

A-1 Applicant: North Florida Rock Mine  
App. No.: 2B-063-313741-1  
Use: Dewatering, Industrial

Authorization Statement: This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make a combined average annual withdrawal of 200 gallons per day (6,200 gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for industrial use and a combined average annual withdrawal of 1.896 million gallons per day (58.776 million gallons per month maximum) of surface water from onsite ponds for dewatering use.

Duration Recommended: 20 years  
Staff Recommendation Approval  
Public Comment Received: No

B. Permit Renewal

B-1 Applicant: Florida Power and Light - Plant Sholz  
App. No.: 2B-063-3012-7  
Use: Industrial



Authorization Statement: This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 0.76 million gallons per day (24.1 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for industrial use. The Permit also authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 129.6 million gallons per day (4.119 million gallons per month maximum) of surface water from the Apalachicola River for industrial use.

Duration Recommended: 5 Years  
Staff Recommendation Approval  
Public Comment Received: No

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT  
13-Aug-2024  
Application No.: 2B-063-313741-1

**Owner:** Cory Danner  
North Florida Rock  
5160 Vermont Road  
Marianna, FL 32448  
(817) 635-8569

**Applicant:** Cory Danner  
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**Agent:** Ann M Amicarelle  
Icarus Ecological Services  
7437 W. Hwy 388  
Panama City Beach, FL 32413  
(850) 814-5021

**Compliance Contact:** Zach Gibby  
North Florida Rock  
5160 Vermont Road  
Marianna, FL 32448  
(850) 374-9530

**Project Name:** North Florida Rock Mine  
**County:** Jackson  
**WRCA:** N/A  
**ARC:** N/A  
**Objectors:** No

**Authorization Statement:**

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**Recommendation:** Approval

**Reviewers:** Skyler Johnson; Cindy Fischler; Scott White; Dylan Cook

**RECOMMENDED PERMIT DURATION AND COMPLIANCE REPORTING:**

Staff recommends the permit expiration date be October 1, 2044. The Permittee is required to submit and comply with all information and data pursuant to the conditions set forth in the permit.

**WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION:**

<b>Floridan Aquifer Water Use</b>	<b>Permitted</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Average Day (GPD)	N/A	170	200
Maximum Month (GAL)	N/A	5,270	6,200

<b>Surface Water Use</b>	<b>Permitted</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Average Day (GPD)	N/A	1,896,00	1,896,00
Maximum Month (GAL)	N/A	58,776,000	58,776,000

**DESCRIPTION:**

Cory Danner with North Florida Rock, LLC requests approval of Individual Water Use Permit (IWUP) No. 2B-063-313741-1 for the authorization of groundwater withdrawals from the Floridan aquifer for industrial use and surface water withdrawals from onsite ponds for dewatering use.

The North Florida Rock Mine is located at 5160 Vermont Road, in Marianna, Jackson County, Florida. The mine is currently an operational limestone mine that has been in existence for approximately forty years. Limestone is being mined on site in multiple ten acre sections. As mining occurs and areas within the pit collect seeped groundwater and storm water, water will be diverted through ditches to storage areas where the water will be pumped into settling ponds before it makes its way to an outfall. Water is also used during periods of drought for dust control on internal roads and for industrial use.

The applicant's calculations for dewatering and industrial use are reasonable and adequate to meet the needs onsite. Dewatering removes only the water seeped into the onsite ponds during mining use, and the applicant calculated a radius of influence for the dewatering which does not extend offsite. Staff recommends approval of the requested annual average daily and maximum monthly amounts. These withdrawals are not anticipated to interfere with existing legal uses.

**PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:**

Section 373.223, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and section 40A-2.301, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), require an applicant to establish that the proposed use of water:

- (a) Is a reasonable-beneficial use;
- (b) Will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water; and,
- (c) Is consistent with the public interest.

In addition, the above requirements are detailed further in the District’s Water Use Permit Applicant’s Handbook. District staff have reviewed the water use permit application pursuant to the above-described requirements and have determined that the application meets the conditions for issuance of this permit.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the determination of the staff that the water use amounts recommended, as conditioned, are reasonable-beneficial, consistent with the public’s interest, and will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water. This determination has been made according to provisions of Chapter 373, F.S., and Chapter 40A-2, F.A.C.

Staff recommends that the applicant be granted an Individual Water Use Permit for a combined annual average withdrawal of 200 gallons per day (6,200 gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for industrial use and a combined annual average withdrawal of 1.896 million gallons per day (58.776 million gallons per month maximum) of surface water from onsite ponds for dewatering use. Staff also recommends that the expiration date of the permit be October 1, 2044, and that the permit be conditioned as per the "Conditions for Issuance" included in Exhibit A of the permit document.

**FACILITY INFORMATION:**

**Site Name:** North Florida Rock Mine

Well Details								
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
327558	GW1	6	Unknown	Unknown	118	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Industrial

Pump Details						
District ID	Station Name	Pump Intake Diameter (inches)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
327553	West Pit - Pump 2	8	1500	North Florida Rock Mine	Active	Dewatering
327554	East Pit - Pump 1	12	3000	North Florida Rock Mine	Active	Dewatering
327555	West Pit - Pump 1	6	1500	North Florida Rock Mine	Active	Dewatering
327556	West Pit - Pump 3	8	1500	North Florida Rock Mine	Active	Dewatering
327557	East Pit - Pump 2	8	1700	North Florida Rock Mine	Active	Dewatering

Staff Gauge Details			
District ID	Station Name	Water Feature Name	Status
331226	SW-1	Wetland	Proposed
331227	SW-2	Wetland	Proposed

Staff Gauge Details			
District ID	Station Name	Water Feature Name	Status
331228	Rainfall-Temperature Monitoring	Wetland	Proposed

Monitoring Well Details						
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Source Name	Status
330883	MW-A	4	27	47	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
330884	MW-B	4	6	26	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
330885	MW-C	4	4	24	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
330886	MW-D	4	7	27	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
330887	MW-E	4	5	25	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
330888	MW-F	4	Unknown	Unknown	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Proposed
330889	MW-G	4	Unknown	Unknown	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Proposed
330890	MW-H	4	Unknown	Unknown	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Proposed
330892	PZ-C-1	2	24	44	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
330893	PZ-C-2	2	44	64	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
330894	PZ-C-3	2	59	79	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
330895	PC-C-4	2	77	97	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active



**PERMIT IS CONDITIONED UPON:**

See conditions on attached "Exhibit A," dated \_\_\_\_\_ .

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Division of Regulatory Services

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**"EXHIBIT A"**  
**CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT NUMBER 2B-063-313741-1**  
**North Florida Rock Mine**  
**DATED \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Specific Conditions**

1. This permit shall expire on October 1, 2044.
2. This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make a combined annual average withdrawal of 200 gallons per day (6,200 gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for industrial use and a combined annual average withdrawal of 1.896 million gallons per day (58.776 million gallons per month maximum) of surface water from onsite ponds for dewatering use. The individual facilities authorized to make these combined withdrawals are shown in the table below in the following condition. The total combined amounts of water withdrawn by all facilities listed shall not exceed the amounts identified above by source.
3. Individual Withdrawal Facility Authorization

Groundwater Facilities:

Facility ID #	FLUWID	Location SEC,TWN,RNG
GW1	To Be Assigned	Sec.19,T3N,R09W

Surface Water Facilities (Onsite Ponds):

Facility ID #	Location SEC,TWN,RNG
East Pit - Pump 1	Sec.19,T3N,R09W
East Pit - Pump 2	Sec.19,T3N,R09W
West Pit- Pump 1	Sec.19,T3N,R09W
West Pit- Pump 2	Sec.19,T3N,R09W
West Pit- Pump 3	Sec.19,T3N,R09W

4. The Permittee shall include the Individual Water Use Permit number, the well’s Florida Unique Identification Number, and the surface water intake name (e.g. East Pump - Pump 1) when submitting reports or otherwise corresponding with the District.
5. The Permittee, by January 31 of each year, shall submit a water use report for the previous calendar year (January – December), even if no water is used. The Permittee shall record the data required including total water usage on Water Use Summary Reporting Form (Form 172). Also, the Permittee shall record the meter readings on January 1 and December 31. The Permittee, prior to the installation of flow meter(s) on all surface water intakes shall record the water usage based on pump run time or other approved methods. The Permittee, if preferred, may submit the report electronically by downloading the correct form from the District website, filling it out properly, and e-mailing it to [compliance@nfwwater.com](mailto:compliance@nfwwater.com). The next report is due by January 31, 2025.



6. The Permittee, by October 1, 2025, shall install and maintain, in working order, in-line totalizing flow meters at the well heads on all surface water intakes. The meters shall be maintained to be at least 95% accurate and any meter determined defective must be replaced within 30 days of its discovery. The Permittee, within 30 days of meter installation, shall provide documentation to the District that the required flow meters have been installed and report the initial meter readings.
7. The Permittee, by October 31, 2029, 2034, 2039, and at the time of requesting a permit modification or renewal, shall submit documentation of the flow meter calibration and accuracy ratings for all flow meters to the District using the Flow Meter Accuracy Report Form (Form 170). The Permittee, if preferred, may submit the report electronically by downloading the correct form from the District website, filling it out properly, and e-mailing it to [compliance@nwfwater.com](mailto:compliance@nwfwater.com).
8. The Permittee shall submit to the District in a single electronic submittal the following information by January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31 of each year:
  - a. Static water level measurements for monitor wells MW-A, MW-D, MW-E, MW-G, P-Z-C-1, and P-Z-C-4 conducted during the first two weeks of each month (e.g. measurements for April shall be submitted by April 30) using a District-approved water level measuring device. Water levels shall be reported as depth-to-water below a pre-defined measuring point. All measurements shall be taken from the same measuring point. If the measuring point is different from land surface elevation, then the Permittee shall provide the measuring point distance above or below land surface. All static water level reports shall include the date and time the measurement was taken, method and device used, and the water level measurement to 0.01 foot for steel/electric tape and 1.0 foot precision for airline methods, respectively. The Permittee, if utilizing the airline method, shall also report airline length, gauge reading, linear distance of the airline terminus from land surface, and a description of where the airline terminates (e.g. land surface, pump base, pressure gauge, etc.).
9. Upon renewal or modification, the Permittee shall conduct and submit to the District, a quantitative analysis of hydrologic monitoring results over the duration of the entire permit period to include hydrographs. Specifically, the evaluation shall address any observed impacts to water level(s) and water quality. The analysis shall evaluate impacts to water levels and water quality by analyzing available water level data, water quality data, pumping data, rainfall data, and hydrogeological data. The Permittee shall discuss any observable trends in the data and provide an evaluation of whether observed trends are a potential result of the Permittee's water use.
10. The Permittee shall encourage and provide for the efficient and non-wasteful use of water, and shall implement water conservation measures, including a proactive leak detection program, designed to enhance water use efficiency and reduce water demand and water losses.
11. The Permittee, prior to the construction, alteration and/or enhancement of any surface water withdrawal, diversion, or management system, shall contact the District to determine if a permit will be required. A permit would be required by the District for activities including creek sandbagging, sump excavation, and any maintenance beyond that considered routine or custodial.

### **Standard Conditions**

12. 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 to address the noncompliance.
13. The Permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.

14. 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.
15. The Permittee shall notify the District in writing within 45 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 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 section 40A-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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. The Permittee may seek modification of any term of an unexpired permit. The Permittee is advised that section 373.239, F.S., and section 40A-2.331, F.A.C., are applicable to permit modifications.
19. The District reserves the right to curtail permitted withdrawal and diversion rates if the withdrawal or diversion causes harm to legal uses of water, offsite land use, or water resources and associated environmental features that existed at the time of permit application.
20. The Permittee shall not cause harmful saltwater intrusion. The District reserves the right to curtail permitted withdrawal rates if withdrawals cause harmful saline water intrusion.
21. The Permittee's consumptive use of water as authorized by this permit shall not reduce a flow or level below any minimum flow or level established by the District or the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to sections 373.042 and 373.0421, F.S. If the Permittee's use of water causes or contributes to such a reduction, then the District shall modify or revoke the permit, in whole or in part, unless the Permittee implements all provisions applicable to the Permittee's use in a District-approved recovery or prevention strategy.
22. The Permittee shall mitigate any harm caused by withdrawals or diversions permitted herein on legal water uses, offsite land use, and water resources and associated environmental features which existed at the time of permit application. Mitigation may include modification of the Permittee's pumping schedule (i.e., duration, withdrawal rates, time of day, etc.), the lowering of the affected pump(s) or the replacement of the well(s) including proper plugging and abandonment of the well(s) that is replaced. The Permittee, upon receipt of an allegation of interference, shall retain the services of an appropriate licensed professional to investigate the alleged interference. The Permittee shall ensure their chosen professional investigates any alleged interference within 48 hours of the allegation being made and provides the conclusions of the investigation to the entity alleging the impact within 72 hours of the allegation being made. If it is determined that the use of

a well has been impaired as a result of the Permittee's operation, the Permittee shall complete the required mitigation within 30 days. The Permittee shall be responsible for the payment of services rendered by the licensed professional. The Permittee, within 30 days of any allegation of interference, shall submit a report to the District including the date of the allegation, the name and contact information of the party making the allegation, the result of the investigation made, and any mitigation action undertaken.

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT  
08-Aug-2024  
Application No.: 2B-063-3012-7

**Owner:** Dirk Hunt  
Florida Power & Light Company  
4300 Co Rd 2300  
Smith Plant PSM/PSM  
Southport, FL 32409  
(850) 522-3435

**Applicant:** Same as Owner

**Agent:** Not Applicable

**Compliance Contact:** Barry Evans  
Florida Power & Light Company  
11999 Pate St  
Gulf Clean Energy Center PCR/PCR  
Pensacola, FL 32514  
(850) 505-1554

**Project Name:** Florida Power & Light Company - Plant Scholz

**County:** Jackson

**WRCA:** N/A

**ARC:** N/A

**Objectors:** No

**Authorization Statement:** This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 0.76 million gallons per day (24.1 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for industrial use. This Permit also authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 129.6 million gallons per day (4,119 million gallons per month maximum) of surface water from the Apalachicola River for industrial use.

**Recommendation:** Approval

**Reviewers:** Skyler Johnson; Cindy Fischler; Scott White; Dylan Cook

**RECOMMENDED PERMIT DURATION AND COMPLIANCE REPORTING:**

Staff recommends the permit expiration date be October 1, 2029. The Permittee is required to submit and comply with all information and data pursuant to the conditions set forth in the permit.

**WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION:**

Groundwater (Floridan Aquifer)

<b>Floridan Aquifer Water Use</b>	<b>Permitted</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Average Day (GPD)	760,000	760,000	760,000
Maximum Month (GAL)	24,100,000	24,100,000	24,100,000

Surface Water (Apalachicola River)

<b>Apalachicola River Water Use</b>	<b>Permitted</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Average Day (GPD)	129,600,000	129,600,000	129,600,000
Maximum Month (GAL)	4,119,000,000	4,119,000,000	4,119,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:**

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) requests renewal of Individual Water Use Permit (IWUP) No. 2B-063-3012-6 for the continued authorization of groundwater withdrawals from the Floridan aquifer and Apalachicola River for industrial use without changes to the currently permitted withdrawal amounts.

FPL is currently in the final stages of site closure at the Scholz property. FPL is evaluating the power needs of the region on an ongoing basis to determine what kind of power generation facility is best suited to replace the original power plant. FPL has not yet finalized plans for the site but recognizes that this is viable site for power generation given its historical use. At this time, water from the Apalachicola River is being used solely to provide flow in the discharge canal and maintain the pump infrastructure in good working order to ensure the continued capability to develop a potential power generation facility in the future. Approximately 99% of surface water withdrawn is being returned to the Apalachicola River. Groundwater from the two wells is being used for dust suppression as part of the site closure activities and sanitary water at the construction trailers. Once future site plans are finalized, FPL will evaluate the water needs of the new facility and work with the District to adjust the permitted allocations, as appropriate.

Staff evaluated potential impacts to the Apalachicola River resulting from the average daily rate at USGS data station 2358000 APALACHICOLA RIVER AT CHATTAHOOCHEE. Average and minimum flows (7Q10 seven-day, consecutive low flow with a ten-year return frequency) for the USGS site 2358000 APALACHICOLA RIVER AT CHATTAHOOCHEE were derived from NFWMD, 1984, Statistical Summary and Inventory of Streams and Lakes and USGS Water-Resources Investigations Report 93-4165, respectively. A drainage-area ratio method was then applied to estimate average and minimum streamflow of the Apalachicola River. The applicant's requested surface water average daily rate for industrial use represents 3.82% of the Apalachicola River's flow during 7Q10 conditions and 0.15% under average flow conditions with a required 96% return rate. These surface water withdrawals are not anticipated to interfere with existing legal uses.

District staff used the program DRAWDOWN to analyze potential impacts to the Floridan aquifer associated with the average daily withdrawals over the 5-year permit duration. Drawdowns of approximately 3.17 feet and 2.81 feet were simulated at distances of one-half mile and one mile, respectively, from the center of pumping. These drawdowns are not anticipated to interfere with existing legal uses.

**PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:**

Section 373.223, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and section 40A-2.301, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), require an applicant to establish that the proposed use of water:

- (a) Is a reasonable-beneficial use;
- (b) Will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water; and,
- (c) Is consistent with the public interest.

In addition, the above requirements are detailed further in the District’s Water Use Permit Applicant’s Handbook. District staff have reviewed the water use permit application pursuant to the above-described requirements and have determined that the application meets the conditions for issuance of this permit.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the determination of the staff that the water use amounts recommended, as conditioned, are reasonable-beneficial, consistent with the public’s interest, and will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water. This determination has been made according to provisions of Chapter 373, F.S., and Chapter 40A-2, F.A.C.

Staff recommends that the applicant be granted an Individual Water Use Permit for an average annual withdrawal of 0.76 million gallons per day (24.1 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for industrial use and an average annual withdrawal of 129.6 million gallons per day (4,119 million gallons per month maximum) of surface water from the Apalachicola River for industrial use. Staff also recommends that the expiration date of the permit be October 1, 2029, and that the permit be conditioned as per the "Conditions for Issuance" included in Exhibit A of the permit document.

**FACILITY INFORMATION:**

**Site Name:** Plant Scholz

Well Details								
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
16916	Scholz #2	12	110	298	500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Industrial
16971	Scholz #3	16	185	275	525	Floridan	Abandoned	Industrial

Well Details								
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
						Aquifer (Undiff)		
308009	Scholz #3R	4	140	180	20	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Industrial

Pump Details						
District ID	Station Name	Pump Intake Diameter	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
17704	GP/SGP SW4	295 square feet	22,500	Apalachicola River	Removed	Industrial
17705	GP/SGP SW3	295 square feet	22,500	Apalachicola River	Removed	Industrial
17706	GP/SGP SW2	295 square feet	22,500	Apalachicola River	Removed	Industrial
17707	GP/SGP SW1	295 square feet	22,500	Apalachicola River	Removed	Industrial
336638	Conveyance Pump A	8 inches	1200	Apalachicola River	Active	Industrial
336639	Conveyance Pump C	8 inches	1200	Apalachicola River	Active	Industrial





**PERMIT IS CONDITIONED UPON:**

See conditions on attached “Exhibit A,” dated \_\_\_\_\_.

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Division of Regulatory Services

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**"EXHIBIT A"**  
**CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT NUMBER 2B-063-3012-7**  
**Florida Power & Light Company - Plant Scholz**  
**DATED \_\_\_\_\_**

**Specific Conditions**

1. This permit shall expire on October 1, 2029.
2. This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 0.76 million gallons per day (24.1 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for industrial use. This Permit also authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 129.6 million gallons per day (4,119 million gallons per month maximum) of surface water from the Apalachicola River for industrial use. The individual facilities authorized to make these withdrawals are shown in the table below in the following condition. The total combined amounts of water withdrawn by all facilities listed shall not exceed the amounts identified above by source.
3. Individual Withdrawal Facility Authorization

Groundwater Facilities:

Facility ID #	FLUWID	Location SEC,TWN,RNG
Scholz #2	AAA8617	Sec. 12, T3N, R7W
Scholz #3R	To Be Assigned	Sec. 12, T3N, R7W

Surface Water (Apalachicola River) Facilities:

Facility ID #	Location SEC,TWN,RNG
Conveyance Pump A	Sec. 12, T3N, R7W
Conveyance Pump C	Sec. 12, T3N, R7W

4. The Permittee shall include the Individual Water Use Permit number, the well’s Florida Unique Identification Number (e.g. AAA8617 for Scholz #2), and the surface water intake name (e.g. Conveyance Pump A) when submitting reports or otherwise corresponding with the District.
5. The Permittee, by January 31 of each year, shall submit a water use report for the previous calendar year (January – December), even if no water is used. The Permittee shall record the data required on Water Use Summary Reporting Form (Form 172) and include meter readings taken at the end of each month. The Permittee, if preferred, may submit the report electronically by downloading the correct form from the District website, filling it out properly, and e-mailing it to [compliance@nwfwater.com](mailto:compliance@nwfwater.com). The next report is due by January 31, 2025.

6. The Permittee shall install, by October 1, 2025, and maintain, in working order, in-line totalizing flow meters at the well head on production well Scholz #2 and on all surface water intakes. The Permittee may use one meter for all Apalachicola River intakes if configured with a manifold. The meters shall be maintained to be at least 95% accurate and any meter determined defective must be replaced within 30 days of its discovery. Flow meter(s) underwater, underground, and/or inoperable for any reason are considered to be not in working order. Flow meters shall be readable. The Permittee, within 30 days of meter installation, shall provide documentation to the District that the required flow meters have been installed and calibrated, and report the initial meter readings.
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11. The Permittee shall maximize the use of surface water and/or stormwater prior to the use of the Floridan aquifer wells.
12. The Permittee shall maximize the use of reclaimed water if it is available and its use is environmentally, economically and technically feasible.

#### **Standard Conditions**

13. 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 to address the noncompliance.
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22. The Permittee's consumptive use of water as authorized by this permit shall not reduce a flow or level below any minimum flow or level established by the District or the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to sections 373.042 and 373.0421, F.S. If the Permittee's use of water causes or contributes to such a reduction, then the District shall modify or revoke the permit, in whole or in part, unless the Permittee implements all provisions applicable to the Permittee's use in a District-approved recovery or prevention strategy.
23. The Permittee shall mitigate any harm caused by withdrawals or diversions permitted herein on legal water uses, offsite land use, and water resources and associated environmental features which existed at the time of permit application. Mitigation may include modification of the Permittee's pumping schedule (i.e., duration, withdrawal rates, time of day, etc.), the lowering

of the affected pump(s) or the replacement of the well(s) including proper plugging and abandonment of the well(s) that is replaced. The Permittee, upon receipt of an allegation of interference, shall retain the services of an appropriate licensed professional to investigate the alleged interference. The Permittee shall ensure their chosen professional investigates any alleged interference within 48 hours of the allegation being made and provides the conclusions of the investigation to the entity alleging the impact within 72 hours of the allegation being made. If it is determined that the use of a well has been impaired as a result of the Permittee's operation, the Permittee shall complete the required mitigation within 30 days. The Permittee shall be responsible for the payment of services rendered by the licensed professional. The Permittee, within 30 days of any allegation of interference, shall submit a report to the District including the date of the allegation, the name and contact information of the party making the allegation, the result of the investigation made, and any mitigation action undertaken.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
J. Breck Brannen, Legal Counsel  
Starsky Harrell, Director, Regulatory Services

FROM: Angie Desmond, Chief, Bureau of Performance and Compliance Improvement

DATE: September 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization to Undergo Rule Development, Chapter 40A-8, F.A.C.

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve initiation of rule development on Chapter 40A-8, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, specifically amending rule 40A-8.021 and creating rule 40A-8.051, F.A.C., during the next twelve (12) months, and approve including the following proposed rulemaking items in the FY 2024-2025 Annual Regulatory Plan pursuant to section 120.74, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

**Background**

District staff continues to work on establishing additional minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFLs) for the waterbodies identified on the District's Priority List, for priority water bodies located within its boundaries in accordance with section 373.042, F.S. The District is required to adopt MFLs for its three Outstanding Florida Springs (Wakulla Spring, Gainer Spring Group, and Jackson Blue Spring) by July 1, 2026.

The first MFL the District established was for the St. Marks River Rise, a first magnitude spring in Leon County, which became effective June 6, 2019. The second MFL the District established was for the Wakulla and Sally Ward Spring System, located in Wakulla County, which became effective May 18, 2021. The next anticipated MFL to be established is for the Middle Econfina Creek Spring System, including the Gainer, Sylvan, and Williford spring groups, located in Washington and Bay counties. Proposed establishment of this MFL, and associated necessary definitions, are included in the list of rules for which the District intends to begin rule development this year. This rule development is necessary to comply with Florida Statutes.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Rulemaking Justification</u>
40A-8.021	Amend the definitions rule to include necessary definitions and terms for the Minimum Flow(s) for the Middle Econfina Creek Spring System, to comply with sections 373.042 and 373.0421, F.S.
40A-8.051	Create rule establishing the Minimum Flows for the Middle Econfina Creek Spring System, which includes the Gainer, Williford, and Sylvan spring groups, to comply with sections 373.042 and 373.0421, F.S.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director  
J. Breck Brannen, Legal Counsel  
Starsky Harrell, Director, Regulatory Services

FROM: Angie Desmond, Chief, Bureau of Performance and Compliance Improvement

DATE: September 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Annual Regulatory Plan – Informational Item

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Section 120.74, Florida Statutes, requires each agency to prepare a regulatory plan that includes a list of planned rulemaking to be implemented prior to July 1, and new statutes that were amended or created over the previous twelve (12) months that modify the agency’s duties or authority, including specifying whether these statutes require rulemaking. Certification is also required from the agency head and legal counsel, on behalf of the agency, that they have reviewed the plan and confirm that the agency’s rules were reviewed to determine consistency with the agency’s rulemaking authority and laws implemented. Additionally, section 120.74, Florida Statutes, requires the Annual Regulatory Plan (ARP) be submitted electronically to the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) and maintained at an active website for ten (10) years after the date of initial publication on the agency’s website homepage or another state website, and the District must publish in the Florida Administrative Registrar (FAR) a notice identifying the date of publication of the ARP along with a hyperlink to the plan.

As required by section 120.74, Florida Statutes, the District has reviewed its rules to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and finalized the ARP based on the past Legislative session. The ARP lists the laws that were enacted or amended during the previous twelve (12) months that create or modify the duties or authority of the District. The laws identified do not require the District to adopt new, or amend current, administrative rules for proper implementation. Once certified, the ARP will be submitted to JAPC, posted on the District website homepage and maintained there for ten (10) years, and a notice will be posted in the FAR identifying the date of publication of the ARP on the District’s website, in compliance with Florida Statutes.





Lyle Seigler  
Executive Director

# Northwest Florida Water Management District

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September 12, 2024

Joint Administrative Procedures Committee  
Room 680 Pepper Building  
111 W. Madison Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400

RE: Annual Regulatory Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

As required by section 120.74, F.S., the Northwest Florida Water Management District (District) has reviewed its rules to ensure compliance with statutory requirements. The following laws were enacted or amended during the previous twelve (12) months which create or modify the duties or authority of the agency. The following laws do not require the District to adopt new or amend current administrative rules for proper implementation. Each of the laws identified below is being implemented by complying with the statutory requirements therein, and no rulemaking is required by the District for same.

- 2024-001: Florida Statutes/Adoption
- 2024-002: Florida Statutes/Reviser's Bill
- 2024-006: Florida Statutes/Reviser's Bill
- 2024-017: Citizen Volunteer Advisory Committees
- 2024-018: Public Records/Suicide Victims
- 2024-019: Military Leave
- 2024-056: OGSR/Agency Personnel Information
- 2024-058: Funding For Environmental Resource Management
- 2024-060: Employment of Individuals with Disabilities
- 2024-080: Employment Regulations
- 2024-083: Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day
- 2024-087: Executive Agencies
- 2024-092: Florida Retirement System
- 2024-096: Unsolicited Proposals for Public Private Partnerships
- 2024-111: Public Records/Military Personnel and their Spouses and Dependents
- 2024-143: Regulation of Water Resources
- 2024-144: Mitigation
- 2024-147: Delivery of Notices
- 2024-180: Department of Environmental Protection
- 2024-185: Commodities Produced by Forced Labor
- 2024-208: Public Works Projects
- 2024-228: Implementing the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act
- 2024-231: General Appropriations Act
- 2024-235: Public Records/County and City Attorneys
- 2024-236: Public Records/Financial Information Regarding Competitive Bidding
- 2024-239: Public Records/Clerks of the Circuit Court, Deputy Clerks, and Clerk Personnel
- 2024-252: Public Records/Florida Gaming Control Commission

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- 2024-262: Antisemitism
- 2024-267: United States – produced Iron and Steel in Public Works Projects
- 2024-275: Ratification of Department of Environmental Protection’s Rules Relating to Stormwater

Before July 1, 2025, the District expects to undergo rulemaking to implement the following changes:

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Rulemaking Justification</u>
40A-8.021	Amend the definitions rule to include necessary definitions and terms for the Minimum Flow(s) for the Middle Econfina Creek Spring System, to comply with sections 373.042 and 373.0421, F.S.
40A-8.051	Create rule establishing the Minimum Flows for the Middle Econfina Creek Spring System, which includes Gainer, Williford, and Sylvan spring groups, to comply with sections 373.042 and 373.0421, F.S.

As required, the Annual Regulatory Plan will be available on our website homepage [www.nwfwater.com](http://www.nwfwater.com) for ten (10) years after publishing. By October 1, the District will publish in the Florida Administrative Register a notice identifying the date of publication of the Annual Regulatory Plan along with a hyperlink to the plan.

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the plan. The District reviews its rules regularly with 2024 being the most recent period which all rules have been reviewed.

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 Lyle Seigler  
 Executive Director

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 J. Breck Brannen  
 Legal Counsel

MEMORANDUM

TO: Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board  
FROM: J. Breck Brannen, General Counsel  
RE: Legal Counsel Report  
DATE: September 5, 2024

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***William and Ashley Merryman v. St. Johns River Water Management District, et al.***, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville Division)  
Case No. 3:24-cv-00658-WWB-JBT

This complaint has been filed but not served. The complaint appears to allege violations of right to due process against at least 56 defendants, including the Northwest Florida Water Management District, Jerry Pate, Breck Brannen, Governor DeSantis, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Supreme Court, and many others. The complaint seeks compensatory damages in the amount of \$2,000,000 and punitive damages in the amount of \$18,000,000.

We are unable to determine the actual legal claims of this complaint. As stated, the complaint has not been served on the District, Mr. Pate or Mr. Brannen and to our knowledge has not been served on any of the other defendants. We will report back with more information as it is received.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director  
Andy Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director

FROM: Jack Furney, Director, Division of Administrative Services

DATE: September 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget – 5:05 p.m. ET, First Public Hearing

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the proposed millage rate of 0.0218 of a mill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and authorize staff to present it for final adoption at the public hearing on the budget to be held on September 26, 2024, at the Gulf Coast State College in Panama City, Florida.

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the District’s Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 presented today and authorize staff to present this budget for final adoption at the second public hearing on the budget to be held on September 26, 2024, at the Gulf Coast State College in Panama City, Florida.

**Background**

The District is authorized by the Constitution of the State of Florida and Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, to assess ad valorem tax revenues to support water management district operations. The District proposes to levy a millage rate of 0.0218 of a mill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The revenues generated by the 0.0218 millage are necessary to fund District operations as identified in the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

The proposed millage rate is the rolled-back rate of 0.0218, which is less than the 0.0234 millage assessed in Fiscal Year 2023-24 and 56.4 percent below the legally authorized rate of 0.0500.

Staff has considered all known fiscal activity for the 2024-25 fiscal year and has completed the preparation of the District’s Tentative Budget. The Tentative Budget has been provided to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Florida Legislature in the report format required by law and by the required deadline of August 1, 2024.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
TENTATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY  
OCTOBER 1, 2024 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

**Proposed Ad Valorem Millage Rate** 0.0218 of a mill

56.4% below the legally authorized rate of 0.0500 of a mill  
 0.0016 of a mill less than the rate in the current year  
 Ad valorem budgeted in the Tentative is \$4,025,000 or \$125,000  
 more than the amount in the current year (budget is 95.4 percent of  
 the TRUTH IN MILLAGE estimate of \$4,217,447, to align closer  
 with historical collections)  
 Rolled-back rate is 0.0218 of a mill

**Total Expenditure Budget** \$113,670,532

9.4% lower than the Current Year Amended Budget, including  
 \$63,083,559 for Interagency Expenditures/Grants  
 Provides for 119.4 full-time equivalent positions, 113.0 authorized  
 and 6.4 equivalent OPS.

**Total Revenue Received/Earned** \$108,207,080

\$28.6 million in new revenue  
 \$79.6 million in carryover from prior years

**Estimated Use of Fund Balance/Reserves** \$5,463,452

**Budget By Program Area**

1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 9,228,582	8.1%
2.0 Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$85,847,047	75.6%
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$10,462,419	9.2%
4.0 Regulation	\$ 4,816,851	4.2%
5.0 Outreach	\$ 165,926	0.1%
6.0 District Management and Administration	\$ 3,149,707	2.8%
	<u>\$113,670,532</u>	

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF FY 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, 5:05 P.M. ET, HAVANA, FL  
REVENUE CATEGORIES**

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2024-25	Tentative O/(U)		Tentative O/(U)	
	Actuals	Amended Budget	Preliminary	Tentative	Amended Budget		Preliminary	
Ad Valorem Tax	3,796,543	3,900,000	3,900,000	4,025,000	125,000	3.2%	125,000	3.2%
Federal Revenue	1,300,312	5,791,742	5,196,306	4,429,944	(1,361,798)	-23.5%	(766,362)	-14.7%
State Revenue	31,320,013	108,024,587	85,147,902	97,663,376	(10,361,211)	-9.6%	12,515,474	14.7%
Local Revenue	120,339	161,853	150,340	178,147	16,294	10.1%	27,807	18.5%
Permit Fees	719,670	655,000	655,000	655,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Timber Sales	97,504	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous	2,085,865	1,051,397	1,093,499	1,005,613	(45,784)	-4.4%	(87,886)	-8.0%
w/o Fund Balance	39,440,246	119,834,579	96,393,047	108,207,080	(11,627,499)	-9.7%	11,814,033	12.3%
Fund Balance	(1,684,607)	5,558,077	4,639,833	5,463,452	(94,625)	-1.7%	823,619	17.8%
w/Fund Balance	37,755,639	125,392,656	101,032,880	113,670,532	(11,722,124)	-9.3%	12,637,652	12.5%

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PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF FY 2024-2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET  
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EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES**

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Tentative O/(U)		Tentative O/(U)	
	Actuals	Amended Budget	Preliminary	Tentative	Amended Budget		Preliminary	
Salaries & Benefits	9,446,277	12,139,261	12,121,536	12,694,678	555,417	4.6%	573,142	4.7%
Other Personal Services	66,507	189,696	188,682	355,871	166,175	87.6%	167,189	88.6%
Contracted Services	6,534,185	22,685,784	10,015,584	21,105,462	(1,580,322)	-7.0%	11,089,878	110.7%
Operating Expense	2,644,486	2,999,058	3,421,658	3,667,256	668,198	22.3%	245,598	7.2%
Operating Capital Outlay	865,791	1,005,874	797,203	967,635	(38,239)	-3.8%	170,432	21.4%
Operating Categories	19,557,247	39,019,673	26,544,663	38,790,902	(228,771)	-0.6%	12,246,239	46.1%
Fixed Capital Outlay	208,477	12,135,085	10,988,273	11,796,071	(339,014)	-2.8%	807,798	7.4%
Grants	17,989,916	74,237,898	63,499,944	63,083,559	(11,154,339)	-15.0%	(416,385)	-0.7%
Non-Operating Categories	18,198,393	86,372,983	74,488,217	74,879,630	(11,493,353)	-13.3%	391,413	0.5%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>37,755,639</b>	<b>125,392,656</b>	<b>101,032,880</b>	<b>113,670,532</b>	<b>(11,722,124)</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>12,637,652</b>	<b>12.5%</b>

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF FY 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET  
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PROGRAM LEVEL**

Program	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2024-25	Tentative O/(U)		Tentative O/(U)	
	Actuals	Amended Budget	Preliminary	Tentative	Amended Budget		Preliminary	
1 Water Resource Plan/Monitoring	3,790,372	7,000,363	7,434,118	9,228,582	2,228,219	31.8%	1,794,464	24.1%
2 Land Acq/Restoration/Public Works	21,205,402	100,180,547	78,446,608	85,847,047	(14,333,500)	-14.3%	7,400,439	9.4%
3 Operations & Maint Land & Works	6,803,742	10,573,016	7,387,180	10,462,419	(110,597)	-1.0%	3,075,239	41.6%
4 Regulation	3,644,974	4,718,462	4,892,496	4,816,851	98,389	2.1%	(75,645)	-1.5%
5 Outreach	143,943	158,662	160,844	165,926	7,264	4.6%	5,082	3.2%
6 District Management & Admin	2,167,205	2,761,606	2,711,634	3,149,707	388,101	14.1%	438,073	16.2%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>37,755,639</b>	<b>125,392,656</b>	<b>101,032,880</b>	<b>113,670,532</b>	<b>(11,722,124)</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>12,637,652</b>	<b>12.5%</b>

Combined Outreach and Management & Administration as a Percent of Total Budget<sup>2</sup> 3,315,633 2.9%

The Legislative Budget Commission may reject the District's budget proposals:

<sup>1</sup>In any individual variance in the Tentative Budget that exceeds 25% of the Preliminary Budget

<sup>2</sup>In these two programs that exceed 15% of the total Tentative Budget



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PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY LEVEL**

	FY 2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Amended Budget	FY 2024-25 Preliminary	FY 2024-25 Tentative	Tentative O/(U) Amended Budget		Tentative O/(U) Preliminary Budget	
<b>1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring</b>								
Salaries & Benefits	2,051,121	2,580,104	2,656,870	2,729,245	149,141	5.8%	72,375	2.7%
Other Personal Services	15,489	39,592	40,690	35,200	(4,392)	-11.1%	(5,490)	-13.5%
Contracted Services	1,173,210	3,603,921	3,917,901	5,449,311	1,845,390	51.2%	1,531,410	39.1%
Operating Expense	391,411	573,335	607,412	793,964	220,629	38.5%	186,552	30.7%
Operating Capital Outlay	109,141	153,411	161,245	170,862	17,451	11.4%	9,617	6.0%
Grants	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	3,790,372	7,000,363	7,434,118	9,228,582	2,228,219	31.8%	1,794,464	24.1%
<b>2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works</b>								
Salaries & Benefits	918,262	1,445,477	1,057,737	1,092,581	(352,896)	-24.4%	34,844	3.3%
Other Personal Services	1,230	2,482	1,098	0	(2,482)	-100.0%	(1,098)	
Contracted Services	1,822,738	13,006,343	2,914,320	10,572,560	(2,433,783)	-18.7%	7,658,240	262.8%
Operating Expense	273,786	207,532	57,176	77,992	(129,540)	-62.4%	20,816	36.4%
Operating Capital Outlay	40,993	2,520	3,060	64,284	61,764	2451.0%	61,224	2000.8%
Fixed Capital Outlay	208,477	11,328,295	10,963,273	11,006,071	(322,224)	-2.8%	42,798	0.4%
Grants	17,939,916	74,187,898	63,449,944	63,033,559	(11,154,339)	-15.0%	(416,385)	-0.7%
Total	21,205,402	100,180,547	78,446,608	85,847,047	(14,333,500)	-14.3%	7,400,439	9.4%

**PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY LEVEL  
(Continued)**

	FY 2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Amended Budget	FY 2024-25 Preliminary	FY 2024-25 Tentative	Tentative O/(U) Amended Budget		Tentative O/(U) Preliminary Budget	
<b>3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works</b>								
Salaries & Benefits	1,756,704	2,055,553	2,424,311	2,692,961	637,408	31.0%	268,650	11.1%
Other Personal Services	45,681	73,259	71,489	234,493	161,234	220.1%	163,004	228.0%
Contracted Services	3,282,120	5,699,036	2,798,423	4,673,021	(1,026,015)	-18.0%	1,874,598	67.0%
Operating Expense	1,113,870	1,242,086	1,667,957	1,613,511	371,425	29.9%	(54,446)	-3.3%
Operating Capital Outlay	605,367	696,292	400,000	458,433	(237,859)	-34.2%	58,433	14.6%
Fixed Capital Outlay	0	806,790	25,000	790,000	(16,790)	-2.1%	765,000	3060.0%
Grants	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Total	6,803,742	10,573,016	7,387,180	10,462,419	(110,597)	-1.0%	3,075,239	41.6%
<b>4.0 Regulation</b>								
Salaries & Benefits	2,840,884	3,652,534	3,677,464	3,507,979	(144,555)	-4.0%	(169,485)	-4.6%
Other Personal Services	4,107	74,363	75,405	68,610	(5,753)	-7.7%	(6,795)	-9.0%
Contracted Services	118,403	191,686	194,616	204,820	13,134	6.9%	10,204	5.2%
Operating Expense	583,569	668,079	733,534	791,375	123,296	18.5%	57,841	7.9%
Operating Capital Outlay	98,011	131,800	211,477	244,067	112,267	85.2%	32,590	15.4%
Fixed Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Grants	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Total	3,644,974	4,718,462	4,892,496	4,816,851	98,389	2.1%	(75,645)	-1.5%

**PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY LEVEL  
(Continued)**

	FY 2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Amended Budget	FY 2024-25 Preliminary	FY 2024-25 Tentative	Tentative O/(U) Amended Budget		Tentative O/(U) Preliminary Budget	
<b>5.0 Outreach</b>								
Salaries & Benefits	130,591	142,125	143,307	143,814	1,689	1.2%	507	0.4%
Other Personal Services	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Contracted Services	664	5,975	5,975	5,975	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Operating Expense	12,688	10,562	11,562	16,137	5,575	52.8%	4,575	39.6%
Operating Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Fixed Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Grants	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Total	143,943	158,662	160,844	165,926	7,264	4.6%	5,082	3.2%
<b>6.0 District Management and Administration</b>								
Salaries & Benefits	1,748,715	2,263,468	2,161,847	2,528,098	264,630	11.7%	366,251	16.9%
Other Personal Services	0	0	0	17,568	17,568		17,568	100.0%
Contracted Services	137,050	178,823	184,349	199,775	20,952	11.7%	15,426	8.4%
Operating Expense	269,161	297,464	344,017	374,277	76,813	25.8%	30,260	8.8%
Operating Capital Outlay	12,279	21,851	21,421	29,989	8,138	37.2%	8,568	40.0%
Fixed Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Grants	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Total	2,167,205	2,761,606	2,711,634	3,149,707	388,101	14.1%	438,073	16.2%
GRAND TOTAL	37,755,639	125,392,656	101,032,880	113,670,532	(11,722,124)	-9.3%	12,637,652	12.5%

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PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF FY 2024-2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET  
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COMPARISON BY FUND**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Improv &amp; Lands Acq</u>	<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>Lands Management</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Mitigation</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Cash Balances Brought Forward</b>	16,351,474	273,558	3,798,307	889,263	3,987,051	3,516,391	28,816,044
<b><u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u></b>							
Ad Valorem Taxes 0.0218 mills	1,630,117	0	2,394,883	0	0	0	4,025,000
Land Acquisition Trust Fund	0	10,519,615	42,514,807	3,892,658	4,537,890	0	61,464,970
Water Protection & Sustain. Pgm. Trust Fund	0	0	135,615	0	0	0	135,615
Permitting and Licensing	0	0	0	0	655,000	0	655,000
Federal Grants	0	0	4,429,944	0	0	0	4,429,944
State Funds	0	0	30,113,547	4,110,000	10,750	1,828,494	36,062,791
Local Government Units	0	0	177,820	327	0	0	178,147
Timber Sales	0	0	0	250,000	0	0	250,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	813,798	0	111,815	45,000	35,000	1,005,613
Interfund Transfers	<u>2,716,517</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,488,313</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,204,830</u>
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	<u>20,698,108</u>	<u>11,606,971</u>	<u>88,053,236</u>	<u>9,254,063</u>	<u>9,235,691</u>	<u>5,379,885</u>	<u>144,227,954</u>
<b><u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u></b>							
Salaries & Benefits	3,033,222	126,337	3,521,842	2,168,157	3,507,979	337,141	12,694,678
Other Personal Services	18,216	0	34,552	233,658	68,610	835	355,871
Contractual Services	361,250	310,991	15,710,880	3,337,658	204,820	1,179,863	21,105,462
Operating Expenses	711,555	1,300	860,656	1,175,927	791,375	126,443	3,667,256
Capital Outlay	224,989	10,931,071	235,146	985,985	244,067	142,448	12,763,706
Grants and Aids	0	0	63,083,559	0	0	0	63,083,559
Reserves	11,334,116	208,558	3,798,307	889,263	3,605,957	3,516,391	23,352,592
Interfund Transfers	<u>5,014,760</u>	<u>28,714</u>	<u>808,294</u>	<u>463,415</u>	<u>812,883</u>	<u>76,764</u>	<u>7,204,830</u>
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>20,698,108</u>	<u>11,606,971</u>	<u>88,053,236</u>	<u>9,254,063</u>	<u>9,235,691</u>	<u>5,379,885</u>	<u>144,227,954</u>