

**Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, FL 32333**

1. Opening Ceremonies

Called to order at 1:01 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; Tom Morgan; Kellie Ralston; Anna Upton

Absent: Jerry Pate, Vice Chair

2. Special Thanks and Recognition

Proclaimed April as springs protection awareness and water conservation month.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Changes to the Agenda

None.

5. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY KELLIE RALSTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE ITEMS A, B AND C 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 March 11, 2026

Approve the Minutes for March 11, 2026, Governing Board meeting.

B. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of February 2026

Approve the Financial Reports for the Month of February 2026.

C. Consideration of Additional FY 2025-26 Springs Restoration Funding for Agricultural Best Management Practices Producer Cost-Share Program

Approve and accept the additional FY 2025-26 Springs Restoration funding in the amount of \$500,000, authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with DEP to receive an additional \$500,000 to continue implementation of the Agricultural Livestock Best Management Practices Producer Cost-Share Program, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements with agricultural producers to implement agricultural livestock best management practices

within the Jackson Blue Spring and Chipola River Springs groundwater contribution areas, subject to budget authority and legal counsel review.

6. NFWFMD Grant Programs

Informational purposes only.

7. Apalachicola River Slough Restoration Project

Informational purposes only.

8. 2026 Operation Outdoor Freedom Hunting and Fishing Event Updates

Informational purposes only.

9. Hydrologic Conditions Update

Informational purposes only.

10. Legal Counsel Report

Breck Brannen provided a status update on the lawsuits listed below.

Northwest Florida Water Management District v. Kenneth Sadler and Mildred Sadler, husband and wife

Michelle Harpster, Petitioner, vs. Northwest Florida Water Management District, Respondent, and Garden Street Communities Southeast, LLC, Intervenor

11. Executive Director Report

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
Financial Report  
Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances  
For Month Ending March 31, 2026

|   |    |                      |
|---|----|----------------------|
| Balance Forward - Operating Funds           | \$ | 45,412,903.95        |
| Operating Funds Received in current month:  |    |                      |
| Revenue Receipts, Current                   | \$ | 266,579.81           |
| Contracts Receivable                        |    | 1,140,352.09         |
| Other Deposits/Refunds/Adjustments          |    | 20,361.82            |
| Transfers from Lands Accounts               |    | 0.00                 |
| Total Deposits during month                 |    | <u>1,427,293.72</u>  |
| Total Deposits and Balance Forward          |    | \$ 46,840,197.67     |
| Disbursements:                              |    |                      |
| Employee Salaries                           |    | 542,954.92           |
| Employee Benefits                           |    | 283,194.31           |
| Employee Flexible Spending Account          |    | 0.00                 |
| Contractual Services (Professional)         |    | 169,820.26           |
| Operating Expenses - Services               |    | 135,181.02           |
| Operating Expenses - Commodities            |    | 93,778.48            |
| Operating Capital Outlay                    |    | 255,314.00           |
| Grants and Aids                             |    | 198,705.00           |
| Total Operating Expenses during month       |    | <u>1,678,947.99</u>  |
| Payables, Prior Year                        |    | 0.00                 |
| Other Disbursements or (Credits)            |    | 22,355.12            |
| Total Funds Disbursed by check during month |    | <u>1,701,303.11</u>  |
| Bank Debits (Fees, Deposit Slips, etc.)     |    | 0.00                 |
| Transfer to Land Acquisition Account        |    | 0.00                 |
| Total Funds Disbursed                       |    | <u>1,701,303.11</u>  |
| Cash Balance Operating Funds at month end   |    | \$ 45,138,894.56     |
| Operating Depositories:                     |    |                      |
| Petty Cash Fund                             |    | 250.25               |
| Bank of America:                            |    |                      |
| General Fund Checking                       |    | 1,937,212.07         |
| Payroll Account                             |    | 6,000.00             |
| Passthrough (EFT) Account                   |    | 734.23               |
| Investment Accounts:                        |    |                      |
| Fla. Board of Administration @ 3.83%        |    |                      |
| General Fund                                |    | 18,528,966.01        |
| Lands Fee Fund                              |    | 2,374,249.42         |
| Operations                                  |    | 6,115,419.34         |
| Okaloosa Regional Reuse                     |    | 108,253.28           |
| Mitigation Fund                             |    | <u>16,067,809.96</u> |
| Total Operating Depositories at month end   |    | \$ 45,138,894.56     |

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Land Acquisition Funds:

|                                      |    |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|----|------------|------------|
| Fla. Board of Administration @ 3.83% | \$ | 177,575.79 |            |
| Total Land Acquisition Funds         |    |            | 177,575.79 |

Restricted Management Funds:

|   |  |            |                   |
|---|--|------------|-------------------|
| Fla. Board of Administration Cypress<br>Springs R&M Account @ 3.83% |  | 907,577.99 |                   |
| Total Restricted Land Management Funds                              |  |            | <u>907,577.99</u> |

|  |  |  |                     |
|--|--|--|---------------------|
| Total Land Acquisition, and Restricted<br>Management Funds |  |  | <u>1,085,153.78</u> |
|--|--|--|---------------------|

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|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
| TOTAL OPERATING, LAND ACQUISITION,<br>& RESTRICTED FUNDS AT MONTH END |  |  | <u><u>\$ 46,224,048.34</u></u> |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------|

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairman or Executive Director

Date: May 13, 2026

**Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds  
For the Period ending March 31, 2026  
(Unaudited)**

|                            | <b>Current<br/>Budget</b> | <b>Actuals<br/>Through<br/>3/31/2026</b> | <b>Variance<br/>(under)/Over<br/>Budget</b> | <b>Actuals As A<br/>% of Budget</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Sources</b>             |                           |  |   |                                     |
| Ad Valorem Property Taxes  | \$ 4,126,712              | \$ 3,567,535                             | \$ (559,177)                                | 86%                                 |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | 98,662,798                | 6,508,069                                | (92,154,729)                                | 7%                                  |
| Interest on Invested Funds | 75,000                    | 783,468                                  | 708,468                                     | 1045%                               |
| License and Permit Fees    | 655,000                   | 397,945                                  | (257,055)                                   | 61%                                 |
| Other                      | 1,515,166                 | 127,396                                  | (1,387,770)                                 | 8%                                  |
| Fund Balance               | 29,997,846                |  | (29,997,846)                                | 0%                                  |
| <b>Total Sources</b>       | <b>\$ 135,032,522</b>     | <b>\$ 11,384,412</b>                     | <b>\$ (123,648,110)</b>                     | <b>8%</b>                           |

|  | <b>Current<br/>Budget</b> | <b>Expenditures</b>  | <b>Encumbrances <sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Available<br/>Budget</b> | <b>%Expended</b> | <b>%Obligated <sup>2</sup></b> |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Uses</b>                                  |                           |                      |                                  |                             |                  |                                |
| Water Resources Planning and Monitoring      | \$ 8,586,904              | \$ 1,867,261         | \$ 2,198,246                     | \$ 4,521,397                | 22%              | 47%                            |
| Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works    | 81,700,119                | 2,887,293            | 19,781,634                       | 59,031,192                  | 4%               | 28%                            |
| Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works | 11,373,303                | 2,302,747            | 1,344,085                        | 7,726,471                   | 20%              | 32%                            |
| Regulation                                   | 5,251,294                 | 1,799,522            | 262,091                          | 3,189,682                   | 34%              | 39%                            |
| Outreach                                     | 168,038                   | 75,559               | -                                | 92,479                      | 45%              | 45%                            |
| Management and Administration                | 3,172,237                 | 1,262,166            | 28,249                           | 1,881,823                   | 40%              | 41%                            |
| <b>Total Uses</b>                            | <b>\$ 110,251,895</b>     | <b>\$ 10,194,548</b> | <b>\$ 23,614,303</b>             | <b>\$ 76,443,043</b>        | <b>9%</b>        | <b>31%</b>                     |
| Reserves                                     | 24,780,627                |                      |                                  | 24,780,627                  | 0%               | 0%                             |
| <b>Total Uses and Reserves</b>               | <b>\$ 135,032,522</b>     | <b>\$ 10,194,548</b> | <b>\$ 23,614,303</b>             | <b>\$ 101,223,670</b>       | <b>8%</b>        | <b>25%</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 March 31, 2026, and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS  
 GENERAL FUND  
 MARCH 2026

|                      |            |    |              |
|----------------------|------------|----|--------------|
| RETIREMENT           | 03/06/2026 | \$ | 107,863.57   |
| CHEKCS               | 03/06/2026 |    | 246,462.88   |
| ACH TRANSFERS        | 03/06/2026 |    | 169,861.07   |
| DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS | 03/06/2026 |    | 87,963.91    |
| VOIDED CHECKS        | 03/10/2026 |    | -87,963.91   |
| CHECKS               | 03/13/2026 |    | 14,290.34    |
| DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS | 03/13/2026 |    | 30,188.40    |
| VOIDED CHECKS        | 03/13/2026 |    | -30,188.40   |
| DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS | 03/13/2026 |    | 30,188.40    |
| DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS | 03/13/2026 |    | 86,210.66    |
| CHECKS               | 03/20/2026 |    | 76,514.86    |
| ACH TRANSFERS        | 03/19/2026 |    | 338,995.41   |
| DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS | 03/20/2026 |    | 11,067.15    |
| CHECKS               | 03/27/2026 |    | 16,692.41    |
| ACH TRANSFERS        | 03/27/2026 |    | 35,332.55    |
| DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS | 03/27/2026 |    | 5,884.00     |
|                      |            |    | 1,139,363.30 |
|                      |            | \$ | 1,139,363.30 |

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Chairman or Executive Director

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May 13, 2026  
 Date

**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>                        |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| 95            | AT&T                                  | 3/6/2026          | 415.68             | PHONE SERVICE EFO                                 |
| 1616          | BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA     | 3/6/2026          | 765.36             | BCBS MEDICARE                                     |
| 3289          | CITY OF TALLAHASSEE                   | 3/6/2026          | 50.95              | LAKE SHORE AND I10                                |
| 2679          | EXPRESS FORESTRY SERVICE, LLC         | 3/6/2026          | 8,151.00           | 2026 HAND PLANTING SVCS REFORE                    |
| 2679          | EXPRESS FORESTRY SERVICE, LLC         | 3/6/2026          | 3,942.40           | RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND                        |
| 4381          | TOWN OF GRAND RIDGE                   | 3/6/2026          | 4,200.00           | GRAND RIDGE WATER MAIN REPAIRS                    |
| 4109          | GULF CO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS | 3/6/2026          | 128,915.00         | FLORIDAN AQUIFER PRODUCTION WE                    |
| 5474          | HATCHER PUBLISHING INC                | 3/6/2026          | 171.00             | JBS MFL NOPR NOTIFICATION IN JACKSON COUNTY TIMES |
| 3266          | LOWE'S COMPANIES INC.                 | 3/6/2026          | 793.03             | ITEMS FOR REC SITES AND WORK SHOP                 |
| 3266          | LOWE'S COMPANIES INC.                 | 3/6/2026          | 144.36             | FLOOD LIGHTS FOR HQ                               |
| 3266          | LOWE'S COMPANIES INC.                 | 3/6/2026          | 146.30             | SHOP VAC FOR FACILITIES                           |
| 3939          | MEEKS FARMS & NURSERY, INC.           | 3/6/2026          | 64,699.00          | 2026 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS                      |
| 3939          | MEEKS FARMS & NURSERY, INC.           | 3/6/2026          | 6,469.90           | RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND                        |
| 5965          | NIC SERVICES                          | 3/6/2026          | 1,037.33           | ONLINE PAYMENT CHARGES                            |
| 63            | NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS          | 3/6/2026          | 117.15             | NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT                         |
| 64            | PANAMA CITY NEWS HERALD               | 3/6/2026          | 93.54              | NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT                         |
| 62            | PENSACOLA NEWS-JOURNAL                | 3/6/2026          | 120.91             | NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT                         |
| 6206          | PRE WORX LLC                          | 3/6/2026          | 2,220.00           | TOOLBOXES FOR WMD-97198                           |
| 3713          | PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY      | 3/6/2026          | 9,700.83           | LIFE/DENTAL/VISION                                |
| 105           | TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT                  | 3/6/2026          | 80.02              | NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT                         |
| 105           | TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT                  | 3/6/2026          | 81.68              | LEGAL ADS-WATER USE PERMITS                       |
| 4626          | WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC             | 3/6/2026          | 226.33             | SOLID WASTE HQ                                    |
| 4626          | WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC             | 3/6/2026          | 225.11             | DUMPSTER FOR ECONFINA OFFICE AND CANOE LAUNCH     |
| 5612          | WETLAND SOLUTIONS, INC.               | 3/6/2026          | 9,708.00           | HYDROLOGIC & WATER QUALITY DAT                    |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 289.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 190.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 487.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 289.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 190.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 479.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 289.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 380.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 190.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 190.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 390.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 225.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |
| 5060          | XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC      | 3/6/2026          | 400.00             | RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE                     |

**TOTAL CHECKS**

**\$ 246,462.88**

|      |                       |          |          |                                   |
|------|-----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 3293 | ANGUS G. ANDREWS, JR. | 3/6/2026 | 8,125.00 | DFO LEASE AGREEMENT - CONTRACT PO |
|------|-----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|

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|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| 6042                              | APALACHICOLA THE TIMES                   | 3/6/2026          | 98.25                | NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT                           |
| 5089                              | ATKINSREALIS USA INC                     | 3/6/2026          | 19,729.24            | RISK MAP PROGRAM SUPPORT                            |
| 2417                              | BEARD EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.            | 3/6/2026          | 6,560.55             | SERVICE AND DIAGNOSE ISSUES WITH JD650K DOZER       |
| 1617                              | CAPITAL HEALTH PLAN                      | 3/6/2026          | 69,303.30            | CHP MEDICAL   |
| 5951                              | D3 AIR AND SPACE OPERATIONS INC          | 3/6/2026          | 5,346.40             | STAFF AUGMENTATION                                  |
| 2241                              | DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR - USGS             | 3/6/2026          | 3,327.50             | JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT - 0048                      |
| 3126                              | DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC                  | 3/6/2026          | 2,600.00             | BOUNDARY MAPPING TNC LAND DONA                      |
| 45                                | DMS                                      | 3/6/2026          | 652.90               | DEFUNIAK LOCAL (W FL TELEPHONE SVCS)                |
| 45                                | DMS                                      | 3/6/2026          | 4,142.13             | DEFUNIAK ETHERNET AND LONG DISTANCE                 |
| 45                                | DMS                                      | 3/6/2026          | 10.17                | CONFERENCE CALLS                                    |
| 45                                | DMS                                      | 3/6/2026          | 1,488.35             | HQ LOCAL (PANAMA CITY TELEPHONE SVC)                |
| 45                                | DMS                                      | 3/6/2026          | 0.02                 | HQ LONG DISTANCE                                    |
| 45                                | DMS                                      | 3/6/2026          | 90.08                | MILTON LOCAL  |
| 45                                | DMS                                      | 3/6/2026          | 217.33               | AIRCARDS AND HOTSPOTS                               |
| 45                                | DMS                                      | 3/6/2026          | 15,742.40            | ETHERNET FOR ALL OFFICES                            |
| 2702                              | FISH AND WILDLIFE                        | 3/6/2026          | 1,425.28             | LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY O                      |
| 3337                              | FORESTECH CONSULTING                     | 3/6/2026          | 2,410.80             | WIREGRASS PLUGS                                     |
| 5894                              | ODESSA CLEANING SERVICE LLC              | 3/6/2026          | 500.00               | JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR ECONFINA FIELD OFFICE       |
| 3185                              | YAMILA POSEY                             | 3/6/2026          | 110.00               | TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT                                |
| 5434                              | PRESIDIO NETWORKED SOLUTIONS LLC         | 3/6/2026          | 23,109.12            | VMWARE RENEWAL - YEAR 2 OF 3                        |
| 5947                              | PREVENTIA SECURITY LLC                   | 3/6/2026          | 75.00                | DEFUNIAK OFFICE FIRE/ALARM                          |
| 4799                              | STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC.      | 3/6/2026          | 27.85                | STAPLES - OFFICE SUPPLIES                           |
| 5700                              | JOSH TATUM                               | 3/6/2026          | 110.00               | TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT                                |
| 4955                              | TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.    | 3/6/2026          | 4,481.90             | RECREATION SITE CLEAN UP AND M                      |
| 5884                              | TRE INDUSTRIES LLC                       | 3/6/2026          | 50.00                | LABRATORY TESTING                                   |
| 5218                              | WAGeworks, INC.                          | 3/6/2026          | 127.50               | BLANKET PO FOR EMPLOYEE FSA ADMINISTRATION; OCTOBE  |
| <b>TOTAL ACH DISBURSEMENTS</b>    |  |                   | <b>\$ 169,861.07</b> |   |
| 1616                              | BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA        | 3/6/2026          | 87,963.91            | BCBS MEDICAL  |
| <b>TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS</b> |  |                   | <b>\$ 87,963.91</b>  |   |
| <b>TOTAL AP</b>                   |  |                   | <b>\$ 504,287.86</b> |   |
| 3619                              | AT&T MOBILITY                            | 3/13/2026         | 24.25                | YAMILA'S TABLET                                     |
| 4676                              | CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA                   | 3/13/2026         | 90.42                | DUMPSTER SERVICE                                    |
| 4676                              | CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA                   | 3/13/2026         | 69.76                | SEWER 12/25 - 2/16/26 MILTON OFFICE                 |
| 5617                              | CLOUD AUTO PARTS, INC.                   | 3/13/2026         | 486.92               | QUICK HITCH FOR JD FARM TRACTOR                     |
| 26                                | FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV | 3/13/2026         | 82.32                | REG RULEMAKING NOTICES                              |
| 26                                | FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV | 3/13/2026         | 29.96                | FAR AD FEES FOR ITBS, RFPS & PUBLIC NOTICES - LANDS |

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|---------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| 26                  | FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV | 3/13/2026         | 26.04               | FAR AD FEE FOR 2026 FL FOREVER WMD WORK PLAN     |
| 26                  | FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV | 3/13/2026         | 27.16               | LEGAL ADS FOR GOVERNING BOARD                    |
| 916                 | FPL NORTHWEST FLORIDA                    | 3/13/2026         | 731.95              | DEFUNIAK ELECTRIC                                |
| 916                 | FPL NORTHWEST FLORIDA                    | 3/13/2026         | 397.90              | MILTON ELECTRIC                                  |
| 391                 | GADSDEN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR             | 3/13/2026         | 22.37               | 2025 POSTAGE DUE                                 |
| 4112                | IN-SITU, INC.                            | 3/13/2026         | 2,978.97            | WATER LEVEL METER 200 (300 FT)                   |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 193.40              | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 189.54              | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 263.95              | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 103.23              | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 138.91              | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 173.43              | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 196.72              | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 135.09              | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 4.29                | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 101.60              | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 698                 | KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA    | 3/13/2026         | 97.74               | KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M                  |
| 3406                | NEECE TRUCK TIRE CENTER INC.             | 3/13/2026         | 92.21               | RUNNING PO FOR MINOR REPAIRS FOR HQ REG VEHICLES |
| 3406                | NEECE TRUCK TIRE CENTER INC.             | 3/13/2026         | 1,145.03            | TIRES FOR WMD-97198                              |
| 5788                | PAUL'S TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL          | 3/13/2026         | 40.00               | RUNNING PO FOR PEST CONTROL AROUND HQ            |
| 4577                | SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC                  | 3/13/2026         | 143.50              | REPLACEMENT TRAILER TIRE                         |
| 4577                | SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC                  | 3/13/2026         | 214.50              | JOHN DEERE FARM TRACTOR TIRE                     |
| 6177                | TALLAHASSEE TRUCK SERVICES INC           | 3/13/2026         | 1,690.00            | REPAIRS TO WMD-96835                             |
| 110                 | TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.       | 3/13/2026         | 724.82              | WATER/SEWER HQ                                   |
| 110                 | TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.       | 3/13/2026         | 88.50               | SECURITY LIGHTS HQ                               |
| 110                 | TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.       | 3/13/2026         | 3,585.86            | ELECTRIC HQ                                      |
| <b>TOTAL CHECKS</b> |  |                   | <b>\$ 14,290.34</b> |  |
| 4845                | CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE          | 3/13/2026         | 1,348.16            | LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY SERVI                   |
| 2497                | ROGER A. COUNTRYMAN II                   | 3/13/2026         | 426.00              | TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT                             |
| 5951                | D3 AIR AND SPACE OPERATIONS INC          | 3/13/2026         | 4,346.00            | STAFF AUGMENTATION                               |
| 6148                | DOODIE CALLS LLC                         | 3/13/2026         | 305.00              | PORTABLE ADA TOILET FOR PHIPPS PARK              |
| 3337                | FORESTECH CONSULTING                     | 3/13/2026         | 425.00              | LAND MANAGEMENT DATABASE                         |
| 5069                | LEPPO, INC.                              | 3/13/2026         | 710.48              | REPAIR ESTIMATE TO FIX BOBCAT TRACK LOADER.      |
| 4918                | APRIL MURRAY                             | 3/13/2026         | 1,025.34            | TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT                             |
| 3813                | PENNINGTON, P.A.                         | 3/13/2026         | 12,922.50           | LEGAL COUNSEL FEBRUARY 2026                      |
| 1180                | PRI ENTERPRISES                          | 3/13/2026         | 716.05              | REG CLOTHING                                     |
| 4607                | QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC                | 3/13/2026         | 248.00              | DFS MAIL MACHINE INK                             |
| 5083                | S&S ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS LLC        | 3/13/2026         | 7,269.50            | PHASE I ESA                                      |
| 4091                | THE SHOE BOX                             | 3/13/2026         | 144.50              | ROBERT STEELE SAFETY BOOTS                       |

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| 4799                              | STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC. | 3/13/2026         | 1.87                 | STAPLES - OFFICE SUPPLIES                          |
| 2808                              | THAT BOOT STORE                     | 3/13/2026         | 200.00               | WORK BOOTS FOR COAKLEY TAYLOR                      |
| 5218                              | WAGeworks, INC.                     | 3/13/2026         | 100.00               | COBRA ADMINISTRATION                               |
| <b>TOTAL ACH DISBURSEMENTS</b>    |                                     |                   | <b>\$ 30,188.40</b>  |  |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                          | 3/13/2026         | 100.00               | REFUND 327837-1 ERP PERMIT OVERPAYMENT             |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                          | 3/13/2026         | 30.00                | 254600314 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT #328647-1 |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                          | 3/13/2026         | 30.00                | 254600314 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT #328653-1 |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                          | 3/13/2026         | 30.00                | 254600314 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT# 328649-1 |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                          | 3/13/2026         | 50.00                | 253117572 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT #328524-1 |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                          | 3/13/2026         | 30.00                | 254600314 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT# 328652-1 |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                          | 3/13/2026         | 50.00                | 253728144 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT #328525-1 |
| 1616                              | BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA   | 3/13/2026         | 85,890.66            | BCBS MEDICAL                                       |
| <b>TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS</b> |                                     |                   | <b>\$ 86,210.66</b>  |  |
| <b>TOTAL AP</b>                   |                                     |                   | <b>\$ 130,689.40</b> |  |
| 6184                              | MD OF THE EMERALD COAST             | 3/20/2026         | 3,566.72             | RECREATION SITE CLEANUP & MAIN                     |
| 2992                              | BANK OF AMERICA                     | 3/20/2026         | 478.26               | ONLINE ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNT                      |
| 2992                              | BANK OF AMERICA                     | 3/20/2026         | 1,091.63             | FEBRUARY 2026 ONLINE ACCESS                        |
| 5131                              | CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS            | 3/20/2026         | 65,590.00            | EFFUENT FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT                     |
| 1709                              | DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS | 3/20/2026         | 2,573.25             | DOAH-BUCKHAVEN                                     |
| 3282                              | W.W. GRAINGER, INC.                 | 3/20/2026         | 210.51               | ICE BAGS, LDPE, 11 IN, 1,000 PK                    |
| 2291                              | GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,INC | 3/20/2026         | 526.83               | ELECTRIC SERVICES EFO                              |
| 6107                              | MOMSHE'S CLEANERS LLC               | 3/20/2026         | 1,099.00             | JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR DFO                        |
| 423                               | OKALOOSA CO. TAX COLLECTOR          | 3/20/2026         | 6.89                 | PARCEL REFUND                                      |
| 3941                              | TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.            | 3/20/2026         | 1,249.00             | TYLER CONNECT 2026 REGISTRATION                    |
| 6176                              | VERIZON WIRELESS                    | 3/20/2026         | 14.04                | RMD MACHINE TO MACHINE                             |
| 4038                              | WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS           | 3/20/2026         | 108.73               | 800 NUMBERS AND LONG DISTANCE                      |
| <b>TOTAL CHECKS</b>               |                                     |                   | <b>\$ 76,514.86</b>  |  |
| 1023                              | CAPITAL HITCH SERVICE, INC          | 3/19/2026         | 639.79               | BOAT TRAILER REPAIR WMD96215                       |
| 4855                              | ENVIRON SERVICES INCORPORATED       | 3/19/2026         | 2,162.50             | JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR HQ                         |
| 2453                              | ESCAMBIA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER  | 3/19/2026         | 3,139.41             | 3RD QTR FY 25-26                                   |
| 3002                              | FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY            | 3/19/2026         | 838.86               | OFFSITE DATA STORAGE                               |
| 839                               | FORESTRY SUPPLIERS, INC.            | 3/19/2026         | 2,224.94             | EASTERN AND CENTRAL REGION PRESCRIBED BURN PPE     |
| 839                               | FORESTRY SUPPLIERS, INC.            | 3/19/2026         | 271.00               | EASTERN AND CENTRAL REGION PRESCRIBED BURN PPE     |

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| 5925                              | IAN WATERS                         | 3/19/2026         | 90.00                | TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT                               |
| 5368                              | KOUNTRY RENTAL NWF, INC.           | 3/19/2026         | 10,475.00            | SERVICE FOR PORTABLE TOILETS-C                     |
| 5950                              | PRESS PRINT GRAPHICS LLC           | 3/19/2026         | 280.50               | SIGNS FOR BOYNTON LANDING ROAD ACCESS              |
| 4607                              | QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC          | 3/19/2026         | 686.61               | MAILING SYSTEMS FOR HQ AND DEFUNIAK SPRINGS        |
| 6205                              | SEA & SHORELINE LLC                | 3/19/2026         | 250,000.00           | CYPRESS SPRING RESTORATION PRO                     |
| 5336                              | TETRA TECH, INC                    | 3/19/2026         | 17,750.00            | ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEY DATA RE                     |
| 5336                              | TETRA TECH, INC                    | 3/19/2026         | (762.00)             | ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEY DATA RE                     |
| 2631                              | WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | 3/19/2026         | 12,984.80            | LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY ON DI                     |
| 6000                              | ZULU MARINE SERVICES INC           | 3/19/2026         | 38,214.00            | HOLMES COUNTY WATERWAY DEBRIS                      |
| <b>TOTAL ACH DISBURSEMENTS</b>    |                                    |                   | <b>\$ 338,995.41</b> |  |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 7,934.67             | FEBRUARY 2026 P-CARD CHARGES                       |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 50.00                | SUNPASS  |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 121.54               | RMD OFFICE SUPPLIES                                |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 44.32                | AMAZON.COM OFFICE/BUILDING SUPPLIES                |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 200.00               | 8"" LEATHER BOOTS FOR BRIAN SCHUMANN               |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 235.85               | AMAZON ORDER-MIRRORS,DESK HOLDERS,KEYBOARDS, MICE  |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 114.03               | OFFICE SUPPLIES JOB FAIR SUPPLIES                  |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 349.71               | REG BOOTS/OFFICE SUPPLIES-AMAZON                   |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 99.58                | OFFICE SUPPLIES NEW SHREDDER AND HOLE PUNCH        |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 193.95               | AMAZON ORDER FOR FIRE BOOTS FOR BENJAMIN FAURE     |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 247.89               | REG OFFICE SUPPLIES & BOOTS-AMAZON                 |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 814.77               | AMAZON ORDER FOR LIGHT BULBS AND PHOTOCELLS FOR HQ |
| 2967                              | BANK OF AMERICA                    | 3/20/2026         | 20.84                | REG OFFICE SUPPLIES/BOOTS-AMAZON                   |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                         | 3/20/2026         | 100.00               | REFUND 323995-1 ERP PERMIT OVERPAYMENT             |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                         | 3/20/2026         | 320.00               | REFUND 328880-1 ERP PERMIT WITHDRAWN               |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                         | 3/20/2026         | 70.00                | REFUND 298542-10 ERP PERMIT OVERPAYMENT            |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                         | 3/20/2026         | 100.00               | REFUND 329058-1 ERP PERMIT WITHDRAWN               |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                         | 3/20/2026         | 50.00                | 256972564-REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WELL PERMIT#328865 |
| <b>TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS</b> |                                    |                   | <b>\$ 11,067.15</b>  |  |
| <b>TOTAL AP</b>                   |                                    |                   | <b>\$ 426,577.42</b> |  |
| 95                                | AT&T                               | 3/27/2026         | 415.68               | PHONE SERVICE EFO                                  |
| 5131                              | CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS           | 3/27/2026         | 258.30               | CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS WATER/SEWER               |
| 4676                              | CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA             | 3/27/2026         | 90.42                | DUMPSTER SERVICE                                   |
| 4676                              | CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA             | 3/27/2026         | 25.90                | SEWER MILTON OFFICE                                |
| 4518                              | ENGINEERED COOLING SERVICES, INC.  | 3/27/2026         | 396.31               | RUNNING PO FOR HVAC REPAIRS AT HQ                  |
| 5790                              | GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES               | 3/27/2026         | 75.00                | NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT                          |

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| 3003                              | HAVANA FORD, INC.                 | 3/27/2026         | 92.33               | RUNNING PO FOR MINOR REPAIRS FOR HQ VEHICLES       |
| 5965                              | NIC SERVICES                      | 3/27/2026         | 590.44              | ONLINE PAYMENT CHARGES                             |
| 6060                              | TEAM ONE OF TALLAHASSEE INC       | 3/27/2026         | 113.13              | DECK BELT FOR SCAG MOWER                           |
| 4557                              | VERIZON WIRELESS                  | 3/27/2026         | 1,464.57            | CELL PHONES AND JETPACKS                           |
| 4626                              | WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC         | 3/27/2026         | 226.33              | SOLID WASTE HQ                                     |
| 5612                              | WETLAND SOLUTIONS, INC.           | 3/27/2026         | 12,944.00           | HYDROLOGIC & WATER QUALITY DAT                     |
| <b>TOTAL CHECKS</b>               |                                   |                   | <b>\$ 16,692.41</b> |  |
| 45                                | DMS                               | 3/27/2026         | 652.95              | DEFUNIAK LOCAL (WEST FL TELEPHONE SVCS)            |
| 45                                | DMS                               | 3/27/2026         | 4,157.14            | DEFUNIAK ETHERNET AND LONG DISTANCE                |
| 45                                | DMS                               | 3/27/2026         | 1.94                | CONFERENCE CALLS                                   |
| 45                                | DMS                               | 3/27/2026         | 1,488.35            | HEADQUARTERS LOCAL (PANAMA CITY TELEPHONE SVC)     |
| 45                                | DMS                               | 3/27/2026         | 90.08               | MILTON LOCAL (GULF BREEZE PHONE SVC)               |
| 45                                | DMS                               | 3/27/2026         | 0.48                | MILTON LONG DISTANCE                               |
| 45                                | DMS                               | 3/27/2026         | 278.38              | AIR CARDS AND HOT SPOTS                            |
| 45                                | DMS                               | 3/27/2026         | 15,742.40           | ETHERNET FOR ALL OFFICES                           |
| 4807                              | WEX BANK                          | 3/27/2026         | 10,865.03           | FEBRUARY 2026 GPS/FUEL AND SERVICES                |
| 2268                              | INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, INC  | 3/27/2026         | 837.00              | PHONE SYSTEM MAINTANANCE CONTRACT 07-037           |
| 1180                              | PRI ENTERPRISES                   | 3/27/2026         | 1,128.80            | PICNIC TABLES FOR HQ                               |
| 5935                              | THOMAS CALLAWAY                   | 3/27/2026         | 90.00               | TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT                               |
| <b>TOTAL ACH DISBURSEMENTS</b>    |                                   |                   | <b>\$ 35,332.55</b> |  |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                        | 3/27/2026         | 420.00              | REFUND 327367-1 ERP OVERPMT                        |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                        | 3/27/2026         | 100.00              | REFUND 328434-2 ERP PERMIT OVERPAYMENT             |
| 5944                              | REFUND NIC                        | 3/27/2026         | 50.00               | 255608084 - REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PERMIT 328700-1  |
| 4605                              | PENNINGTON LAW FIRM TRUST ACCOUNT | 3/27/2026         | 5,314.00            | CLOSING FUNDS TNC DONATION CHOCTAWATCHEE RIVER DEL |
| <b>TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS</b> |                                   |                   | <b>\$ 5,884.00</b>  |  |
| <b>TOTAL AP</b>                   |                                   |                   | <b>\$ 57,908.96</b> |  |

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS  
 PAYROLL  
 MARCH 2026

|                        |            |    |               |
|------------------------|------------|----|---------------|
| DIRECT DEPOSIT         | 03/06/2026 | \$ | 271,786.04    |
| CHECKS                 | 03/06/2026 |    | 5,711.48      |
| FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER | 03/06/2026 |    | 1,767.07      |
| DIRECT DEPOSIT         | 03/20/2026 |    | 277,302.94    |
| CHECKS                 | 03/20/2026 |    | 3,605.39      |
| FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER | 03/20/2026 |    | 1,766.89      |
|                        |            |    | 561,939.81    |
|                        |            |    | \$ 561,939.81 |

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Chairman or Executive Director

May 13, 2026

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Date

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: May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution No. 961 Committing Fund Balances  
for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025, as Required By GASB  
Statement No. 54

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 961 to commit fund balances for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as follows:

- Commit \$4,382,655 from the General Fund balance for an Economic Stabilization Fund.
- Commit \$121,125 from the General Fund balance for Water Resource Evaluations.
- Commit \$1,785,819 from the General Fund balance for Water Supply Development Assistance Grants.
- Commit \$1,023,316 from the General Fund balance for Surface Water Projects.

**Background**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54 (GASB 54), *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* establishes classifications to which government entities report their fund balances.

Under GASB 54, the Board is required to designate *committed* fund balances prior to September 30 each year. Since the District's fiscal year ends on this date, and outstanding revenues and expenditures have not yet been recorded, the Board adopted Resolution No. 955 on August 13, 2025, that specified estimated fund balance amounts as *committed*. As the District's financial statements ending September 30, 2025, are being finalized, actual

cash balances have been determined. Therefore, Resolution No. 961 is the update to Resolution No. 955 and specifies actual cash balance amounts as *committed*.

Fund balances are reported under a hierarchy of five classifications:

- *Non-spendable* – Represents assets that are nonliquid (such as inventory) or amounts legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (such as the principal amount of an endowment).
- *Restricted* – When constraints are placed on the use of resources for a specific purpose by enabling legislation (legally enforceable), external parties, or constitutional provisions.
- *Committed* – When constraints are created by the Governing Board on how it will spend its resources documented via a resolution by the Board. The restraints remain binding until rescinded or changed by the same method the constraints were created.
- *Assigned* – Designation of amounts by either the Governing Board or staff (if authorized) to be used for a specific purpose narrower than the purpose of the fund. Only used for General Fund reserves.
- *Unassigned* – The excess of total ending fund balances not otherwise restricted, committed, or assigned. Only the General Fund has an unassigned category since money remaining in any other fund is automatically designated or assigned to the purpose of the fund.

The District accounts for all financial resources through a General Fund, the District's primary operating fund, four Special Revenue Funds, and a Capital Projects Fund used to account for revenue sources that are limited to expenditures for specific purposes. Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are *restricted* or *committed* to expenditures for specific purposes other than debt service or capital projects. If the balance of a Special Revenue Fund is not formally restricted or committed by fiscal year end, then it must be reported as part of the General Fund for year-end audited financial statement purposes. A Capital Projects Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are *restricted*, *committed*, or *assigned* to expenditures for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Special Revenue Funds include these four funds:

- Regulation Fund - Provides for all regulatory permitting, licensing, and enforcement activities including the Environmental Resource Permitting Program, pursuant to Sections 373.413 and 373.4131, Florida Statutes. (Fund balance is *restricted*.)
- Special Projects Fund –
  - Accounts for all resource management projects and activities funded through revenue sources from grants and contracts with federal, state, or local government entities, as well as from an annual general operations state

appropriation. Depending on agreements, some may allow for ending balance from these sources to revert to the General Fund.

- Accounts for revenue and expenditure of state funds annually appropriated for the District's Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs) program for the purposes of Sections 373.041 and 373.042, Florida Statutes. (Fund balance is *restricted*.)
- Lands Management Fund - Accounts for activities associated with the management, improvement, maintenance, and restoration of District-owned lands. Revenues have been provided through timber sales, FEMA, and annual state appropriations for land management purposes. (Fund balance is *restricted*.)
- Mitigation Fund - Accounts for all District mitigation projects and activities funded primarily through the Florida Department of Transportation for the purposes of Section 373.4137, Florida Statutes. Expenditures include land acquisitions, restorations, monitoring, and other water resource related activities. (Fund balance is *restricted*.)

Capital Projects Funds include this fund:

- Capital Improvement & Land Acquisition Fund - Accounts for the acquisition of fixed assets and construction of major capital projects. The District uses the Capital Improvement & Land Acquisition Fund for all land acquisitions and capital construction and improvements. Funds have been provided mainly from Preservation 2000, Save our Rivers, and Florida Forever revenue sources. (Fund balance is *restricted*.)



Lyle Seigler  
Executive Director

# Northwest Florida Water Management District

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 961 COMMITTING FUND BALANCE RESERVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AS REQUIRED BY GASB Statement No. 54**

**WHEREAS**, the 2024-2025 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District extends from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has adopted Statement No. 54 (GASB 54), a standard for governmental fund balance reporting and governmental fund type definitions that became effective in governmental fiscal years starting after June 15, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Florida Water Management District implemented GASB 54 requirements, to apply to its financial statements beginning with the October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011 fiscal year and prior to the end of each fiscal year thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Florida Water Management District implemented a fund balance policy beginning in Fiscal Year 2010-2011, amended in Fiscal Year 2011-2012, which follows:

Fund balance measures the net financial resources available to finance expenditures of future periods.

The District's General Fund Balance will be Committed and Assigned to provide the District with sufficient working capital and a margin of safety to address unanticipated needs and emergencies without borrowing. The General Fund Balance may only be appropriated, by the Governing Board, by Resolution adopting a budget, or amendments to the Adopted Budget.

Fund Balances of the District may be committed for a specific source by Resolution of the Governing Board. Amendments or modifications of the committed fund balance must also be approved by the Governing Board by rescinding the Resolution or adopting a new Resolution.

When it is appropriate for fund balances to be assigned, the Board will assign funds or delegate authority to the Executive Director.

In circumstances where an expenditure is to be made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, the order in which resources will be expended is as follows: restricted fund balance, followed by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly, unassigned fund balance.

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Tallahassee

ANNA UPTON

Tallahassee

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District that fund balances will be committed for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as follows:

Commit \$4,382,655 from the General Fund balance for an Economic Stabilization Fund.

Commit \$121,125 from the General Fund balance for Water Resource Evaluations.

Commit \$1,785,819 from the General Fund balance for Water Supply Development Assistance Grants.

Commit \$1,023,316 from the General Fund balance for Surface Water Projects.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, A.D.

**ATTEST:**

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George Roberts, Chair

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Nick Patronis, Secretary-Treasurer

**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: May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024-25

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board accept the District's September 30, 2025, audited financial statements as presented.

**Background**

The District's independent audit firm, James Moore & Company, P.L., have concluded their audit of the District's financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

The Financial Report is provided as a separate document for your review and consideration.

**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: May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget  
Adjusting Beginning Fund Balances

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget adjusting fund balances.

**Background**

Amendment No. 1 updates the beginning budgeted fund balances to the FY 2025-2026 budget, based on the audited financial statements as of September 30, 2025.

Each year, after completion and approval of the prior year's audited financial statements, the audited ending fund balances are brought forward into the current year's budget in the form of an amendment. Funds impacted by the adjusted balances include the General Fund, Capital Improvement and Land Acquisition Fund, Special Projects Fund, Lands Management Fund, Regulation Fund, and Mitigation Fund.

In addition to the fund balances, the audited financial statements provide the unearned revenue available for the current and future year budgets.

**FY 2025-2026 Beginning Fund Balance and Available Resources**

| Fund   | Fund Balance | Unearned Revenue | Available Resources |
|--|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund                                   | 19,622,851   | 0                | 19,622,851          |
| Capital Improvement and Lands Acquisition Fund | 173,647      | 889,703          | 1,063,350           |
| Special Projects Fund                          | 3,353,628    | 106,437          | 3,460,065           |
| Lands Management Fund                          | 2,218,455    | 19,554           | 2,238,009           |
| Regulation Fund                                | 4,899,676    | 0                | 4,899,676           |
| Mitigation Fund                                | 5,173,193    | 10,565,806       | 15,738,999          |
|  | 35,441,450   | 11,581,500       | 47,022,950          |

These adjustments impact the beginning and ending fund balances and transfers across funds.

**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: May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 962 amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget and allow staff to realign revenues and reserves to maintain the proper balance in each fund.

**Background**

Amendment 2 realigns budget through transfers of \$151,000 within funds and across programs, activities, projects, and budget categories. This amendment does not increase or decrease the District's total budget.

Budget realignments include:

- \$70,000 in Salary and Benefit budget and transfer of one position from Activity 614 Administrative Services for an Office Assistant position in Activity 617 Human Resources.
- \$40,000 in Contracted Services transfers between projects in Activity 310 Land Management for increased security services on the Choctawhatchee River/Holmes Creek WMA.
- \$25,000 in budget transfers from Contracted Services to Fixed Capital Outlay in Activity 350 Other Operation and Maintenance Activities to support construction of a pole barn to house mitigation equipment at the Econfina field office.
- \$16,000 in budget transfers from Grants and Aids in Activity 222 Water Supply Development Assistance to Contracted Services in Activity 120 Research and Data Collection for additional funding allocated for the Resiliency Monitoring Network project.

Summary of Fund Impact to Expense Budget:

| <b><u>Fund Source</u></b> | <b><u>Increase</u></b> | <b><u>Decrease</u></b> | <b><u>Impact</u></b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund              | 70,000                 | (70,000)               | 0                    |
| Land Acquisition Fund     | 0                      | (0)                    | 0                    |
| Projects Fund             | 16,000                 | (16,000)               | 0                    |
| Lands Management Fund     | 40,000                 | (40,000)               | 0                    |
| Regulation Fund           | 0                      | (0)                    | 0                    |
| Mitigation Fund           | 25,000                 | (25,000)               | 0                    |
|                           | <u>151,000</u>         | <u>(151,000)</u>       | <u>0</u>             |



# Northwest Florida Water Management District

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*Executive Director*

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 962 AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, chapters 200 and 373, Florida Statutes, require the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District (District) to adopt a final budget for each fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 958, after a public hearing on September 24, 2025, the Governing Board of the District adopted a final budget for the District covering its proposed operations and other requirements for the ensuing fiscal year, beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with section 189.016(7), Florida Statutes, the District will post the adopted amendment on its official website within five days after its adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, a budget amendment involves an action that transfers, increases, or decreases to total appropriated fund amounts in the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 120.525, Florida Statutes, the District has provided notice of its intention to amend the Budget in the published notification of the Governing Board meeting at which the amendment will be considered; and

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

The budget is hereby amended as summarized in the memorandum dated May 13, 2026, requesting Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. Amendment No. 2 provides for budget transfers in the amount of \$151,000. This amendment recognizes the reallocation of budget authority within funds and across programs, activities, projects, and budget categories to properly reflect activities performed and estimated costs. This amendment does not increase or decrease the District’s total budget.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, A.D.

**ATTEST:**

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George Roberts, Chair

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Nick Patronis, Secretary-Treasurer

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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  
Danny Layfield, Director, Division of Asset Management

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

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution No. 963 to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Acquisition of the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement in the St. Marks River Rise and Wakulla Spring and Spring Creek Spring Group Groundwater Contribution Area

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval and adoption of Resolution No. 963 to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement acquisition in the St. Marks River Rise and Wakulla Spring and Spring Creek Spring Group Groundwater Contribution Areas.

**Background**

Resolution No. 963, if approved, will assist the District in requesting funding from DEP for the purchase of the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement. A Purchase and Sale Agreement was approved for this tract by the Governing Board on February 11, 2026. The purchase will be made with funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and will also have additional acquisition related costs. These costs include, but are not limited to, appraisals, review appraisal, boundary mapping and surveying, environmental site assessment, baseline documentation report, title insurance, and legal fees.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 963**  
**TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR**  
**THE HICKORY PRESERVE CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITION;**  
**ST. MARKS RIVER RISE AND WAKULLA SPRING AND SPRING CREEK**  
**SPRING GROUP GROUNDWATER CONTRIBUTION AREAS**

**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 Legislature provided funds to the Department of Environmental Protection for distribution to Northwest Florida Water Management District from the Florida Springs Grant Program, State Appropriation Category 087870, for land acquisition of properties for spring restoration, protection and management; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has pursued the purchase of the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement for the purposes of water management, water supply, and the conservation and protection of water resources consistent with Section 373.59, Florida Statutes, and with the District's Five Year Plan of Acquisition as filed with the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement is within the St. Marks River Rise and Wakulla Spring and Spring Creek Spring Group Groundwater Contribution Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the District entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated February 11, 2026, for the District's acquisition of the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement; and

**WHEREAS**, closing on the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement is scheduled for May 31, 2026, or before; and

**WHEREAS**, a general location map and legal description depicting the location of the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof by reference; and

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**WHEREAS**, the purchase price for the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement is \$1,150,000.00. Additional associated costs will be requested under this resolution at a later date with the submission of a District invoice and appropriate documentation; and

**WHEREAS**, the legal interest to be acquired is less than fee simple; and

**WHEREAS**, the District certifies as to the following:

- (1) That the Hickory Preserve Conservation Easement is within the St. Marks River Rise and Wakulla Spring and Spring Creek Spring Group Groundwater Contribution Areas;
- (2) That the lands acquired are consistent with the District's updated Five Year Plan of Acquisition as filed on or before February 11, 2026, pursuant to Section 373.199, Florida Statutes, and are identified for acquisition using funding from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund;
- (3) That funds are to be used only for acquisition costs and fees associated with such acquisition;
- (4) That a copy of the certified appraisals which have been approved by this Governing Board is transmitted herewith;
- (5) That the purchase price is 100 percent or less than the appraised value used to determine the value of the conservation easement; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District does hereby request payment from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund of the State of Florida for the purchase of the less than fee simple interest in the above-described lands and that the warrant be issued by the Department of Financial Services of the State of Florida to Northwest Florida Water Management District. Additional associated costs are not being requested under this resolution at this time, but will be requested at a later date under this same resolution with a District invoice and supporting documentation.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 13th day of May A.D., 2026.

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

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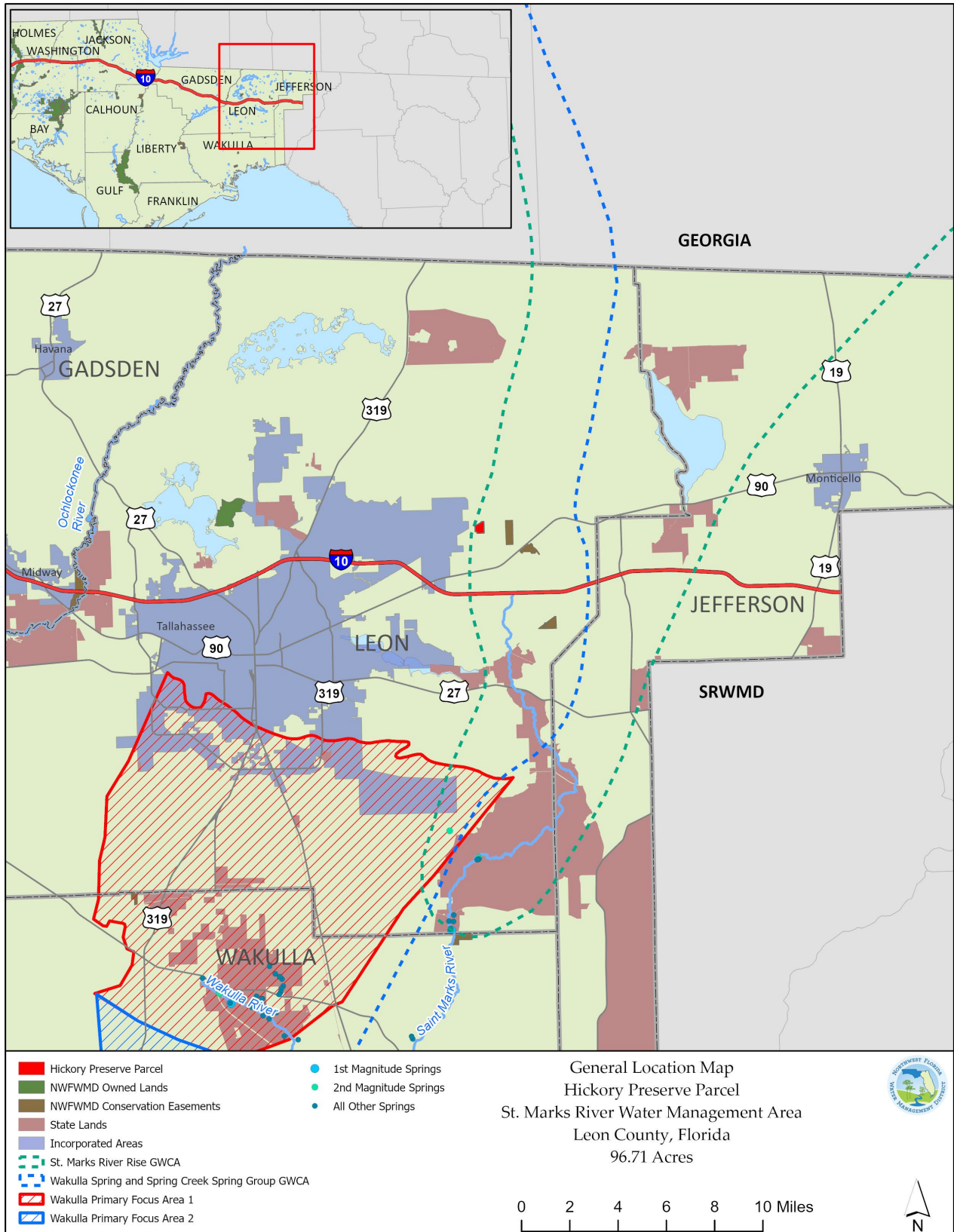
George Roberts, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Nick Patronis, Secretary/Treasurer

# EXHIBIT A



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

COMMENCE AT A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT #732 MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3.(sic) TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 370.62 FEET TO A SET 5/8" IRON ROD AND CAP #8393 MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1623.58 FEET TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT #732;

THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2546.37 FEET TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT #732 LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MICCOSUKEE ROAD;

THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE 316.22 FEET TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING A POINT OF CURVATURE OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST;

THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY AND SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 872.70 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 22'22'02", FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 340.68 FEET (CHORD BEARS S 77'38'34" W. 338.52 FEET) TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT #732;

THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE 140.74 FEET TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT;

THENCE SOUTH 61 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1242.54 FEET TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT;

THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.15 FEET TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT;

THENCE SOUTH 61 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.01 FEET TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT;

THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 99.96 FEET TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MICCOSUKEE ROAD;

THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 211.54 FEET TO A FOUND 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT #1254 MARKING A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MICCOSUKEE ROAD AND THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 3;

THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY RUN ALONG SAID SECTION LINE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1411.97 FEET TO A SET 5/8" IRON ROD AND CAP #8393;

THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 370.62 FEET TO A SET 5/8" IRON ROD AND CAP #8393;

THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 353.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 96.71 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

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

FROM: Paul Thurman, Chief, Bureau of Water Resource Evaluation

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of Grants with DEP for the St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project and Live Oak Point Living Shoreline Project

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to Execute Agreements to accept grant funding with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for 1) data collection associated with the St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project and 2) work associated with the Live Oak Point Living Shoreline Project.

**Background**

The Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP) of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provides federal NOAA funds to state agencies and water management districts for projects related to coastal protection. District staff reviewed current priorities and projects and determined two projects were suitable for this program: 1) The St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project and 2) Live Oak Point Living Shoreline Project. In FY2025-2026, the District applied for FCMP grants for both projects and were subsequently awarded two grants.

The first grant will provide up to \$100,000 in federal funding to support data collection efforts associated with the development of a hydrodynamic model for St. Joseph Bay. The second grant will provide up to \$100,000 in federal funding to partner with the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance (CBA) to install a minimum of 500 feet of breakwater along the Live Oak Point property in Choctawhatchee Bay. The grant period for both projects extends from May 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

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

FROM: Paul Thurman, Chief, Bureau of Water Resource Evaluation

DATE: April 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels Program Update

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Section 373.042(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires water management districts to develop minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFLs). The MFL for a given waterbody is the limit at which further withdrawals will be significantly harmful to the water resources or ecology of the area. Section 373.042, F.S., requires that the Northwest Florida Water Management District (District) establish MFLs for Outstanding Florida Springs (OFS) no later than July 1, 2026.

The MFL rule for Jackson Blue Spring (40A-8.061) became effective on April 28, 2026. This MFL was preceded by technical assessments and rules for the St. Marks River Rise (2019), Wakulla and Sally Ward Springs (2021), and Middle Econfina Creek including Gainer, Sylvan, and Williford Springs Groups (2025). Three OFS are located within the District and include Wakulla, Gainer, and Jackson Blue Springs. The completion of the Jackson Blue Spring MFL fulfills the statutory requirement for OFS MFLs under s. 373.042, F.S.

The District continues to work on MFLs within its boundaries. Ongoing MFL evaluations include the Floridan Aquifer in Coastal Bay County, the Floridan Aquifer in Coastal Planning Region II, the Shoal River, and Morrison Spring.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board

FROM: J. Breck Brannen, General Counsel

RE: Legal Counsel Report

DATE: May 4, 2026

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The lawsuit styled ***Northwest Florida Water Management District v. Kenneth Sadler and Mildred Sadler, husband and wife***, in the Circuit Court in and for Washington County, Florida, has concluded. The lawsuit alleged continuing trespass and ejection for the Sadlers' placement and construction of, and failure to remove, certain improvements upon District-owned land. A hearing on the District's motion for summary judgment to require the Sadlers to remove the improvements from District-owned land was heard February 23, 2026. The Court ruled entirely in the District's favor and issued a Final Order requiring the Sadlers to remove their property from District-owned land within 90 days.

***Michelle Harpster, Petitioner, vs. Northwest Florida Water Management District, Respondent, and Garden Street Communities Southeast, LLC, Intervenor***, State of Florida Division of Administrative Hearings Case No. 25-6140

Petitioner challenged the District's issuance and later modification of an environmental resource permit issued to Permittee/Intervenor Garden Street Communities Southeast, LLC, for a residential development in Okaloosa County. The final hearing was held January 26 and 27 via Zoom. The parties submitted Proposed Recommended Orders on April 2, 2026. The ALJ issued his Recommended Order on April 23, 2026. The Recommended Order is in the District's and Intervenor's favor, ultimately stating "Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is RECOMMENDED that the District enter a final order approving Permit Number IND-091-307735-2, which is a modification to Permit Number IND-091-307735-1." The parties now have until May 8, 2026, to file with the District any exceptions they may have with the Recommended Order. The administrative process will be concluded by the Governing Board issuing its Final Order at a public hearing (to be scheduled), subject to appeal.