# NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

District Headquarters 81 Water Management Drive Havana, FL 32333

Thursday February 14, 2013

Governing Board Members Present
George Roberts, Chair
Jerry Pate, Vice Chair
Joyce Estes, Secretary/Treasurer
John Alter
Angus Andrews
Stephanie Bloyd
Jon Costello
Bo Spring

Governing Board Members Absent Nick Patronis

#### 1. <u>Call to Order and Roll Call</u>

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:01p.m., ET. Mr. Steverson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

#### 2. Invocation

Mr. Jerry Pate offered the invocation.

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chair Roberts led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### 4. Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda

There were no additions, deletions or changes to the agenda.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2013

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR.ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE JANUARY 10, 2013, GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 6. Public Hearing on Consideration of Land Acquisition Matters

Chair Roberts called the public hearing to order at 1:16 p.m., ET.

#### 6. A. Consideration of Florida Forever 2013 Five-Year Plan for Land Acquisition

Ms. Carol Bert reminded the board that in 2005, the Legislature passed House Bill 727 which requires each water management district to present a consolidated water management district annual report by March 1 of

each year. She explained that the Florida Forever Five-Year Work Plan is now part of the consolidated annual report; however, Section 373.139, Florida Statutes, also requires that the District adopt, in a public hearing, a Five-Year Work Plan for land acquisition.

Ms. Bert stated that in this work plan the District certifies to the Department of Environmental Protection that each property being purchased is consistent with the District's adopted Five-Year Work plan. She informed the board that this year's work plan differs from last year's plan due to the addition of a section on the proposed surplusing of five tracts of District land which total 188.4 acres. Ms. Bert submitted the document for the official record and opened the floor for public comment. With no public comment, Ms. Bert voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the 2013 Florida Forever Five-Year Work Plan.

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE 2013 FLORIDA FOREVER FIVE-YEAR WORK PLAN. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 7. A. Consent Business Agenda

Ms. Jean Whitten presented the Financial Report and Schedule of Disbursements for the month of December 2012.

MOTIONED BY MS. BLOYD, SECONDED BY MS. ESTES, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 7. B. Consideration of Resolution 771 to Amend the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget-Amendment #2

Ms. Whitten stated that the Resource Management Division has identified additional operating budget needs for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 including the following:

- Meginnis Arm Stormwater Facility (\$5,000)
- Hydrologic Monitoring and Data Services for MFLs (\$263,537)
- Deepwater Horizon Moex Restoration (\$24,300)
- Ground Water Monitoring and Assessment and Cooperative Restoration Projects (\$168,950)
- DOT Mitigation (\$305,000)

Ms. Whitten stated that the net effect of the changes is an increase of \$766,787, \$401,863 to be funded from General Fund Reserves, \$329,300 from state revenues and \$35,624 from Federal grants. Ms. Whitten voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve Resolution 771 amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget.

MOTIONED BY MS. ESTES, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE RESOLUTION 771 AMENDING THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

## 7. C. Consideration of Resolution 772 to Amend the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget-Amendment #3

Ms. Whitten stated that the Resource Management Division has identified additional Interagency Expenditures budget needs for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 including the following:

- Apalachicola River Watershed Restoration (\$181,500)
- Blueprint 2000 Cascades Park Stormwater Enhancements (\$300,000)

Ms. Whitten stated that the net effect of the changes is an increase of \$481,500 to be funded from state revenues previously appropriated to the District. Ms. Whitten voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve Resolution 772 amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget.

MOTIONED BY MS. BLOYD, SECONDED BY MR. COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE RESOLUTION 772 AMENDING THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 7. D. Consideration of Renewal of Employee Health and Life Insurance

Ms. Whitten stated that the District's employee health coverage will expire on March 31, 2013. She informed the board that in order to maintain the same level of coverage for District employees the premiums will increase by 5.3% from the current rate. Ms. Whitten further stated that the employee life, dental and long-term disability insurance policies will also expire on March 31, 2013. She reminded the board as discussed at the October Governing Board meeting, changes required to align the District's employee benefits with those of state employees include reducing the amount of life insurance provided by the District to \$25,000 per employee and eliminating the contributions for dental and long-term disability insurance.

Ms. Whitten stated that the open-enrollment period is scheduled for early March to allow employees to discuss coverage details with the company representatives. Ms. Whitten voiced staff recommendation to approve the renewal of the Employee Health and Life insurance policies for the year beginning April 1, 2013, and ending March 31, 2014.

MOTIONED BY MS. ESTES, SECONDED BY MR. PATE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2013, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

# 7. E. <u>Consideration of Grant Agreement with the City of Apalachicola for the Battery Park Basin Stormwater Improvements Project</u>

Mr. Paul Thorpe stated that the proposed agreement with the City of Apalachicola would provide District grant funding for development of a stormwater treatment facility and improvements to the conveyance system within the Battery Park Basin. He explained that by implementing this project, the city will retrofit the existing drainage system to improve stormwater quality prior to its discharge into Apalachicola Bay.

Mr. Thorpe stated that this project, as proposed by the City of Apalachicola, includes two primary components: a treatment train in the upper reaches of the basin and a wet detention facility at its terminus, prior to the discharge of stormwater into the bay. He further stated that the grant agreement, as proposed, will provide funding sufficient for the engineering, design, surveying, and permitting of the stormwater retrofit improvements. He further noted that, assuming satisfactory completion of project designs, it is anticipated that a contract amendment will be proposed in the future to provide the additional funding and time extension required for construction. He informed the board that the project will be funded by the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund, pursuant to a Legislative Appropriation for the Apalachicola Bay SWIM Program.

Mr. Thorpe voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreement with the City of Apalachicola to provide up to \$71,500 in District grant funding for the Battery Park Basin Stormwater Improvements Project.

MOTIONED BY MS. ESTES, SECONDED BY MS. BLOYD, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA TO PROVIDE UP TO \$71,500 IN DISTRICT FUNDING FOR THE BATTERY PARK BASIN STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED.

# 7. F. <u>Consideration of Memorandum of Agreement with the Deputy Secretary of the Air Force for</u> Installations for Expanded Training Opportunities on District Lands

Mr. Bill Cleckley informed the board that the Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative is looking to expand regional military capability in northwest Florida and would like to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the District to allow such operations on District lands. He reported that the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Environmental Protection have entered into a similar MOA and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will soon consider a similar agreement.

Mr. Cleckley introduced Mr. Greg Kesler, Sr., Military Planner. Mr. Kesler gave a detailed presentation about the Gulf Regional Air Space Initiative and expressed his appreciation to the board for their consideration. Mr. Cleckley voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Installations, Pentagon, Washington D.C. and the Northwest Florida Water Management District for the Provision of Military Training on District Lands.

MOTIONED BY MS. ESTES, SECONDED BY MR. ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MEMORANDOM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS, PENTAGON, WASHINGTON D.C. AND THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF MILITARY TRAINING ON DISTRICT LANDS. MOTION CARRIED.

# 7. G Consideration of Resolution Nos. 766, 767, 768, 769 and 770 to Declare Five Tracts of District Land for Surplus; Escambia, Blackwater, Yellow and Choctawhatchee River WMA's

Ms. Carol Bert stated that during the Lands Committee meeting on January 10, 2013, staff provided the Committee with an overview of five parcels which have been proposed by staff for surplus. Ms. Bert voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 766 for the surplus of 110.5 acres in the Escambia River WMA, Resolution No. 767 for the surplus of 0.4 acres in the Blackwater River WMA, Resolution No. 768 for the surplus of 1.5 acres in the Yellow River WMA, Resolution No. 769 for the surplus of 38 acres (along Sandy Creek Landing Road) in the Choctawhatchee River WMA and Resolution No. 770 for the surplus of 38 acres near Sandy Creek in the Choctawhatchee River WMA. In addition, staff further recommended that the Governing Board make a determination that the parcels are no longer needed for conservation purposes and that the 0.4 acres recommended for suplus in Resolution No. 767 and the 1.5 acres recommended for surplus in the Resolution No. 768 were acquired for conservation purposes.

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. PATE, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 766 FOR THE SURPLUS OF 110.5 ACRES IN THE ESCAMBIA RIVER WMA, RESOLUTION NUMBER 767 FOR THE SURPLUS OF 0.4 ACRES IN THE BLACKWATER CREEK WMA, RESOLUTION NUMBER 768 FOR THE SURPLUS OF 1.5 ACRES IN THE YELLOW RIVER WMA, RESOLUTION NUMBER 769 FOR THE SURPLUS OF 38 ACRES (ALONG SANDY CREEK LANDING ROAD) IN THE CHOCTAWHATCHEE RIVER WMA,

RESOLUTION NUMBER 770 FOR THE SURPLUS OF 38 ACRES NEAR SANDY CREEK IN THE CHOCTAWHATCHEE RIVER WMA AND DECLARE THAT THE PARCELS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND DECLARE THAT THE 0.4 ACRES IN RESOLUTION NUMBER 767 AND 1.5 ACRES IN RESOLUTION NUMBER 768 WERE ACQUIRED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 7. H. Consideration of ITB 13B-003 for Purchase of Longleaf Pine Tubelings

Mr. Tyler Macmillan stated that in fiscal year 2013-2014, staff anticipates restoring (reforesting) over 1,295 acres of cutover and/or distributed longleaf pine habitat within the Econfina Creek WMA. He reported that the District will need to purchase approximately 940,000 longleaf pine tubelings, to meet the planting needs for the 2013-2014 season. Mr. Macmillan indicated that the District has found a cost-effective method that locks in a lower price for procuring the trees that we need on an annual basis by requesting a price that would be honored by the nursery for three consecutive years. He explained that under the proposed multi-year agreement, the District will annually amend the agreement to place the order for the upcoming planting season.

Mr. Macmillan voiced staff recommendation to approve the bid submitted by Blanton's Longleaf Container Nursery for 940,000 longleaf pine tubelings in FY 2013-2014 at a total cost of \$141,000; and the price of \$150.00 per thousand for any additional tubelings ordered in FY 2013-2014, as well as for future longleaf pine tubelings orders in FY 2014-2015 and FY 2015-2016. In addition, staff further recommends that the Governing Board authorize the executive director to execute an agreement with Blanton's Longleaf Container Nursery for the purchase of 940,000 longleaf pine tubelings and the purchase (at the District's option and subject to Executive Director approval) of additional longleaf pine tubelings at the same price per thousand, subject to approval of funds for the longleaf tubelings in the District's FY 2013-2014 budget in September.

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. SPRING, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE ITB 13B-003 SUBMITTED BY BLANTON'S LONGLEAF CONTAINER NURSERY FOR 940,000 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS IN FY 2013-2014 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$141,000; AND THE PRICE OF \$150.00 PER THOUSAND FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TUBELINGS ORDERED IN FY 2013-2014, AS WELL AS FOR FUTURE LONGLEAF PINE TUBELING ORDERS IN FY 2014-2015 AND FY 2015-2016; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BLANTON'S LONGLEAF CONTAINER NURSERY FOR THE PURCHASE OF 940,000 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS AND THE PURCHASE (AT THE DISTRICT'S OPTION AND SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPROVAL) OF ADDITIONAL LONGLEAF TUBELINGS AT THE SAME PRICE PER THOUSAND, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR THE LONGLEAF TUBELINGS IN THE DISTRICT'S FY 2013-2014 BUDGET IN SEPTEMBER, MOTION CARRIED.

# 7. I. <u>Consideration of Consultant Selections to provide Continuing Services for Miscellaneous Economic Analysis</u>

Ms. Angela Chelette notified the board that the District received five responses to the District's Request for Qualifications for Miscellaneous Economic Analysis. She stated that all five consultants were certified as qualified to provide the requested services by a District staff certification/selection committee. Ms. Chelette voiced staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the highest ranked firm and sequentially ranked firms, as needed.

MOTIONED BY MR. PATE, SECONDED BY MR. ALTER THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHEST RANKED FIRM AND SEQUENTIALLY RANKED FIRMS, AS NEEDED. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 8. A. <u>Information Item- Rulemaking Update for SWERP, MSSW and CUPCon</u>

Mr. Michael Edgar and staff presented the Rulemaking Update for Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting, Management and Storage of Surface Waters and Consumptive Use Permitting Consistency. Mr. Edgar informed the board that the material was provided for informational purposes only.

#### 8. B. Information Item- Regulatory Quarterly Report

Mr. Edgar presented the Regulatory Quarterly Report and informed the board that the material was provided for informational purposes only.

#### 8. C. Information Item- Wounded Warrior Hunt

Mr. Macmillan gave a detailed overview of the 2013 Wounded Warrior Hunt, hosted by the District at the Econfina Creek WMA. He stated that the gratitude shown by the hunters was incredible and how honored he is to give back to a group of folks who have given so much for us. Mr. Macmillan expressed his appreciation to all who participated in making this special event a reality.

#### 9. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Kevin Crowley stated that Mrs. Crenshaw filed an amended petition for an administrative hearing challenging the issuance of a surface water management permit to Vista of Fort Walton Beach/James Busby for a construction project in Defuniak Springs. He reported that Administrative Law Judge D.R. Alexander has been assigned to the case and the final hearing took place on January 22, 2013. Mr. Crowley stated that the parties' proposed recommended orders are due on March 6, 2013.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Steverson introduced Mr. Rance Ellis, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Mr. Ellis gave a brief update on Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Best Management Cost-Share Programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m., E1.	
Chair	Date
Executive Director	Agency Clerk

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Financial Report

# Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances For Period Ending January 31, 2013

Balance Forward - Operating Funds		\$71,524,109.92	
Operating Funds Received in current month:			
Revenue Receipts, Current Contracts Receivable Other Deposits/Refunds/Adjustments Transfers from Lands Accounts Total Deposits during month	\$823,676.52 402,355.98 10,805.24 0.00	1,236,837.74	
Total Deposits and Balance Forward			\$ 72,760,947.66
Disbursements:  Employee Salaries Employee Benefits Employee Flexible Spending Account Contractual Services (Professional) Operating Expenses - Services Operating Expenses - Commodities Operating Capital Outlay Grants and Aids Total Operating Expenses during month Payables, Prior Year Other Disbursements or (Credits) Total Funds Disbursed by check during month Bank Debits (Fees, Deposit Slips, etc.) Transfer to Land Acquisition Account Total Funds Disbursed Cash Balance Operating Funds at month end		415,096.17 256,737.29 0.00 103,422.33 103,995.95 45,120.51 13,380.84 0.00 937,753.09 31,456.25 48,985.82 1,018,195.16 240.38 0.00	1,018,435.54 \$ 71,742,512.12
Operating Depositories:			
Petty Cash Fund Bank of America: General Fund Checking @ 0.19% Payroll Account @ 0.0% Pensacola Account Wells Fargo @ 0.15% Investment Accounts: Fla. Board of Administration @0.22% General Fund Lands Fee Fund SWIM Fund		250.25 2,984,351.15 3,965.45 0.00 38,194.10 31,833,956.32 8,840,488.83 5,975,369.81	
ETDM Water Prot. & Sust. TF Mitigation Fund Fund B Deposits Frozen by SBA  Total Operating Depositories at month end		1,299.65 5,436,071.33 15,711,691.79 916,873.44 \$ 71,742,512.12	

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# Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances For Period Ending January 31, 2013

# Land Acquisition Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration @ 0.22% Fund B Deposits Frozen by SBA Total Land Acquisition Funds	\$ 607,531.02 52,445.81	659,976.83
Restricted Land Management Funds: Fla. Board of Administraton Phipps Land Management Account @ 0.22% Fund B Deposits Frozen by SBA Total Restricted Land Management Funds	290,912.94 6,565.29	297,478.23
Total Land Acquisition, and Restricted Management Funds		957,455.06
TOTAL OPERATING, LAND ACQUISITION, & RESTRICTED FUNDS AT MONTH END		\$ 72,699,967.18
Approved: Chairman or Executive Director		
Date: March 14, 2013		

Northwest Florida Water Management District Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds For the Month ending January 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

(Unaudited)

			Actuals	Variance	
		Current	Through	(under)/Over	Actuals As A
		Budget	1/31/2013	Budget	% of Budget
Sources					
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	❖	3,287,425 \$	2,431,681	\$ (855,744)	74%
Intergovernmental Revenues		15,269,115	226,393	(15,042,722)	1%
Interest on Invested Funds		166,147	58,737	(107,410)	35%
License and Permit Fees		358,500	78,130	(280,370)	22%
Other		2,200,957	1,364,210	(836,747)	92%
Fund Balance		64,846,222		(64,846,222)	%0
Total Sources	❖	\$ 99,128,366 \$	4,159,151	86,128,366 \$ 4,159,151 \$ (81,969,215)	2%

		Current					Á	Available		
		Budget	Exp	Expenditures	Encum	Encumbrances <sup>1</sup>		Budget	%Expended	%Expended %Obligated <sup>2</sup>
Uses										
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	Ş	4,440,755	\$	601,430	Ş	4,533	\$	3,834,793	14%	14%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works		13,395,157		566,391		104,349	Т	12,724,417	4%	2%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works		4,015,869		687,432		141,121		3,187,316	17%	21%
Regulation		3,285,410		991,843		40,154		2,253,412	30%	31%
Outreach		172,085		45,989		ı		126,096	27%	27%
Management and Administration		2,593,315		662,889		25,501		1,904,926	26%	27%
Total Uses	\$	27,902,591	\$	3,555,973	\$	315,657	\$ 2	315,657 \$ 24,030,960	13%	14%
Reserves		58,225,775					Ŋ	58,225,775	%0	%0
Total Uses and Reserves	\$	\$ 86,128,366 \$ 3,555,973 \$	\$	3,555,973	\$	315,657 \$ 82,256,735	8 \$	2,256,735	4%	4%

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{1}}$  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.

## SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS

## **GENERAL FUND**

# JANUARY 2013

CHECKS	1/2/2013	156,912.89
AP EFT CHECKS	1/4/2013	765.60
CHECKS	1/9/2013	45,707.91
AP EFT CHECKS	1/11/2013	1,191.42
CHECKS	1/16/2013	110,374.96
AP EFT CHECKS	1/18/2013	2,190.36
CHECKS	1/23/2013	60,063.41
AP EFT CHECKS	1/25/2013	829.48
CHECKS	1/29/2013	186,513.13
EFT CHECKS	2/1/2013	395.43
VOIDED CHECK	1/22/2013	-85.44
RETIREMENT EFT		55,301.25
UNEMPLOYMENT EFT		6,325.00

\$ 626,	485.40

Chairman or Executive Director

March 14, 2013

Date

COMPUTER PAID/EFT CHECK REGISTER

VENDOR 4832	NAME ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	INVOICE NET 5,816.79	CHECK DATE 01/02/2013	INVOICE DESCRIPTION EMPLOYEE DENTAL INS
4834	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,375.92	01/02/2013	EMPLOYEE ADD INS
4633 95	ASSOCIATIVE ENTREOTE BEINEFILS AT&T	264.86	01/02/2013	EFO PHONE
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	127.48	01/02/2013	ONLINE ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	477.72	01/02/2013	PAYMENT PORTAL FOR WELL PERMIT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	703.68	01/02/2013	ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	33,563.68	01/02/2013	EMPLOYEE HLTH INS
1617	CAPITAL HEALTH PLAN	72,964.82	01/02/2013	EMPLOYEE HLTH INS
3269	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	2,205.00	01/02/2013	ACRONIS BACKUP AND RECOVERY SE
4655	CITY OF GRETNA	18,656.25	01/02/2013	CONTRACT 10-023
3289	CITY OF TALLAHASSEE	31.73	01/02/2013	LAKE JACKSON
4061	BRIAN WILLIAM TAYLOR	80.00	01/02/2013	LAWN SERVICE FOR MARIANNA
4964	FENCESCREEN INC.	132.42	01/02/2013	FENCE SCREEN
1292	FISHER SCIENTIFIC	333.93	01/02/2013	SAMPLING SUPPLIES
24	FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	530.42	01/02/2013	MFO UTLITIES
3078	GEORGIA-FLORIDA BURGLAR ALARM CO, INC	763.53	01/02/2013	FIRE AND SECURITY SERVICES
3492	GEOTECH ENVIRONMENTAL EQUIP, INC.	90.73	01/02/2013	FIELD SUPPLIES
2941	HACH COMPANY	9,186.75	01/02/2013	SUBMERSIBLE WATER LEVEL SENSOR
3298	HOLLEY, INC.	514.50	01/02/2013	LOCKS
3942	A & W VENTURES, L.C.	151.34	01/02/2013	PORTABLE TOILET
4650	MASTERS FARM SUPPLY	460.00	01/02/2013	DISC BLADES
1210	MOORE WALLACE	156.19	01/02/2013	TAX FORMS/CALENDAR YEAR 2012
4664	RBM AUTO & TRUCK PARTS, INC	208.00	01/02/2013	WMD 0004 BATTERIES
1205	OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	246.39	01/02/2013	OFFICE SUPPLIES
4960	PARKWAY CAR CARE CENTER, INC.	731.25	01/02/2013	WATERCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND REP
4081	TSWS, INC.	1,435.00	01/02/2013	PORTABLE TOILETS
4973	RAO, REDDY, ALBIBI & FINLAW,	1,140.00	01/02/2013	REFUND FOR A# 2036
4136	RICOH AMERICAS CORPORATION	336.20	01/02/2013	RICOH COPIER
3568	THOMPSON TRACTOR CO., INC.	563.25	01/02/2013	AIR FILTERS FOR D-5 CAT
4968	WANTMAN GROUP, INC.	250.00	01/02/2013	PLOT TWO LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS
4774	JOHN T WILLIAMSON	655.68	01/02/2013	GENERAL LABOR SERVICES
4651	PANAMA CITY CYCLES, INC	639.68	01/02/2013	SERVICE AND REPAIR FOR BOMBARD

**TOTAL CHECKS** 

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MILEAGE	01/04/2013	122.38	JON STEVERSON	4934
<b>EMPLOYEE TRAVEL</b>	01/04/2013	189.27	PETER FOLLAND	4961
<b>EMPLOYEE TRAVEL</b>	01/04/2013	189.27	STEVEN COSTA	3080
<b>EMPLOYEE TRAVEL</b>	01/04/2013	264.68	EDWARD CHELETTE	4076

VENDOR	NAME	INVOICE NET	CHECK DATE	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
4812	ALL AMERICAN RENTALS, INC.	280.00	01/09/2013	PORTABLE TOILETS
4445	JUSTIN G. MCLEAN	4,302.10	01/09/2013	<b>CLEAN UP AND MAINTENANCE SERVI</b>
771	CITY OF MARIANNA	33.42	01/09/2013	MFO SEWER
2820	CONTINENTAL MILANO IMAGING PRODUCTS	460.00	01/09/2013	PLOTTER PAPER
3461	DANIELS JANITORIAL SERVICE	1,300.00	01/09/2013	MONTH TO MONTH JANITORIAL SVS.
97	THE DEFUNIAK HERALD	27.00	01/09/2013	LEGAL AD
45	DMS	0.18	01/09/2013	CONFERENCE CALLS
45	DMS	13.68	01/09/2013	CONFERENCE CALLS
45	DMS	8.19	01/09/2013	LONG DISTANCE
45	DMS	30.50	01/09/2013	WEB SERVER
45	DMS	1,500.63	01/09/2013	HQ PHONE SERVICE
45	DMS	4,865.91	01/09/2013	DEDICATED CHARGES
45	DMS	144.00	01/09/2013	NETWORK
45	DMS	786.46	01/09/2013	CFO PHONE CHARGES
4748	EAST MILTON WATER SYSTEM	11.42	01/09/2013	MILTON H20
4855	ENVIRON SERVICES INCORPORATED	1,552.00	01/09/2013	ENVIRON SERVICES-HQ JANITORIAL
2453	ESCAMBIA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	3,138.00	01/09/2013	2ND QTR FY 12-13
648	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION	39.73	01/09/2013	SHIPPING INTEROCEAN S4ADWI MET
4975	FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES	100.00	01/09/2013	FIRE MARSHALL FEE FOR CARR REN
349	GADSDEN COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	403.00	01/09/2013	2ND QTR FY 12-13
4851	GEOCUE CORPORATION	3,000.00	01/09/2013	LP360 ADVANCED UPGRADE AND MA
4724	IDW LLC	209.57	01/09/2013	OFFICE SUPPLIES - ID BADGES
2268	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, INC	300.00	01/09/2013	CONNECT VIDEO CONFERENCING EQU
2268	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, INC	814.00	01/09/2013	CONTRACT 07-037
3193	INSURANCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE	55.57	01/09/2013	MVR
4921	JACKSON COUNTY UTILITIES	29.00	01/09/2013	MFO H2O
1717	JACKSON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	562.76	01/09/2013	1ST QTR FY 12-13
3921	KOUNTRY RENTAL, INC.	4,163.00	01/09/2013	RENTAL AND SERVICE OF PORTABLE
4976	LAURA D LAYERD	150.00	01/09/2013	PERMIT FEE REFUND
277	LIBERTY CO. PROPERTY APPRAISER	271.36	01/09/2013	2ND QTR FY 12-13
3266	LOWE'S COMPANIES INC.	70.70	01/09/2013	PARTS AND SUPPLIES
3813	PENNINGTON, MOORE, WILKINSON, BELL	7,350.00	01/09/2013	COUNSEL
62	PENSACOLA NEWS-JOURNAL	133.62	01/09/2013	LEGAL AD RULE DEVELOPMENT W
3768	SMITH TRACTOR CO, INC	337.50	01/09/2013	DIAGNOSIS OF JOHN DEERE GATOR
107	TALLAHASSEE STAMP CO.	28.55	01/09/2013	BANK STAMP FOR BACK OF DEPOSIT

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110 110 110 4955 2305 4557 1305 4626 4774	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC. TROY FAIN INSURANCE COMPANY, INC VERIZON WIRELESS WASTE MANAGEMENT - LEON COUNTY, INC WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC JOHN T WILLIAMSON JOHN T WILLIAMSON	72.00 112.42 3,293.42 3,850.00 105.52 351.31 31.14 148.79 1,106.46 165.00	01/09/2013 01/09/2013 01/09/2013 01/09/2013 01/09/2013 01/09/2013 01/09/2013 01/09/2013	SECURITY LIGHTS HQ HQ H2O ELECTRIC HQ PUBLIC RECREATION SITE CLEAN U LICENSES & CERTIFICATES CELL PHONES MFO SOLID WASTE HQ SOLID WASTE GENERAL LABOR SERVICES JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR MILTON
273 1310 4339 3823	W. G. GOWENS F. GRAHAM LEWIS KATHARINE PRICE KENNETH ANDREW ROACH TOTAL ACH TRANSFER	328.78 328.78 313.86 220.00 1,191.42	01/11/2013 01/11/2013 01/11/2013 01/11/2013	EMPLOYEE TRAVEL EMPLOYEE TRAVEL EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

VENDOR	NAME	INVOICE NET	CHECK DATE	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
4923	JOHN ALTER	61.41	01/16/2013	BOARD TRAVEL
4923	JOHN ALTER	110.00	01/16/2013	BOARD TRAVEL
3293	ANGUS ANDREWS	96.12	01/16/2013	BOARD TRAVEL
4453	B&D CONTRACTORS, INC.	6,100.00	01/16/2013	WARD CREEK LWC'S
4414	LESTER BASFORD	50.00	01/16/2013	WELL PERMITTING FEE REFUND
3113	RAY GLASS' BATTERIES, INC.	14.95	01/16/2013	BATTERY FOR EMERGENCY LIGHT FO
325	BAY CO. PROPERTY APPRAISER	4,053.00	01/16/2013	1ST&2ND QTR FY 12-13
2417	BEARD EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.	3,490.00	01/16/2013	RENTAL OF CRAWLER TRACTOR/DOZE
4927	BEN WITHERS, INC.	6,505.20	01/16/2013	HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION PROJECT
2874	BLOUNTSTOWN SMALL ENGINE, INC.	400.00	01/16/2013	DIAGNOSTIC FEE FOR REPAIR OF M
3164	STEPHANIE BLOYD	77.43	01/16/2013	BOARD TRAVEL
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	390.78	01/16/2013	RETIREE MEDICARE
4845	CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	1,072.68	01/16/2013	CALHOUN CO SHERIFF-LAW ENFCMT/
2902	CANAL WOOD CORP.	10,000.00	01/16/2013	RETURN PERF BOND 128-006
4710	CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	1,035.00	01/16/2013	ANNUAL RYE GRASS
3873	KEVIN X. CROWLEY	150.41	01/16/2013	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	235.60	01/16/2013	LABORATORY SERVICES
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	1,299.45	01/16/2013	LABORATORY ANALYSIS
4945	MARCUS A. DIXON	75.00	01/16/2013	SECURITY FOR GOVERNING BOARD M
4508	CARDNO ENTRIX	300.00	01/16/2013	WEBSITE HOSTING AND SUPPORT
4855	ENVIRON SERVICES INCORPORATED	275.00	01/16/2013	JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR MARIAN
2787	JOYCE S. ESTES	77.43	01/16/2013	BOARD TRAVEL
4931	E.B.L.R.T.F.	50.00	01/16/2013	2013 LOBBYIST REGISTRATION FEE
4807	WRIGHT EXPRESS FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION	11,697.88	01/16/2013	DECEMBER FUEL
839	FORESTRY SUPPLIERS, INC.	222.24	01/16/2013	FIELD NOTEBOOKS
839	FORESTRY SUPPLIERS, INC.	54.64	01/16/2013	REQUISITION FOR OPERATING SUPP
916	GULF POWER COMPANY	460.30	01/16/2013	MILTON FO ELEC.
916	GULF POWER COMPANY	805.37	01/16/2013	CFO ELEC
2941	HACH COMPANY	1,346.31	01/16/2013	SUMBERSIBLE WATER LEVEL SENSOR
4607	MAIL FINANCE INC	205.00	01/16/2013	POSTAGE METER LEASE AGREEMENT-
4607	MAIL FINANCE INC	126.00	01/16/2013	POSTAGE METER LEASE AGREEMENT-
4607	MAIL FINANCE INC	378.00	01/16/2013	LEASE FOR CRESTVIEW MAIL MACHI
3003	HAVANA FORD, INC.	32.65	01/16/2013	OPEN PURCHASE ORDER FOR RMD VE
4952	LAW, REDD, CRONA & MUNROE, P.A.	3,692.00	01/16/2013	INTERNAL AUDIT
92	LEON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	2,245.73	01/16/2013	2ND QTR FY 12-13

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4974 4970 3725 1205 1205 1205	MICHAEL LITTLETON MERRITT GLASS COMPANY, INC. MODULAR MAILING SYST INC OFFICE DEPOT, INC. OFFICE DEPOT, INC. OFFICE DEPOT, INC. OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	90.00 225.00 249.99 7.54 112.37 6.12 4.96	01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013	WELL PERMITTING FEE REFUND REAR WINDOW GLASS FOR FORD L90 POSTAGE METER SUPPLIES - HEADQ OFFICE SUPPLIES/CALENDERS 2013 OFFICE SUPPLIES/CALENDERS 2013 OFFICE SUPPLIES/CALENDERS 2013 OFFICE DEPOT CALENDAR ORDER
1205 1205 1205 288 64 64 3630	OFFICE DEPOT, INC. OFFICE DEPOT, INC. OFFICE DEPOT, INC. OKALOOSA CO. PROPERTY APPRAISER PANAMA CITY NEWS HERALD VEOLIA ES SOLID WASTE SOUTHEAST, INC.	6.90 33.66 185.72 2,002.79 102.02 124.00	01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013	OFFICE DEPOT CALENDAR ORDER OFFICE SUPPLIES MARKERS CALEND OFFICE SUPPLIES 2ND QTR FY 12-13 LEGAL AD DUMPSTERS FOR ECONFINA & CANOE BOARD TRAVEL
4589 3960 3668 3213 4799 3711 3454 4557 75	RALPH RISH GEORGE ROBERTS S & K COMMUNICATIONS SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC. US POSTAL SERVICE-HASLER USDA, APHIS, WILDLIFE SERVICES VERIZON WIRELESS WAKULLA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER WALTON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	85.44 81.88 1,160.00 4,721.15 3,000.00 1,011.90 428.00 1,584.00 25,000.00	01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013 01/16/2013	BOARD TRAVEL BOARD TRAVEL VHF HAND-HELD RADIOS - FOR USE SYMANTEC RENEWALS OFFICE SUPPLIES REPLENISH POSTAGE METER FERAL SWINE REMOVAL BB AND AIR CARDS 2ND QTR FY 12-13 2ND QTR FY 12-13 RETURN PERF BOND 10B-011
3405 4944 3305	TOTAL CHECKS  JOHN B. CROWE BRETT CYPHERS MARIA JORDAN  TOTAL ACH TRANSFER	110,374.96 1,731.81 428.33 30.22 2,190.36	01/18/2013 01/18/2013 01/18/2013	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT EMPLOYEE TRAVEL MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

TOTAL AP

112,565.32

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3783 105 4819 424 4774	SUTRON CORPORATION TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT DANIEL S. MILLER WALTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR JOHN T WILLIAMSON	300.00 153.20 1,800.00 1.36 758.13	01/23/2013 01/23/2013 01/23/2013 01/23/2013 01/23/2013	IRIDIUM TELEMETRY S661 LEGAL AD RFQ #13Q-001 DISTR MOUNTAIN LAUREL AND FLORIDA AZ TAX REFUND GENERAL LABOR SERVICES
	TOTAL CHECKS	60,063.41		
4369 2030 4949 4961 3823	JOHN M. BATEMAN ANGELA CHELETTE MICHAEL EDGAR PETER FOLLAND KENNETH ANDREW ROACH TOTAL ACH TRANSFER	183.16 183.16 183.16 140.00 140.00	01/25/2013 01/25/2013 01/25/2013 01/25/2013 01/25/2013	EMPLOYEE TRAVEL EMPLOYEE TRAVEL EMPLOYEE TRAVEL EMPLOYEE TRAVEL
	TOTAL AP	60,892.89		

VENDOR	NAME	INVOICE NET	CHECK DATE	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
4832	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,940.71	01/29/2013	EMP DENTAL
4834	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,370.72	01/29/2013	EMP AD&D
4833	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,111.22	01/29/2013	EMP LTD
95	AT&T	280.86	01/29/2013	EFO PHONE SERVICE
3586	ATTACK-ONE FIRE MANAGEMENT SVCS	8,044.10	01/29/2013	ATTACK ONE FIRE MGT-PRESCRIBED
3586	ATTACK-ONE FIRE MANAGEMENT SVCS	2,878.40	01/29/2013	ATTACK ONE FIRE MGT-PRESCRIBED
2667	BANK OF AMERICA	132.97	01/29/2013	ONLINE ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNT
2667	BANK OF AMERICA	471.42	01/29/2013	PAYMENT PORTAL FOR WELL PERMIT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	820.97	01/29/2013	ONLINE BANKING
2417	BEARD EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.	96.006	01/29/2013	TS 100 TRACTOR PARTS
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	390.78	01/29/2013	RETIREE MEDICARE
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	35,648.64	01/29/2013	EMP HLTH INS
1617	CAPITAL HEALTH PLAN	67,490.19	01/29/2013	EMP HLTH INS
3182	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	97.42	01/29/2013	BATTERY FOR WMD 2424, 2008 FOR
4208	CLASSIC VENTURES, LLC	16,053.33	01/29/2013	CRESTVIEW JANUARY RENT
4061	BRIAN WILLIAM TAYLOR	80.00	01/29/2013	LAWN SERVICE FOR MARIANNA
3873	KEVIN X. CROWLEY	117.48	01/29/2013	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
2241	DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR - USGS	8,125.00	01/29/2013	APALACHICOLA RIVER GAUGING
45	DMS	8,975.63	01/29/2013	DEDICATED CHARGES
45	DMS	09.69	01/29/2013	MILTON DEDICATED CHARGES
45	DMS	112.60	01/29/2013	MARIANNA PHONE
45	DMS	9.16	01/29/2013	MFO LONG DISTANCE
45	DMS	40.17	01/29/2013	SSRC WEBSERVER
45	DMS	144.00	01/29/2013	NETWORK
45	DMS	761.90	01/29/2013	CRESTVIEW PHONE
45	DMS	689.84	01/29/2013	CARR BLDG PHONE
24	FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	684.46	01/29/2013	MFO UTILITIES
4977	GHC SPECIALTY BRANDS, LLC	34.20	01/29/2013	FIELD PROTECTION
5963	INTEROCEAN SYSTEMS, INC.	750.00	01/29/2013	SERVICE AND CALIBRATION OF WAK
5969	INTEROCEAN SYSTEMS, INC.	472.50	01/29/2013	WATER VELOCITY METER REPAIR
1205	OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	12.71	01/29/2013	CALENDARS
1205	OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	35.23	01/29/2013	SUPPLIES FOR ADMIN, PUBLIC INF
1463	ORACLE CORPORATION	2,201.91	01/29/2013	ORACLE DATABASE STANDARD EDITI

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4932	ORNAMENTAL PLANTS AND TREES, INC.	10,700.00	01/29/2013	TUBELINGS
4971	ROBERT "MIKE" SEEDERS PLUMBING, INC.	8,238.00	01/29/2013	UPGRADE BATHROOM FIXTURES-HQ
4577	SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC	984.32	01/29/2013	TIRE AND TUBE
4720	SOUTHWOOD SHARED RESOURCE CENTER	328.90	01/29/2013	NETWORK
4358	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (IFAS)	275.00	01/29/2013	REGISTRATION FEE FOR NATA COUR
4038	WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	37.83	01/29/2013	EFO AND 800 #'S
	TOTAL CHECKS	186,513.13		
4966	DAVID REED CHERRY	197.34	02/01/2013	EMPLOYEE TRAVEL
3080	STEVEN COSTA	198.09	02/01/2013	EMPLOYEE TRAVEL
	TOTAL ACH TRANSFER	395.43		
	TOTAL AP	186,908.56		

# SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS

#### <u>PAYROLL</u>

# JANUARY 2013

DIRECT DEPOSIT	01/11/2013	195,393.00
CHECKS	01/11/2013	8,085.06
FLEX SPENDING EFT	TF046	1,887.42
DIRECT DEPOSIT	01/25/2013	198,515.87
CHECKS	01/25/2013	8,085.06
FLEX SPENDING EFT	TF048	1,887.42
		\$ 413,853.83
APPROVED:		
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March 14, 2013

Date

# NORTHWEST FLORDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANTI-FRAUD POLICY (Whistleblower's Act)

#### **Purpose**

The District fraud policy is established to facilitate the development of controls that will aid in the detection and prevention of fraud against the Northwest Florida Water Management District (District). The purpose of the policy is to prohibit dishonest acts; advise employees, managers and governing board members of their responsibility to report suspected fraudulent activity, and to identify reporting procedures.

#### Scope of Policy

This policy applies to any fraud, or suspected fraud, involving employees, governing board members as well as consultants, vendors, contractors, and/or any other parties having a business relationship with the District.

#### Policy

- Fraud is defined in this policy as the intentional untrue representation or concealment of a material fact, misappropriation, and other fiscal wrongdoings that cause the District to suffer a monetary loss or a loss of property
- Frauds are perpetrated to obtain money, property, or services; to avoid payment or loss of services; or to secure personal or business advantage
- All levels of management are responsible for the detection and prevention of fraud, misappropriations, and other inappropriate conduct
- Any fraud that is detected or suspected must be reported immediately

#### **Actions Constituting Fraud**

The terms intentional untrue representation, concealment of material fact, misappropriation, and other fiscal wrongdoings refer to, but are not limited to:

- Any dishonest or fraudulent act
- Forgery or alteration of any document or account belonging to the District
- Forgery or alteration of a check, bank draft, or any other financial document
- Misappropriation of funds, securities, supplies, or other assets
- Impropriety in the handling or reporting of money or financial transactions
- Disclosing confidential and proprietary information to outside parties
- Accepting or seeking anything of material value from contractors, vendors, or persons providing services/materials to the District
- Destruction, removal or inappropriate use of records, furniture, fixtures, and equipment
- Authorizing or receiving compensation for hours not worked
- An intentional act that results in a material misstatement in financial statements facilitated by the
  creation, falsification, alteration, or other manipulation of accounting records or source documents.
  However, there are types of fraud that may not result in the financial statements being materially
  misstated for any individual period, but may be perceived to be material, especially if the amounts
  involved accumulate over time.
- Any similar or related inappropriate conduct

#### Other Inappropriate Conduct

Suspected improprieties concerning an employee's moral, ethical, or behavioral conduct should be resolved by the division director, executive management and/or the Inspector General and Governing Board. If there is any question as to whether an action constitutes fraud the Inspector General should be contacted for guidance.

#### Reporting Procedures

Any employee of the NWFWMD who has a reasonable basis for believing a fraudulent act has occurred, or is occurring, has a responsibility to promptly make a signed written notification to their supervisor, or division director. If the employee feels they cannot go through their supervisors they should notify executive management or the Inspector General.

Supervisors and division directors have a responsibility to immediately notify executive management and/or the Inspector General of fraudulent activity reported to them by employees.

#### Investigation Responsibilities

The Inspector General has the primary responsibility for the investigation of all suspected fraudulent acts as defined in this policy. If the investigation substantiates that fraudulent activities have occurred the Inspector General will issue reports to executive management and the Governing Board as appropriate.

Decisions to prosecute or refer the examination results to the appropriate law enforcement and/or regulatory agencies for independent investigation will be made in conjunction with executive management, legal counsel and the Governing Board, as will final decisions on disposition of the case.

#### Confidentiality

All levels of management and the Inspector General, when receiving a report of suspected fraud, will treat all information received confidentially. Any employee who suspects dishonest or fraudulent activity will follow the notification process immediately, and should not attempt to personally conduct investigations or interviews/interrogations related to any suspected fraudulent act.

Investigation results will not be disclosed or discussed with anyone other than those who have a legitimate need to know. This is important in order to avoid damaging the reputations of persons suspected but subsequently found innocent of wrongful conduct and to protect the District from potential civil liability.

#### Non-Retaliation

No person who has acted in accordance with the requirements of this policy shall be:

- Dismissed, or threatened with dismissal
- Disciplined, suspended, or threatened with discipline or suspension
- Penalized
- Intimidated or coerced.

#### **False Allegations**

It shall also be a violation of this policy for any informant to make a baseless allegation of fraudulent activity that is made with reckless disregard for truth and that is intended to be disruptive or to cause harm to another individual. Any violation of this section will result in appropriate action up to and including dismissal.

#### Authorization for Investigating Suspected Fraud

The investigating authority will have

- Free and unrestricted access to all District records and premises, whether owned or rented; and
- The authority to examine, copy, and/or remove all or any portion of the contents of files, desks, cabinets, and other storage facilities on the premises without prior knowledge or consent of any individual who may use or have custody of any such items or facilities when it is within the scope of their investigation.

In the instances where the investigation indicates possible criminal activity, the investigation will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

#### Reporting Procedures

Great care must be taken in the investigation of suspected improprieties or wrongdoings so as to avoid mistaken accusations or alerting suspected individuals that an investigation is under way.

An employee who discovers or suspects fraudulent activity will follow the reporting procedures. The employee or other complainant may remain anonymous. No information concerning the status of an investigation will be given out.

The reporting individual should be informed of the following:

- Do not contact the suspected individual in an effort to determine facts or demand restitution.
- Do not discuss the case, facts, suspicions, or allegations with anyone unless specifically asked to do so by the Inspector General.

#### **Termination**

If an investigation results in a recommendation to terminate an individual, the recommendation will be

reviewed for approval by the designated representatives from Human Resources, the Executive Director, and legal counsel before any such action is taken. The Inspector General does not have the authority to terminate an employee. The decision to terminate an employee is made by executive management. Should the Inspector General believe the management decision inappropriate for the facts presented, the facts will be presented to the Governing Board for a decision.

#### Sanctions

**Employees and Administrators** 

- Employees suspected of participating in fraudulent activity may be suspended without pay during the course of the investigation, in accordance with policies set by Human Resources.
- Employees found to have participated in fraudulent activity will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination from employment and probable criminal prosecution or civil action.
- Employees found to have knowledge of fraudulent activity and who knowingly failed to report the activity will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination from employment.
- If disciplinary action is warranted, such action will be taken after consultation between the Executive Director, Human Resources, and legal counsel.

Consultants, vendors, contractors, outside agencies, and/or any other parties having a business relationship with the District

- The relationship of individuals or entities associated with the District found to have participated in fraudulent activity as defined by this policy will be subject to review, with the possible consequence of modification or termination of the relationship.
- The appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified if warranted.
- Criminal or civil action may be taken against such individuals or entities.

#### Whistle-blower's Act

In 1986, the Legislature enacted a "Whistle-blower's Act" to prevent agencies or independent contractors from taking retaliatory action against an employee who reports to an appropriate agency violations of law on the part of a public employer or independent contractor that create a substantial and specific danger to the public's health, safety, or welfare. It is further the intent of the Legislature to prevent agencies or independent contractors from taking retaliatory action against any person who discloses information to an appropriate agency alleging improper use of governmental office, gross waste of funds, or any other abuse or gross neglect of duty on the part of an agency, public officer, or employee.

A District employee who has disclosed information alleging improper conduct governed by this law and who may suffer adverse consequences as a result may within 60 days of the alleged adverse employment action file a Complaint and Request for Hearing, in writing pursuant to s. <u>120.65</u>, to the District's Human Resources Administrator.

Any other person protected by this section may, after exhausting all available contractual or administrative remedies, bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction within 180 days after the action prohibited by this section.

Governing Statutory Citations	
Chapter 112 Florida Statutes:	
Section 112.312 - Definitions	
Section 112.313 - Standards of Conduct	
Section 112.3187-112.31895 - Whistleblower's Act	
Chapter 119 Florida Statutes	
Section 119.0713 – Local Government Agency Exemptions	from Inspection of Public Records
Adopted by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida V	Vater Management District:
Chair Date	

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY CHARTER

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Internal Auditing is an independent and objective assurance and consulting activity that is guided by a philosophy of adding value to improve the operations of the Northwest Florida Water Management District. It assists the Northwest Florida Water Management District in accomplishing its objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the organization's risk management, control, and governance processes.

#### ROLE:

The 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 s. 373.079(4)(b), Florida Statutes, the Governing Board must employ an Inspector General who meets the required qualifications and performs the applicable duties of a state agency inspector general as provided in s. 20.055, Florida Statutes.

The law requires that audits be conducted in accordance with current International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing as published by the Institute of Internal Auditors, Inc., or where appropriate, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. The Inspector General must comply with the General Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General as published and revised by the Association of Inspectors General.

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 Northwest Florida Water Management District's records, physical properties, and personnel pertinent to carrying out any engagement. All employees are required to assist the internal audit activity in fulfilling its roles and responsibilities. The internal audit activity will also have free and unrestricted access to the Board.

#### ORGANIZATION:

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

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

#### INDEPENDENCE AND OBJECTIVITY:

The internal audit activity will remain free from interference by any element in the organization, including matters of audit selection, scope, procedures, frequency, timing, or report content to permit maintenance of a necessary independent and objective mental attitude.

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

Internal auditors must exhibit the highest level of professional objectivity in gathering, evaluating, and communicating information about the activity or process being examined. Internal auditors must make a balanced assessment of all the relevant circumstances and not be unduly influenced by their own interests or by others in forming judgments.

The Inspector General will confirm to the board, at least annually, the organizational independence of the internal audit activity.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

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

- Evaluating the reliability and integrity of information and the means used to identify, measure, classify, and report such information.
- 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 the means of safeguarding assets and, as appropriate, verifying the existence of such assets.
- Evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency with which resources are employed.
- Monitoring and evaluating governance processes.
- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the organization's risk management processes.
- Evaluating the quality of performance of external auditors and the degree of coordination with internal audit.
- Performing consulting and advisory services related to governance, risk management and control as appropriate for the organization.
- Reporting periodically on the internal audit activity's purpose, authority, responsibility, and performance relative to its plan.
- Reporting significant riskexposures and control issues, including fraud risks, governance issues, and other matters needed or requested by the Board.
- Evaluating specific operations at the request of the Board or management, as appropriate.

#### INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN:

At least annually, the Inspector General will submit to senior management and the Board an internal audit plan for review and approval. The internal audit plan will consist of a work schedule as well as budget and resource requirements for the next fiscal/calendar year. The 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. 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 Inspector General or designee following the conclusion of each internal audit engagement and will be distributed as appropriate. Internal audit results will also be communicated to the Board.

The internal audit report may include management's response and corrective action taken or to be taken in regard to the specific findings and recommendations. Management's response, whether included within the original audit report or provided thereafter (i.e. within thirty days) by management of the audited area should 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 follow-up on engagement findings and recommendations. All significant findings will remain in an open issues file until cleared.

#### PERIODIC ASSESSMENT:

The Inspector General will periodically report to senior management and the Board on the internal audit activity's purpose, authority, and responsibility, as well as performance relative to its plan. Reporting will also include significant risk exposures and control issues, including fraud risks, governance issues, and other matters needed or requested by senior management and the board.

In addition, the Inspector General will communicate to senior management and the Board on the internal audit activity's quality assurance and improvement program, including results of ongoing internal assessments and external assessments conducted at least every five years.

# **Internal Audit Activity Charter**

Approved this	_day of	<u>,                                      </u>
Inspector General		Executive Director
Chair, Governing Board		Chair, Administration, Budget & Finance Committee

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Richard Law

Law, Redd, Crona and Monroe, P.A.

District Inspector General

DATE: February 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Consideration of Inspector General's Report for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

And Audit Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

The Inspector General's internal audit reports for the period ending September 30, 2012 are provided to the Board as separate documents titled "Report on Internal Audit of Competitive Selection Procurement Process Report # 12-01" and "Report on Internal Audit of Cost Allocation Plan Report # 12-02".

As a result of the audit procedures performed, we noted an exception that we feel warrants disclosure to management and the Governing Board. The exception, noted recommendation and management's response are detailed in our report. Following a brief verbal presentation, we invite any general or specific questions from the Board regarding the audit.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Internal Audit Work Plan, developed in consultation with the District's External Auditor and District Director of Administration, is provided for your review and consideration.

The Inspector General's Office requests that the Governing Board approve the Internal Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and the Audit Work Plan Fiscal Year 2012-13, as presented.

## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Jonathan P. Steverson, Executive Director

Brett Cyphers, Assistant Executive Director

William O. Cleckley, Director, Division of Land Management and

Acquisition

FROM: Tyler L. Macmillan, Chief, Bureau of Land Management Operations

DATE: February 27, 2013

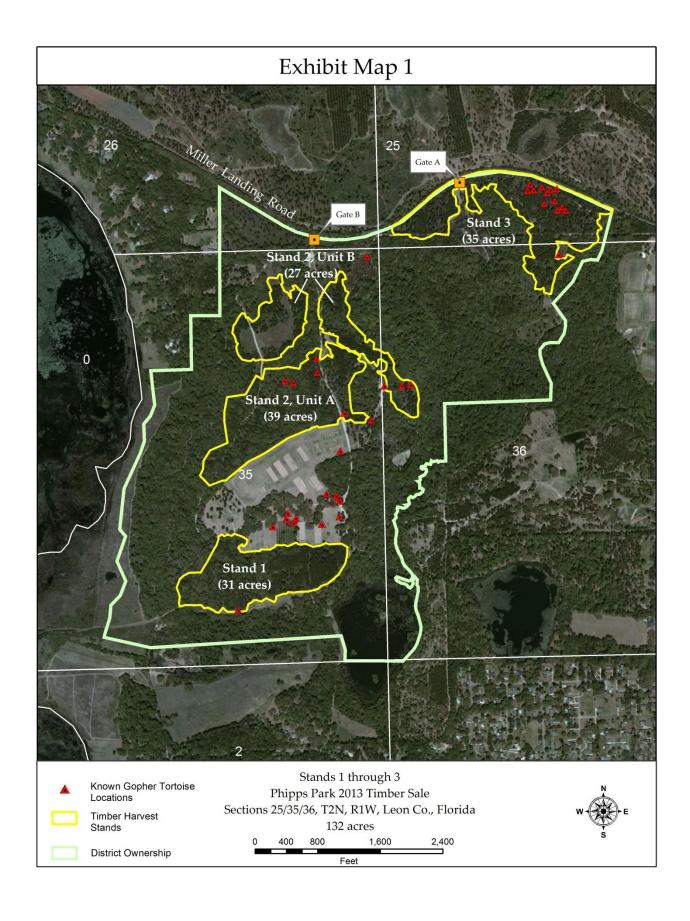
SUBJECT: Consideration of Invitation to Bid 13B-004; Phipps Park 2013 Timber Sale

On February 13, 2013, the District posted Invitation to Bid No. 13B-004 for the "Phipps Park 2013 Timber Sale" on the State's Vendor Bid System and the District's web site. The sale was advertised in the *Tallahassee Democrat* and notices were sent to a number of companies that have previously expressed an interest in District timber sales.

This timber sale will result in the harvest of an estimated 2,220 tons of pine timber products from 132 acres comprised of three stands in Leon County, as described below. These stands are also delineated on the attached Exhibit Map 1.

Stand Name	Harvest Method	Acres	Pine Species	Age
Phipps Park - Stand 1	Thinning	31	Loblolly & Shortleaf	35 (Plantation)
Phipps Park - Stand 2	Thinning	66	Loblolly & Shortleaf	Various (Natural Regeneration)
Phipps Park - Stand 3	Thinning	35	Loblolly & Shortleaf	Various (Natural Regeneration)
	TOTAL ACRES	132		

On March 12, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. EDT, the District will conduct the bid opening for the Phipps Park 2013 Timber Sale. The results of the bid opening will be provided in a supplement for the Governing Board at the March 14, 2013, meeting.



#### <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Resource Management Division

DATE: March 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Informational Item

Apalachicola River and Bay Retrofit and Restoration Project Development

#### Preface

The Resource Management Division is engaged in an effort to prioritize and select retrofit and restoration projects that will have definitive, positive benefits for the Apalachicola River and Bay watershed. This involves a two phase process. First, staff will identify priority resource improvement and protection needs for the watershed, and secondly, the District will contract with consultant(s) to define and design specific projects focused on the needs identified in the first phase. The initiation of this work was unrelated to the federal RESTORE Act, enacted in 2012 to ensure the long-term restoration and recovery of the Gulf Coast region. When completed, however, these activities may complement efforts to select projects to receive RESTORE Act funding in the Apalachicola River and Bay watershed.

#### Discussion

Attached is a project description with a scope of work entitled *Evaluation of Watershed Characteristics*, *Pollutant Sources*, *and Impacts in Support of Retrofit and Restoration Project Development*. These activities are being conducted in support of the Apalachicola River and Bay Management Plan, approved by the District in 1996 under the auspices of the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) program. The objective of the effort is to develop a current set of retrofit and restoration project priorities and goals to reflect current water resource needs. A synopsis of the scope of work is provided below, describing phases and tasks associated with this important effort to enhance and protect the valuable water resources of Apalachicola River and Bay. Additional details are provided in the attachment.

#### Phase I – Data Collection, Analysis, and Request for Qualifications

#### Task No. 1: Collection and Evaluation of Existing Data

<u>Deliverable</u>: Brief technical memorandum to include descriptions and citations of available data and document and identify critical resources.

Deliverable Target Date: March 2013

## Apalachicola River and Bay Retrofit and Restoration Project Development

#### Task No. 2: Restoration Options Analysis

Deliverable: Technical memorandum to include:

- Sub-basin level non-point source (NPS) pollutant loading analysis;
- Ranking criteria; and
- Description and ranking of conceptual water quality and habitat restoration projects.

Deliverable Target Date: April 2013

#### Task No. 3: Identify Services for Issuing Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

<u>Deliverables</u>: (1) Proposed scope of services for project design and management of project construction activities; (2) Issuance of RFQ to request contractor proposals.

Deliverable Target Date: April 2013

## Phase II - RFQ Ranking and Award

<u>Deliverables</u>: (1) RFQ proposal evaluations; (2) Recommendations to the Governing Board for contract execution with the most qualified respondent(s) to design, permit and implement the highest priority projects

<u>Deliverable Target Dates</u>: RFQ Evaluations and Ranking – April 2013

Recommendation to the Governing Board, Contract Award and

Execution – May 2013

Attachment: Evaluation of Watershed Characteristics, Pollutant Sources, Impacts in Support of Retrofit and Restoration Project Development

# **Evaluation of Watershed Characteristics, Pollutant Sources, and Impacts in Support of Retrofit and Restoration Project Development**

## March 4, 2012

Objective: Development of a current set of project priorities and goals, with focus on those that will have definitive, positive benefits for the Apalachicola River and Bay. A two phase process is envisioned: (1) Northwest Florida Water Management District (NWFWMD) staff identify appropriate resource improvement/protection needs for a given area, and (2) the NWFWMD contracts with private consultant(s) to identify and design specific projects focused on the resource improvement/protection needs identified by NWFMWD for a given area.

#### I. Introduction

The following scope of work is outlined in support of the Apalachicola River and Bay Management Plan, with the objective of developing a current set of project priorities and goals. The Apalachicola River and Bay Management Plan, developed under the auspices of the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) program, was most recently updated in 1996 as a comprehensive plan for watershed resource protection and restoration. Specific project descriptions and goals, however, are among the plan components in need of an update.

Apalachicola River and Bay are part of the encompassing Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint (ACF) basin, which drains 21,794 square miles within Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. The Apalachicola River and Bay System has been considered the District's highest priority under the SWIM program since the development of the first SWIM priority list in 1988. The system has been recognized as a resource of state, federal, and international importance. The river and the bay have been designated as Outstanding Florida Waters. The bay includes a State Aquatic Preserve has been recognized as an International Biosphere Reserve. It also includes the Apalachicola Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge. State and federal agencies, as well as the NWFWMD, have made extensive investments in acquiring and protecting lands along both the river and the bay and in implementing retrofit and restoration activities.

Tasks described below accomplish a basinwide screening of pollutant sources, impacts, and retrofit and restoration project needs. It is intended to be completed during FY 2012-2013 and to provide a basis for near-term project prioritization and funding.

#### II. Phase I - Data Collection, Analysis, and Request for Qualifications

The following paragraphs list and define respective tasks.

## Task No. 1: Collection and Evaluation of Existing Data

Data collection, compilation, and analysis will include but are not limited to the following.

- 1. Topographic data from Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) and aerial photogrammetric techniques will be applied to define hydrologic units and produce a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database.
- 2. Soils data will be used to characterize maximum and minimum infiltration rates and total soil storage, and the potential for sediment transport.

- 3. Aerial photography will be analyzed for historic time periods as available to identify development trends related to water quality and the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) in the watershed.
- 4. Existing and future (build-out) land use data will be compiled as available in geographic information system (GIS) format. Wetlands will be determined based on the available National Wetlands Inventory and Florida Land Use and Cover Classification System (FLUCCS) data.
- 5. Available data indicating septic tank locations and sanitary sewer service areas will be evaluated to identify regions of potential retrofit needs. Among potential sources are local governments, the departments of Environmental Protection, Revenue, and Health.
- 6. Recent water quality data will compiled from existing databases and documentary sources.

<u>Deliverable</u>: Brief technical memorandum to include descriptions and citations of available data and document and identify critical resources.

Deliverable Target Date: March 2013

#### Task No. 2: Restoration Options Analysis

Site specific, conceptual options will be developed to address identified problems within the basin. This task is expected to include the following:

- 1. Develop a sub-basin level assessment of non-point source (NPS) pollutant loading throughout the Apalachicola River and Bay watershed. Subtasks may include:
  - a) Mapping current sub-basin delineations;
  - b) Developing pollutant loading estimates at the sub-basin level, evaluating land use and land cover, wetlands, and topography; and
  - c) Identifying priority sub-basins, based on NPS pollutant loading estimates.
- 2. Evaluate other point and nonpoint pollution sources, including but not limited to sediment from unpaved roadways, septic tank concentrations, eroding or impacted shorelines, and impacted tributary stream systems.
- 3. Evaluate water quality data from existing databases and reports; identify areas of elevated pollutant concentrations and loading.
- 4. Evaluate project needs identified by local governments, including within capital improvement plans, stormwater master plans, and other documentation.
- 5. Identify screening criteria for initial ranking.
- 6. Describe and rank conceptual water quality and habitat restoration projects. Describe project sites, existing impacts and conditions, project objectives, and conceptual project tasks. Objectives should be quantifiable and as specific as possible to guide detailed design activities to follow.

<u>Deliverable</u>: Technical memorandum to include:

- Sub-basin level NPS pollutant loading analysis;
- Ranking Criteria; and
- Description and ranking of conceptual water quality and habitat restoration projects.

Deliverable Target Date: April 2013

#### Task No. 3: Identify Services for Issuing Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

A proposed scope of services for project selection and design will be prepared in a format to support issuance of an RFQ. It will identify potential projects and include specific and quantifiable targets for project development. For example, water quality improvement projects will identify specific target parameters to guide project design. Restoration projects will identify habitat types, area extent, and restoration goals.

<u>Deliverables</u>: (1) Proposed scope of services for project design and management of project construction activities, and (2) Issuance of RFQ to request contractor proposals.

Deliverable Target Date: April 2013

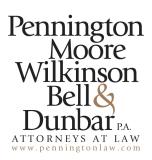
#### III. Phase II Scope of Work - RFQ Ranking and Award

Review and ranking of RFQ submittals will result in a recommendation to the NWFWMD Governing Board for award to one or more of the highest ranking respondents.

<u>Deliverables</u>: (1) RFQ proposal evaluations, and (2) Recommendations to the Governing Board for contract execution with the most qualified respondent(s) to design, permit, and implement the highest priority projects.

Deliverable Target Date: RFQ Ranking - April 2013

Recommendation, Contract Award and Execution – May 2013



To: Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board

From: Kevin X. Crowley, General Counsel

**Date:** February 26, 2013

Re: Legal Counsel Report

Helen J. Crenshaw v. Vista of Fort Walton Beach and Northwest Florida Water Management District, DOAH Case No. 12-3280. This is an administrative action in which Mrs. Crenshaw filed an amended petition for an administrative hearing challenging the issuance of a surface water management permit to Vista of Fort Walton Beach/James Busby for a construction project in Defuniak Springs. Administrative Law Judge D.R. Alexander has been assigned to the case. The final hearing took place on January 22, 2013. The parties' proposed recommended orders are due on March 6, 2013.